



Moody Powder Pushers Snowmobile Club Newsletter

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Club web site address: www.idahosnow.org/moody

Newsletter Main Topics:

- Welcome to the MMP.
- Club ride dates for 2012. Mark your calendars now!
- New Officers and Directors are announced.

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Welcome to the *Moody Powder Pushers!*

Welcome back! For those of you who don't know us, we are a non-profit snowmobile club operating out of Madison County, Idaho, since 1989. The *Moody Powder Pushers* is the name of our club, but we are also known as the Madison County Snowmobile Club.

We are a family oriented club with members from Idaho Falls to Island Park, Idaho.

We are also a part of the Idaho State Snowmobile

Association ("ISSA").

Our club's name of "Moody" is an actual location located in Madison County, Idaho, at latitude 43.837 and longitude -111.635. Our elevation is 5,144 feet.

The Moody area is also a part of the Big Hole Mountains. This is a mountain range in Madison and Teton counties in Idaho. The Big Hole Mountains climb to 8,665 feet (2,641.09 meters) above sea level.

The Big Hole Mountains is located at latitude - longitude coordinates of N 43.69297 and W - 111.330783.

Though we ride all over Idaho and the western states, many of us spend a lot of time in the Big Hole Mountains. You can look for detailed information on the Big Hole Mountains area on a topographic map and the Garns Mountain USGS quad.

Invite your friends and come join us

The purpose of our club is to encourage snowmobile interest, meet other enthusiasts like you, and have fun while doing it!

We have approximately 4 rides each year, and strongly encourage families to come with us.

We also get involved with local, state and national issues surrounding snowmobiling, and provide information to the Idaho State Snowmobile Association.

Our members consist of all walks of life.

To join us, (or renew your membership if you haven't already), all you need to do is fill out our annual membership which can be obtained off our website, or this month, **the membership application is attached to this newsletter. Please fill it out and return it to us.**

The cost is \$30.00 per year for families; \$75.00 per year for businesses. \$20.00 of your fee concurrently enrolls you with the Idaho State Snowmobile Association as well. Memberships run from Nov. 1 until Oct. 31.

So why join us? Simple, to:

- Protect the sport we all love.
- \$3,500 accidental death insurance.
- Help maintain access to your favorite trials/riding areas.
- Safety education.
- Discounts on clothing, equipment and gear.
- Monthly newsletter during the winter.
- Scholarships for the next generation of snowmobilers.

Our 2012 Club Ride Dates are here!



Hey, where is the snow this winter?! The La Niña effect is supposed to be with us this year as last, but apparently it hasn't kicked in yet. There is still snow though. The pictures in this newsletter are from November 2011 rides. Let it snow!



At our club's first dinner get together on December 02, 2010, at the AmericInn, the following tentative club ride dates were selected. Follow our club's web site, where more information will be released.

1. December 31, 2011. Ashton, Idaho, youth ride. Meet at Paul & Chris Bolland's place at 10:00 a.m. Go for a ride and bring your own lunch.

2. January 20-21, 2012. Our annual and famous 22nd Scoot & Shoot will take place in the Big Hole Mountains.

3. February 17-18, 2012. Bone to Alpine overnight ride. Irene Atamanczyk is checking on accommodations.

4. March 2-3, 2012. ISSA State Ride, hosted by the Fugowee Snowmobile Cub of Island Park.

5. April 14, 2012. Closing MPP social (not a ride). At AmericInn. Free pizza and swimming.

Moody Powder Pusher's Website & Newsletter

Our website's address is www.idahosnow.org/moody

Our website piggybacks ISSA's site, and is an ISSA recognized Associated Club.

The ISSA provides this site as a central location for all Regional Clubs located in Idaho. Our club is a Region 9 club.

Please check our site as it will provide the specific details of all our upcoming rides and important events.

If you want any information or pictures posted in the newsletter or website, let us know. We would be happy to do it.



New Officers and Directors

New officers and directors were chosen at our first meeting. A big thanks goes out to our prior leaders! Our new officers and directors are:

Officers:

- President: Troy Evans; (208) 351-7770; tntevansfamily@q.com
- Vice President: Jeanine Hansen; (208) 356-6350;

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▪ Secretary/Treasurer: Richard Roberson; (208) 313-0014.

Directors:

- Paul Bolland; (208) 652-7550; pbolland@fairpoint.net
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Newsletter:

▪ Troy Evans

Thank you to all those who serve!

Keep Your Membership Current; Info On Deadlines

You need to get your ISSA and *Moody Powder Pushers* memberships in as soon as possible so you can receive the SnoBiz magazine.

Remember that SnoBiz now comes out bi-monthly. Four issues come out each year: September/October, November/December, January/February, and March/April.

