



CROW SNOW RIDERS

NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2011



President's Message

Well, it's done, finished, over, the fat lady has sung (no honey, I don't mean you)! The 2010/2011 snow season is in the history books. What a season, SRD says we had snow pack in our area not seen in over 42 years. Valleys near West Castle that see snow deposited from being blown over the divide were as deep as 70 feet in areas. Avalanches in our area were very low simply because of temperatures and bonding of layers. We are still not Revelstoke but if you didn't ride here this year, you really missed an awesome time. So much snow at times that grooming was out of the question or worse yet, snow and wind combinations covered grooming efforts within 2 hours.

Membership numbers were down this year – why? Everyone has a guess but I guess we shouldn't get upset because again traffic went right on by and they beat themselves senseless going down over taxed trails in the Corbin area while we got the snow, groomed trails and unpopulated areas to sled in on this side of the border. Am I knocking either the grooming efforts or the Corbin sledding experience. No way! That's where myself and friends go during the first part of the year because snow conditions are always better then, but when we get our portion of season's snow why go there fighting crowds that can pound out a perfectly groomed trail in a couple of hours when the 1,200 km of trails on the Alberta side beckon.

Are there really that many km of trails? Just ask us about any loop you'd like to take in either the south, north, South Castle, Ptolomy, MacDonald or Carbondale areas and you will understand why you have barely scratched the surface of trails.

Let me finish by inviting you or your group to plan on visiting us next year and we will show you where we ride. Enjoy your summer and I will see you on the trails.

Doug Cox
President

Crow Snow Riders Annual Golf Scramble

When: Saturday June 25, 2011
Where: Crowsnest Pass Golf & Country Club
Time: Check-in at 11:00 am. Tee Off Time 12:00 noon
Cost: \$5.00 per person plus applicable green fees and cart rentals
Format: Best ball scramble

Potluck dinner to follow at Sherry & Doug Gunn's beautifully landscaped yard in Blairmore (weather permitting)

Please RSVP by June 21 to: dsgunn@shaw.ca
or Sherry.Gunn@albertahealthservices.ca
or phone 403-562-2635

Club Meetings

The Crow Snow Riders club meeting are held on the first Friday of each month except June, July & August. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please check the web site for locations and updates. See you there.

Upcoming Events

June 1 to 4, 2011	International Snowmobile Congress being held in Calgary. Check ASA web site for details
June 25, 2011	Annual Crow Snow Riders Golf Tournament @ CNP Golf & Country Club
September 9, 2011	Next scheduled Crow Snow Rider's General Meeting, check web site for location
October 21 to 23, 2011	Annual ASA Snowmobile & ATV Show at Edmonton Northlands Expo Center
Dec. 11 & 12, 2011	Snowrider's Casino in Lethbridge. Will need volunteers. Contact Lil Boone if you can help.

Trail Passes and Memberships

Trail passes are available from several local merchants as well as from the Crow Snow Riders. Please check the web site for locations and additional information.

Annual ASA Trail Pass & CSR Membership \$70.00 per sled (\$60 prior to Dec. 31)

Day Trail Pass \$15.00 per day

CSR Membership only \$10.00 per year (does not include trail pass)

Check the Crow Snow Rider web site for application forms and additional information.

Corporate Sponsorship

The Crowsnest Pass has become the premier Alberta snowmobiling destination. In "The Pass" we have the most extensive and likely the best maintained mountain trail system in western Canada. This trail system is the result of a lot of hard work by local volunteers, along with the support from the business community and local government. The snowmobilers who visit The Pass every winter to enjoy our snow, beautiful scenery and trails contribute a great deal to the local economy. Your financial support of the Crow Snow Riders as a corporate sponsor helps to keep our trail system open.

Check the Crow Snow Riders web site for information on becoming a corporate sponsor. Help support snowmobiling in the Crowsnest Pass and we'll help support your business.

Crow Snow Rider Club News

Annual General Meeting of the Crow Snow Riders

The AGM was held in Coleman on May 13. The following Directors and Officers were elected by those members in attendance.

- President - Doug Cox
- Vice President - Lil Boone
- Secretary - Sherry Gunn
- Treasurer - Judy Jones
- Trails & Grooming - Kelly Rinaldi
- Activities - Andrew Bokkel
- Newsletter - Bob Jones
- Web Master - Norm Fortier
- Memberships - Not Filled

Club Sponsorship Updates

- Bombardier Recreational Products Came through again with their annual Snowmobile club support program and donated \$520.00 to our club this year.
- The Calgary Snow Mobile Club has donated \$3500.00 to the Crow Snow Riders to support our trail maintenance and grooming. Big thank you to the Calgary club. This is very much appreciated and will be put to good use.

