

# Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc

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**Upcoming Events** – see full schedule later in this newsletter

**Hot Dog Ride December 10 11 am Leader: John Amerman, 970-627-5482 or [ja.grandlake07@comcast.net](mailto:ja.grandlake07@comcast.net)**

Meet at Idleglen. If the snow is thin, we'll have our hot dogs, brats & fixings right there at Idleglen. If there is plenty of snow we'll be able to ride. Watch your email for updates as we get closer, or contact John directly. If you're sure you'll attend, give John a call or email to let him know so he can plan to have enough dogs & brats on board the Chuck Wagon.

**Snowmobile Safety Training December 17-18 Grand Lake Fire Station 8 am both days. Contact Tom autowrench2002@yahoo.com or 970-531-5812 or Debbie Mason mooseduds@yahoo.com or 970-531-3480** to register or for more information. Saturday is the classroom training, Sunday is the written test followed by the driving test at East Inlet. Open to all ages. Riders between 10 & 16 years of age must have the safety training to ride solo, but riders of all ages can learn something from the course. Bring a light snack for the mid-morning break (all food & drink must be in the kitchen).

There is also a class in Summit County on December 9. See flyer attached to this mailing.

**Family Picnic Ride December 24** Bring your own lunch. We'll take a gentle ride tailored to the younger or newer riders and pull off into a meadow to enjoy lunch.

**Coming soon** – a limited number of **Trail Blazers patches**. Available on a first-come, first served basis while they last. \$3.50 each.

## Recent Events Pancake Breakfast

It was a cold morning. Air temperature was



somewhere around 9 or 10 and the wind took several degrees off that. Despite the cold, we had a very good turnout. It was

hard to count, with folks coming & going, but it seemed like somewhere between 30 & 40 by the time we were

done. Several families took their breakfast back to their cars to eat it. I don't blame them! We fed everyone who showed up and,



other than pancake batter, there were no leftovers. It was a great debut for the new chuck wagon. Mike Ingle has done a beautiful job – thank you, Mike! This chuck wagon will last a long, long time. With the cupboard doors into the main compartment and drawers for the tableware and other small items, it is so easy to load & unload the supplies. The top is solid and all loading is done from the side.

A reporter from the Sky Hi News talked with Miles Miller, Mike Ingle and Tom Mason about the Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club and took a couple of photos at the Pancake Breakfast. The article was in the December 2 issue of the Sky Hi News.

## Trail Host Program

Be an ambassador for safe snowmobiling on our world class trail system. Ride where & when you would ride anyway, carry extra maps, offer directions, help when needed, or call for help when it's beyond what you can do. Contact **Debbie**

**Mason**, Coordinator for an application or for more information [grandlaketrailhost@yahoo.com](mailto:grandlaketrailhost@yahoo.com) or 970-531-3480.

The Trail Hosts are looking for people to staff the Coffee Wagon on weekends at Idleglen. Contact Debbie if you'd like to take a shift on the Coffee Wagon. This is a dedicated trailer just for the coffee & hot chocolate, with trail maps and information about the Trail Hosts and Trail Blazers available. If we can get enough folks to take a shift, we can set up a regular schedule for the coffee at Idleglen.

### **Yahoo Ride**

**January 27-29 Leaders Tom & Debbie Mason 970-531-5812 or 970-531-3480.** This year the trail to Gould is supposed to open in January so we're pretty sure it will happen this season. The cabin we reserved has bed space for up to 15, no more.

### **Next CSA Meeting**

The next CSA meeting will be January 27-29. It's the annual CSA Convention in Cedaredge. We will be looking for someone to attend the meeting on behalf of the club. Can you go? It's educational and fun.

### **Board Position open**

We have a vacancy on the board. If you'd like to fill that vacancy for the remainder of her term, contact any board member. Duties are light, mostly attending the board meetings on the first Saturday of the month, 5 pm, at the Grand Lake fire station. Our board can work at its best for you if we have a full board. Please give us a call if you can join the board or if you'd like to nominate someone.

### **Contest! Redesign our club logo. Free membership and \$100 prize.**

Do you have artistic talent? Our logo dates back to when the club was started in the late 60s. We'd like to see it updated to reflect a more current feel and that we're a family-friendly social club. Winner will get a free year's membership and \$100! We will continue to accept entries until January 31. We will print samples as we receive them. The voting on the designs will be at the April Potluck meeting. We have received 3 potential designs so far. See them later in this newsletter.

### **Membership Renewal**

If you didn't renew by December 1<sup>st</sup> you can send in a late renewal. You might be too late for a full Snow Scoop subscription, but you will continue to get your Trail Blazers newsletters. Please be sure to update your contact information. If you don't tell us you've changed your email, phone, or address you'll miss important news and riding opportunities. If you renew online at the CSA web site ([www.snowmobilecolo.com](http://www.snowmobilecolo.com)) take an extra moment to double-check and update your contact information. If you belong to more than one club and renew online, be sure to renew for all of them at the same time – use the “Add a Club” button if you don't see all your clubs. Yes, you can still send in paper renewal forms if you need to.

### **Snowmobile for Life – Poker Run to benefit Flight for Life Colorado – February 18, 2012**

Last year we raised over \$8000 for Flight for Life Colorado. Let's see if we can top \$10,000 this year. Mile Hi Snowmobile Club plans to work with us on making it happen. It takes volunteers, donations and riders to meet that goal. Do you have a product or service you can donate to help meet this goal? Do you know someone who can provide a large sponsorship? Over the weeks between now and the event you'll be hearing from our Snowmobile for Life Event Chair, Kimbirly Orr. You can contact her directly with donations and information at [kimbirly.orr@gmail.com](mailto:kimbirly.orr@gmail.com) or 303-601-6931.

