

PISC's March 2011 Flurry

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SPRING BANQUET!

Saturday, May 14th, at Mound Grove!

Cost will be \$8.00 per person more details in future newsletters.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

THANK YOU GROOMER GANG/AND TO ALL THAT HELPED!!!

As the season is coming to an end we would like to thank everyone who has worked on trails and the groomer gang for keeping the trails smooth.....

Starting Sunday, April 10, 2011, at 9AM- The trail committee will reconvene to remove signs, fences, bridges, ect. The committee will continue to work every Sunday till the job is done.

Lane Rd to 1/2 between 19/97:

Sid Schaefer (814) 882-5607

1/2 Between 19/97 to Grove:

Jim Dauer (814) 881-5608

Grove to Lake Pleasant Rd.:

Dick East (814) 882-7473

FUN FACT: PISC used 350 gallons of diesel fuel this year in order to keep the trails in EXCELLENT condition. THANKS AGAIN GROOMER GANG.

THANK YOU

PISC would also like to thank all the members who assisted with the PSSA Board Meeting and the disabled veterans and individuals with special needs as part of the PSSA "TAKE A FRIEND SNOWMOBILE WEEK". Without the assistance of members these events would have never have happened. THANK YOU



Nomination & Elections

The annual election and nominations will be held during our **Thursday, April 7th, 2011**, at PISC's general meeting.

Nominations can still be taken at the general meeting for the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Financial Secretary, and 3 positions on the Board.

All members are welcome to come to the monthly meetings and make their nominations.

Special events...

- **GENERAL MEETING** Thursday, March 3rd, at 7pm, at PISC Clubhouse.
- **BOARD MEETING**- Thursday, March 17th, HAPPY ST. PATRICK DAYS! At 8pm, at PISC Clubhouse.
- **ECSA BANQUET**- Saturday, March 26th, at PISC Clubhouse.
- **GENERAL MEETING**-Thursday, April 7th, at 8pm, at PISC Clubhouse.
- **FINAL GENERAL MEETING**- Thursday, May 5th, at 8pm, at PISC Clubhouse.
- **PISC BANQUET**- Saturday, April 17th, Social Hour 5-6pm Dinner served at 6pm at PISC Clubhouse.
- **GENERAL MEETING**- Final general meeting of the 2009/2010 snowmobile season!!! Thursday, May 6th, at 8pm, at PISC clubhouse

**LOOK WHAT FUN!!!
HOPE TO SEE YOU!!!**

PSSA

What does it do for you!

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Did you know? Erie has 2,367 registered snowmobiles in Erie County and over 40,000 snowmobiles registered in Pennsylvania? This makes Erie #1 in registered sleds in the STATE.

PSSA and the snowmobiling community impact the local, regional, and state economies. Some points to note are:

- There are 2,367 registered snowmobiles in Erie County and over 40,000 snowmobiles registered in Pennsylvania. Seventy percent of snowmobilers have incomes over \$50,000 per year. They contribute to the economy by purchasing snowmobiles, insurance, clothing, and helmets along with patronizing the local lodging, dining and fuel establishments.
- PSSA has begun to install a standard, navigational trail signage system for the state here in Erie.
- PSSA has secured an annual \$1,000,000 Gas Tax Refund for the Snowmobile/ATV Restricted Account to help support snowmobiling and ATV issues.
- PSSA's lobbyist has worked with DCNR to secure legislation to protect fee-based and non-fee based landowners from liability.
- PSSA snowmobilers and snowmobile clubs are stewards of the environment and contribute more than 3,000 volunteer hours per year in Erie County to groom and maintain the trails for a pleasant snowmobiling experience for everyone.

PSSA has identified the following areas to pursue in the near future to secure and build snowmobiling in Erie and Pennsylvania. Your comments and ideas are welcome!

- PSSA seeks alternatives to state grants for funding grooming and maintenance expenses and for marketing and promoting this recreational activity. The current application process is not efficient or quick in response. Please let us know if your company has grants or sponsorships available.
- PSSA seeks to form a public/private partnership with state government to lighten their load by handling snowmobile registrations and utilizing the knowledge of snowmobilers to improve snowmobiling issues in Pennsylvania. Please help us promote this concept and let us know of any contacts that could help with this issue.
- PSSA seeks to raise the snowmobile registration fees to help fund the activity. As noted in the presentation, the current Pennsylvania two-year fee is \$20. New York residents pay \$100 annually unless you belong to a club and Ohio pays a three-year registration fee of \$31.25. Please let us know of any contacts you may have to move this forward.
- PSSA seeks to use technology in the form of Satellite GPS tracking units on its groomers to track actual miles groomed for reimbursement and accountability of expenses and to promote the location of groomed trails to tourists on the PSSA web-site.

resources to help, please, please let us know if you have funds, equipment, software, or personnel who could help us bring this to fruition.

- PSSA seeks to build awareness of Safe, Responsible Snowmobiling and Education of snowmobile laws and legal trails. We would need assistance to produce marketing materials in print and online. Please let us know if you have funds or expertise available for this project.
- PSSA seeks partners in the utility community to research alternative trails to the current trails where developments hinder a legal trail presence. Do you know any contacts?

PSSA hopes to form the beginnings of community partnerships by informing you about PSSA and what we are trying to do to build a stronger economy and attract snowmobiling visitors to our state, a benefit to us all. If you have suggestions, contacts or contact either one of us. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,
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