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E-mail: [delia.alred@wssa.us](mailto:delia.alred@wssa.us)  
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## WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2022/2023

### Spokane Winter Knights Snow Show November 12th, 2022, Spokane Fairgrounds

A great show in the eastern part of the state! WSSA will be there; stop by and say 'hi!'

### WSSA Meeting November 15th, 2022

Zoom meeting, 7pm to 8:30pm. Get the latest details on the upcoming snowmobile season. Zoom log-on info available on request.

### Bavarian Boondockers Snowfest 10 November 19th, 2022, Leavenworth Festhalle

Will the snow be falling for Snowfest? Maybe! A day of fun and raffles and WSSA is on site!

### WSSA Meeting January 12th 2023

Zoom meeting, 7pm to 8:30pm. Find out what is going on with snowmobiling in Washington. Zoom log-on info available on request.

### WSSA Westside Ride January 21st, 2023, Glacier

Hosted by the Whatcom County Snowmobile Club. A chance to meet and ride with WSSA leadership on the west side of the state. Details in this Snoflyer.

### Winter Rendezvous & WSSA Meeting In Yakima February 17th - 20th, 2023

Guided rides. Leaders for family-friendly, mid-level trail/off-trail and again for the extreme; we'll have a ride for you! Meals and entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. Legal Action auction and announcement of Legal Action Fund raffle winner.

### WSSA Meeting at the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club March 11th 2023

Our annual budget meeting. Starts at 9am. A lunch option will be provided. Hoping to schedule rides for Friday and/or Sunday. Help set the financial direction of your state snowmobile association.

### International Snowmobile Congress June 7th-June 10th, 2023

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### WSSA Summer Meeting and Campout at the Blu Shastin RV Park in Peshastin August 19th-21st, 2023

A fun, family-friendly weekend at the base of Blewett Pass. Hot dogs and chili on Friday night and breakfast, lunch and dinner available on Saturday. WSSA meeting on Saturday to plan for the upcoming season along with a couple of fun fundraisers in the afternoon. Hang around to Sunday morning for a final breakfast. RV park has pool, ping pong table, horse shoes and area to ride bikes.

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## Leadership

**Delia Alred, President**  
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I've just attended the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet at the Puyallup fairgrounds. This year it was on Friday afternoon and Saturday. I hope most people were pleased with the change. The flow of people seemed steadier rather than in large surges. I'm not sure of the count in attendees. The vendors I spoke with said people seemed to be spending less this year. Hopefully, next year will be better. Change is always hard at first. I always look forward to catching up with all the volunteers who help put on this show. They work really hard to make this event a success.

This month we will be at the Winter Knights Snow Show in Spokane on November 12th. That show is a one day show. The next show after that is the Bavarian Boondocks Snowfest in Leavenworth on November 19th. It is also a one-day show. If you have never been to either one of these shows, you don't know what you are missing. The volunteers are friendly and helpful. Take time to support these clubs as they are working hard to make our sport better.

I hope to see you at one of these shows or on the trail!

## Membership

### Membership Matters

*By Wayne and Florence Mohler, Membership co-chairs*

It was great to see a lot of snowmobilers at the 2022 Washington Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo in Puyallup. It is always a good opportunity to reconnect and get caught up with fellow snowmobilers and to get stocked up with the essentials for the upcoming snowmobile season. The Climate Prediction Center is predicting a 75% chance for another El Nina in the northern hemisphere, so hope that pans out with an abundance of snow and colder temperatures – just hope the snow doesn't all come between January 4th to 6th as it did last year. There are several dealer open houses coming up, so if you haven't gotten everything you need, please get out and attend their open houses. Also remember the Snow/ATV show hosted by the Spokane Winter Knights on November 12th and Snowfest, in Leavenworth, hosted by the Bavarian Boondockers on November 19th.

On to the membership items: Your membership will become inactive if you haven't renewed by December. Please renew right away. A big thank you to all who have already renewed and a note of appreciation to those snowmobilers who don't snowmobile anymore, but still actively support WSSA. Getting new members to join is basically an investment in the future of snowmobiling. We need active and enthusiastic members to help address the challenges of our sport and keeping riding areas open.

Dues are \$25 for Individual/Families and for Clubs. Dues for Associate members (Dealers and Businesses) are \$50. For clubs that collect WSSA dues from your members, please forward the WSSA portion of the dues right away. If your club has a new president or contact person to list in the Snoflyer, please let us know who it is and provide the updated information. Also, a quick reminder you can now print your membership card or save it to your cell phone.

If you have any questions about membership, please e-mail us at [membership@wssa.us](mailto:membership@wssa.us) or call (509) 674-4401. And remember – Your Membership Matters!

### Join WSSA and help support snowmobiling in Washington State!

#### What Does WSSA Do For YOU?

- WSSA's Legal Action Fund defends snowmobiling in Washington against adverse land-use actions.
- WSSA members work on behalf of all Washington State snowmobilers in Olympia's Capitol.
- WSSA District Reps represent snowmobilers' interests with local land officials and in regional trail grooming councils.
- WSSA travels to Washington D.C. to discuss snowmobile related issues with your congressional representatives and national land managers.
- WSSA represents snowmobilers on the national level with a voice in the American Council of snowmobile Associations and the International Snowmobile Council.
- WSSA hosts the annual Snowmobile Expo & Swap Meet in Puyallup – the largest snowmobile event in the Pacific Northwest.
- WSSA's successful Trail Grant program helps fund new sno-parks & warming huts, trail upgrades & facility improvements.
- WSSA's annual Winter Rendezvous offers you the opportunity to ride in different parts of the state with guided rides and evening social gatherings.
- WSSA supports snowmobile and non-snowmobile projects and charities to boost the image of snowmobilers across the state.



# District Reports



## District 1 North

**By Hans Brubaker**  
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Final preparations are underway for the riding season. Road maintenance has been completed by the Forest Service and club volunteers on the Baker Lake sno-parks, and the Whatcom County Snowmobile Club has a work party on October 29th at Canyon Creek. The Forest Service informed snowmobilers a temporary bypass for wheeled vehicles would not be completed at the Glacier Creek Road washout, but if the snow was low enough, the groomer and snowmobilers could still access the system similar to last season. Let's hope for low snow!

The Whatcom County Snowmobile Club has also been working out the details for the WSSA Ride on January 21st. Club President John Varner said the club looks forward to hosting riders from other areas and so far the interest in the ride has been positive. The club is also in the process of building a new warming hut which might come in handy for the WSSA ride!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the snow soon.

Fred Werner, a longtime dedicated snowmobiler, had to skip the snow show because that Friday he once again was doing some landscaping and pruning a tree when he fell and broke four of his ribs and punctured a lung! He is doing better now and I wish him to get well soon so he can start snowmo-



biling again. WOW! What a tough guy Fred is. He was sent a nice fruit arrangement to help him heal.

The Cascade Drift Skippers had their October meeting in North Bend at the Iron Duck Restaurant

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## District 1 South

**By Glenn Markovits**  
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Hello snowmobile friends!

I hope everyone is getting their sleds and equipment ready for an awesome upcoming season. Snow has been falling in some higher elevations and the temps have been dropping.

As most of you know, WSSA had their annual WSSA Snowmobile Expo at the Puyallup fairgrounds in October and even though it was about 80 degrees outside, what a great time everyone had! It was nice to see all the clubs, local dealers, and vendors getting together to share their great deals on everything from snowmobiles to clothing and accessories.

