



FSA INFORMER

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President's Corner

It took a while to come, but the snow is finally here. It would seem that we have more in the valley than usual, this time of year. We are grooming, for more information see the groomer's report. They say that the snow pack is not very good so be careful out there, check the avalanche advisory number, 257-8204.

The club is going to host the winter ride convention for MSA. It will be held at the Red Lion Cavanaugh, on the week-end of February 14, make plans to attend it should be great fun. See you at the meeting for information for all of the above. Bill

Join us for the December Meeting at

Jesco

Tuesday, January 13th

7pm.

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Calendar of Events

January 13

Meeting at Jesco

January 17

Family Day Ride hosted by Jeff & Darlene Cameron
And cooking for the Trans Montana Riders
(Note Date Change) Survival Cabin

February 7th

2009 Flathead Valley Winter Motor Sports Day
At Raceway park

February 10th

Meeting at Fastoys

February 13,14,15

MSA Riding Convention at Kalispell Red Lion

February 14th

Family Day Ride hosted by the McPhee family.
(Note Date Change)

March 10

Meeting at Kurt's

March 15th

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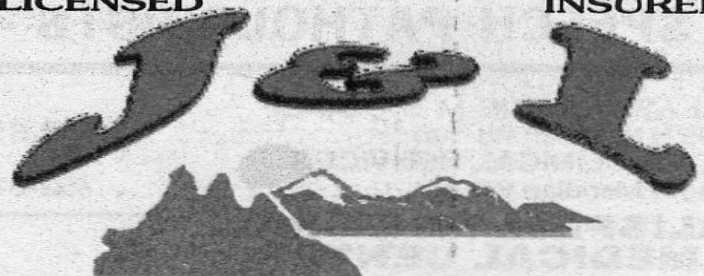
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Whitefish Winter Carnival | February 2008 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | March Family Day Ride/Doug Betters | March 7, 2008 |

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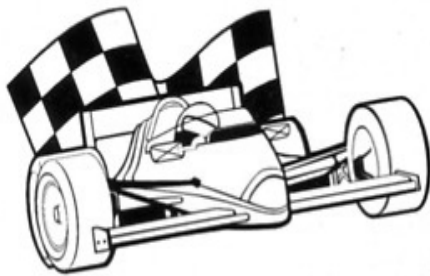
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Grooming Report

Grooming has commenced. December was interesting to say the least. No snow for the first 12 days, and then below zero for the next 10. We finally groomed for the first time on the 22nd (the top of Big Mountain to the Canyon Creek parking lot). We groomed for 14 hours on Christmas Day. Canyon Creek parking lot to the Whitefish gravel pit. We were going to return to Canyon Creek on the 28th, but avalanche conditions kept us from grooming over Werner until the December 30. We did groom from the gravel pit to upper Whitefish Lake on the 28th.

Vahalla groomed Stryker Ridge and Antes preparing for the Dog Sled event that was held on the 3rd and 4th.

It was very frustrating to have the groomer lock up on the Olney side, when we needed to be in Canyon Creek. It brought out how important the second groomer is to our program. Last year, when avalanche conditions prevailed, we had a groomer on both sides of Werner. Grooming was uninterrupted.

We had extensive repairs to make on the State's groomer. We have purchased all the parts, but we didn't have time to get both machines running by December 1st. Because of funding issues, we had decided to try to make it thru this year with only one groomer. May be that was a poor decision in hind site.

The second groomer will be on line shortly. Currently we are planning the following grooming schedule:

Wednesday night: Canyon Creek Parking Lot to Big Mountain, Werner Peak, and the Whitefish gravel pit.

Friday night: Whitefish gravel pit, Red Meadow, Werner Peak and return to Canyon Creek.

Depending on Funding we will try to do the Canyon creek- Big Mtn loop on Sunday nights.

If you are interested in receiving emails pertaining to our actual grooming operation, please email me at robbie@avid-products.com. I will put you on our grooming update list. As we all know, conditions change and the above schedule isn't written in stone. Robbie

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