Casino Date in December

Some time ago the club applied for a Casino date to raise funds for trail grooming. After a long wait we have finally been advised that the dates will be December 11 & 12 in Lethbridge. Volunteers will be needed to work at the casino on those dates. If you can help out please contact Lil Boone at booner@shaw.ca or phone 403-563-5053.

Newsletter Changes for Next Season

The club plans on changing the publishing frequency and dates of the CSR Newsletter next season. At this time the plan is to publish the newsletter on a monthly basis likely beginning in November through April. No

newsletters will be published during the off season. The newsletter will be emailed to members and sponsors prior to the end of each month.

No Calgary Snowmobile & ATV Show this Year

The annual Calgary Snowmobile & ATV Show will no longer be held. Apparently the show lost money every year and the ASA can no longer support it. There will only be one show in Alberta next year and that is the one in Edmonton which will take place October 21 to 23 at Northlands. Check the ASA web site for additional information and links. As a point of interest the Edmonton Snowmobile & ATV Show is the second largest in Canada. Only the one in Toronto is larger.

The Calgary Snowmobile Club is looking into putting on a smaller show and swab meet in the Calgary area beginning in 2012. This event will likely take place in October sometime. We will keep the membership updated on any developments.

Crow Snow Riders Membership

This past season the Crow Snow Riders membership was 158 individuals (not including corporate memberships) which was down substantially from the 204 in the previous season.

With the increasing pressure to restrict OHV usage in all of the eastern slopes areas of Alberta it is important that everyone involved in or interested in snowmobiling support their local snowmobile club and through it the ASA. It is only through an organized and active effort that snowmobilers can pressure on the provincial government to keep our areas open for our enjoyment. The interests working on closing these areas to all types of motorized vehicles are well organized and well financed. The government responds primarily to pressure and numbers (voters), so it is important that we don't become complacent, because if we lose access we'll never get it back.

Alberta Snowmobile Association News

Who is the ASA?

The Alberta Snowmobile Association is a non-profit volunteer organization founded in 1971 and is made up of clubs (including the Crow Snow Riders) that actively work to improve snowmobiling in the province. At this point in time there are 34 clubs. The ASA is working for improved access for snowmobile recreation, for the continued conservation of nature, and for the cooperation with other land users and land managers. The promotion of safe and responsible recreational snowmobiling in Alberta is also a prime objective of the ASA.

The ASA also provides a cost saving vehicle for the member clubs for such things as liability insurance which is purchased by the ASA and covers all Alberta clubs. Another critical function of the ASA is to provide a common voice for Alberta snowmobilers and to represent our concerns and interests with the various government agencies. The government agencies prefer to deal with one group representing snowmobiling in Alberta.

The ASA also works with other snowmobiling organizations from other countries in order to work on common issues and share solutions.

International Snowmobile Congress

The International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) 2011 is being hosted by the Alberta Snowmobile Association in Calgary, from June 1 – 4, 2011. Delegates from organized snowmobiling around the world will gather to discuss common issues and deliver solutions. The congress will be held in downtown Calgary at the Hyatt Regency on historic Stephen Avenue, this year's event will showcase Alberta and the new west. Check it out on the ASA web site.

www.altasnowmobile.ab.ca

ASA Annual General Meeting

The Alberta Snowmobile Association's AGM was held in Red Deer on April 9, 2011. The meeting included a

report on the accomplishments and issues of the past year. Upcoming issues and objectives for the future were discussed as well. Election of directors whose terms were up took place at the meeting.

Gary Marr (a contender for the leadership of the Alberta conservative party) was having a meeting in the same facility and took time to address those in attendance at the ASA meeting. He seemed to be very supportive of the organizations efforts in keeping access to the back country open for snowmobilers.

Did You Know?

- 85% of the snowmobiles sold in Alberta last year were mountain sleds.
- Based on the number of snowmobile sales vs. the number of registrations it would appear that only a fraction of the sleds sold in Alberta are ever registered.
- The total economic impact in Alberta for OHV including snowmobiles is 649 million dollars annually.
- The average snowmobiler spends over \$4,000 per year on the sport.
- There are over 5,500 km. of designated snowmobile trails in Alberta.
- BC plans to implement compulsory registration and insurance. We are not sure of the implementation date yet but indications are it will be soon. It is anticipated that this will go a long ways to reducing snowmobile thefts both in BC & Alberta. Another side affect of this would be to increase the number of sled registrations in Alberta.
- In 2010 \$2.4 million dollars was spent by the National Trails Coalition on the development and improvement of recreational trails in Alberta. 50% of this amount came from the federal government and the remaining 50% was supplied by local groups and clubs.

