

SnowSkippers newsletter

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FEBRUARY meeting date

Our meeting date has been moved from Valentine's Day to February 7 at 6:30. Realizing most of our members are romantics at heart (meaning they love their snowmobiles close to but not more than their wife, girlfriend or mother) we didn't want to step on any toes by interfering with the most romantic day of the year. So see you on the 7th and remember that now you have absolutely no excuse for not taking your sweetheart out on Valentine's Day.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

No I am not talking about everyone's love of their new machines this year, I'm speaking of sweethearts, our very own long time member Don Barnes finally tied the knot with the lovely Miss Angela Luedtke. They snuck away to Steamboat Springs, without their sleds I might add, and tied the knot in a private outdoor wedding.

I CAN RIDE ANYTIME ... and anywhere

Ever find yourself itching to ride but can't find a play date? And as we all know a safety conscious rider never rides alone. So we would like to create a RIDE ANYTIME list. If you would like to be included in the list please let me know (I'm Judy and can be reached at jjvan@mudlogsys.com). I'll need your name, phone number, e-mail, days of week you usually are available to ride, and on average how many times you get stuck per ride. Ok, maybe I don't really need the last bit of information but figured I'd throw it in to see if you were paying attention. The list will be published shortly after the February meeting.

CLUB RIDE SUCCESS on January 15th

This was a fun ride followed by an incredible meal for those of you who went on the January 15th trail maintenance and groomer training ride by all reports the day was worthwhile and fun – even if the snow wasn't the best. Markers were installed in many of the areas where the ATV club had installed 50" width restrictors (often with 25' of fencing on either side). As Herb said before the ride we'd hate to see anyone get seriously hurt near those. And if you are not aware they are there they could easily get you. A number of kids talked their parents into taking them along and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

OUT OF STATE CLUB RIDE SUCCESS

As I write this 18 riders are just back from a fun weekend in Chama New Mexico. Dave Bagg was the ride leader and he put on a ride that I suspect will be talked about for quite a while and no one will ever forget. The snow was definitely deeper than the Mesa but still not the greatest snow ever experienced. Little did the riders

know, as they began their trek on Saturday, that Dave had decided to make it a SUNSET RIDE. Apparently he had heard that sunsets in that part of the country were worth viewing from the high country but just failed to inform his followers. Other ride names that came to mine might have been:

Discovering Your Limits: Riding on Fumes – just how far can a machine go on fumes OR
How to add 20 additional miles to the day with little to no effort OR
Bucking Broncos: Learn how to stay on when the machine wants you off

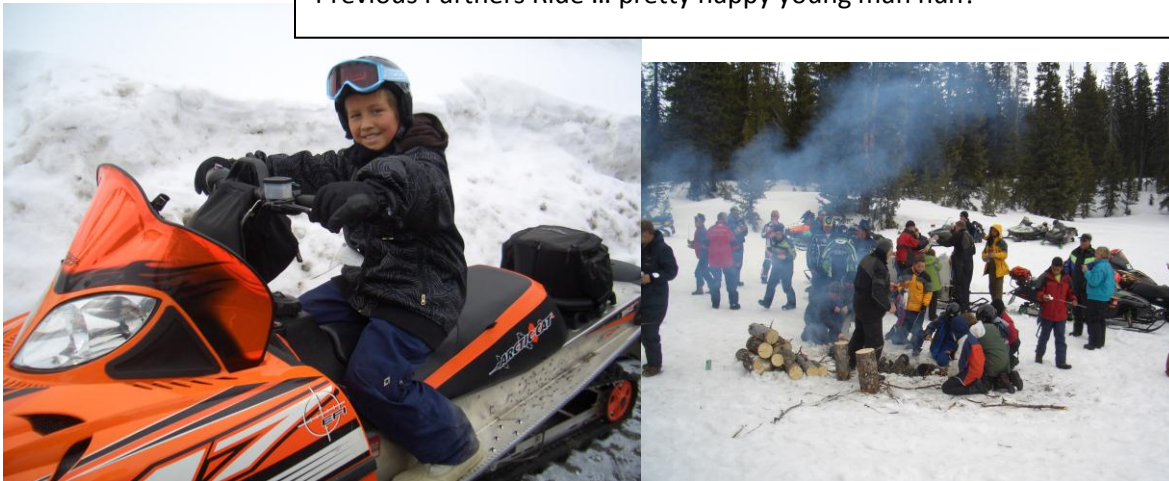
The book that might be written about the ride could perhaps be titled: The Joy of Seeing a Familiar Face on a Lonely Stretch of Highway. The YouTube training video - written, directed, and produced by Quint Shear - surely to be posted might be titled: Helmet Cams – the Way to Analyze and Relive Your Greatest Moments (or Nastiest Falls).

If you want to hear more about this fun ride you'll want to come to the meeting on Tuesday where many of the members will be trying to outdo one another with their stories and perhaps their pictures.

PARTNER'S RIDE DATE SET

Be sure to mark your calendars for this annual ride – Saturday March 24. The Partner's kids really, really enjoy this fun day and their exposure to a great sport that seemingly many will probably never have much of a chance to enjoy in their lives. To make it successful we need adult riders to participate and pair up with a kid. So please make sure you have it on your calendar this year – you won't regret participating and seeing the happy faces of the kids.

Previous Partners Ride ... pretty happy young man huh?



GLENWOOD RIDE

If you haven't signed up for this awesome ride you better hurry up because it will be here before you know it. One change this year is that we'll gas up near the Sunlight Ski Area (where we did a few years ago) and we'll park

our sleds nearby. Our normal fueling place apparently is no longer in service and all sleds are now fueling at the ski area. This is great news for our shuttle drivers as they won't have to drive up the last stretch of the hill which has proven to be rather icy in past years. Once you sign up Andy will let you know more of the details.

It snowed last year Here are some of the memories of the day:



Riding in style – Marty Coleman checks on his son; Showing Off – Cameron, I believe, just before he got stuck; Various club members enjoying a break while others catch up

See you on the snow