

# *Scenic Montana Trails*

- THINK SNOW -

October - November 2022

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## **BECOME A MEMBER OF SCENIC MONTANA TRAILS AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A FANTIC ELECTRIC BIKE!**

All persons paying for a membership to Scenic Montana Trails from April 1, 2022 to May 5, 2023 will be entered to win a Fantic Electric Bike. Drawing to be held May 11, 2023 at the SMT Membership Meeting. One entry per membership fee paid. To become a member of SMT go to: <https://www.scenicmontanatrails.org/>

**And get entered today!**

*“This is going to be awesome - Booyah!” - Unknown*

### **A NOTE FROM SMT PRESIDENT MIKE KENT”**

As we begin this snowy season in this scenic wonderland of endless trails, I wish you safe passage on your rides. Cowabunga!! I would like to welcome our newest board member Bruce Friede. Bruce will be doing double duty as our Groomer Chairperson and Board member At-large. We welcome his wealth of experience. Bruce is replacing Bill Swain. Thank you Bill for your service over the years. Lastly, I invite you to communicate your ideas, needs and desires that will help grow our new club. Please visit our web site and our Facebook page to post your input, photos and stories.

### **Scenic Montana Trails Report**

#### **Trail Happenings**

Bike and ATV groups are active as weather permits. Check the website or contact fellow members for ride/event happenings. The ATV group is looking for persons that wish to organize a Poker run in 2023. Please contact [info@scenicmontanatrails.org](mailto:info@scenicmontanatrails.org) if you have interest in being involved.

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In July, Doug Stevens, John Zell, Bill Swain and Bruce Freide drove to Hyde Park, Utah. At Petersen Equipment they reviewed and discussed delivery of our New Piston Bully 400. This machine was a 'lease return' that only has 600+ hours on it. Best of all, it is still covered under the Factory Warranty. With this purchase, our grooming equipment will be entirely Piston Bully 400's. This is a tremendous advantage from a cost of maintenance standpoint.

In late July, Doug Stevens, Mike Delwo, and Bruce Freide replaced four track belts on the club's existing Piston Bully 400. At 1,000 bolts per track, that is a total of 4,000 bolts (just doing the math). We serviced and did some small repairs on the 200 and the 400 as well.



At this time, we have made repairs and the 200 Edge is ready to be hauled to the snowmobile club in Troy. This will open up space for our new 400 at the heliport.

Doug Stevens cleared trees in and near the runway at the heliport and the forest service will burn the piles.

In the near future, we have a contractor that will wire the Westside Groomer Shed, which will complete that groomer facility.

We are working on a Kiosk sign at the heliport that will show parking directions. In

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In addition, the sign will solicit donations to support our plowing operations. An Eagle Scout candidate will install the sign as part of their merit badge journey.

The board members are working on a lease agreement for the Garnet Groomer shed and for the new Club House/Groomer shed on Riverview near Westside Bypass Road.

Bruce, Ron, Mike, and Mac cleaned 25 miles of the Elk Creek, Keno, and Kennedy trails. We are also working on getting brush cleared on upper Marshall Lake Road down to Fawn Peak-Jocko Road.

Bruce, Ron, Doug and Mike installed tracks on the groomer in September.



A small group also took a generous load of wood to Gold Creek warming shed and the safety shed at end of Deer Creek Road.



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## Trail Passes

Residents must purchase a Trail Pass to legally ride on any of Montana's 4000+ miles of groomed snowmobile trails. Passes are valid for 2 years and cost \$20.00. Trail passes apply to all "mechanical equipment", including snowmobiles, motorized snow bikes, and fat-tire pedal bikes. Trail passes are available at **Rovero's and Kurt's Polaris in Seeley Lake.**



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is a great support for our Club and trail needs. They do amazing things to help our adventures on the trails happen. Please join MSA online at <https://www.snowmobilemt.org> or Contact Connie Walters at 406-590-0386.

## >>> INVOLVEMENT <<<

We are a very active club, and we need very active members, please join in!  
SMT Board Meetings are every third Thursday at 6:30pm, 151 Grayling or TBA.  
SMT Membership Meetings are quarterly on the second Thursday of November, February, May and August.

Please send photos, stories, and/or input to:

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## SMT Meeting Calendar

October 20, 2022 – Board Meeting

November 10, 2022 – Membership Meeting

November 17, 2022 – Board meeting

December 15, 2022 – Board Meeting

January 19, 2023 – Board Meeting

February 9, 2023 – Membership Meeting

February 16, 2023 – Board Meeting

March 16, 2023 – Board Meeting

April 20, 2023 – Board Meeting

**May 11, 2023 – Membership Meeting – DRAWING FOR FANTIC BIKE**

May 18, 2023 – Board Meeting

June 15, 2023 – Board Meeting

July 20, 2023 – Board Meeting

August 10, 2023 – Membership Meeting

August 17, 2023 – Board Meeting

## SMT EVENT CALENDAR

SMT members organize rides daily / weekly.

**GATES OPEN DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> WEATHER PERMITING**

**SNOWBALL DINNER - February 18, 2023**

**POKER RUNS – March 2023 date to be announced**

**LOOK FOR UPDATES on SMT Website – <https://www.scenicmontanatrails.org/>**

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**Ride Safe, Have Fun and Be Considerate with  
Your Fellow Trail Enthusiasts!**



**Scenic Montana Trails  
Membership Application**

SMT Membership runs 12 months from your signup/renewal date.

**We need your mobile phone and email!**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) New Member ( ) Renewal Member

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (H) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of snowmobilers in your family or business? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Levels**

- ( ) Single \$25.00
- ( ) Family \$35.00
- ( ) Business \$40.00

**Make checks payable to & mail to:**

**Scenic Montana Trails  
P.O. Box 174  
Seeley Lake, MT 59868**

Please consider adding a \$10 donation for the Grooming Fund

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You can also do all of this online at: [www.scenicmontanatrails.org](http://www.scenicmontanatrails.org)

Comments or suggestions:

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