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Editor's Note: If you want items included in the monthly newsletter, please have them to the editor no later than the first Wednesday of the month.

January Meeting
7:00pm Wed Jan 19
Northern Power Sports

FST Associate Members

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Arctic Man Ski/SnoGo Classic
Backwoods Lodge
Beaver Sports
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Chatanika Lodge
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Here Come the Rides!

If you are interested in any of the rides, contact the person listed. If there isn't a name listed, stay tuned. List will be updated as people volunteer for the rides. Several members went on a Pike's to Badger Den lunch ride. This proved to be an easy day-trip. Look for that ride to pop up a couple of times over the course of the year. Watch future newsletters for updates or call the SLED line at 479-SLED.

January
General Meeting Northern Power Sports, 19th Princess-Two Rivers Maclaren River

February
Board Meeting, 2nd General Meeting, 16th, Persinger's Pike's to Nenana - In conjunction with Iron Dog. Ride & Soak at Chena Hot Springs

March
Board Meeting, 1st General Meeting, 15th

March (cont.)

White Mountains ride & cabin trip - In conjunction with Hay 100 Haystack Race.
Tolovana Run

April

Board Meeting, 5th General Meeting, 19th ARCTIC MAN

May

Awards Banquet - End of season awards banquet. Need suggestions for awards. Provide your ideas at the General Meeting.

Meeting Info

Eric Yeager, who is a BLM outdoor recreation planner and Field supervisor of the White Mountains National Recreation area will give a presentation at our January Meeting. Let's have a good turnout for him. Jim Stratton, Division of Parks will also be at the meeting.

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Individual/Family Membership Increase

Due to rising costs, FST will be increasing the membership fee for individuals/families. The new rate will be \$25.00 starting January 1, 2000. \$5.00 of that membership fee will go towards an ASSA membership. Only the first name on the application will be submitted to ASSA.

Fund Raising Position

Need applications for the FST Fund Raising Job. If you are interested, please contact a board member for details. The position is expected to be filled at the February Board Meeting.

Safety Program Position

FST needs someone to take point with the Safety Program. Juan Goula has relinquished this position for personal reasons. If you are interested, please contact a board member.

Note from Newsletter Editor:

I apologize for the December Newsletter not being distributed. I had tried to make plans to cover this issue while I was out of town, but the best laid plans sometimes still don't work. I also apologize for the lateness of this newsletter. I was out of town on business for the first two weeks of January, and am a little slow in getting back to the swing of things.

FST Elections

It's election time again. Elections will be held at the January General Membership Meeting. We have a few openings on the board this year. Due to personal reasons, Leroy Gross will not be running again for Vice President. Because John Johnston is heavily involved in ASSA and SnoTrac, he will not be running again for President. Hank is relinquishing his position as Treasurer. The Treasurer's position is not an elected position, but is appointed by the board. The election list consists of:

President:	Vacant
Vice Pres	Vacant
Secretary	Lee Johnson
Treasurer	Vacant

Board Members Running:

Rick Bernier	Darrell Bohn
Sue Geist	Juan Goula
Crystal Goula	Scott Heidorn
Greg Kalal	John Megeysi
Sterling Muth	John Johnston

At this time it is not known how many of the current board members will be running for another year. Please contact a board member if you are interested in having your name added to the list, or nominating someone for a board position.



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Quarter Page	_____	\$15.00
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Meeting Notes

Denali State Bank is offering the following rates to FST members that purchase a snowmobile during the meeting. 10% down, 6% interest for 4 years.

There apparently had not been a December newsletter mailed out. No one reported receiving one and no one seemed to know who had them. Crystal was out of the state and had completed the newsletter before she left. John Johnston said he would follow up with Leroy and see if they could still be mailed out.

John Johnston announced that the 501C3 paperwork was finally all signed and was mailed off to the IRS.