We were asked to target our donation this year and we chose (by a narrow margin) to support Flight for Life getting a hoist capable helicopter. This would allow them to make rescues in places where the helicopter can't land, speeding the patient's rescue by quite a bit.

### **Pink Ribbon Ride – March 9 & 10 2012 Grand Lake**

This will be the first time Pink Ribbon Riders come to Grand Lake. Support state wide has been very strong. The Pink Ribbon Riders provide direct support to breast cancer patients in the state where the funds are raised. If you want to learn more about the Pink Ribbon Riders, register to ride in the event, if you want to volunteer to help with the event, or make a donation to their cause, you can check them out at <http://www.pinkribbonriders.com/>

## Keep an eye on our web site

[www.gltrailblazers.com](http://www.gltrailblazers.com). Tell your friends & neighbors to check it out! It has a link to the club Facebook page, too, where you can post photos to show off your rides. The club now has a permanent email address – [gl\\_trailblazers@yahoo.com](mailto:gl_trailblazers@yahoo.com) it is checked daily for incoming messages.

## Board of Directors

President – Tom Mason – 970-531-5812  
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Board Member – VACANT

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Regular Board meetings are held the first Saturday of the month at 5 pm at the Grand Lake Fire Station. There are no meetings May, July, or September.

## Become a business member!

You can't find a better advertising value than a business membership. For \$52 (\$32 goes to the CSA for lobbying efforts to protect our sport) you get a monthly listing in the Trailblazers newsletter. You also get a listing in the Snowscoop magazine reaching thousands of snowmobile enthusiasts across the state and country. You are

mentioned and supported on our new website that is generating close to 50 hits (and growing) each day. You get a listing on the new CSA website as well. Both websites are being promoted extensively this year, bringing hundreds of additional viewings. The Trailblazers also have a new Facebook page with your information being listed and promoted. This is target marketing at its best! You can't find a better return on investment. For only \$52 you support the sport, help to keep our trails open and reach out to thousands of like-minded individuals each month.

Please patronize our business members – be sure to tell them you saw them in the newsletter.

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**January 27 – 29 Yahoo Ride 9 am** Leaders: Tom & Debbie Mason 970-531-5812 & 531-3480

**February 4 Steak Ride 11 am** Leader:

**February 4 Board Meeting 5 pm** Grand Lake Fire Station

**February 18 Poker Run 9 am** Grand Lake Community Building Chair:

**February 29 – March 4 Overnight Ride**  
Destination to be determined Leader: Mike Ingle 970-531-5940 *Rescheduled*

**March 3 Board Meeting 5 pm** Grand Lake Fire Station

**April 7 Annual Potluck, Elections & Board Meeting 5 pm** Location to be determined

**May 19 Highway Cleanup 10 am** Mile Marker 9 on Hwy 34 Leader: Mike Ingle 970-531-5940

**2011-2012 Ride & Activity Schedule**

All rides meet at Idleglen unless noted otherwise

**August 28 Adopt-a-Trail Work Day 10 am**  
Leader: Tom Mason 970-531-5812

**September 17 Adopt-a-Trail Work Day 10 am**  
Leader: Tom Mason 970-531-5812

**October 1 Highway Cleanup 10 am** Mile Marker 9 on Hwy 34 Leader: Mike Ingle 970-531-5940

**October 1 Board Meeting 5 pm** Grand Lake Fire Station

**November 5 Board Meeting 5 pm** Grand Lake Fire Station

**November 26 Pancake Breakfast 9 am** Leader: Kim & Mike Ingle 970-531-5940

**December 3 Board Meeting 5 pm** Grand Lake Fire Station

**December 10 Hot Dog Ride 11 am** Leader:

**December 17 & 18 Snowmobile Safety Training 8 am** Grand Lake Fire Station Leaders: Tom & Debbie Mason 970-531-5812 & 531-3480

**December 24 Family Picnic Ride 11 am** Leader:

**January 7 Board Meeting 5 pm** Grand Lake Fire Station

**January 14 Long Ride 9 am** Leader:

**January 21 Moonlight Ride 7 pm** Leader:

Logo Contest submissions so far:



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
For  
**TRAIL BLAZERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC.**

By joining the Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, you are enabling us to support legislation which protects your snowmobile rights and areas. You will receive our newsletters, keeping you up-to-date on the latest snowmobiling news in this area, our meetings and our events, and also *Snow Scoop* publications containing information on statewide events and legislation affecting Colorado and neighboring states. \*As an additional benefit of this membership, you, your spouse, and minor children receive Colorado Snowmobile Association liability insurance, provided you are on a sanctioned club ride. If you enjoy snowmobiling in the Grand Lake area, help keep it open by joining the Trail Blazers.

**CSA strongly encourages members to renew online at <http://www.snowmobilecolo.com> if you prefer to renew directly with the Trail Blazers, fill out this form and send it in**

**\*WE DO ENCOURAGE EACH OF YOU TO CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE.**

(Please detach and mail with your payment)

**DUES ARE PAYABLE ANNUALLY, ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1**

Individual or Family Membership--\$42.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Business Membership--\$52.00 \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print clearly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (Significant Other) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number in Family: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Sleds: \_\_\_\_\_ Names of children under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: **Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc.**  
Mail check to: **P.O. Box 507**  
**Grand Lake, CO 80447-0507**

Please circle:      Renewal Membership      First-time membership

If first time, how did you learn of us? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive your newsletter? US Postal \_\_\_\_\_ or E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of another Snowmobile Club? NO \_\_\_\_\_, YES \_\_\_\_\_ If YES Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you available to ride during the week? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

May we include you in our member directory? (Published in late December) No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of riding do you prefer? Family \_\_\_\_\_ Trail \_\_\_\_\_ Off-Trail \_\_\_\_\_