The Cascade Drift Skippers (CDS) had an awesome club booth at the WSSA Expo and had a great turnout of snowmobilers stopping by for a game of cornhole. What a great job and team effort by Edythe Ferrian and others setting up the CDS club booth. And thank you Jon Ferrian for setting up all the great snow show events in the back events room.

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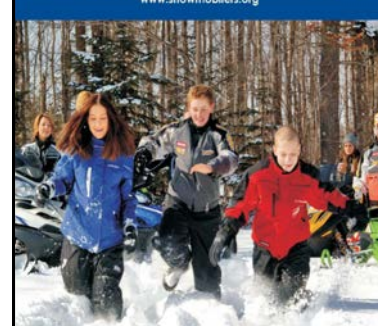
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Bill Yager and Stephanie Underwood with Kittitas county Search and Rescue.



Fred Wemer healing from fall in the yard.

(<https://theironduckpublichouse.com/>) and it was a great turnout. The meeting went very well with Darren King (club president) and the board doing a great job leading CDS off to a great start for the season. CDS will continue to have club meetings every second Wednesday of the month at the Iron Duck Restaurant with the social hour starting at 6pm and the meeting starting at 7pm.

The Cascade Drift Skippers have scheduled club snowmobile rides every weekend throughout the season. CDS will have family rides, beginner rides and intermediate rides. If you would like to join any CDS ride throughout the season, please pay close attention to the CDS club Facebook page and the CDS club website.

A lot of our local snowmobile dealers have had special sales events and open houses and they still have some great deals to be had. Clem's Enumclaw Powersports had their fantastic annual open house and sled blow-up with a great turnout Friday night, October 21st; please stop by Clem's Enumclaw Powersports for some great deals!

Safety: Please try and at least take an avalanche awareness class online; it may save your life or your friend's life! And get all your safety gear in order and check it over for damage and functionality. Check the pressure in your avy pack air bottle, make sure your probes work and are functioning and hopefully you pulled the batteries out of

your beacon from last season and put fresh batteries in. Please see Remko and all the good people at I-90 Motorsports (<https://www.i-90motorsports.com/>) for some great deals on avy and safety gear and everything else you need for a great coming snowmobile season.

Please register your snowmobiles to support our statewide trail grooming program managed by Washington State Parks. Snowmobile registrations are the only source of trail grooming funding and the funds are dedicated to our program.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and hopefully everyone gets to spend some quality time with family and friends for a day of thanks.

Think snow! Be safe, and I hope to see everyone on the snow soon!

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# District Reports

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## District 3

**By Greg Figg**  
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Greetings all! Another WSSA Expo is in the books for this year. The weather was an amazing 82 degrees and sunny! Have never worn shorts to Expo before but I will take it.

The warm weather did come to an end as the very next week the temperature has dropped and snow is falling in the mountain which means sled season is not far away. I guess it is time to do some sled maintenance.

The Selkirk Trailblazers had an ATV ride scheduled for October 22nd; these rides always have a great turnout!

The Spokane Winter Knights are having their annual Snow Show in Spokane on November 12th at the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center. This year's show is shaping up to be a good one as the vendor space is almost sold out! Hope to see you at this year's show!

Another date to note on the calendar is this year's WSSA Winter Rendezvous on February 17th-20th in Yakima. This is the state snowmobile convention with rides taking place every day and a dinner and short meeting occurring in the evening.

In closing I am looking forward to a great winter and getting to see many familiar faces and some new ones as we head for the mountains. Please be safe and hope to see you soon.



## District 5 North

**By Jason Holmes**  
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Hello from District 5 North. As I write this in mid-October, it looks like the weather monster has finally changed its mind and snow should start appearing in the hills this upcoming weekend.

If you were able to attend the WSSA Snow Show in October, hopefully you were able to find the gear and information you were looking for. It's not very often we have 80-degree weather and Mariners playoff baseball happening at the same time!

If you have ideas for future Snow Show events, I'd like to hear from you on what your thoughts are. Please send me an e-mail at jay.holmes44@gmail.com.

If you reside or ride in Kittitas County our first Grooming Council meeting will be held in November. We have a multi-member group, (that's what a council is...), that provides an extremely well represented environment for our trail system users. In

Kittitas County we have five different grooming owner/operators representing 17 sno-parks. The grooming council creates a positive environment for our trail system users to be a part of. We will make sure the meeting dates throughout the year are posted online should you like to attend.

The UCRA (Upper County Recreation Association) has signed an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with The Nature Conservancy to re-open the Patrick Mine Road for Winter Recreation Access only. UCRA will be putting a work party together in the near future for this project. If you would like to help or make donations to the UCRA for this project please reach out to uppercountyr@gmail.com. UCRA is registered with Washington State and registered as a 501(c)4.

With the cooperation of the Department of Natural Resources, Washington State Parks, U.S. Forest Service, Kittitas County Grooming Council, Apple Country Grooming/Snowmobile Club, Boulder Creek, UCRA and the many volunteers that helped out on October 19th, we have re-established the connector off of FSR3521 that connects the Blewett Pass and Mission Ridge Trail systems. This will provide over 200+ miles of groomed trail and off-trail access from four different sno-parks in Kittitas County. It's been a long process; a special shout out to Bob Seelye for driving this project which started over two years ago.

Hope to see you on the snow in the near future.



## District 5 South

**By Ron Lind**  
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Hello from District 5 South! Hopefully everyone is doing their snow dance to get rid of these 90-degree temperatures. Couple things going on in my area: Chinook Pass Club had their first meeting October 20th at Gold Creek Station with monthly meetings to follow.

The Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club will be having their first meeting on November 7th at Round Table Pizza in Yakima.

The Ski Benders have already had two meetings and their next one will be November 1st at Magic Pizza in Selah.

The Ski-Benders have a lot going on this year starting with Trunk or Treat at Jim Sprick Park in Naches, on Halloween Night; everyone is invited to attend.

They will also be having their Crab Feed on December 3rd in Gleeed; contact Liz Van Amburg at Van Amburg Enterprises for tickets.

Next will be the Chilly Ride hosted by Matt and Ryan Mead on White Pass; this will be on January 14th.

Also, the Ski-Bender's Fun Run will be on January 28th at the 1904 (Little Naches Sno-Park), and

the Kids Ride on February 25th in the same location.

The Ski-Benders will also be hosting the Beer Garden at Chinook Fest on June 8th and 9th next summer.

The first Yakima Grooming Counsel met on October 12th at Round Table Pizza in Yakima.

The Ahtanum, Chinook, Greenwater and White Pass areas were discussed.

A few work parties will be needed soon to remove some rather large trees that have fallen over the summer. Matt Mead is going to head up one clearing party at White Pass.

There was discussion about a gate that needs to be moved by the fish ladder on the 1900 so snowmobilers can get by in the winter but the side-by-sides can not go into the river during the rest of the year which has been causing problems.

Also discussed was the restoration project on the Little Naches River and the destruction it has caused at the 1904 Sno Park. We will be talking to the Forest Service and contractor to see if we can get this area cleaned up before the snow flies.

Hopefully everyone was able to enjoy the Snow Show in Puyallup.

Remember to do your snow dances.



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# News

## WSSA Winter Rendezvous

By Greg Figg

This year's WSSA Winter Rendezvous will occur on February 17th-20th in Yakima. This is the state snowmobile convention with rides taking place every day and a dinner and short meeting occurring in the evening.

