



December 2018

FLATHEAD SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION INFORMER

PO BOX 5041 KALISPELL, MT 59903

From The President..

By the time you're reading this, it will probably be officially snowmobile season! For over-the-snow travel, our season is December 1st through April 14th for all U.S. Forest Service lands north of Columbia Falls and most other USFS lands throughout the state. The South Fork of the Flathead has areas that are open until May 31st, snow permitting.

The Flathead Snowmobile Association, along with the Montana Snowmobile Association, is constantly working to keep areas on the state and federal forests open and accessible to over-the-snow travel, and increase opportunities for use where we can. With that in mind, what gives the club and the state organization clout with the powers that control the majority of our riding areas is our members and the members of clubs across the state. Thank you for your membership! As you are riding this year, ask your riding companions if they are club members. If they are not, invite them to a meeting and to our website to become a member. It's a whopping \$15 a year. Plus, when they join, they get \$15 off a purchase at EACH of Penco, Fastoys and Leland's with your membership card.

So if you like where you're riding and would like to see that continue, please suggest to others that they join the FSA and continue to help the club be a success.

Thank you for your support and we will see you out on the trail soon!

David Covill

FSA President

From the Treasurer's Desk Mark Smolen

Membership is growing! I just wanted to thank everyone that has already signed up this year...your membership means everything to us!

Some of you are on automatic renewal via our website/PayPal and we know that you'll be renewed soon (on your anniversary date--when you signed up). Just a quick reminder to make sure PayPal has a current credit card on file for your membership!

If you'd like to sign up for automatic renewal, just go to:

<http://www.flatheadsnowmobiler.com/join-the-fsa.html>

and use the "Subscribe" button with the membership you desire (Single/Family, w/MSA, etc.).

If you're not sure if you are on automatic renewal or if you need to renew, just call me (Mark Smolen) at 406-407-0301 or email

treasurer@flatheadsnowmobiler.com and I can look you up and let you know.

On the financial side, our coffers are also up! Thanks your membership and those that came to the Pray for Snow, our Club Account is growing! See the article on the Pray for Snow Party results for more!

And on your financial side, just a reminder that we are working for you too! Remember that your membership card gets you \$15 off at Leland's, Penco and FasToys! Also, check out the ABOUT page on our website for discounts at hotels in West Yellowstone and Buffalo, WY.





Smile even more with Amazon!

I try to buy local when I can, but If you're like me, you shop a lot on Amazon.com. I use Amazon for many things that I just can't get here in Montana.

But what you might not have known is that Amazon gives a portion of sales to charities. Last month, we told you about creating **Friends of the Flathead Snowmobile Association** (FFSA)...this is our 501(c)(3) charitable organization that allows us to support the FSA with charitable donations.

Amazon has a special landing page: <http://smile.amazon.com> that allows you to donate to any charitable foundation like ours (and yes, you can choose the FFSA!). When you shop via smile.amazon.com, a small percentage of the sale gets funneled to your selected charity. If you're a Prime member, you still get the free shipping and other benefits of your prime membership. All you have to do is go to smile.amazon.com (instead of www.amazon.com) and select our charity! The first time you login to smile, you just select a charity. There are many charities automatically listed, but you can search for any charity; I searched for "Friends of the Flathead Snowmobile Association" and it allowed me to select our charity! Now everytime I buy via smile.amazon.com, Amazon donates a small percentage to us.

If you happen to login and a charity is already selected, you can change your charity under "Your Account" or by clicking this link (you have to be logged into Amazon). <https://smile.amazon.com/gp/charity/change.html>

Every little bit adds up and our little organization can use every penny! It costs nothing and you get all the same great prices and deals.

Check out [this link](#) for more screenshots on how to change your charity and search for FFSA.

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Type in "Friends of the Flathead Snowmobile Association" into the search box. (below left)

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Choose one of our spotlight charities

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 Founded in 1866, the ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States.

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Pray For Snow Party Success!!



While we may still be a little light on the snow pack, the FSA Board would like to thank everyone (about 60 in attendance!) for coming out and helping us usher in Winter and raise some serious money for our club.

The FSA would like to thank Micah and his staff at The New Silver Bullet for putting on a great Prime Rib Dinner for all of us...it really was incredible!

We would also like to thank all the local businesses who so graciously donated so much for our cause...it really is humbling when you see how our community pulls together and supports great causes like ours. We are listing them all below--thank you again!

Towards the end of the evening, we auctioned off a number of donations including a BCA Avalanche Pack which our fearless leader Dave Covill demonstrated for everyone. Bill McDaniel (President of the Great Falls Snowmobile Club) was the high bidder taking home this awesome pack.



Donors to the Pray for Snow Party

(Please patronize them and mention that you appreciate their support for the FSA--it really does help to let them know!)

Absolute Sun	Lelands
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Glacier Bank - Bigfork	Terry's Small Engine
Hanson's Performance	Western Building Center - Columbia Falls
Harvest Foods - Bigfork	Whitefish NAPA
Kelly Whitman	Wild Wave Rentals/Winter Wonderland Sports

Every sponsor gets shown on all three of our local maps in Trail Treker and listed on our website.

