



FSA INFORMER

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President's Corner

The club hosted the MSA winter ride convention at the Red Lion during Feb. The attendance was down but the people that attended had a great time. There was a silent auction and also a live auction put on by Bo Carpenter. He was great. There were some really nice items and the dinner was wonderful. There was a ride put on by the club alone with a lunch served by our great hamburger cooking crew. I would like to thank the three ladies who did the lion's share of the work, Joann Kizer, Christine Cook and Erika Meyer. The directors were also very involved in putting this on. By the time you get this Dave Slack will have held the Flathead Industries Ride. . The grooming has been going well even thought we have not gotten much snow. Hope you will attend the next meeting at Kurts 7pm on March 10

Bill Yunck

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Calendar of Events

March 10
March 7th

April 4th & 5th
April 14th

Meeting at Kurt's
Family Day Ride and cooking for the Whitefish
Winter Classic.

Cooking for the Creston Auction
Last meeting of the year and election of officers.

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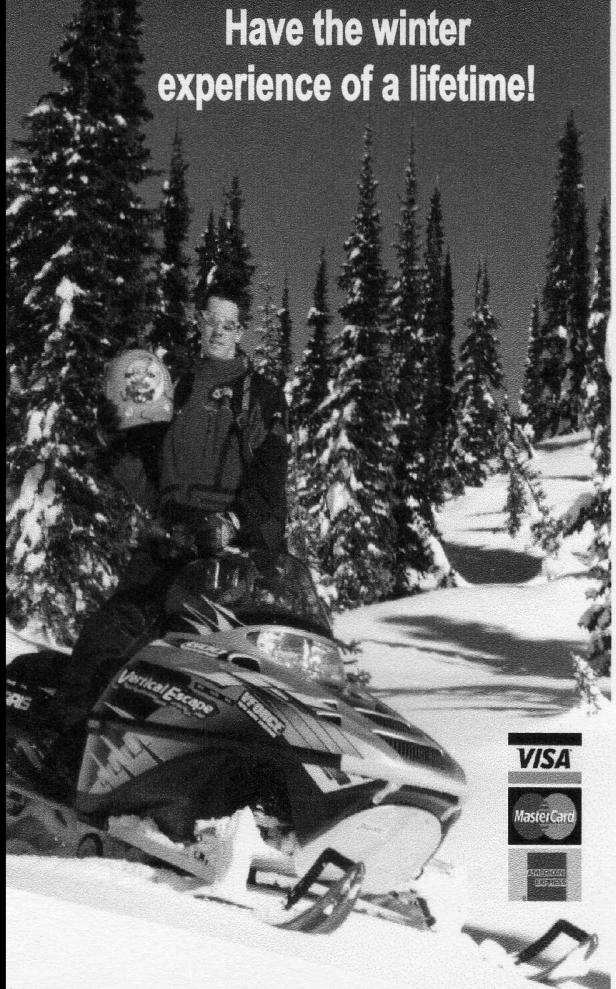
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From the VP

Last month was busy to say the least. Between the convention, the event at Raceway Park, the Family Day Ride, the Flathead Industries Ride and the regular meeting the month flew by!

The event at Raceway Park took us by surprise. We were expecting about 50 entrants and maybe a couple hundred spectators. Instead we had 127 entrants, some racing in more than one class and a thousand spectators! What a surprise. We learned a lot that night. It was great to see so many people excited about a winter event and the folks at Raceway Park were more than enthused about having another event. Next year they are planning a couple of them and we will be better organized for sure.

The convention the next weekend was attended by about 50 people and we had a chance to show off our area and meet some new people. For those of you that missed it, I would suggest attending one in the future. Word on the street is that it may be held at Lolo Hot Springs next year. That sounds real relaxing to me. You could go out and ride right from the site and then come back and soak in the springs. We'll have to wait and see if it comes to fruition.

The meeting was held at Fastoys with 35 attending.

This month is the only month that the Family Day Ride will be held before the monthly meeting. We will be positioned at White Out Alley with the cook sled cooking for the Whitefish Winter Classic skiers and all snowmobilers that choose to stop by. If you get there at the right time you can meet the pro football players that attend. This will be my third year cooking for the Classic and it is a fun time. Hopefully it will be a gorgeous day like it was last year. I'll be missing my burger buddy Devonna, since she is working her own business and cannot attend. Last year we cooked 400 burgers. I thought my arm would fall off but it is a good time and goes pretty fast.

Good news on the season front. When we started the year it looked like we would have to shut down the snowmobiling on March 15. But thanks to the Forest Service and the Fish and Game offices it looks like the season will stay intact. The club did a lot of work staying on top of this issue and putting pressure on the 2 agencies to resolve this issue. At this time we plan on riding the same as we have the past few years. So get out and ride as long as you can.

See you at the meeting. Marie Lewis

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Grooming Report

Grooming has gone very smoothly this year. We have had only minor mechanical problems. We have been able to carry out our grooming schedule as planned. Rick David came upon the remains of a big avalanche at Desert Mountain. He wasn't able to get thru it and complete his normal route. The Crane Mountain grooming has been completed as planned. We will continue to groom from the Canyon Creek parking lot, Big Mtn. to the Whitefish gravel pit on Wednesdays. We will return via Red Meadow, Werner, to the parking lot on Fridays. We groom from the parking lot up Kimmerly to the third bridge on Sundays. Valhalla grooms Stryer Ridge on Wednesday or Thursday of each week. Robbie



Left
Rick & Tammi
David and
Dave & Doreen
Slack having a
little fun at the
convention.
Right
Julie McPhee
and Jean
Miller cooking
up a storm at
the Family
Day Conven-
tion Ride.



Something very important is happening in April. This is the time of year when we have our say about what direction the club takes. It is time for election of officers, new board members, and voting for the Dealer of the Year, the Business of the Year, and the Snowmobiler of the year. In the past, this has been a meeting that few people attend. This year, please take the time to reflect on how YOU think the club is doing. Do you think changes need to be made? Do you like how things are run? Could you make time to be more involved? At the very least, please take the time to think about who you would like to see nominated for the Dealer, Business and Snowmobiler of the year. If you feel more comfortable making a nomination via email, please fee free to do so at mlynnlewis@bresnan.net or fsa@bresnan.net. The board would love to have input from all sources so please give us our feedback. Also, there will be openings to serve on the board. Please consider serving. Trust me—this is not something that is demanding. You would have to go to a meeting once a month and help make decisions on club activities. So, in the next month, please take the time to reflect and put your two cents worth in, it would be most welcome.

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