

# ❖ Snow Travelers ❖

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**January Meeting**  
**7:00pm Wed Jan 16**  
*Northern Power Sports*

## FST Associate Members

- Accent Tax and Accounting
- Angel Creek Lodge
- Arctic Man Ski/SnoGo Classic
- Auto Trim Design
- Boat Shop, Inc.
- Chatanika Lodge
- Compeau's Inc.
- Cut N' Strut Grooming Co.
- Denali Manor B&B
- Denali State Bank
- Fairbanks Motor Sports
- Fort Knox, Fbks Gold Mining, Inc
- Flying Dutchman Plowing
- Gary L Sawdy, DDS
- Hill Paint Company
- Newmont Exploration
- Northern Power Sports
- Northern Sled Works
- Phillips Recreation
- Polaris Junction, Delta Jct
- Regency Court Mall
- Reindeer Mountain Lodge
- Santa's Motor Sports
- Siglin Sleds
- Tangle Lakes Lodge
- Tatonduk Outfitters
- Two Rivers Lodge

**Please show your support for the businesses that support us!**

## Meeting Schedules

Here is the meeting schedule for this year.

### January

**Board Meeting, 2nd, IBEW Hall 7 pm**  
**General Meeting, 16th, Northern Power Sports, 7:00 pm**

We have a speaker scheduled for General Meeting. A representative will be attending from Big Brothers/Big Sisters to present information about their organization.

### February

**Board Meeting, 6th, IBEW Hall 7 pm**  
**General Meeting, 20th**

### March

**Board Meeting, 6th, IBEW Hall 7 pm**  
**General Meeting, 20th**

### April

**Board Meeting, 3rd, IBEW Hall 7 pm**  
**General Meeting, 17th**

### May

**Board Meeting, 1st, IBEW Hall 7 pm**

## Message from the President

This is my last letter as President. At the January board meeting, I announced my resignation. I have enjoyed my tenure as president, but it is time for some new blood to take the reigns.

We are still waiting for weather and riding conditions to be good for holding some of our rides. With the snow that we have been having lately, hopefully we can get back on our riding schedule.

The Corps of Engineers have asked for some FST volunteers to help with the "Snowmobile Open House" in March. Dates are not finalized yet. If you are interested, you can contact Juan Goula at 458-8261. He will coordinate with Tim Feavel at the Corps of Engineers.

Elections will be in February. Please review the ballot enclosed in this newsletter. If you are interested in becoming a board member, we could really use some new candidates. Please contact a current board member for details and to get your name on the list.

JJM, (Soon to be Retired) President.

## Fairbanks Snow Travelers Contact Numbers

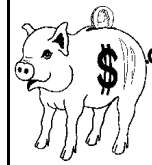
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**Denali Manor**

A premier bed and breakfast, located in Cantwell Alaska, and conveniently situated between Cantwell and Healy. Come check out our new coffee shop, with espressos, hot dogs, soup and lots of snacks. As of 10/28, streams are mostly frozen over and we have about 6 inches of snow. We are just south of the Denali Highway giving our visitors easy access to a pristine wilderness area, plus outstanding views of the Northern Lights

Visit us on the web at: <http://www.denalimanor.com/> or call 1-800-378-5990 for current rates and availability.



**Classy-fied Ads**

Use this space to sell or trade your snowmachine stuff. Very reasonable rates, friendly and knowledgeable staff, but best of all, an audience of thousands!

25 words or less, only \$3.00  
Call 479-7533 and leave a message.

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**Business Ads**

Remember, as a benefit for our **CURRENT FST Associate Members**, we will run for one month a **Business Card size ad for FREE!** Submit ad to **Newsletter Editor.**

<b>Business Card Size</b>	<u>                    </u>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Quarter Page</b>	<u>                    </u>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Half Page</b>	<u>                    </u>	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Full Page</b>	<u>                    </u>	<b>\$35.00</b>

*-Additional Rates Possible-  
Call 479-7533 and leave a message.*

**ALPINE TOBOGGANS**

Custom-made toboggans of UHMW and complimented with ash trim. Standard and extra wide, in both 7' and 9' lengths. Limited versions in red.  
**NORTHERN SLED WORKS**  
**907-479-8599**

**Treasurer's Report**

As of January 2, 2002

Regular	
Checking	1,706.73
Savings	2,834.38
Gaming	
Checking	1,088.05
Savings	7,687.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,316.49</b>

We sold 4,612 raffle tickets.

