

Hello Nightriders!

At the last meeting we again had over 30 members in attendance. Brushing of the Up-up trail was discussed and Carole believes that we can use some economic recovery money to get it done. The Superior Search and Rescue bought a groomer from Lookout Pass and we haven't heard anymore on trying to groom Hoodoo. We asked Carole what trails we can groom even if the map says it is an ungroomed section or trail. She informed us that anything designated on the map as a trail can be groomed. The sections/trails that are marked as ungroomed have to be funded by the club or through groomer donations. The grooming grant can't be used to pay for the mileage. Bob Hickey from the Shoshone club was in attendance to thank and inform us that the Mullan groomer is fixed. A vote was taken on if businesses could obtain our mailing list for advertisement purposes. The vote was nay.

Thanks again to everyone that went on the club ride after the meeting and the pot luck. I can't remember the last time that I went on a ride with over 20 sleds, it was a blast. The support keeps us motivated to do the best we can even if the snow is shy. Chuck replaced the broken brake on the groomer which should be making a trip up Rainy/Dominion and the short loop by this weekend. The club has been given a possible opportunity to buy the Saltse Trestle. If we did so we would immediately deed it to the USFS under a predetermined agreement. The Board of Directors voted to send the USFS a proposal which was sent out earlier this week.

- **Safety Note**

When you're out on the trail, especially on busy weekend like poker ride, make sure to know your hand signals. Traveling in groups is much safer when you know how to signal the people behind you about what you are doing and letting opposite traffic know how many people are behind you. When we meet opposing traffic we usually give them a finger count of how many people are behind each individual. In some cases there may be too many riders to show a number or you wear mittens, so just give a thumb point behind you. The last person should stick their fist in the air to represent that they are the last rider in the group. Everyone has their own system of turn signals and stopping signals, there is no really wrong way to do it. Just make sure everyone in your group knows the signals to keep it a safe and fun riding experience.

Membership: If your dues are not paid, this is your last newsletter. Remember, this is where our entertainment money comes from. Further, please support our business members whenever you can.

Entertainment: Meeting is February 6, 10:00 a.m. MST, Billy's. Scavenger hunt ride to follow. This should be fun. PJ and Robin came up with a great format for this. Prizes will be awarded at the PIZZA & BINGO PARTY following the ride. We'll have pizza at Billy's from 5-7:00 and play some bingo. The club will be providing the proverbial two free drink tickets. Yes, there will be prizes for bingo.

After the March meeting, which should be March 6, we are bringing back an old favorite. Can you say CASINO NIGHT!!! YAY!!! This will be at the O'Aces. Watch your next newsletter for details but mark your calendars now.

Poker Ride: Yes, we are a go. Signing ride will be Friday, January 29. Meet at the Silver \$ at 10:00 MST. Group will decide which route they want to make the official ride route. Bring your own lunch to cook/eat at the shelter. If you haven't been on this one before, make the time for it. The trail is always as smooth as it gets and there's no one else out there.

Again, anyone who hasn't signed up for working Poker Ride, I encourage you to do so. In particular, it appears we may be short on Saturday morning for registration. Remember that the theme is "Wild Deuces" so dress accordingly to favor the event.

SCHEDULE RECAP:

Poker Ride Signing Ride:	Friday, Jan. 29, Silver \$ 10:00
Poker Ride Pre-Reg. & Bonfire:	Friday, Jan. 29, Silver \$ 8:00ish
22nd Annual Poker Ride:	Saturday, Jan. 30, reg. begins 9:00
Meeting, Scavenger Hunt:	Saturday, Feb. 6, Billy's, 10:00
Pizza & Bingo Party:	Saturday, Feb. 6, Billy's, 5:00-???
Meeting, Club Poker Ride:	Saturday Mar. 6, O'Aces, 10:00
Casino Night	Saturday, Mar. 6, O'Aces, time TBA

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, please feel free to contact me at 406-544-5416 or 406-678-0110 or bteeters42@hotmail.com. Happy trails! Brennan