

# ❖ Snow Travelers ❖

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**October Meeting**  
**7:00pm Wed Oct 17**  
*Compeau's, Boat Street*

## Meeting Schedules

Here is the meeting schedule for this year.

### November

**Board Meeting, 7th, IBEW Hall 7 pm**  
**General Meeting, 21st, Fairbanks Motor Sports, 7:00 pm**

### December

**Board Meeting, 5th, IBEW Hall 7 pm**  
**General Meeting, 19th, Compeau's, 7:00 pm**

### January

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

### 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

Well, winter is on its way. Maybe this year we will see a better than average snow fall. We have a lot of good riding planned for this winter. I only hope more of our members will participate.

Our ramp project is now in the final stages of completion with delivery being the only thing left to do. Delivery is scheduled for October 20th. Many thanks to the "Ramp Crew."

We really need help with selling our raffle tickets. Call the SLED line (479-7533) for more info. We will be selling tickets at the Bentley Mall November 3rd and 4th. If you have time, we would appreciate volunteers. If you can help, give me a call at 452-1075.

Think SNOW everyone!! See you at the October meeting at Compeau's.

JJM, President.

## FST Associate Members

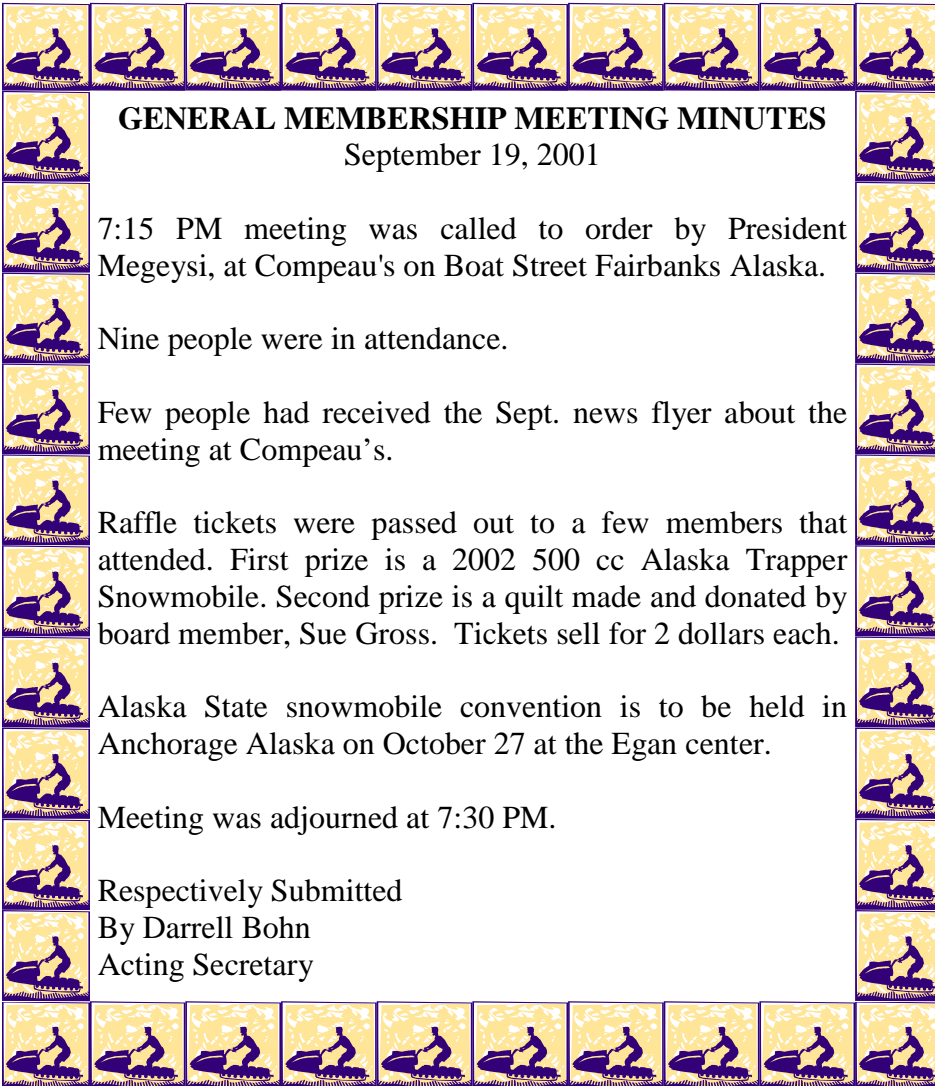
*Angel Creek Lodge*  
*Arctic Man Ski/SnoGo Classic*  
*Auto Trim Design*  
*Backwoods Lodge*  
*Boat Shop, Inc.*  
*Chatanika Lodge*  
*Cleary Summit Bed & Breakfast*  
*Compeau's Inc.*  
*Denali State Bank*  
*Fairbanks Motor Sports*  
*Fort Knox, Fbks Gold Mining, Inc*  
*Flying Dutchman Plowing*  
*Gary L Sawdy, DDS*  
*Hill Paint Company*  
*Maclaren River Lodge*  
*Miranda Electric*  
*Newmont Exploration*  
*North Pole Travel*  
*Northern Power Sports*  
*Phillips Recreation*  
*Polaris Junction, Delta Jct*  
*Reed's Snowmachine & Marine*  
*Regency Court Mall*  
*Reindeer Mountain Lodge*  
*Rothmeyer Optical*  
*Santa's Motor Sports*  
*Siglin Sleds*  
*Tatonduk Outfitters*  
*Telford's Toy Shop*  
*Two Rivers Lodge*