Sue and Leroy Gross, Co-Treasurers



**Ride Ideas**

Due to lack of snow coverage and weather conditions, all rides have been postponed. Keep checking 479-SLED for updated information.

- 1) Ride to Tangle Lakes Lodge, Jan 18-20th. Contact Bob Potter at 488-1525
- 2) Ride to Tangle Lakes Lodge, Feb 15-17th. Contact Bob Potter at 488-1525
- 3) Chatanika to White Mountains day trip or overnight
- 4) Skip's Cache to Chatanika Lodge and return
- 5) Paxson to Tangle Lakes Lodge (overnight there) and return to Paxson
- 6) Nordale Bridge to Chena Lakes and return
- 7) Shaw Creek Flats ride
- 8) Skip's Cache to Chena Hot Springs (overnight)
- 9) Paxson to McLaren River Lodge (overnight)
- 10) Ride to Nenana for Tripod Days
- 11) Short rides around Fairbanks area
- 12) Ride to Chena Lakes for bonfire and fireworks

We need some volunteers to lead our rides. Please contact a board member or leave a message on the SLED line (479-7533) if you have a ride you would like to lead, or if you would like to lead one of the rides listed above.

Riding Conditions and **TRIP PLANS** from Bob Potter:

I just wanted to let everyone know that there is great riding on the Denali Highway and trails along the road. I spent nine days at the Tangle Lakes Lodge from December 24th through January 3rd. We broke trails through Glacier Lake to Seven mile and then over to Landmark Gap Lake. We also broke a trail from Landmark Gap Trail south to Osar Lake and out to the Denali Highway at the top of Maclaren Summit. Alan and Susie Echols operate the Tangle Lakes Lodge and are FANTASTIC hosts! They have all the amenities including snug, warm cabins, great food, a full bar, and premium gasoline. They also have a shop with a welding machine in case you need it. Alan is in the process of breaking a trail from Tangle Lakes to the Wolverine Lodge on Lake Louise. This will open up a whole bunch of country to go play in. I just got off the phone from talking with Alan and he told me that he is giving a 50% discount on lodging for the month of January. This is a good deal, as a cabin that sleep four people normally goes for \$75.00 per night. **I plan on going down to the Lodge on January 18th through January 20th. If anyone is interested in going that weekend, please call me at 488-1525 or contact Alan or Susie Echols at 822-4202 or via email tanglelakes@starband.net. I am also planning on going the weekend of Valentine's Day, February 15th through 17th, to celebrate my birthday. I can't think of a better way to celebrate turning double nickels.**

### General Meeting, December 19, 2001

The first prize drawing for the FST/Literacy Council raffle was for a poster. The winner was Chuck Slocum. The second drawing was for a print. The winner was Steve Adams.

John Johnston gave an update regarding 2 grants that Fairbanks area organizations received. One of the grants John is working on is developing a statewide Safety and Education program and certification process for under age snowmobile operators. Education would cover avalanche awareness, general safety and snowmobile operation. Estimations on class length would be about eight hours. According to DOT, snowmobile operators currently need a driver’s license to drive in the right-of-ways. John commented that many adults would need the training also. Lee Johnson mentioned that TRAAK Board recommended DNR approve the \$30,000 application.

John Megyesi gave an update regarding elections. FST will probably do a mail out ballot as we did last year. The club is in serious need of candidates and volunteers. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a board member, please let John M or another board member know.

The next drawing was for movie theater tickets for 2. The winner was Kathy Rich. The next item was dinner for 2 at the PumpHouse. The winner was Doug Smaker.

Crystal needs articles for the newsletter. She will take old ride stories, whatever, and make it work.

John J. stated that if the weather warms up and we get some good snow, FST should have a run/ride with some prizes to rekindle members’ interest.