The rides will be hosted by the local clubs and will have a variety of rides from mountain to trail rides.

The evening dinner and meeting will be held at the Yakima Valley Museum with food being catered in from local restaurants.

Activities will also include a silent and live auction on Saturday night.

Admission to the museum is also included in your WSSA registration to look around and learn about the history of the area.



## Annual WSSA Awards

**Submission deadline is  
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The Washington State Snowmobile Association believes it is important to recognize and honor those who make significant contributions to organized snowmobiling in our state. One way we accomplish this is through our annual awards program.

In order for WSSA to recognize these worthy individuals/clubs/businesses, we need help from the local clubs and others to seek out and nominate them. If you know of a standout in any of the categories listed below, please submit nominations by February 1st, 2023.

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- Club of the Year
- Club President of the Year
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# Tharin on Safety

## Time for pre-season prep!

By Tharin Huisman  
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Hello fellow snowmobilers!

Yee haw! As I write this, snow is in the forecast for Stevens Pass this weekend.

The 2022 WSSA Puyallup Snow Show is in the books. The Spokane Winter Knights show is in a couple weeks, followed by the Leavenworth Snowfest. Things are looking up! Its going to be another awesome season.

I've rolled one of my sleds out of storage and started my pre-season prep but the second sled has to visit the a dealer for a little repair that I'm not able to do myself. What about you? Are your sleds ready? What about your truck, trailer and/or deck. There's nothing worse than heading out on a bluebird day and having some type of equipment failure. I had one last season in late February and it took me out of the game for three weeks.

It's also time to inspect your avalanche, first-aid and safety gear. Its time to start practicing with your beacon. Hone up on your first-aid and CPR skills. Make sure your GPS works and brush up on how to use it.

Basically-its time to prep for the upcoming season so we have the best season ever.

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Stay safe everyone. Have a great winter!

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## Club News



### Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

By Marilyn Mylius,  
Vice President

Welcome to fall y'all!

Hopefully by the time of reading this issue, the SMOKE and FIRES are just a memory. It's been a difficult couple of months!

Our Rec Club building was taken over August 13th to be used for firecamp/heliport/headquarters for fire personnel, for the White River - Irving Peak and later, Minnow Ridge Fires. Although at one point, the crew was so large they also set up camp in Plain in the meadow as well. Firecamp finally vacated our location October 11th, after two months of 24-7 use. Whew! Although the fires are still burning and we are still socked in by smoke as of this writing.

Therefore, we have had little activity at the Rec Club for most of the summer. We are definitely looking forward to SNOW and SNOWFEST in Leavenworth! We will be at a booth at that great event put on by the Bavarian Boondockers, so hope to see a lot of you there!

Thanks and be SAFE and do your SNOW DANCE!



### Yakima Ski-Benders

By Liz Van Amburg,  
President

Hi fellow snowmobilers! Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall colors. This week the temps are dropping; so looking forward to a great winter.

The Ski-Benders attended the WSSA Snow Show in Puyallup. Thank you, Morgan Haney, Jeff and Audeena Smith, and Ron and Dee Alred for setting up and working it. They signed up some new members and talked to many people.

Ron and Dee Alred, along with myself, are going to be decorating a trailer for the Chinook Pass Trick or Trunk on October 31st. While this issue will post after the event, I'm sure it was a great time!

I want to say thank you to Chad and Jolene Vesey for chairing this year's Crab Feed. Jolene and her crew are busy putting

together all of the Crab Feed details set for December 3rd. Tickets will be available by the time this hits the press. Contact Build-It Off Road at (509) 480-1869 or Van Amburg Enterprises at (509) 225-6681 for tickets. Looking forward to a great event! There will be a new touch this year, they have great ideas brewing! If you would like to donate, please call Jolene at (509) 480-1869. This event helps us put on the best Kids Ride in the state!

I want to say thank you to Matt and Ryan Mead; they are going to chair this year's Chilly Ride set for January 14th. They are going to do trail coordinates to find the hot dogs. Matt will provide more details as we get closer to the event. For more info contact Matt at (509) 424-1575.

I want to say thank you to Andy and

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## Come ride the eastern slopes of the Cascades with the Yakima Ski-Benders!



Join us for the following events:

### Chilly Ride

January 14th 2023 - White Pass

How are your navigation skills? Location coordinates will be announced a few days ahead of event on our Facebook page. Chili and dogs will be your reward for finding us! (Family-friendly!)



### Chinook Pass Snowfest Poker Ride

January 28th 2023 - Little Naches on Chinook Pass



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### WSSA's Winter Rendezvous

February 17th-20th 2023 - Yakima

Hosted by WSSA, with several rides led by the Yakima Ski-Benders. Get a taste of the local riding opportunities in the Ahtanum, and on Chinook Pass and White Pass! Easy trail to extreme off-trail, we've got you covered!



### Kids' Ride

February 25th 2023 - Little Naches on Chinook Pass



Young riders are our future! Bring out the kids, any age, they will have a blast! Supervised loop track set up for Kitty Kats and small displacement sleds. Rides for the less experienced youngsters and challenging rides for the older kids. A great meal served in the afternoon. Camp for the weekend!

### Chinook Fest

June 8th-11th 2023 - Jim Sprick Park on Chinook Pass

A spectacular music festival in the mountains! The Yakima Ski-Benders host the bar and this is a great fundraiser to help support our in-season activities.



# Club News Continued...

(Continued from page 14) Stephanie Beaman; they are going to chair this season's Chinook Pass Family Poker Ride. This is set for January 28th. If you would like to donate to this event, please contact Stephanie at (509) 930-1261. Look for more details to come.

I want to say thank you to Jeff and Audeena for chairing this years Kids Ride. We already have sleds donated to give away. The first sled was donated by Doug Nelson; this is a 1981 Enticer. The second one was donated Kurt and Shelly Mc Cauley; this a Yamaha Ovation. Thank you so much; this is so popular with the kids who take them home. This event takes a lot of volunteers. Please call J & A Motor Sports if you are interested in helping (509) 845-6900. You can see we have a lot of fun things to look forward to this year. New people with new ideas; I love it! If you are interested in becoming a Ski-Bender, please reach out to any one of us and we will get you signed up and informed. Membership is \$5 for a single and \$10 for the family. WSSA dues are an additional \$25 if you want to be a voting member. If you are a Ski-Bender your dues are do! November 1st is the next meeting, followed by another on December 6th, at Magic's Pizza in Selah.

Think great snow this year!

First, a special thanks goes to all those who voted for our first and second place People's Choice awards. Without you the awards are not possible. Our display had 19 antique and vintage sleds, plus one cutter.

This year you decided the first place winner for Best of Show was Dick Feil for his beautifully restored 1964 Arctic Cat 101 with an 8hp Kohler four-stroke motor.

Coming in second was Ray Bergstresser with his 1972 Sno\*Jet 440 Thunder Jet.

Both of these sleds are skillfully restored and in running condition. Thanks to everyone who voted.

