



FSA INFORMER

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President's Corner

Well, at the end of last month everyone was complaining about shoveling snow and trying to clear their driveways. Now we look at the weather report everyday to see when the next snow storm will show up with some more snow . Only mother nature can answer that question.

The club meeting is next Tuesday, 7pm Feb. 10 at Fastoys. Hope to see everyone there. There will be the usual give always and loads of information about the club events.

The Montana State Snowmobile Association will have their winter ride convention in Kalispell at the Red Lion located on Center Street at the Mall, on Feb 13 and 14. Plan on attending. There will be loads of neat things to bid on and a great banquet. Come and visit the dealers, who will have sleds to show and great deals, along with members from other clubs around the state. There will also be a Saturday convention ride in conjunction with the regular family day ride at the survival cabin behind the Mountain. Plan on attending the meeting and getting all the information.

There is also a snow cross on the Feb 7 at Montana Raceway Park. Check the paper for details, I am sure they will have more information in the paper or check out montanaracewaypark.com. See you at the meeting. Bill Yunck

Join us for the February Meeting at
Fastoys
Tuesday February 10
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Calendar of Events

- 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 2 Flathead Industries Ride
- March 10 Meeting at Kurt's
- March 7th Family Day Ride and cooking for the Whitefish
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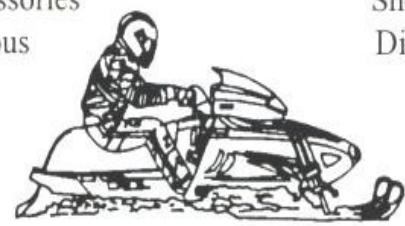
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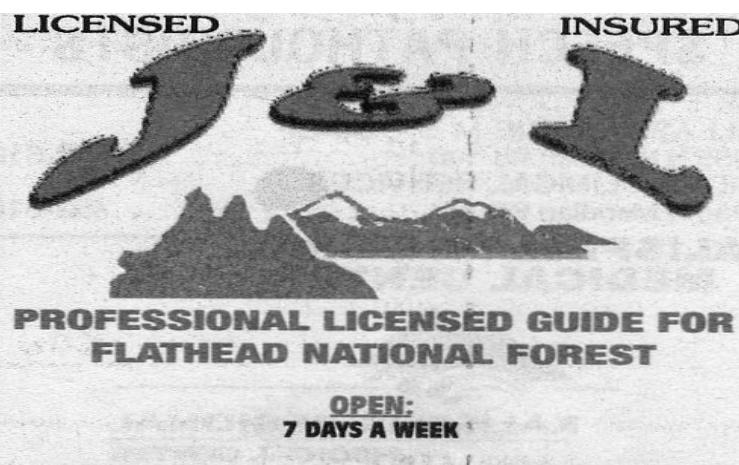
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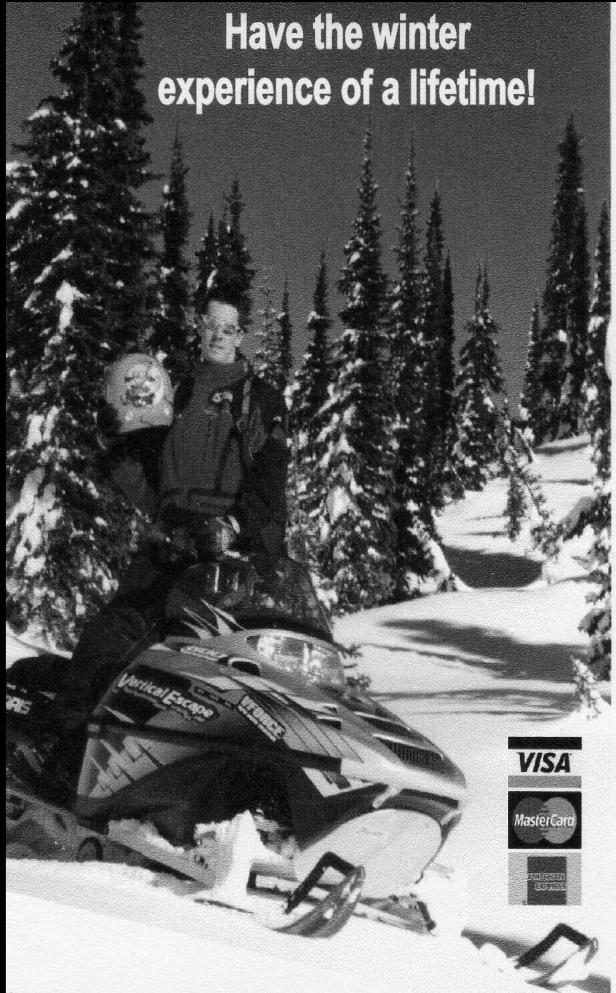
Mission Statement

The Flathead Snowmobile Association is a membership of snowmobilers and outdoor enthusiasts who endeavor to educate the public about the sport, enhance the riding experience in our area, promote safety and provide opportunities for family recreation.