John M asked for ride ideas and volunteers to lead rides.

It was noted that the three ramps FST members built this summer and donated to local businesses are being used.

It was also noted that Ron Franklin, at Chatanika Lodge had a heart attack. Because of their support for FST, we all wanted to extend best wishes for a speedy recover to Ron.

Lynn Heffner from Denali State Bank stated this year’s FST snowmobile loan deal. 10% down, 6% interest for 48 months.

The next raffle drawing was for the avalanche kit, which consisted of a probe, beacon and shovel, all nicely stored in a backpack. The winner was Greg Crook.

Lee gave an update on the bridge over the Little Chena.

The next raffle drawing was for the queen size quilt made by board member Sue Gross. The winner was Lou Foster.

The next board meeting will be January 2, at the IBEW Hall. The next general meeting will be at Northern Power Sports on January 16, 2002.

8:05 pm Break

John J spoke about DOT’s Safety and Education brochure. He talked about the need to have a program to certify snowmobile drivers that do not have driver’s licenses.

The final raffle drawing was for the 2002 Alaskan Trapper snowmobile. The winner was [Eileen] Duval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

#### Election Ballot List of Board Candidates:

Name	Officer Position
A.J. Dick	
Matt Divens	
Crystal Goula	
Juan Goula	
Leroy Gross	
Sue Gross	
Bob Potter	
John Megyesi	Past President

We **NEED** board member candidates. A lot of the current board members have been serving in various positions for several years, and are burnt out. Board meetings are only once a month, usually only about an hour. Please help out. This is **YOUR** club!

**FOR SALE**

FST Patches	\$3.00
FST Belt Buckles	\$15.00
FST Key Chains	\$5.00

Let it Snow,  
Let it Snow,  
Let it Snow!



**Fairbanks Snow Travelers and the Literacy Council of Alaska would like to CONGRATULATE the following winners of our December 19 Raffle Drawing:**

First Prize:	2002 Alaskan Trapper Snowmachine.....	Eileen Duval
Second Prize:	Queen size quilt, handmade and donated by Sue Gross .....	Lou Foster
Third Prize:	Avalanche Kit .....	Greg Crook
Fourth Prizes:	Print .....	Steve Adams
	Poster .....	Chuck Slocum
	Dinner .....	Doug Smaker
	Movie Tickets .....	Kathy Rich





# General Meeting at Northern Power Sports



## Fun at Northern Power Sports

Gary Roth and Lynn Heffner with Denali State Bank have once again come up with a great financing deal. If you want to purchase a Yamaha or Arctic Cat at the January meeting, the deal is 10% down, 6% interest for 48 months. You can't beat that deal!! In order to take advantage of the financing, you must be a current FST member, and the purchase must take place at the January FST General meeting at Northern Power Sports. Northern Power Sports has some great sales going for 2001 and 2002 Arctic Cat and Yamaha machines. Now is the time to buy!



**Did Santa forget to bring you that red sled for Christmas?**



**Alpine Toboggans  
Northern Sled Works  
P.O. Box 61171  
Fairbanks, AK 99706  
(907) 479-8599**

# NORTHERN POWER SPORTS

## NEW YEAR SALE

**Remember—Special FST financing available at the January meeting!!**

### 2002 Arctic Cat Snowmobiles

<u>MODEL</u>	<u>Regular Price</u>	<u>SALE Price</u>
Z 370	\$3,799	\$3,599
Z370 ES Electric Start	3,999	3,799
Z 440	4,499	4,299
Z 570	4,699	4,399
Z 570 ESR Electric Start/Reverse	5,299	4,999
Z 570 SS Smart Ride Suspension	5,399	4,999
Panther 440 2-up Touring	4,899	4,499
ZL 600 EFI	6,899	6,499
ZL 600 EFI SS Smart Ride Demo	7,399	6,499
ZL 800 EFI SS Smart Ride	8,399	7,399
ZL 800 EFI ESR Electric Start/Reverse	8,599	7,599
Pantera 550 2-up Touring	6,499	5,999
Pantera 600 EFI 2-up Touring	7,699	6,999
4 Stroke Trail	6,899	6,499
4 Stroke Touring 2-up	7,699	7,199
Bearcat Widetrak	7,299	6,799
ZR 600 Carb	6,899	6,399
ZR 800 EFI	8,199	7,699
Mountain Cat 500	6,199	5,699
Mountain Cat 600 EFI	7,299	6,799
Mountain Cat 600 EFI LE 144"	7,699	7,199
Mountain Cat 800 EFI	8,499	7,999
Mountain Cat 800 EFI LE 144"	8,799	8,299
Mountain Cat 800 EFI LE 151"	8,799	8,299
Mountain Cat 1000 151"	9,999	8,999