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

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**  
September 19, 2001

7:15 PM meeting was called to order by President Megeysi, at Compeau's on Boat Street Fairbanks Alaska.

Nine people were in attendance.


Few people had received the Sept. news flyer about the meeting at Compeau's.

Raffle tickets were passed out to a few members that attended. First prize is a 2002 500 cc Alaska Trapper Snowmobile. Second prize is a quilt made and donated by board member, Sue Gross. Tickets sell for 2 dollars each.

Alaska State snowmobile convention is to be held in Anchorage Alaska on October 27 at the Egan center.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectively Submitted  
By Darrell Bohn  
Acting Secretary



# 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.**

Business Card Size _____	\$5.00
Quarter Page _____	\$15.00
Half Page _____	\$20.00
Full Page _____	\$35.00

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



**Treasurer's Report**

As of October 3, 2001

Regular	
Checking	780.65
Savings	2,827.25
Gaming	
Checking	82.65
Savings	127.05
Total	\$3,817.60

Leroy Gross, Treasurer

**A warm welcome to all NEW members who signed up at the Winter Show! And a Hearty THANKS to all CURRENT members who renewed at the Winter Show!**

We had lots of new members and renewals from our booth at the Winter Show. If any new member who signed up at the show did not get a patch, please call the SLED line (479-7533). Leave a message and we will send you one. You can also request it at the October General Membership meeting at Compeau's.

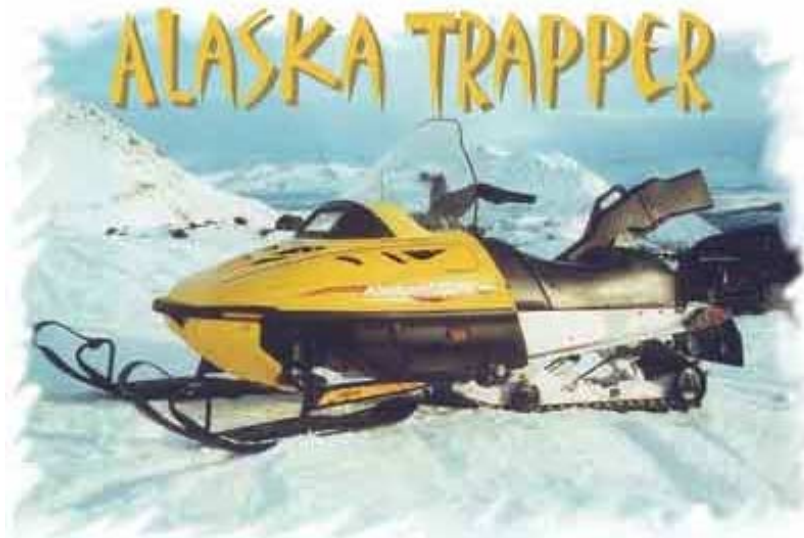
Raffle ticket sales went very well at the show. Remember, there is a prize for the member that sells the most tickets. I believe Sue and John Johnston are currently in the lead, but it is not too late! Call the SLED line (479-7533) to get info or leave a message if you want tickets.