Lee Johnson summarized the minutes from the November meeting: Elections will be held in January. President, Vice President, and Treasurer positions are all open as current officers will not be running for reelection. Lots of snow out at Maclaren River Lodge area. Chuck groomed the Iowa Dome trail for the ride to Chatanika on December 6. John told Mike's Chevron that FST would sponsor the bonfire. University trail surveys need to be filled out. Rick was working with someone from MDA on a fund raiser ride in March. SnoTRAC grant applications are available. Cliff was working on an application to bring avalanche training to Fairbanks. Denali hearing was November 12 and decision should be out soon. PSA's are at Channel 11 and copies are being given to the other stations. Eielson put together a Power Point presentation on snowmobile safety. FST should have a safety seminar in early February. "Becoming an Outdoors Women" was held at Chena Hot Springs and several members assisted by giving training in truck and trailer operation, snowmobile loading, and snowmobile operation. Denali State Bank offered their financing special to members buying a snowmobile during the meeting. Dues went up to \$25 per year. Members paying by December 31, 1999 could pay for up to two years at the old rate of \$15 per year. Three locations are still selling pull tabs. John is working with Randy Kelsh on becoming an operator. Gary Wilkin is looking for fund raising opportunities. He was instrumental in securing POS money for snowmobiling. AGC is moving and we will no longer be able to use their facilities for our meetings.

John Johnston announced he needed

someone with a truck to volunteer to haul the firewood FST was buying from Northland Wood to the University for the fireworks bonfire. It was suggested that we have it delivered instead.

SnoTRAC - John Johnston announced that 22 grant applications had been received. SnoTRAC meets on Friday December 17 to discuss applications and make awards. Notices to winning applicants may be out by the end of December.

TRAAK - Lee Johnson announced that TRAAK made Recreational Trail Grant award recommendations at a December 3 video teleconference. Over \$600,000 was available this year for grants. The next meeting is scheduled for February and it will be held in Fairbanks. Due to the lack of club interest in organizing a ride for the TRAAK Board as was scheduled for last year it is not being rescheduled for this year.

Winter Transportation Study - DOT reported at the TRAAK meeting that the contract for the study had been extended until the end of February. DOT is looking to secure funding to continue the study into another phase, possibly of policy implementation. DOT was questioned as to why they appeared to be implementing the outcome of a study that was not yet complete. DOT had been removing the no motorized vehicle signs in the Fairbanks area. Tom Brigham, Director of Statewide Planning said that was unrelated to the study.

Craig Compeau announced that Chena Hot Springs Resort now has rental machines, including Mini Zs. He was also offering some special pricing on merchandise to FST members buying stuff during the meeting. As a demonstration of how easy the new Ski Doo's were to work on he had his daughter Emily run through the following checklist: Test compression on PTO cylinder, spark test both cylinders, replace spark plugs and caps, check chain tension and oil level, check drive belt deflection, change drive belt, increase rear spring preload, check track deflection, adjust track tension, start engine, and demonstrate electronic reverse.

Speakers - Tim Feavel and Dan Reese talked about their work at the Corps of Engineers, Chena Lakes. They are working on a brochure for snowmobilers as they are by far the largest user group in the winter. The brochure will include a map of all of the

trails in the area and will be useful for getting around the area as well as providing a way for the COE to provide other messages. They asked for input on what should be included. They could put GPS coordinates of features. It could also include pictures if people have ones they think would be useful. They are available to talk to people about their suggestions. The North Pole Winter Carnival is the 1st weekend of March and they are planning to have an open house at that time. It was a huge success in 1998.

Rides - John Johnston reviewed the list of rides from the November newsletter. Fireworks - People who want to ride over to the bonfire at the University could meet at the Princess Hotel at 7:00 pm. People are encouraged to bring their Christmas trees for the fire. In February there is a ride scheduled to Chena Hot Springs Resort, ride to Nenana for the Iron Dog Race, March ride to the White Mountains, and possible ride to Tolovana Hot Springs.

Elections - John Johnston announced that elections will be held in January. The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer will all be open as members currently holding those positions have declined to run again. The Treasurer is an appointed position and FST may need to hire someone to keep the books if no one is interested in doing it. Someone suggested that a business may be able to volunteer their staff to do the books. John thought it may cost as much as \$300 per month if we had to hire someone. All the board positions will be available as well.