### 2001 Arctic Cat Snowmobiles

<u>MODEL</u>	<u>Regular Price</u>	<u>SALE Price</u>
ZL 600 EFI ESR	\$7,299	\$6,499
ZR 600 EFI	7,099	5,999
ZR 600 EFI LE	7,499	6,399
ZR 800	7,799	6,499

### Yamaha Snowmobiles

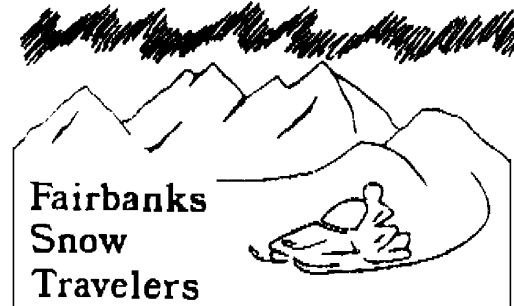
<u>MODEL</u>	<u>Regular Price</u>	<u>SALE Price</u>
SX 700R (2001) - Trail Performance	\$7,299	\$6,299
SRX 700 (2001) - Top Performance	8,299	6,999
SX Viper - Trail Performance	7,399	6,899
SX600 R - Trail Performance	6,699	5,999
Mountain Max 700 - Mountain Performance	7,399	6,899
Viking 540 III - Work Performance	7,699	7,199

Prices are subject to change, and Northern Power Sports is not responsible for pricing errors or typographical errors.

# FAIRBANKS SNOW TRAVELERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Mail application to: P.O. Box 80053  
Fairbanks, AK 99708  
(907) 479-SLED

Home Page: [www.fairnet.org/fst](http://www.fairnet.org/fst)



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:  
\_\_\_\_\_

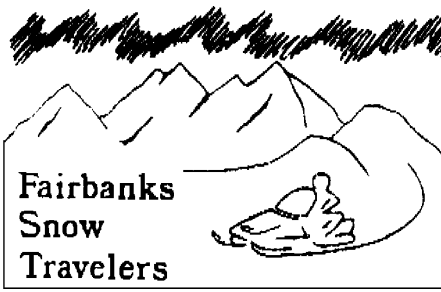
**WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CAN YOU HELP WITH?**

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

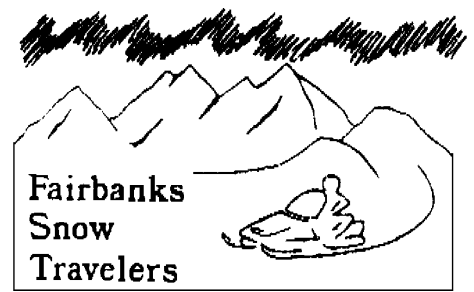
The member(s) signing below, with the full knowledge, assume(s) all risks and potential dangers of participation in activities and events of the Fairbanks Snow Travelers (FST). Therefore, I/we, hereby release and discharge FST, its agents and or officers from any and all claims, demands, actions, judgments 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 16, 2002	Regular Membership Meeting	7 pm, Northern Power Sports
Schedule for Upcoming Meetings:		
February 6, 2002	Board Meeting	7 pm, IBEW Hall
February 20, 2002	Regular Membership Meeting	7 pm, TBA
March 2, 2002	Board Meeting	7 pm, IBEW Hall
March 16, 2002	Regular Membership Meeting	7 pm, TBA

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