# RAFFLE



FUND RAISER FOR THE LITERACY COUNCIL  
SPONSORED BY THE FAIRBANKS SNOW TRAVELERS



- First Prize: 2002 SkiDoo Alaskan Trapper 500cc From Compeau's
- Second Prize: Handmade Queen Size Quilt
- Third Prize: Complete Avalanche Survival Kit
- Fourth Prizes: Dinners, Movie Tickets, Etc.

Look for tickets at area businesses,  
Carlson Winter Show, Holiday Bazaars, and All Fairbanks Snow Travelers Events.

Or call

**479-SLED**

**For more information and tickets**

On Sale Starting September 19th, 2001

Drawing to be held at the December 19th, 2001 General Membership  
Meeting of the Fairbanks Snow Travelers

Need Not Be Present To Win

**Buy Early - Buy Often**

Snowmobile grants are available for snowmobile trail acquisition, development and maintenance projects, and for safety and education programs. Grant funds are provided through a legislative appropriation of snowmobile registration fees. Here is what your fees have been funding the past few years:

### 2000 Snowmobile Trails Grants

- 1) Trail Mix Inc. and the Juneau Snowmobile Club received \$15,000 to construct a bridge across Lawson Creek on the historic Treadwell Ditch Trail
- 2) Alaska State Parks Mat-Su office was awarded \$5,460 to install and maintain portable latrines and a bulletin board at the Kroto Creek Trailhead at mile 13.7 of West Petersville Road
- 3) The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Community Development Department received \$15,000 to construct a gravel parking lot, informational kiosk, and portable latrines at the Point MacKenzie Trailhead.
- 4) The City of Wasilla was awarded a \$15,000 grant to develop a multi-use staging area at mile 44.5 of the Parks Highway. The City also received \$10,500 for signs, snow fencing and trail grooming.
- 5) The Mountaineering Club of Alaska was awarded a \$11,000 grant to complete construction of the Eklutna Lake public use cabin in Chugach State Park.
- 6) Eaglesong Lodge on Trail Lake received \$11,080 to improve sections of the Sleeping Lady Trail on Mt. Susitna
- 7) The **Fairbanks Snow Travelers** received \$1,100 to conduct an Avalanche Hazard Recognition Workshop.
- 8) The Kenai Peninsula SAFEKIDS Coalition was awarded \$1,000 for the Chile Snowmobile Awareness Safety Course. The course provided helmets and put on a snowmobile awareness safety course for parents and children.
- 9) Alaska State Parks Mat-Su office received \$2,500 to produce a Hatcher Pass Snowmobile Brochure.
- 10) The Curung Tribal Council in Dillingham was awarded \$1,000 for the Curung Snowmobile Safety Project. The Project offered an avalanche workshop and helmet clinic for the Dillingham Search and Rescue Group, Dillingham Snowmobile Association, and Dillingham residents.
- 11) The Alaska State Snowmobile Association received \$14,200 to conduct a national certified snowmobile safety course to train adults and youth statewide in safe snowmobiling.
- 12) The Alaska State Snowmobile Association received \$5,160 to inventory and map existing snowmobile trails statewide.

