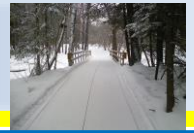




2014 Flurry



The PISC Groomer Gang trying to get Polar Vortex snow to stick.

OK... the Polar Vortex is dropping snow all around us, (*unfortunately all around us, and not on us*) temperatures are in the negatives... still the Erie County snowmobilers are saying... we need more "good snow!" Your friends are ready for spring... we are all ready for some good riding! The PISC Groomer gang has been out when we have had snow, trying to get a base built up. (then it rains, then you start over) After reading various groomer blogs across the county you will find there in no "cheap" way to groom... Starting with a powerful "field" tractor and a drag, along with a track system to fit a "track system" to that tractor, this can bring the price up to over US\$200,000. Snow machines designed to groom trails or ski slopes cost as much. A quarter-million dollar investment can be the norm. But that is just the beginning!

You may not know how much work goes into keeping the trail open... As a weekend trail warrior I bet most don't seriously think about the cost and time involved in keeping your favorite snowmobile trails in great shape for riding. Besides the mere cost of the groomer itself, there is maintenance, gas, scheduling volunteers, training the team, all this takes time and allot of manpower. In addition to an outlay of hundreds of thousands of dollars for the groomer equipment, and maintenance and gas, the clubs provide the very infrastructure for the trail system. They map they trails each year, make signage, put up fence, dig ditches, fix structures, and frequently beg for access, and ask for forgiveness from upset landowners when someone "strays" off the trail, or is excessively loud. All of this so we all can enjoy our winter sport. Volunteer club members use their equipment to perform basic trail maintenance. But most importantly... *Their TIME!* Some things you may not know about PISC trails... PISC's trails are ALL on privately owned property, all owners give us permission each year to maintain the trails thru their property. 100% of the work is done by our volunteer members. (no one is paid)

Even if you don't groom, or do trail work, you still can help. Here is how... As a weekend warier, I know we all want to get out and ride hard. When riding, be aware that each person can do their part to try and maintain the groomed trails by not spinning their tracks, by not hole-shooting, by just being respectful. You have all experienced how the trail are in great shape in the morning when you ride out, but on the trip home you see them all beat up... ***please do your part to keep the trails nice for all of us to enjoy.***

If you would like to help in any way, please contact Mike Keverline, PISC's President, you can email him at PISCerie@gmail.com, or call 814-873-2344.



**Always looking for articles and pictures to publish
in the newsletter... and on the Website
Email the webmaster at
bjrmek@gmail.com Thanks!**

PISC Events

Family Fun Day... Sunday February 16, 2014 ...

ALL ARE INVITED! Bring your friends and family out to have a ride and enjoy each other's company on President's Day weekend! PISC will be providing hot dogs, feel free to bring a dish to share if you are not riding in that day. **Come meet other club members and make memories that will last a lifetime.**

The bonfire will start burning in the afternoon and continue into the night. (*Hopefully many of you and your kids have Monday off*) Bring your inner tubes, and other tow-ables for pulling behind the sleds. We will arrange short rides down to Lane road and back for beginners. The club may even have a short girls/family ride depending on interest. Hope to see you all there! It would be nice to see all the members out enjoying the day! PISC will be holding this event no matter the weather. (*SNOW, rain, wind, or shine*) We can always go inside and enjoy the clubhouse

Elections for new Board Members Starts in February...

Your 2013-2014 Officers are:

President – Mike Keverline 814-873-1752

Vice President – Dick East

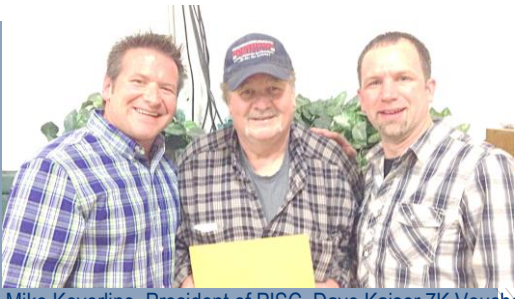
Secretary – Karen East

Treasurer – Linda McCarthy

Membership – Bev Rapp

New Board Members –

Sid Schaefer, Tom Teed,
& Eric McKenzie



Mike Keverline, President of PISC, Dave Kaiser 7K Voucher winner, and Brian George, from Off Road Express



Thank you!!!

We want to thank all the members who help get the trails ready to ride, and keep them open and safe. We would also like to thank all the members who work behind the scenes for all their hard work and dedication. All PISC members have skills that can be used. Thanks for all you do to make this club special!!!

For details on work parties... check out the website and go on Facebook and "friend" Erie PISC

CLUB House Keys...

Locks were changed this year. If you have an old key and want a new one, either bring it to a meeting, or call Bev @ 814-873-1752
Your old key, or a \$5 deposit is required

Membership Renewals **Your 2013-2014 cards are enclosed...**

AND, NEW for next year... you will be able to apply and pay for your memberships online with PayPal, (*multiple years will also be available*) watch the website for more details at

www.snowmobilepisc.com

You will still receive a hard copy in the fall, and will still be able to print them off the website.

We are looking for someone who is interested in helping with the newsletters and membership coordination, contact Bev at 814-873-1752 if you would like to help!

***THE CLUB'S SUCCESS
DEPENDS ON YOU!!!***

A Big THANKS!!!

To all of our sponsors of this year's Raffle Party.

And the winners are....

Dave Kaiser –1st prize – Long time PISC member from Erie won the 7K voucher to Off Road Express

Chris Mosier – 2nd place \$200

Steve Burik – 3rd place \$100

Kimberly Cron – won the LCD-TV

John Burbolus – Choice of Stihl

Chris Quirk – Lottery Tree

Thanks to all the business and members who made this another successful year... see you all next year!

NEW Club Rental Coordinator – Meet Aileen

Hello I'm Aileen Kowalski, I have taken over the rentals from Lisa Vallimont. She and her husband Paul have done a great job for over a decade. Many thanks to them for helping me get started. Not much has changed, except the contact number [814-440-2386](tel:814-440-2386) (call or the text) and I have an email address aileenk.pisc@gmail.com

Our club offers Summer Rentals to our members and the general public from April to October.

Included in the rental fee is the use of the clubhouse, which includes a full kitchen, indoor restrooms, external cemented picnic shelter, grounds and lots of parking. Also available is 14-8 ft. Tables, 4-6 ft tables, 4 rectangular tables, 20 folding chairs, and 40 stationary chairs, and our picnic shelter offers 13 picnic tables.

Our weekend rental fee is \$450.00 (nonrefundable) and \$225.00 weekday date. A Security Deposit of \$450.00 is due prior to rental; this can be returned in full, at close of contract (see rental agreement on website)

Bev the webmaster has been working to update our website and soon all documents will just be a click away. You can go to the website at www.snowmobilepisc.com, click on rentals, there is a rental calendar that shows current availability. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about renting our wonderful Club for your Summer event.

Thank you!

Aileen Kowalski

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