Otto Krug Receives Community Volunteer Award

Otto Krug was presented with the Order of the Crowsnest Pass Award at the annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on April 4th. Snowmobiling was Otto's passion. He was active in the Crow Snow Riders and served as president in 1993. Unfortunately Otto had to stop sledding 5 years ago and at that time was made a lifetime member of the Crow Snow Riders. Otto also was very active in the Elks chapter of the Crowsnest Pass. The Order of the Crowsnest Pass is a lifetime achievement award for those who have served the community.



Otto Krug (on the left) being presented with his Order of the Crowsnest Pass by Mayor Bruce Decoux.
Photo courtesy of the Crowsnest Pass Promoter

Photo Gallery



Hey, could someone bring a Bungee, heck, we may need to hook two of them onto him to get him out!

WHAT A GREAT YEAR FOR SNOW!



Atlas - Window Mountain area in mid April



The Atlas Pipeline



Elkford ride. Is it ever going to stop snowing? Playing on the lake...



The north emergency shelter in early April.



2011 Corporate Sponsors and Supporting Organizations

Thanks to all our Sponsors for their continued support of the Crow Snow Riders.
We strongly encourage all our members and visitors to support these businesses and organizations

Name	Location	Phone No.	Web Site / e-mail
Accommodations			
A Safe Haven B&B and Cabin	Coleman, AB	800-290-0860	www.asafehavenbb.ca
BCMI Blairmore	Blairmore, AB	888-700-BCMI	www.bestcdn.com
ClansWest Development Ltd	Coleman, AB	403-564-0007	www.ironstonelookout.com
Crowsnest Mountain Resort	West of Coleman on #3	403-562-7993	www.albertaresort.com
Goat Mountain Getaways	Frank, AB	403-562-8897	http://members.shaw.ca/goatmnt/
Inn Heaven B & B	Coleman, AB	403-563-5187	www.innheavenbandb.com
Ironstone Lookout Vacation Home	Coleman, AB	403-563-5187	christrotz@hotmail.com
Mountain Moments Vacation Home	Coleman, AB	800-290-0860	www.mountainmoments.ca
Contractors			
ATB Irrigation	Calgary, AB	403-201-5887	awbokkel@telus.net
Cox Electric	Coleman, AB	403-563-0459	
H&L Wood Craft Ltd	Calgary, AB	403-279-4411	hlwood@telus.net
KB Heating & Air Conditioning	Lethbridge, AB	403-328-0337	www.kbheating.com
Morency Plumbing	Blairmore, AB	403-562-2168	
Nehring Contracting	Calgary, AB	403-978-9823	nehring@shaw.ca
R. Rinaldi Welding	Frank, AB	403-562-2511	
Reimer Construction Ltd	Coleman, AB	403-562-3666	
Valley Vegetation Control Services	Coleman, AB	403-563-0115	joetrotz@telus.net
Three River Rentals	Lundbreck, AB	403-628-3682	
Associations			
Alberta Snowmobile Association	Edmonton, AB	780-427-2695	www.altasnowmobile.ab.ca
CNP Quad Squad	Coleman, AB	403-562-8686	www.cnpquadsquad.com
Calgary Snowmobile Club	Calgary, AB		www.calgarysnowmobileclub.net
Municipality of Crowsnest Pass	Coleman, AB	403-562-8833	www.crowsnestpass.com
Health / Medical			
Rocky Mountain Optometry	Blairmore, AB	403-562-7144	clinic-2@telus.net
Industrial			
Teck Coal Ltd	Elkford, BC	250-425-6404	www.teck.com
Devon Canada	Coleman, AB	403-562-2825	www.devonenergy.com