### 2001 Snowmobile Trails Grants

- 1) The Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers in Clam Gulch received \$15,000 for the purchase of a trail groomer
- 2) The White Mountain Volunteer Fire Department received \$15,000 to refurbish and renovate three cabins used as emergency shelters for travelers and recreational users in Western Alaska and the southern Seward Peninsula
- 3) The Chatanika Community Council was awarded \$15,000 for the purchase of trail grooming equipment to be used on trails connecting Chatanika and Cleary Summit with North Pole, Chena Hot Springs and Fairbanks
- 4) The Copper Country Snowmobile Club in Gakona received \$15,000 to sign and groom approximately 200 miles of trails in the Copper River Basin
- 5) The Big Lake Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$15,000 for grooming and signing of approximately 110 miles of trail in the Big Lake area.
- 6) City of Brevig Mission received \$15,000 to place flexible reflective markers on the winter trail between the City of Brevig Mission and the Nuluk Shelter cabin on the Seward Peninsula
- 7) Anchorage Snowmobile Club was awarded \$7,560 grant to groom trails in Chugach State Park at Eklutna Lake, Upper Huffman, and Bird Creek.
- 8) The Southeast Alaska Outdoor Council Club in Ketchikan was granted \$3,380 to brush and remove deadfall on the Harriet Hunt Saddle Trail
- 9) Pilch Land Surveying in Willow received a \$15,000 grant to maintain trails that connect Willow with Hatcher Pass and the Kashwitna River
- 10) The Lake Louise Snowmachine Club was awarded \$9,464 to survey six trails in the Lake Louise area
- 11) The Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center in Juneau received \$8,000 for avalanche safety education programs specifically geared to snowmobilers. Programs include indoor workshops and field courses in several Southeast communities.
- 12) The **Fairbanks Snow Travelers and Northern Lights Snowmobile Club** received \$4,500 for snowmobile safety education and training in Interior Alaska.
- 13) The Backcountry Avalanche Awareness and Response Team (B.A.A.R.T.) in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough was awarded a \$15,000 education and training grant to promote avalanche awareness to back-country snowmobilers. The grant will also be used to develop and maintain a Mat-Su based avalanche response team.
- 14) The Kotlik City Council was awarded \$14,048 to mark and sign the winter trail across Pastol Bay between Kotlik and Point Romanof

### 2002 Snowmobile Trails Grants

- 1) The Lake Louise Snowmachine Club received \$15,000 for the Lake Louise Recreational Trail Survey—Phase II. The purpose of the survey is the continuation of club efforts to identify, acquire and record public recreation easements in the Lake Louise area
- 2) The Caribou Hills Cabin Hoppers in Clam Gulch received \$15,000 for the purchase of a trail groomer for use with their Nodwell 110
- 3) Interior Trail Grooming in Fairbanks received \$15,000 for winter trail grooming and maintenance of the Chena Hot Springs Winter Trail
- 4) The Ohogamiut Traditional Council in Marshall was awarded \$8,990 to maintain and repair existing winter trails and portages. Project funds will also be used to mark safe trails on the Yukon River and to mark trails between Russian Mission, Pilot Station, Akiachak and Kalskag
- 5) The Native Village of Saint Michael was awarded \$14,818 to construct a trail shelter on a winter trail near Klikitarik, a traditional campsite.
- 6) The North Slope Borough received \$15,000 for the purchase of a snowmobile for the Atqasuk Village Search and Rescue program and for trail markers to improve safety between Point Lay, Wainwright, and Atqasuk
- 7) The Mat-Su/Copper Basin Area Office of Alaska State Parks received \$9,800 to install a bulletin board and maintain portable latrines at the Kroto Creek Trailhead on the West Petersville Road
- 8) The **Fairbanks Police Department and the Fairbanks Snow Travelers** were awarded \$15,000 to team up with Fairbanks Law Enforcement Agencies, the Law Enforcement Explorers, Fairbanks Snow Travelers, and the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club to promote snowmobile safety in the Fairbanks area. Methods include school safety classes, demonstrations, snowmobile rodeos, avalanche awareness training, public service announcements and distribution of safety information.
- 9) Alaska Mountain Safety Center, Inc was awarded \$15,000 to produce an avalanche safety book targeted specifically for snowmobilers.
- 10) The Backcountry Avalanche Awareness and Response Team (B.A.A.R.T.) in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough received its second \$15,000 education and training grant to promote avalanche awareness to back-country snowmobilers. The grant will also be used to develop and maintain a Mat-Su based avalanche response team.
- 11) Fairnet in Fairbanks was awarded \$4,350 to research and develop a standardized snowmobile training and safety program that can be used statewide.
- 12) The Native Village of Shaktoolik and the Shaktoolik Transportation Department received \$8,399 for the Shaktoolik Snowmobile Safety and Awareness Project. The project will be held at the high school gym and will emphasize education, safety and wilderness riding skills
- 13) The Southeast Alaska Avalanche Center (SAAC) in Juneau received \$10,000 for avalanche safety education programs specifically geared to snowmachiners. Programs include indoor workshops and field courses in several Southeast communities.
- 14) Southeast Alaska Outdoor Recreation was awarded \$5,765 to provide avalanche safety training and education in Ketchikan



