

Greetings Nightriders!

Thanks to all who participated and helped with another successful poker ride. Even with the lack of snow we were only 36 riders shy of last year, with a total of 247. Everyone that I have talked to had a great time and will be back next year. And a special thanks to Tom Anderson for doing the follow up run in the groomer. At the last meeting we went over all the numbers of the poker ride. Considering the snow and the economy we did very well. Julie gave us all the money figures after the accounting of poker ride. Carol is putting together a contract for brushing all the snowmobile trails and will have more information at the next meeting. The USFS has received our letter about the proposition of the Saltese Trestle, and should be getting a letter back within the next couple weeks. The FS is unsure of what is going to happen if the deal goes through and many options were discussed. The motion was passed to form a Trestle committee, which consists of Mark, Brooke, Julie, Bob, and me. Another motion was made and passed that all groomer operators must attend the MT groomer workshop. At the end of January, Rainy/Dominion and Short Loop were groomed. February has brought nothing but rain and warm weather which has kept the groomer in the shed. Haugan no longer has snow.

- **Safety Note**

When out riding, whether it is on the trail or in the back country, you should always have a basic safety kit.

- Antibiotic ointment for dressing wounds (Neosporin)
- Gauze pads
- Iodine/Alcohol or similar prep pads
- Butterfly bandages
- Adhesive tape (1/2 inch and 1 inch wide rolls)
- Several sizes of adhesive bandages
- Pain relievers to reduce swelling as well as relieve pain (Tylenol, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Children's pain reliever)
- Mylar space blanket for warmth and to prevent shock

Anybody want to go to the West Yellowstone expo? Check out www.snowmobileexpo.com. There will be snow drags, sno-cross, vintage show, aerial freestyle exhibition, a tough man enduro, and a swap meet. The dates are March, 12, 13, and 14.

Membership: We have achieved a total of 194 members, which reflects 22 business and 63 family/individual memberships.

Poker Ride: Thanks to everybody who volunteered their day(s) to work poker ride. You are a fantastic bunch and could hold a candle to any other group out there. Maybe even teach them a thing or two!!! Here's a big pat on the back for ya'll. Brooke

Entertainment: We all had a good time playing Bingo after the last meeting. Pizza was good and everyone got full. **Next meeting is March 6 at O'Aces at 10:00. Club Fun Poker Ride to follow to St. Regis on 4-wheelers!!** Don't worry, if you don't have a 4-wheeler, you can drive and we will meet you there!! Happy hour with taco bar for dinner will be from 5-7:00. Casino night will follow at 7:00. All at O'Aces. Value of funny money will be \$100 for a quarter. In order to comply with state law, you all will be charged \$1.00 at the door in exchange for \$400 funny money. Members will receive \$500 funny money free on top of that. Non-members will have to pay for all their funny money. At the end of the evening, we will hold an auction for prizes. I can't remember who it was, but at a previous casino night I do remember somebody paying \$2000 for a can of peanuts!!! Anybody want to donate something stupid (or good)? We will be playing Keno, Bingo, 5 Card Stud and Texas Hold 'Em.

SCHEDULE RECAP:

Saturday, March 6: Meeting 10:00mst, O'Aces, poker ride to follow on 4-wheelers

Happy Hour 5:00-7:00

Casino Night 7:00

Saturday, April 3: Meeting 10:00 mst, Old Montana Bar

Entertainment TBA, End Of Year Party