

# The Flurry

January 2011



**DEBBIE & PRESTON HUDMAN  
SHOWN IN THE WINNING PICTURE OF THE PHOTO CONTEST**





## Don't Forget

January 15<sup>th</sup> is "Take a Friend Snowmobiling" at Monte Cristo Trailhead from 9am – 3pm. There will be lots of booths packed full of fun, not to mention the food, drinks and giveaways. This will be fun for the whole family so bring a friend or a neighbor and we will see you up there. Don't forget to stop at the Golden Spike booth and grab a hot cocoa and cookie.



## January Birthday Wishes

Shasta	1/21
Charles Brandenburg	1/23



## Dinner Meeting

January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm Golden Corral No. Ogden Location. See You There!!!!



## Club Fund Raiser

It's that time of the year for trailer raffle tickets. They can be purchased at our regular monthly meetings. Just let one of our board members know. \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00. Half of the proceeds go to our club. Tickets must be turned in by January 14<sup>th</sup>.



Don't forget to make your reservations @ Strawberry Bay Lodge for the annual ride on February 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>th</sup> phone 435-548-2500 or [www.strawberrybay.com](http://www.strawberrybay.com) and mention that you are with the Golden Spike Snowmobile Club.



Our Christmas Basket Recipient was very surprised to have been selected. His wife and 2 year old little boy had a better Christmas due generous donations made at our Christmas party. Thanks to all that donated.



Hope to see you February 12<sup>th</sup> for the annual poker run. We will have lots of great food, drinks and prizes. If you have a prize that you would like to donate please contact Dennis Kowalewski at 801-745-6138 or email him at [dkowalewski@yahoo.com](mailto:dkowalewski@yahoo.com)



## CONGRATULATIONS

Preston & Debbie Hudman  
Winners of the November photo contest they have won a "Hot Pot" for their snowmobile. Thank You for playing along!



## Polaris Snowmobiles 1956 to present

In the winter of 1955, several men at a farm equipment shop in Roseau, Minnesota, took a grain elevator belt and some pieces of an old Chevy and built their first snowmobile. After selling the first model to make payroll, they continued to build what they called Sno-Travelers, which were larger than modern snowmobiles and could carry several people. They envisioned selling the machines to trappers, utility companies, and others who needed access to remote areas during winter.

In 1963, Polaris built their first front-engined snowmobile, designed more for recreation, called the Comet. After a successful test in Alaska (that nearly cost two employees their lives), they started selling the sled--and nearly bankrupt the company when components of the sleds failed and they failed to maintain traction on the snow in the lower 48 states. With some credit extensions, Polaris was able to get back on track with their Mustang and Colt models.

Snowmobiling reached a peak in popularity in the late 1960's and early 1970's, and Polaris led the way. As other manufacturers fell out of the game, Polaris continued to innovate, designing or improving upon such features as liquid cooled engines and independent front suspension.

In 1980, a group of Polaris managers and investors bought Polaris from Textron, who had bought the company in the late 1960's. In 1985 they produced their first All-Terrain Vehicle, and in 1989 they introduced the Indy 500, which quickly became a legendary model. It was named Snowmobile of the Decade, and is still produced today.

Throughout the 1990's and the new millennium, Polaris continued to broaden its product line, introducing Victory Motorcycles, Personal Watercraft (since discontinued), and broadening their ATV line. But snowmobiles remain at the heart of the Polaris Industries company.