# General Meeting at Compeau's



## Fun at Compeau-s

Gary Roth has promised that Denali State Bank will offer a GREAT financing deal for FST members that want to purchase a SkiDoo at the October meeting. We don't know what the details of the financing will be, so you will have to come to the meeting to find out. In order to take advantage of the financing, you must be a current FST member, and the purchase must take place at the October FST General meeting at Compeau's.



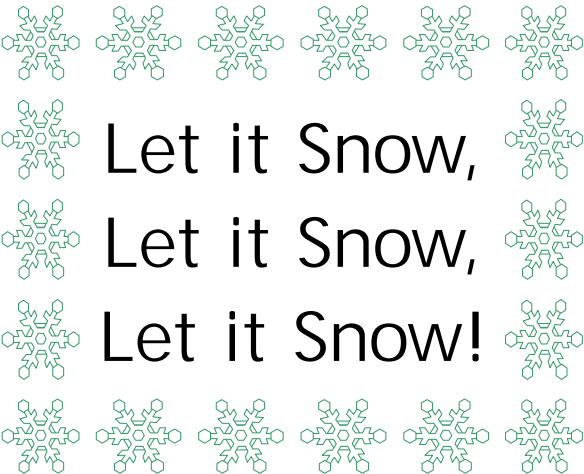
# General Meeting at Fairbanks Motor Sports



## Fun at Fairbanks Motor Sports

Gary Roth has promised that Denali State Bank will once again offer a GREAT financing deal for FST members that want to purchase a Polaris at the November meeting. We don't know what the details of the financing will be, so you will have to come to the meeting to find out. In order to take advantage of the financing, you must be a current FST member, and the purchase must take place at the November FST General meeting at Fairbanks Motor Sports.





Raffle Tickets!  
Only 2 bucks each!

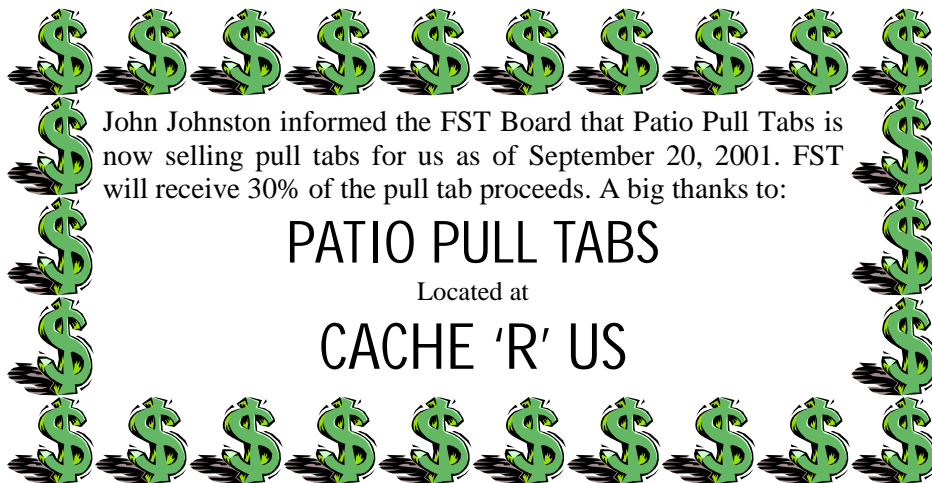


Let it Snow,  
Let it Snow,  
Let it Snow!