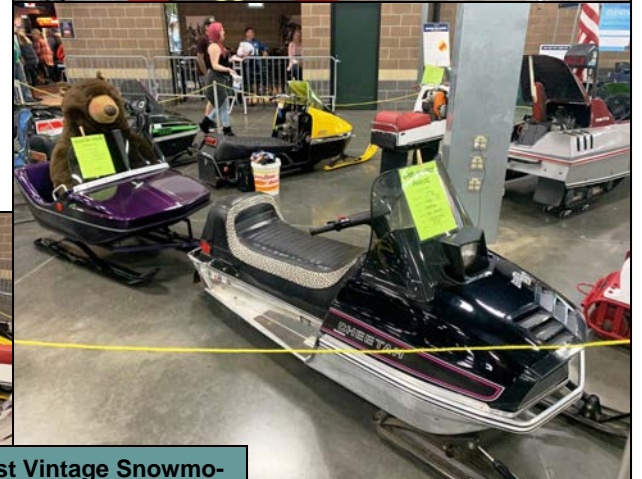
We want to welcome four new members who decided to join during the show. Welcome Katie, Rich, Bill, and Stephen. We look forward to seeing you during this coming winter's shows and rides.

Our next event is on

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The Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club had a great display in Puyallup. Their 23rd year displaying at this event!



**Pacific Northwest  
Vintage  
Snowmobile Club**

**By Ray Bergstresser,  
President**

What a great and busy weekend it was at the Washington State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet! This was our 23rd year displaying at this fun event. The time went by fast. We had our display up and running well before it was time for the gates to open. The best part of the Expo was that you stopped to see our old machines, and swap riding stories when they were the hottest and newest sleds on the trails.





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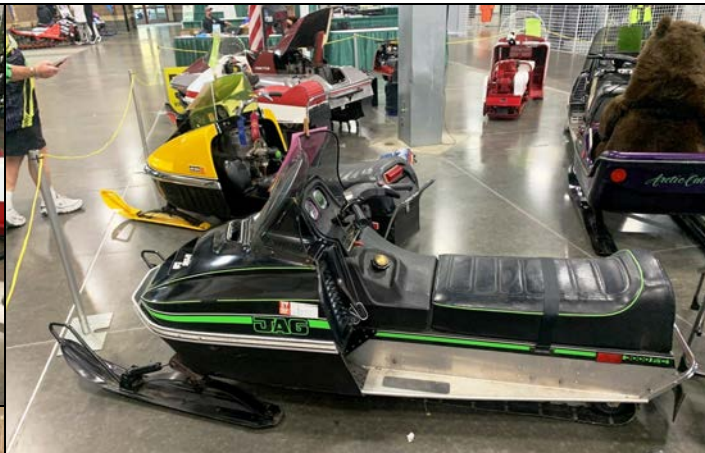
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Saturday, November 12th. We will be at the Winters Knights Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet in Spokane. You can find our group blended with the Vintage Snowmobiles of the Inland Northwest. There will be other events that will be posted on our website: [www.pnwvsc.org](http://www.pnwvsc.org) and Facebook page.



## Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Craig Stahl,  
President

Wow! What a great start to the season we have had so far. We have done multiple work parties getting our huts ready for the season. These projects were possible because of our Washington State Parks Winter Recreation grant and membership dues. Remember to support your local and out of area associations.

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The Methow crew has worked hard this fall and has their local warming huts ready for use!





## Club News *Continued...*



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The Black Pine hut work party was organized by Ken and Linda. They had a plan and many worker bees showed up to

help. Now we have a wonderful looking hut. We varmint-proofed the foundation, installed metal along the bottom of the hut, painted the outside, re-screwed the metal roof, finished the inside/outside trim and installed a new table-top inside. All this was done in one day. It was great to see all the positive effort put towards our hut by both members and non-members.

We also had a work party for the Sweet-grass hut. It needed a new coat of stain and it received a cleaning from top to bottom. We have placed the hut up on the hill and it is ready for the season.

Now it is time for those snow dances and hopefully by the time you read this we have had a chance to get our sleds out in the hills.

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## Winter Knights

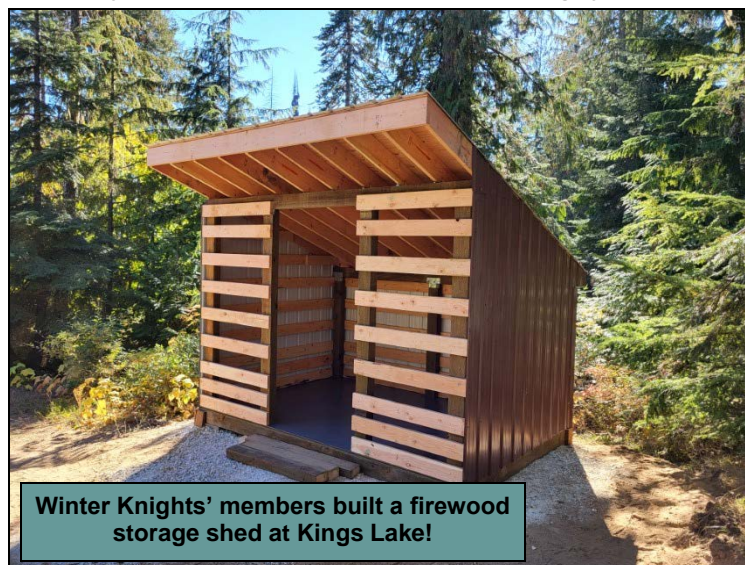
By Al McCarty,  
President

I've always enjoyed building things. I guess it all started with my first set of Lincoln Logs when I was just old enough not to swallow them. Next were the Erector Sets with those tiny screws and sharp metal edges. Thankfully I was smart enough and **didn't hurt myself building all the skyscrapers** and things that moved with the hundreds of pieces that eventually ended up inside my **mother's vacuum cleaner**. Then came Legos. My grandmother bought me a million-piece set one Christmas, or so it seemed, and I dedicated my childhood time to building the biggest structures one could imagine. In my adult years, **I've built a few things worthy of note**, but nothing as memorable as those constructions of my youth. Somewhere along the line free play turned into purposeful necessity and the raw fun was a bit lost. Being a kid was awesome during those times when imagination ran wild, time had no meaning, and I was trusted to use my toys without much oversight.

Many years ago, our snowmobile club built a warming hut in the Kings Lake area between North and South Baldy Mountains in **Northern Washington**. **It's a beautiful log cabin structure** that has stood the test of time. Each fall, club members cut firewood to stock the hut for the season. We stack the wood against the front of the building, just outside the entrance under an extended eave. Club members have been doing so for over 25 years without much trouble. But as with all things, change has its way of working into our plans, and in response to a concern of the U.S. Forest Service, we can no longer stack the firewood against the hut. We were advised to build a structure to hold the firewood away from the hut to prevent the possibility of embers from a forest fire landing in the stack and catching the hut on fire. I immediately thought this to be very silly since the hut itself is made of wood and **openly balked at the government's seemingly ludicrous decree**. I guess I should be thankful someone is looking out for us, since **we apparently can't do it without their help** even after more than a quarter century

of practice.

To answer their concern, we enlisted a small group of club members with construction expertise and came up with some plans to build a woodshed that would stand just as proud as the hut has for so many years. We set a date for the construction, bought the materials, and trekked up the mountainside to work on our project. We had two key players with well-worn tool belts that spoke a specific language between them. The rest of us willingly followed orders, schlepping boards, nails, screws and ladders wherever they were needed. I have to admit, I was somewhat envious of the two guys and their



Winter Knights' members built a firewood storage shed at Kings Lake!

ability to jump from task to task without any formal written plans and the relative ease at which they cut, nailed and adjusted on the fly. By the end of the weekend, the woodshed stood strong and tall as we all gathered around to admire our hard work. We had fulfilled a purpose, even though I still felt it was a bit unfounded.