It's not too late to get your company shown either! We happily take donations any time and we can add you to the maps/website any time. \$50 minimum gets you listed and we have higher levels available! Check out the [Sponsors Page](#) on our website!

Final Tally for the night:

Gross Proceeds:	\$5,873.35
Cost	<u>\$1,550.88</u>
Net Profit	\$4,322.47

A couple last special thank you's: First, the winner of the 50/50 raffle...she donated the entire amount back to the club--now that's pretty special! THANK YOU!

And thank you to Rick and Tammy for setting up the Surprise Raffle Item...it was a huge success and fun to bid on a "surprise item!" Great idea!!! Thank you!

Your board does a lot...but we could use a few more helping hands from time to time...

Here's what we need help on now:

- Canvassing the area for sponsorships
- Help with a float for the C-Falls Night of Lights parade
- Sending out Membership materials to new/renewing members (we cover all the costs)
- Working on the Groomers to get them ready for this-coming winter (re-tracking/hauling)
- Working on website/facebook page (we could use one more tech-savvy editor)

If you are looking for a great organization to volunteer with and you can help out, visit our website at <http://www.flatheadsnowmobiler.com> and click on the 'Join the FSA' tab and scroll to the bottom and tell us how you can help!!



Do you usually advertise with FSA?

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We need your email address! We're trying to go digital as much as possible to save the club money for "fun things". We have email addresses for all but eight of you. So if you're getting this letter, that means you're one of eight folks who we'd love to know your email. We don't share with or send our lists to anyone, so you will only receive our newsletter and an occasional update letter in your inbox--we promise!



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Get the trail maps on your phone!

Trail Treker

All three trail systems the FSA maintains (Canyon Creek, Crane Mountain, and Desert Mountain) will be available for free download to club members. The Trail Treker app is \$2 (one time). The app is available on the Apple and Google stores. The app will show you exactly where you are at all times (with no mobile phone coverage needed!). You will need this code: **FSA18** to download the maps. Just another great benefit coming from your FSA dues!

Trail Treker is a locally owned company doing business with clubs across the country. We have partnered with them to make sure you have the safest and most enjoyable ride possible. Using Trail Treker, the FSA also makes money by showing local businesses on the map as well as from visitors to the area downloading the map! So make sure you tell everyone and especially visitors, to download the app and maps!

Calendar of Events

December

- 1 - SNOWMOBILE SEASON OPENS!!
- 6 - 6:30 pm: Avalanche Awareness Talk @ Sportsman and Ski Haus (Kalispell Location)
- 7 - 6:30 pm: Night of Lights Parade (Downtown Columbia Falls)
- 15 - 9 am-6 pm: Penco Snow Show @ Penco Power Products (Kalispell)
- 18 - 6:00 pm: FSA Board Meeting @ Penco Power Products (Kalispell)**
 - 7:00 pm: FSA Member Meeting @ Penco Power Products (Kalispell)
- 20 - 6:30 pm: Motorized Avalancha Awareness Talk @ Penco Power Products (Kalispell)

January

- 3 - 6:30 pm: Avalanche Awareness Talk @ Whistling Andy (Whitefish)
- 10 - 7:00 pm: Avalanche Awareness Talk @ Stonefly Lounge (Coram)
- 15 - 6:00 pm: FSA Board Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)**
 - 7:00 pm: FSA Member Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)
- 17 & 19 - Ladies Intro. To Avalanche Training. Time and Location TBA
- 19 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm: FSA Club Ride (Crane Mountain Trail System)
- 26 - Feb. 2: Trans Montana Charity Ride

February

- 10 - Flathead Industries Charity Rides (Time and Location TBA)
- 16 - FSA Club and Sweetheart Ride with NV Search and Rescue
- 19 - 6 pm FSA Board Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)**
 - 7 pm FSA Member Meeting @ Scotty's (Kalispell)**
- 23 - AMA Snowbike Races (Time and Location TBA)

*****Any and all board meetings are open to the general public. Members are welcome to attend and discuss matters brought before the board but may not vote on board matters.*****

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Secretary - Tammy David

Treasurer - Mark Smolen

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Board Member - Steve Konopatzke

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Board Member - Erik Loroña

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ADDRESS _____

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Number of snowmobilers in your family or business? _____

FSA Only

- () Single \$15.00
- () Family \$20.00
- () Business \$30.00

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- () Family \$42.00
- () Business \$65.00

F.S.A. will forward your application
and dues to M.S.A.

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Kalispell, MT 59903-5041

Add \$10 donation for the Grooming Fund and receive
an "I Support the FSA Sticker" with 100% of the
proceeds going directly to our grooming fund!



Please check any and all that you would like to volunteer for.

- () Family Day Ride -- January
- () Family Day Ride -- February
- () Family Day Ride -- March
- () Trans-Montana Ride
- () Summer Camp Out -- July

For information or to pay your dues with a credit card, please visit us @ www.flatheadsnowmobiler.com

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE FSA

Comments or suggestions: _____

Remember- T.E.A.M.- Together Everyone Achieves More!