**Ride Ideas**

No dates have been set for the rides yet until more snow hits the ground. Here is the list of anticipated rides so far:

- 1) Nordale Bridge to Chena Lakes and return
- 2) Skip's Cache to Chatanika Lodge and return
- 3) Paxson to Tangle Lakes Lodge (overnight there) and return to Paxson
- 4) Chatanika to White Mountains day trip or overnight
- 5) Shaw Creek Flats ride
- 6) Skip's Cache to Chena Hot Springs (overnight)
- 7) Paxson to McLaren River Lodge (overnight)
- 8) Ride to Nenana for Tripod Days
- 9) Short rides around Fairbanks area
- 10) Ride to Chena Lakes for bonfire and fireworks



John Johnston informed the FST Board that Patio Pull Tabs is now selling pull tabs for us as of September 20, 2001. FST will receive 30% of the pull tab proceeds. A big thanks to:

**PATIO PULL TABS**

Located at

**CACHE 'R' US**



**Fairbanks Police Department Needs Support from the Snowmachine Community**

At the October 3rd Board Meeting, Lorna and Jeremy from the Fairbanks Police Department outlined their SnoGo Program. Lorna is in the process of writing grants to fund the program. The program they detailed to the board included holding community safety events, visiting elementary through high school events to educate young riders on safety and proper riding etiquette, and hosting snowmachine rodeos. They asked for support from the FST and Northern Lights groups. Most of the support would come in the form of volunteers for the rodeos. Stay tuned to the newsletter for more details. The SLED line (479-7533) will also be updated



**SWAP MEET**

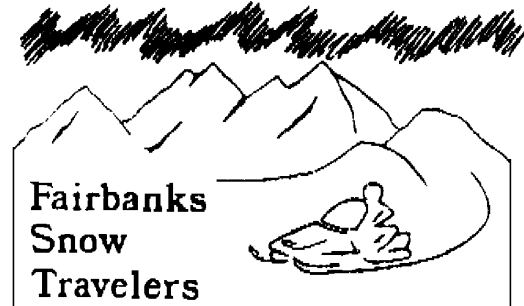
The annual, unofficial "FST Snowmobile and Snowmobile Stuff Swap Meet" will be held on October 27th in the Lathrop parking lot, corner of Cowles and Airport Road. Some FST members will be there selling raffle tickets. Watch the newspaper or check the SLED line (479-7533) for additional information.



# 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:

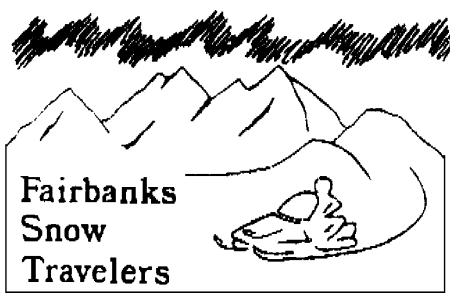
**WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING CAN YOU HELP WITH?**

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

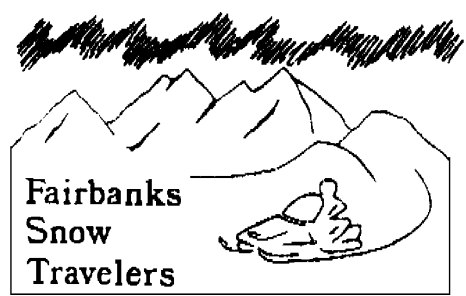
The member(s) signing below, with the full knowledge, assume(s) all risks and potential dangers of participation in activities and events of the Fairbanks Snow Travelers (FST). Therefore, I/we, hereby release and discharge FST, its agents and or officers from any and all claims, demands, actions, judgments 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**

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**Date**



# FAIRBANKS SNOW TRAVELERS NEWS



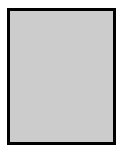
## MEETING SCHEDULE

October 17, 2001	Regular Membership Meeting	7 pm, Compeau's
<b>Schedule for Upcoming Meetings:</b>		
November 7, 2001	Board Meeting	7 pm, IBEW Hall
November 21, 2001	Regular Membership Meeting	7 pm, Fairbanks Motor Sports
December 5, 2001	Board Meeting	7 pm, IBEW Hall
December 19, 2001	Regular Membership Meeting	7 pm, Compeau's

**Remember — Drawing for raffle held at the December 19 meeting.**



**FAIRBANKS SNOW TRAVELERS  
PO BOX 80053  
FAIRBANKS, AK 99708**



Raffle Tickets!  
Only 2 bucks each!