I have now been inspired to rekindle my feelings of youth and have decided to set out **on a building project of my own**. I think I'll build a dog house to set proudly in our backyard, made of the finest materials and constructed to last the ages. It will be something to stare at and admire, a reminder of what can be done with my own creativity and willingness to construct freely. **Once completed, I'll invite others over to enjoy my accomplishment and to revel in my excitement**. When I shared this idea with my wife, she asked why build a **dog house when we don't even have a dog**. My slightly sarcastic reply was... "does it matter?..."



## Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Jessica Ronhaar

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers had a great time at the snow show this year. It was a fun time of meeting new faces and seeing old ones. Many of our own club members hosted and participated in many of the classes and it was wonderful to **see the ladies represent at the 'Ladies Meet and Greet'**.



The Ladies Meet & Greet was a huge success at the WSSA Expo last month!



Remember there is still time to renew your Northwest Glacier Cruisers memberships, buy new ones and to buy raffle tickets for this year's raffle that will be held at the Shoot Out on March 18th. (Continued on page 20)



## Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 19)

You can win a Garmin In-Reach, Klim avalanche bag or a wrap from Dynamic Designs. You can also still buy tickets for the Luke Rohde Memorial Raffle including a three-day AIARE class. Each raffle ticket is \$5 and you do not have to be present to win. Go to [www.northwestglaciercruisers.com](http://www.northwestglaciercruisers.com) to buy tickets and to renew or become a member.

We would love to have you join us at one of our monthly meetings held the first Thursday of each month at Coconut Kenny's in Burlington starting at 7pm. The entire family is welcome!

Here are some dates to remember:

- Snowfest - Leavenworth - November 19th.
- Annual Christmas Party - December 10th at the Grand Willow in Mount Vernon. Tickets are available on our website or at one of our monthly meetings.
- TNT Highway 20 Ride - January 14th.
- Youth Snowmobile Day/NWAC Ride - February 11th.
- Mt. Baker Ladies Ride - March 11th. (Space is limited; sign up today!)
- Luke's Memorial Ride - March 17th with Friday night barbecue in the parking lot.
- Mt. Baker Shoot-Out - March 18th. Annual raffle drawing and barbecue.

Be sure to check out our Facebook page for our latest updates and event information. We are excited for the season to begin!



**Junco  
Snowmobile  
Club**

**By Chris Sutton**

We are getting geared up for an exciting season on the snow and hope you are too! **It's time to get all your pre-season checklists done as well as any repairs or recalls taken care of before it's too late; the snow will be here before we know it!**

It was awesome to meet so many of you at the snow show last month and we appreciate WSSA for organizing this big event every year! We tried a few new things this year and had our own booth inside the Expo center, which was a huge hit! We signed up some new members and sold a lot of tickets for our 'Win a Snowmobile' raffle! Last summer we received a VERY GENEROUS donation of a low-mileage Ski-Doo MXZ 600 and decided to raffle it off for Make-A-Wish! We also have a few other tricks up our sleeves

this season, so stay tuned for more exciting news! The Blue Lot was also a success, and we want to thank all those who donated to the WSSA Legal Fund for parking! We collected a total of \$6,104 this year to help protect our right to ride!

On January 14th-15th we are hosting our annual 'Charity on the Snow' event at the Orr Creek Sno-Park. This is a family-friendly weekend of camping, snowmobiling, and

other fun activities with a charity auction for the Make-A-Wish Foundation! Since 2002 we have been donating 100% of the money raised from this event directly to Make-A-Wish, Alaska and Washington! Our GRAND TOTAL raised for Make-A-Wish throughout this 20-year tradition is now over \$100,000! We are also excited to be doing our 'Sleds on Fire' and 'Win a Snowmobile' raffle this year! We depend on donations (Continued on page 21)

# Charity on the Snow

BENEFITING

**Make-A-Wish**  
ALASKA AND WASHINGTON

Presented by the Junco Snowmobile Club!

**JANUARY 14-15, 2023**

The Junco Snowmobile Club is excited to announce our annual "Charity on the Snow" event at the Orr Creek Sno-Park and we hope you can join us on this fun-filled weekend for Charity! There is plenty of room for Large RV's for those who want to stay the whole weekend with us.

**Jan. 14 - 10 a.m.** Let The Fun Begin!

We start off the day with a couple of guided rides, we will also have some maps and markers up for those who prefer smaller groups! We'll have a Pulled Pork Dinner w/ sides for you after we all return, followed by a Combination Live & Silent Auction and then our "Sled on Fire" Show, ALL benefiting Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington!

**Jan. 15 - Between 9 & 10 a.m.** Free Pancake Breakfast!

#### Directions to Orr Creek Sno-Park:

From Randle, WA: Head South on Highway 131 (Cispus Road) to Forest Road 23, follow that to Forest Road 21, and then to Forest Road 56, and then to Forest Road 5603. The roads are plowed by Back Country Plowing and Grooming and marked with Signs! The Orr Creek Sno-Park is 26 Miles from Randle!

For more info call Chris Sutton at (253) 224-8806 or Zach Bradbury at (253) 592-9893, or see Junco Snowmobile Club on Facebook!



## Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 20) from our local communities for this event, so if you would like to donate items for our auction, or money to our cause, please contact me at (253) 224-8806 or Snowkingsutton79@gmail.com.

Back Country Plowing and Grooming has upped the ante again this year and they have invested in more equipment to help

keep the roads into our sno-parks clear of snow and safe for winter travel; see pics for a sneak peek! Travis and the crew never cease to amaze us with their commitment to our sport and we are lucky to have such a great relationship with our groomer! We **know their job isn't easy and we appreciate** all the hard work and long hours that they put in.

The Junco Snowmobile Club recently changed the location of our meetings to Round Table Pizza at 7921 S. Hosmer St A -1, in Tacoma. We now have use of a private meeting room that makes it much easier to interact and hold meetings. We meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm, September through April, with our social hour beginning at 6pm! We are a small informal club with lots of young families and we are always looking for new friends to ride with. It is very common to see kids in our sno-parks doing parking lot circles on their snowmobiles and playing with friends, so please watch out for them! Our membership is only \$20 a year per family, and we welcome yours to come join us! If you would like to be a member and support our club but cannot make it to our meetings, you can mail a \$20 check to our Treasurer, Kristal Simpson at 14404 50th Ave. E. Tacoma, WA 98446; please include your e-mail address on the check! You can also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Junco-Snowmobile-Club-693699857309032](https://www.facebook.com/Junco-Snowmobile-Club-693699857309032) for more information about our club, our rides, and our "Charity on the Snow" event!

members spent a Wednesday up on Chinook Pass clearing trees from a section of Forest Road 1600. While the road was passable for a pickup, it wasn't wide enough for the groomer to get through this winter. The trees were all blow-downs, most killed in the fire that devastated this area in 2021. We cleared dozens of trees, cutting the logs into firewood-sized pieces, and hauling two pickup loads to the Little Bald shelter. It was a long, dusty day and a huge thanks to Ron and Dee Alred, Jim Kingman, Fred Pitzer, Rudy Classen and Bob Tanasse for their help. (We thought we may need to make another trip up to split the wood and load it into the shelter; a huge thanks to the Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club for taking on that task a few days later.)

Join us at Round Table Pizza in Yakima on November 7th. The meeting starts at 6:30pm, but join us at 6pm for dinner. We are an informal group and the discussion will mostly focus on upcoming midweek and weekend rides planned for this winter. One great event we had last season was a camp-out and on-the-trail hot dog feed; we expect to do it again this winter.

