

Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club, Inc

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

Overnight Ride - March 4-7 (Thursday – Sunday). Ride Leader – **Mike Ingle** 970-531-5940. This year we ride the Flat Tops. We'll stay at the Red Mountain Inn in Glenwood Springs. We'll trailer to the trailhead for each day's ride. This is our "civilized" overnight ride with hotel, restaurant, etc. on or near a trail system. Make your reservations with the hotel, **and** RSVP with Mike so he has a head count. Travel Thursday and Sunday; ride all day Friday & Saturday. Bring a small gas can to carry some extra fuel on the rides, and your own lunch "fixings". Each rider buys their own meals.

Annual Potluck, Elections & Board Meeting – April 3 – Grand Lake Fire Station, 5 PM. Our President, Mike Ingle will be stepping down. Please submit your nominations for our next club president. Each year half the board is up for reelection, so please submit nominations also secretary and two general board members. This is your opportunity to shape the future of your club. Send nominations to Mike Ingle or Debbie Mason so we can have the ballot ready & printed for you at the meeting.

For the potluck portion of the evening, bring your own table service & beverage and a dish to share. This is a social club, so let's socialize over a good meal.

Highway Clean-Up

May 22 at 10 AM – Leader – **Mike Ingle** – 970-531-5940. Our semi-annual highway clean-up will be on May 22. Meet at mile marker 9 (large turnout just north of Stillwater campground). Bring your morning beverage and a vest and gloves if you have them. The more who help, the quicker we finish.

Recent Events

Poker Run to benefit Flight For Life

Considering the weather and trail conditions we were wondering if the event would even happen. We had a near-miracle – the park had closed the

trail between town and the North Supply trailhead because of the lack of snow. Right up to Friday night it was closed. Then Friday it finally started snowing "real" snow and continued overnight. At about 8:30 Saturday morning, just in the nick of



time, the trail reopened, allowing the event to proceed as normal – riding from the Grand Lake

Community House out to the trails and back.

Preliminary numbers show a gross of \$8388! This is the most we've raised in the time we've been riding for Flight for Life. Over a hundred people rode in the event (down from last year), and we sold more than 700 poker hands (similar number of hands to last year!) We had over 125 items to sell at the Silent Auction. Food sales were low, but that was at least partly due to riders being delayed by an accident & rescue that closed the trail while it was being cleared.

A huge thank you goes out to our coordinator, Kimbirly Orr, for all the work she put into pulling together this great event. We thank the restaurants & stores who donated the food for the day's meal sales. We also want to thank all our volunteers, all our riders, and especially everyone who donated cash, goods or services for the Silent Auction. This event pulls a lot of folks into town for the weekend, benefitting the local economy, on top of the direct benefit to Flight for Life. It is one of the most anticipated events of our snowmobiling year.

Moonlight Ride

The Moonlight Ride was a success. The moon came up in time for it to be peaking over the treetops as the group arrived in Hatchett Park. The fire was going for folks to keep warm, although it was hardly needed since it was a warm (almost

30°). A couple of the riders took advantage of the opportunity to experience a short ride in the



groomer and see how our groomers spend their nights keeping the trails in top condition. And, of course, there

were the tasty brats, chili and other goodies to eat.

Directory corrections:

George & Romaine Wilcinski's correct email is rogeorge@mailbug.com NOTE – they can receive emails, but no attachments.

Addition – Mountain Lake Properties, Donna Ready, PO Box 1350, Grand Lake CO 80447

If I missed a correction, please let me know so I can get it into the next newsletter.

Trail Blazers web site

www.gltrailblazers.com. Tell your friends & neighbors to check it out! It has a link to the club Facebook page, too.

Passing the torch

Mike Ingle will not be running for re-election as president. He will remain on the Board of Directors for the following year (it's part of the bylaws – to ease the transition). The elections are in April, so it's time now to think about who you would like nominate for this important position.

2009 – 2010 Ride Schedule

(Rides and events are removed after they occur)

Thursday – Sunday, **March 4-7** – Overnight Ride – location to be determined

Saturday, **March 13** – Board Meeting **5 pm**, Grand Lake Fire Station

Saturday, **April 3** – Board Meeting, Potluck & Elections **5 pm**, Grand Lake Fire Station

Saturday, **May 22** – **10 am** Highway Clean-Up

Saturday, **June 5** – Board Meeting **5 pm**, Grand Lake Fire Station

Saturday, **August 7** – Board Meeting **10 am**,
Summer Picnic noon

Board of Directors

President – Mike Ingle – 970-531-5940
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Become a business member!

You can't find a better advertising value than a business membership. For \$50 (\$30 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 \$50 you support the sport, help to keep our trails open and reach out to thousands of like minded individuals each month.



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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.

***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--\$40.00 _____ Business Membership--\$50.00 _____
(Please print clearly)

Name _____ Spouse (Significant Other) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

E-mail Address _____

Number in Family: _____ Number of Sleds: _____ Names of children under 18 _____

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Mail check to: **P.O. Box 507**
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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:

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 _____