UAF Trails Survey - Lee Johnson asked if anyone had attended the UAF Trails Committee meeting in December, and can give members an update on what they are up to. No one had attended. Lee reminded everyone that the University is actively working on banning snowmobiles from University property. They have already announced the ban for the UAF campus.

Dave Lambert announced that he is looking for a non-profit organization to buy his LMC groomer. He will help the non-profit raise all the money they need to buy it.

Northern Power Sports

General Meeting, January 19

Arctic
Cat

Yamaha

Come to the General Meeting at Northern Power Sports at 1980 Van Horn Road. Northern Power Sports will have technical people on hand to answer any questions about your machines.

Food!

Great
Deals!



Persinger's

General Meeting, February 16

Polaris

Polaris

Come to the General Meeting at Persinger's at 205 Old Richardson Highway. Persinger's will have technical people on hand to answer any questions about your machines.

Food!

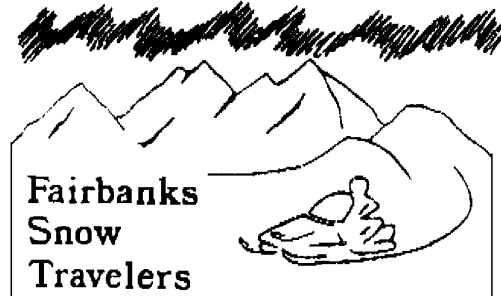
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FAIRBANKS SNOW TRAVELERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail application to: P.O. Box 80053
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Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Work: _____

Fax Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Areas I Most Frequently Ride: _____

Type of Snowmobile I Ride Most: _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: New Renewal

Family - \$25.00_____ Other Family Member Names: _____

Associate - \$35.00_____ List the name of the Association, Business, Incorporation, Organization, Group, etc. as you want it to appear on the front of the FST newsletter:

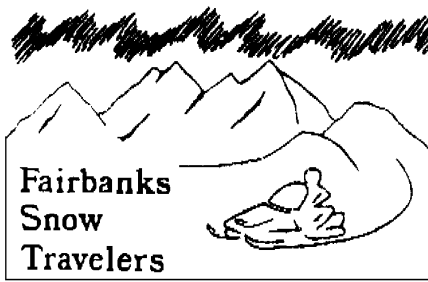
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Trails _____ Publicity _____ Newsletter _____ Special Events _____ Search/Rescue _____
Safety Seminars _____ Other - Specify _____

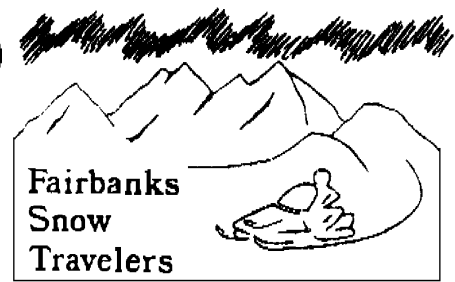
The member(s) signing below, with the full knowledge, assume(s) all risks and potential dangers of participation in activities and events of the Fairbanks Snow Travelers (FST). Therefore, I/we, hereby release and discharge FST, its agents and or officers from any and all claims, demands, actions, judgments and executions which the undersigned now have or may have in the future for themselves or for the undersigned heirs, executors, administrators or assigns against said FST, its successors or assigns for any and all personal injuries and property damage which may be caused by or may arise out of the participation of myself or family in the above-described Fairbanks Snow Travelers events, and understand that riding a snowmachine can be potentially dangerous including possible damage or injury to myself or property. I/we also understand that FST is not responsible for trail conditions, weather or other acts of nature. I/we the undersigned hereby acknowledge that we have read this release and understand all of its terms. I/we execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of the significance.

Signature of applicant

Date



FAIRBANKS SNOW TRAVELERS NEWS



MEETING SCHEDULE

January 19, 2000 Regular Membership Meeting 7 pm, Northern Power Sports

Schedule for Upcoming Meetings:

February 2, 2000	Board Meeting	7 pm, TBA
February 16, 2000	Regular Membership Meeting	7 pm, TBA
March 1, 2000	Board Meeting	7 pm, TBA
March 15, 2000	Regular Membership Meeting	7 pm, TBA

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