**Here's hoping for snow soon... so our planned mid-November ride can happen!**



**Zach Bradbury & Sarah Simpson setting up our Booth!**



**Junco's 'Win a Snowmobile' raffle was a hit at the Snow Show.**



**Mike Collins working the Blue Lot at the Snow Show!**



**Back Country Plowing & Grooming has a new toy this year!**



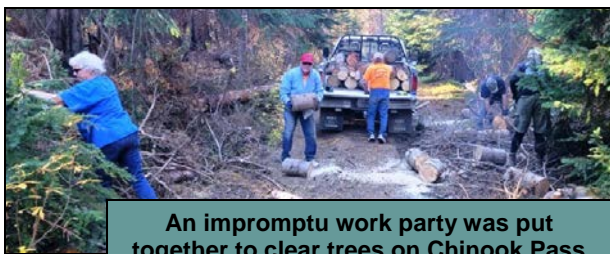
### **Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club**

**By Matt Mead, Secretary**

The Drift-A-Way's first meeting of the season is only a few days away. But the lack of a meeting hasn't kept members from doing snowmobile 'stuff'.

Several members (Jim and Deann Kingman, Fred and Katy Pitzer, Ron and Dee Alred, Jim and Delia Senger, and myself) spent October 14th and 15th in Puyallup working the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet; this is an annual tradition for most of this group.

A few days after the Expo, a handful of

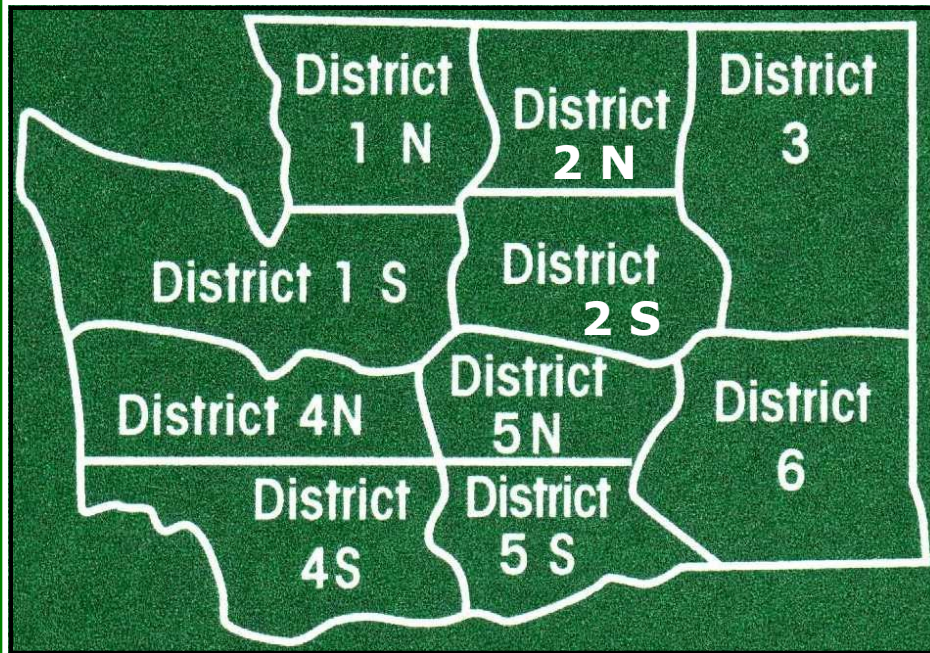


**An impromptu work party was put together to clear trees on Chinook Pass for groomer access this winter.**





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## News



When Jim and Jan Martinek's snowmobile club inherited a fundraising event for Make-A-Wish in 2001, they didn't expect they'd be starting out on what would become a 20-year tradition that has raised more than \$100,000 for wishes in Alaska and Washington.

But knowing the generosity and support of the local community, they aren't surprised. Whether their Junco Snowmobile Club numbered in the teens or several dozen, supporting Make-A-Wish is a point of pride and a labor of love.

*"Every year, our club gets excited about it. We don't really have to ask people to plan or participate, everyone just steps up to make it happen." - Jim, donor*

Held annually in January, the Charity on the Snow event attracts snowmobilers from clubs throughout Western Washington. They gather for a ride, an auction and an evening of revelry—all to raise money to grant wishes. Some years, there are other aspects—like geocaching or a scavenger hunt. But it's mostly a chance for this generous community to gather and support a cause they are passionate about.

"What a cool program that will help children and families to have a needed break from what's going on medically," said Jim, who saw first-hand how needed community support is for families facing illness. Growing up, his sister had polio and he remains grateful to the people who helped his family.

Junco Snowmobile Club's generosity has created ripples throughout the community. As the event has grown, more of the community have become involved. Now, it's not just the participating snowmobile clubs contributing; it's local businesses donating auction items, attending the event and taking an interest in the children helped through the fundraiser.

And Jim and Jan see even more opportunity in their future. "We want to encourage other snowmobile clubs to consider hosting fundraisers for Make-A-Wish," said Jan. "The benefit to our club is so meaningful, and we're positively impacting the lives of local kids."

You, too, can host an event to raise money for wishes. Start here today: <https://wish.org/akwa/host-event>

The article at left is featured on the Make-A-Wish Alaska & Washington website and was reprinted with permission. Way to go Junco!

<https://wish.org/akwa/how-one-annual-snowmobile-event-brings-club-together>



# Make-A-Wish®



# News



## Lake Wentachee Rec Club brushing project

### WSSA Trail Grant funded

The brushing project paid for through grant monies from WSSA was completed in September 2022 on the Lake Wenatchee area snowmobile routes.

The Lake Wenatchee Rec Club (LWRC) would like to thank WSSA for the grant monies awarded for much needed brushing on some of our snowmobile routes.



Burgess Logging was hired by the Rec Club to perform the brushing work. They agreed to a lesser rate of \$120 per hour for the masticator and operator. Their normal rate is \$160 per hour. Volunteers from the Rec Club followed the machine and removed debris off the brushed route. The machine brushed trails for a total of 16 hours, so the contractor donated some time in addition to receiving \$950 for the brushing work. The LWRC kept back \$50 of the grant funds for administrative costs.

Attached are a few photos BEFORE and AFTER, of the specific area for this job.

Thanks again to WSSA for this program. Very much appreciated!!

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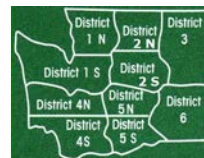
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# WSSA Expo & Swap

## 2022 WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary

A new format this year; the show was a Friday/Saturday show instead of a Saturday/Sunday event. Why? Attendance on Sunday has been getting lighter every year and many exhibitors wanted to try the Friday/Saturday format other shows have embraced. Hours were 3pm to 9pm on Friday and 9am to 6pm on Saturday.

So how did it go? Frankly, not as well as we'd hoped. While I haven't heard any attendance numbers as this Snoflyer goes to 'print', exhibitors and guests will tell you our numbers were down from previous years. Since Saturday's hours remained the same as in recent years, we could compare Friday's attendance to previous Sunday's to see the difference. But there is more to this story.

Some may want to sugar-coat it, but we were again hosed by SnoWest and their Utah show. They purposely scheduled their show on the same weekend as ours, forcing exhibitors to choose between the two. This is really poor behavior and not only does it hurt our show and their show, but it cuts into the exposure and potential profit of exhibitors as they are forced to completely miss a show.