Your membership to both ISSA and Moody Powder Pushers only lasts from November 1st through October 31st each year.

So, if you don't pay for your membership until the Scoot and Shoot, you will miss every issue of SnoBiz except the last one. Let's make sure all of us stay on top of our memberships!

Again, the membership

application is on our website at <http://www.idahosnow.org/moody>, and attached to this newsletter.



Miscellaneous Information

- Snowmobile registrations expire on October 31st. Remember to renew your registration before you go snowmobiling.

- Remember the "Primary Use Area" designation on your 2012 Snowmobile Recreational Registrations. These designations determine where the registration fees will be sent. Use code "33" is for Madison, and goes to grooming in the Big Hole Mountains, several parking lots and a warming hut. Use code "22" is for Fremont and goes to grooming trials in the Island Park and Ashton areas and maintaining several parking lots. Make sure you always specify, otherwise it goes into the general fund! If you have any questions, you can

call the Dept. of Parks and Rec Registration Section at 1-800-247-6332.

- The ISSA state ride was largely absent from southeastern Idaho for a number of years, until the MPP hosted it last year of course. We must have started a trend because the Fugowee Snowmobile Cub of Island Park is hosting the state ride this year on [March 2-3, 2012](#). As you have seen, we have added this ride to our list. Let's make sure we support them.

- As reported by Snowest.com, Togwotee is so confident that snow will come, they are assuring snowmobilers with a snow guarantee: "No Snow, No Go". If inadequate snowfall prevents riders from getting to the best areas, they will give their guests a refund.

- The 2011/2012 IDPR Sponsored Avalanche Awareness Classes for our East Region have been announced. Call [Richard Gummersall](#) (208) 514-2414 or [Michael Robinson](#) (208) 525-7121 for more information.

Here are the dates and locations:

- Jan 6 Idaho Falls Classroom - 7pm at the IDPR Region Office
- Jan 7 Idaho Falls Field - 9am at the Big Holes parking lot
- Jan 27 Idaho Falls Classroom - 7pm at the IDPR Region Office (New, Snowmobile operators course)
- Jan 28 Idaho Falls Snowmobile Operators Course - 9am Bone road parking lot
- Feb 10 Island Park Classroom - 7pm at the Ponds Lodge
- Feb 11 Island Park Field - 9am at the Big Springs parking lot
- Mar 02 Island Park Classroom - 7pm at Ponds Lodge (New, Snowmobile operators course)
- Mar 03 Snowmobile Operators Course - 9am at Big Springs parking lot.



Other *Moody Powder* News ...

Street Address:
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See list of Officers' and
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E-MAIL:
See list of Officers' and
Directors' e-mails on page 2.

We're on the Web

See us at:
www.idahosnow.org/moody

- SnowBiz is bi-monthly and now online. The front page is on the ISSA website. To get to the rest of the paper you need to enter your user name and password. If you do not have one contact Amanda Peterson (she is the web page person for ISSA and her info. is on idahosnow.org). You have to be a member of the ISSA to get this.

- Snowmobile licenses are \$32.50 with \$1.50 going to the vendor and \$1.00 going to the search and rescue fund. The search and rescue units can apply for reimbursement for searches related to snowmobile rescues.

- Mt. Jefferson continues to be fought over. ISSA and the MPP remain vigilant in this fight and in protecting our riding areas.

- The Ski-Doo Million Dollar Club runs from Sept to Nov. 15. All members of ISSA were sent a coupon to be turned in at a local dealership. The club would get \$10.00 per coupon or if you had a family membership you could put as many as 4

names on the card for up to \$40.00. Our club received \$210.00 last year.

- Jeanine has started us a face book page for the MPP and also an e-mail (moodypowderpushers@yahoo.com).

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“ARRA” to find a pre-written letter to sign and personalize it and submit to keep the RTP program available.

- We encourage members to send in nominations for the other awards such as Groomer of Year, Dealer of Year, Family of Year, Snowmobiler of the Year and Club of the Year. For those who are interested, there are also scholarships awarded. Anyone with high school seniors should take advantage of the ISSA scholarship and also the Bud Hofbur scholarship. Their parents have to be ISSA members to qualify.

- Please let us know (or volunteer yourself) on any ways to make our club better.

- Finally, invite your friends out! Our goal is to attract more members to our club/sport. These newsletters will be in the local dealer's stores too, to help advertise. Get the word out!



[A lot of people ride in our area. Yet few are involved.](#) All around us are attempts to close the places we love to ride or access points to them. This is occurring on the local, state and federal levels. We have strength if we bind together and get people interested and involved! Literally, we are the few fighting to keep snowmobiling alive for the many.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!