

Happy Holidays Nightriders!

2020 has been a hell of a year but the club has accomplished a few things over the summer and the last few months. The Shelter has gotten a makeover including new siding, new gravel, and a new concrete pad to stack wood on. We had elections in November now making; President- Brennan Teeters, Vice President- Jake Downing, Treasurer- Julie Buck, Secretary- Mark Sverdsten, Board- Mark, Brennan, Jake, Ted Groshong, Kelly Buck, Grooming Chair- Ted, Membership- Brooke Lincoln, Entertainment- Meghan Stevens, Poker Ride- Kristen Day.

Grooming: We are loaning our tucker out for another year as the other club still would like to use it and we are not in need of it at the moment. Both pbs have been out twice and will hopefully be out again before the new year.

Poker Ride: The Annual \$1000 Dollar Super Poker Ride has been a staple in Mineral County, the last Saturday of January, since 1989. With the exception of 2005, when the ride was cancelled due to lack of snow, 100s gather in Haugan, Montana to enjoy a snowmobile ride through our beautiful Western Montana mountain trails.

Since 1989, the family friendly ride is not just that. A snowmobile ride. The financial boost to the local economy has been substantial as well, with an estimated total exceeding 613,000 dollars paid into the West End community (i.e. gas purchases, lodging, food, etc). In addition, the Montana Nightriders make a charitable contribution each year to a local organization using a portion of the proceeds generated by the sale of the poker hands, totaling over 11,000 dollars. Almost 25,000 poker hands have been purchased and over 74,000 dollars in winnings paid to the approximate 10,500 riders over the course of 32 rides. This is no small feat for a snowmobile club founded by a few hardworking snow lovers that wanted an "excuse" to get out and ride together with their families after a long week at work.

The dedication of our club members, our ride participants, volunteers and sponsors, along with the partnership of US Forest Service and the 50,000 Silver \$ Bar has made this all possible each and every year. After countless hours of discussion, lost sleep, and brainstorming, the Montana Nightriders Poker Ride Committee and Board of Directors regretfully announce that we will not be holding the 33rd Annual \$1000 Super Poker Ride as originally planned on January 30, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all that have continuously supported our efforts over the previous 32 rides and we look forward to seeing everyone for an even bigger and better event in 2022 on Saturday January 29th.

Next meeting is January 2nd, 10:00am MST, at the groomer shed

Entertainment: Bloody Mary bar before the meeting. Ride following meeting, will discuss possible night time activity at meeting.

Any questions or concerns feel free to call me, go for snow!

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