Were there other factors? Low inventories for exhibitors? The exceptionally warm,

summer-like weather? Mariners play -off game? Hunting season kicking off? Exceptionally high gas prices and an uncertain economy? They all may have played in to some degree.

But what about the positives and the show itself? For those who attended, it was a fun time, and despite missing exhibitors, there was a ton of merchandise available! Just as in years past, clothing, helmets, boots, avalanche gear, oil, belts and etc. were readily available from several dealers. The clubs were well represented and included the Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club, Junco, Sno-Jammers, Ski-Benders, Cascade Drift Skippers and Northwest Glacier Cruisers, all showcasing the fun of membership. State Parks and the Forest Service were on hand to talk about the snowmobile program and our public lands. Looking for a new place to ride? Several snowmobile-friendly chambers of commerce and resorts had great options both in state and out.

The manufacturers were another story... Last year, Polaris failed to show, even though they paid for a spot. This year Polaris had the best display. Ski-Doo was represented, but it wasn't at the level we've seen in the past. Of course there was really no significant Yamaha representation... are they even still in the snowmobile business?... The surprise and major disappointment was the big hole left by Arctic Cat; their factory support has been abysmal since being taken over by Textron. If you recall last year where STAYCYC Electric Bikes filled the spot for Polaris, they did the

same for Arctic Cat this year.

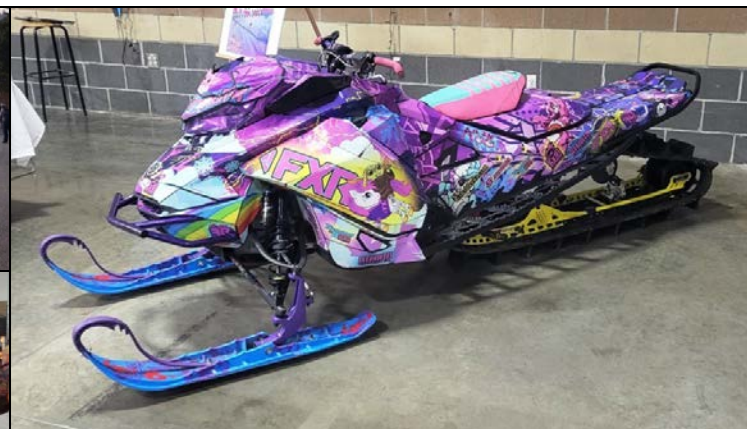
What about the swap meet? The indoor swap meet had originally been cancelled because participation has been way down in recent years and the new Friday/Saturday format didn't lend itself well to having it continue. (It also saves WSSA significant money by not having to rent the other two buildings.) But when it became clear there would be a lot of open room in the trailer section of the Showplex, and some sellers really wanted indoor swap, the indoor swap was back in! (Why was there open space in the trailer section? Inventory. Trailer dealers are still having problems getting their hands on new trailers to sell.) The Blue Lot swap was also a popular place and had more participation on Friday afternoon/evening than it has ever had on Sunday. Saturday remains the most popular day for the Blue Lot and the line to get in and get parked was backing up just after 6:30am.

Another highlight of the show were the seminars. Jon Ferrian did an outstanding job of announcing them, (not to mention putting the schedule together), and they covered sled performance tips, sled wraps, mapping, avalanche awareness, out of state trip planning and the ever-popular ladies meet and greet.

So what's the plan for next year? I'm willing to bet it will be a topic of discussion at the November 15th WSSA meeting. One thing is for sure; we want to hear from you. What are your thoughts on this year's Expo? What would you do to make it better? What other thoughts do you have on WSSA's annual major fundraiser? Let us know!



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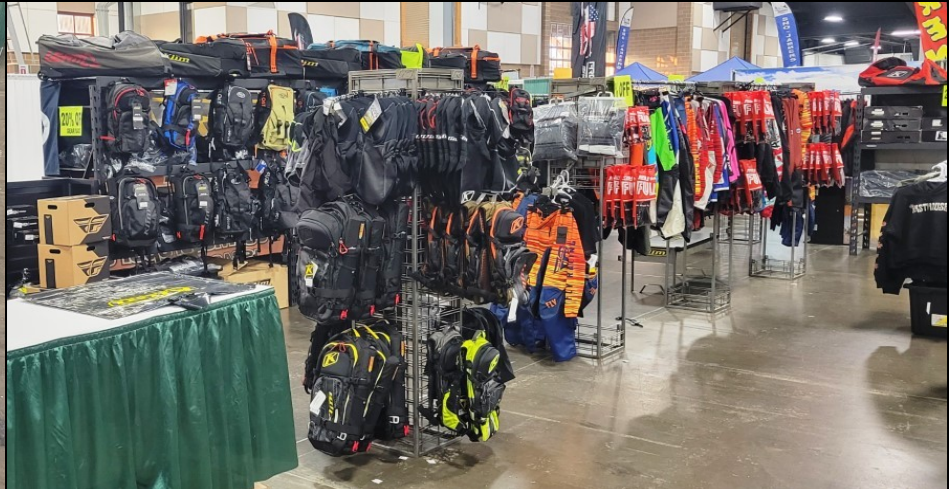


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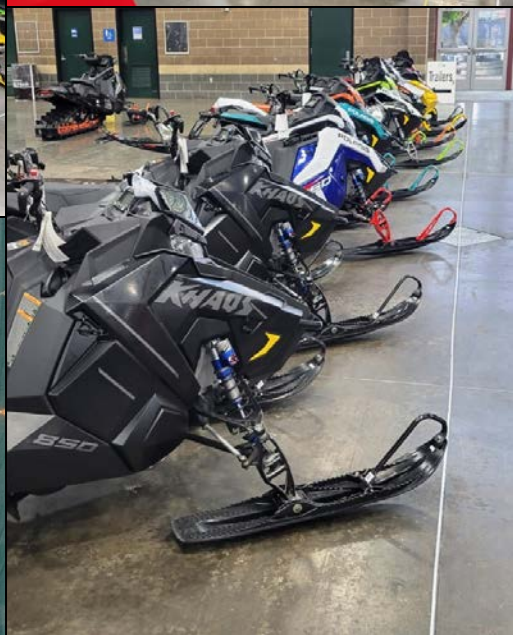


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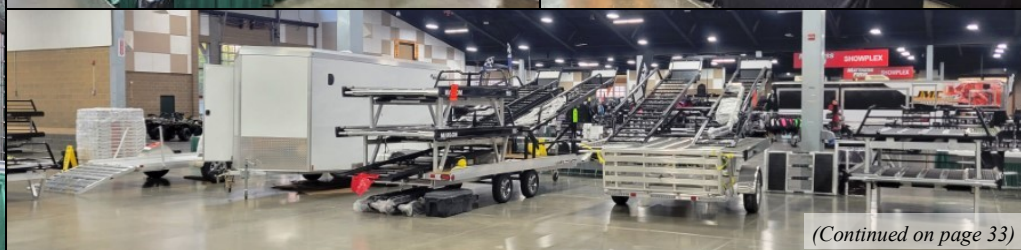


