



## History of the Twin Lakes Trail Blazers

In the spring of 1979 the “Codette & District Snowmobile Club” held their first meeting on a Sunday afternoon in the lobby of the Codette Hotel. A lot has changed over 30 years including the name. They are now known as the Twin Lakes Trail Blazers Inc. They went from a social club to a club that owns property, buildings and grooming equipment.

In the summer of 1979 they found an old country school teacher’s residence in good shape. Mr. Jack Boxall donated the building to them. Mr. Don Griffin Sr. let them put it on a piece of his land for free. Now they had a clubhouse for regular meetings and social functions. They hosted annual poker rallies for several years. The club kept just enough money to fix up the “Shack” and put a few dollars in the bank. The rest was donated to many projects in the community.

Almost from the beginning the club was a member of the Saskatchewan Snow Vehicles Association, now the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association.

In the later 1980’s they purchased an Alpine and built a drag. Frozen sandwiches and extra gas were part of what was taken on a grooming mission. In the winter of about 1990 they purchased a J-5 Bombardier and built a 6 foot drag. They mounted an hydraulic system on the J-5 to operate the drag and power the winch on the front that they had to use several times. The unit was a huge change from what they had. No more frozen sandwiches. It worked well in the bush trails but not so well in the open fields. In 1993 they purchased a PB 200 Piston Bully, built a 14 foot drag, all with club members. Their trail system is one of the widest in the province. Here they are today.

Over the years they moved from a little “Shack” in the bush west of Codette on donated land to their own property in Nipawin. They now own a heated 24’ by 40’ shop, a clubhouse with modern washrooms, a kitchen and all the other important things. They are always busy fundraising to keep these things going.

One of the highlights of the club was the opening of the dam crossing on the Francois Findlay Hydro Electric Dam. This gives them a safe snowmobile crossing of the Saskatchewan River. It involved SaskPower, the Province of Saskatchewan, Town of Nipawin Economic Development, Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association, the Twin Lakes Trail Blazers and many local businesses and people in the community.

The Club thanks everyone for all of their support. They have been here 30 years and still going strong!!