The Montana State Snowmobile Association Convention is coming to Kalispell on February 13th, 14th and 15th. The Family Day will be the 14th along with a ride for the attendees. The club is looking for guides to volunteer to take out riders from other areas. If you would like to help with this task, please contact Robbie Holman at 862-6296 or robbie@avid-products.com.

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From the VP

I come from many generations of farmers so I suppose that probably explains a lot. 2 weekends ago it was time for the scheduled Family Day Ride. I woke up and saw the fog that had set in – it had been here for about a week already and you know how inversions can be in the valley. Fog, fog, fog and cold, cold, penetrating cold that goes through right to your bones. What I wanted to do was just curl up in bed and stay there for the day. But duty called and I had promised to take the sled so off I went.

The January family days the past two years had been colder than all get out. Last year it was sunny but windy and only about 10 degrees. The year before it was a little warmer but there was freezing rain and I had to stop about every 500 feet to defrost my shield and try to find a way to see where I was going on the way up. By the time we came back down the weather was a little better but not spectacular. So there I was – thinking this year would be about the same and as we all know the worst day riding is better than no ride at all.

As I left the corner at the Trumble Creek cut across and started climbing the fog got a little lighter and as I hit the 3rd bridge and looked off to my left I could see blue sky through the now translucent fog and by the time I got to Fiberglass hill there was nothing but sunshine and blue skies. The temperature was warmer and the sun felt great. What a great feeling. Sunshine, crisp sparkling snow and a nice groomed smooth trail lay before me. Yee Haw! Of course, pulling the cook sled I couldn't just take off and play but it was nice none the less.

It was such a beautiful day and the snow was great for riding. Jeff and Darlene Cameron joined me at the survival cabin and we cooked for all who ventured out. I got to do a little riding with some of the other riders and I thoroughly enjoyed the day.

By now you are thinking, "What does this have to do with farmers?" Well, I'll tell you what. Farmers have to do their job no matter what the weather is doing or what they think it will do. They don't have the luxury of waiting to see what the weather does. They have to work the fields and plant or they will reap no crop whatsoever. Sometimes they do all the work and reap very little but they go out and plant and have faith that something will grow and most of the time they have a good harvest.

Other things we do, snowmobiling is just one of them, are much the same. If we wait for the perfect weather we may wait our lives away. There weren't many riders out that day and man, what a day they missed. So next time you look outside and the weather isn't the best, what the heck, go anyway. Take the kids, take the wife and just go. You just may be glad you did.

On another note, at the last club meeting we were asked to see if we couldn't do something about parking at the Stryker parking lot and along the North Fork Road at Big Creek. The Forest Service had a meeting with the county about the North Fork issues and it is expected to be taken care of and the groomer went over and opened up the parking lot at Stryker and we hope to come up with a solution to keep it open. Please be sure to park in the lot and be courteous to the landowners in the area.

Marie Lewis

Grooming Report

The groomer has been running on a steady schedule the past few weeks between the east and west side. We had some problems with dead batteries but got that fixed and continued on with our schedule. The trails seem to be holding up well so we'll keep our fingers crossed and hope for no break downs.

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- * **Friday night** – a no host bar social will held in the Fireside Room of the Red Lion Hotel located in the Kalispell Center Mall, 20 N. Main Street (Hwy 93), 5-9 p.m. Registration packets can be picked up during this time
- * **Saturday** – guided tours of our great snowmobile area/trails with a trailside hamburger and hot dog lunch.
Rides will leave from the Canyon Creek trailhead at 9:30 a.m.
- * **Saturday evening** – MSA annual banquet at the Red Lion Hotel starting with a no host bar at 6:00 p.m., dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Auction starts at 8:00 p.m.

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Saturday evening at the banquet there will be awards, a silent auction, a live auction and door prizes. The grand prize drawing will be a ***Camoplast 162" track*** in the style of your choice. Please join us for an evening of fun.

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