Name	Location	Phone No.	Web Site / e-mail
Liquor Stores			
A&B Liquor Store	Blairmore, AB	403-562-2664	abliquor@shaw.ca
Greg's Liquor & Cold Beer	Coleman, AB	403-562-7002	
OHV Motor-sports Accessories & Service			
Absolute Power & Performance	St Albert, AB	780-460-9101	www.abspowpow.ca
Don's Speed Parts	Wainwright, AB	780-842-2562	www.donsspeedparts.com
Top Gunn Powersports Parts & Access.	Blairmore, AB	403-562-7031	www.topgunnautomotive.ca
Restaurants & Bars			
Chippers	Coleman, AB	403-562-8072	
Cosmopolitan Hotel	Blairmore, AB	403-562-7321	coshotel@shaw.ca
Green Hill Hotel	Blairmore, AB	403-562-2232	
Popiels Family Restaurant	Coleman, AB	403-563-5555	www.popielsrestaurant.ca
RumRunner Pub & Restaurant	Coleman, AB	403-562-7552	www.therumrunner.ca
Subway Restaurant	Coleman, AB		
Realtors			
William (Bill) Field	Blairmore, AB	403-563-0128	crowsnestpass@shaw.ca
John Pundyk	Blairmore, AB	403-562-8830	www.johnpundyk.com
Summit Home Centre	Blairmore, AB	403-562-8282	bcpainter@shaw.ca
Retail			
Acklands Grainger Inc	Sparwood, BC	250-425-6953	www.acklandsgrainger.com
Allied True Value	Blairmore, AB	403-562-8844	
Border Building	Blairmore, AB	403-562-8658	www.BorderBuilding.ca
Exhilarate!	Bellevue, AB	403-562-2208	www.exhilarate.ca
Remedy's RX Pharmacy	Coleman, AB	403-563-3242	stephenlittle@aol.com
Sobey's	Blairmore, AB	403-562-7326	
Service Stations			
Crowsnest Pass Husky	Coleman, AB	403-563-5338	
Fast Gas	Frank AB.		
First & Last Esso	Coleman, AB	403-563-3148	
Services			
Adaptive Environmental	Crowsnest Pass, AB	403-562-2887	mtman@shaw.ca
Canadian Commercial Insurance	Lethbridge, AB	877-562-7749	
Crowsnest Insurance Agency	Blairmore, AB	403-562-8822	www.crowsneatinurance.com
Fantins Funeral chapel	Blairmore, AB	403-562-8555	

Name	Location	Phone No.	Web Site / e-mail
Services (continued)			
Logomotives Group	Blairmore, AB	877-563-3558	www.logomotives.ca
Moca Co Security	Taber, AB	403-330-9959	mocasecurity@gmail.com
North and Company	Blairmore, AB	403-562-2900	www.north-co.com
Pamac Investments Ltd	Lethbridge, AB	403-328-7781	
Pass Beverages	Frank, AB	403-562-8585	
Servus Credit Union	Coleman, AB	403-563-3336	www.servus.ca
Silverstone Services Ltd	Coleman, AB		
Telus Business (Dustin Bedward)	Blairmore, AB	403-562-2593	dustin.bedward@telus.com
Water Magic	Blairmore, AB	403-562-8848	sewen@shaw.ca
Western Financial Group	Coleman, AB	403-562-8848	www.westernfinancialgroup.ca
Snowmobile Dealers			
A& E Racing Sales & Service	Brooks, AB	403-362-6401	www.aeracing.com
Agro Equipment	Pincher Creek, AB	403-627-4451	www.agroequipment.ca
Ghostrider Motor Sports	Frenie, BC	250-423-9213	www.ghostridermotorsports.ca
Mr. R's	Lethbridge, AB	403-380-3376	www.mrrsltd.com
Precision Power Sports	Lethbridge, AB	403-394-6228	www.precisionpowersportsltd.com
Ralph's Arctic Cat	Calgary, AB	403-291-4868	www.ralphsmotorsports.com
Rocky Mountain Yamaha	Pincher Creek, AB	403-627-2127	
Walt Healy Motorsports	Calgary, AB	403-250-8630	www.walthealy.com
Vehicle Sales & Service			
Pincher Creek Ford Ltd	Pincher Creek, AB	403-627-4461	www.pinchercreekford.com
FCC Collision & Glass	Blairmore, AB	403-562-8700	fccautobodt@shaw.ca
Impact Automotive Services	Blairmore, AB	403-562-2588	impact25@telus.net
Pass Automotive	Blairmore, AB	403-562-2800	

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	Andrew Bokkel	Activities Director	403-201-5887	awbokkel@telus.net
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Kelly Rinaldi	Groomer & Trails	403-563-3422	kelisto32@gmail.com	



IT WAS A FANTASTIC WINTER

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER EVERYONE AND

WE'LL SEE YOU OUT THERE NEXT SEASON