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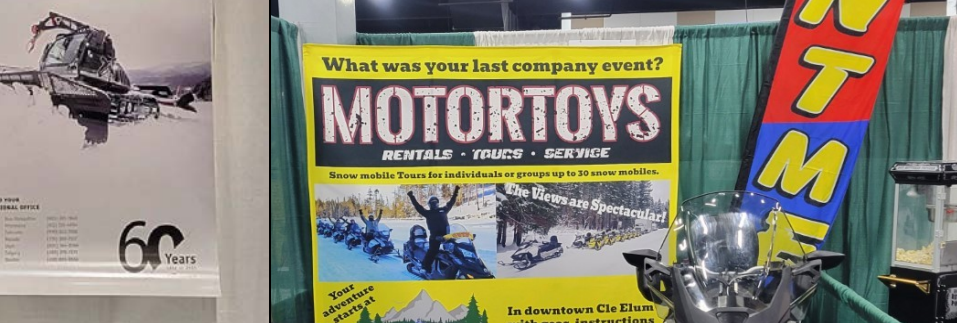
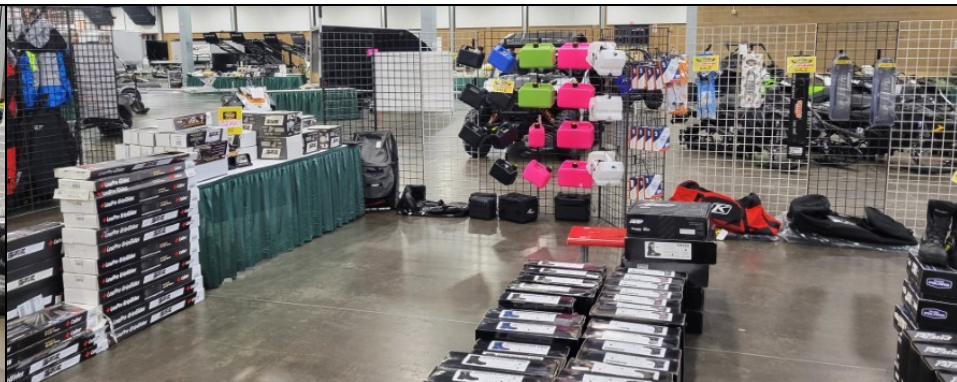


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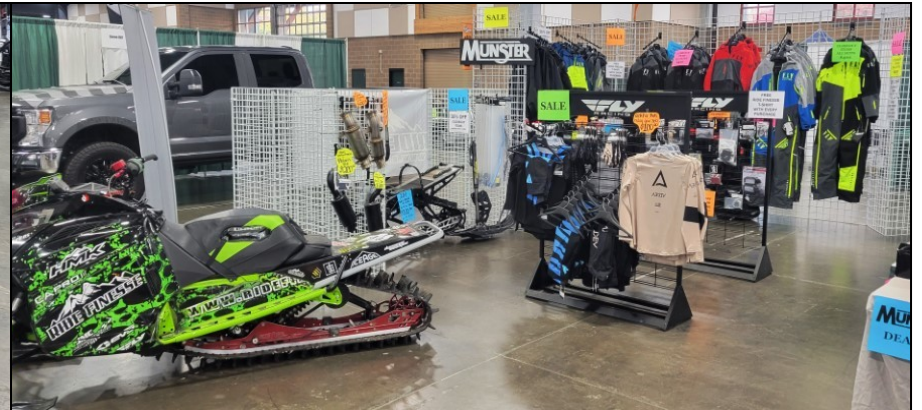
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Six \$200 Expo Gift certificates were given away!

Winners were:

- Jeremy Rausch, Tumwater, WA
- Jared Watters, Cave Junction, OR
- Roman Valezquez, Wenatchee, WA
- Renee Miner, Puyallup, WA
- Jeff Colston, Auburn, WA
- Paul Olsen, Enumclaw, WA



Renee Miner accepts her prize from Wayne Mohler.



## WSSA's Associate Partnership Program

Luft Trailer Sales in Ellensburg is offering a 10% discount on parts.



**Are you next? Add your business name here!**

With all the challenges facing everyone during this past couple of years, we have a program with our Associate members to try to bring our snowmobile members together with our Associate members through an affinity or loyalty program. It's very simple and straightforward – As an Associate, just let us know how you would like to participate. WSSA will publicize the Associate members and what they are offering in the Snoflyer and on social media. Just contact [membership@wssa.us](mailto:membership@wssa.us) to get signed up!

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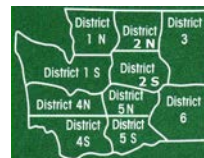
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## A Single, Devastating California Fire Season Wiped Out Years of Efforts to Cut Emissions

A nearly 20-year effort by Californians to cut their emissions of planet-warming carbon dioxide may have been erased by a single, devastating year of wildfires, according to UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles) and University of Chicago researchers.

During California's 2020 fire season, more than 4 million acres burned, producing almost twice the tonnage of greenhouse gases as the total amount of carbon dioxide reductions made since 2003, according to a study published recently in the journal Environmental Pollution.

The findings challenge the notion that wildfire emissions should be considered differently than the emissions of tailpipes, industry and other sources because forests eventually grow back, said Michael Jerrett, a professor of environmental health sciences at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health and a lead author of the research.

The study found wildfires were second only to transportation as the primary source of planet-warming gases in 2020, ahead of industry and electrical power generation.

California is working to reach carbon neutrality in the coming decades, including banning the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035.

Forest management will also play a significant role, especially because a century of wildfire suppression has allowed for a buildup of carbon inside forests.

Managing forests through mechanical thinning, prescribed burns and other methods will make a difference, Jerrett said, especially as more is learned about the wildfires and greenhouse gas emissions.

"That conventional wisdom of the wildfires as carbon neutral is something we have to rethink in the context of a climate crisis," he said, especially "when we have so little time to meet critical goals."

## Ski-Doo P.A.S.S. Grants

Protect. Access. Sustain. Support.

Ski-Doo announced in two years it has provided nearly \$900,000 funding toward 175 snowmobile projects in the U.S. and Canada.

Ski-Doo partnered with their dealer network to provide these funds to the volunteer snowmobile clubs across the Snowbelt.

The grant program offers up to \$5,000 in matching funds to community-led projects from associations and clubs engaged in the many activities that ensure the sustainability of the sport. The projects chosen to receive funding allow hundreds of thousands of riders to continue to enjoy the trails and backcountry access across North America, from Québec to Alaska.

Ski-Doo feels with the passion and dedication of organizations and riders such as these, the future of snowmobiling remains bright.

Also, Ski-Doo, through its Responsible Rider program, recognizes the importance of preserving our winter playgrounds and helping people understand you can have an adventure in the great outdoors while remaining aware of and attentive to your surroundings and behavior.

Ski-Doo invites all snowmobile lovers to view and share this video to celebrate and thank the clubs for their efforts: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M2D-wMGaLCc>

For additional information on the PASS Grant program, visit <https://www.ski-doo.com/us/en/snow-pass-grant-program.html>

THANK YOU SKI-DOO!!

## Carbon Credits

**Michigan:** Bluesource Sustainable Forests Co. has purchased 29,019 acres of forestland in the Upper Peninsula (U.P.) of Michigan from The Lyme Timber Company in Schoolcraft, Mackinac, Alger, Chippewa, and Luce counties.

This property will be part of over 90 North American forest carbon projects covering over four-million acres that Anew Climate currently man-

ages in partnership with landowners.

Bluesource plans to initiate a selective logging operation below annual growth levels. This will allow the forests to continue to be working forestlands to support the local economy and produce high value forest products, while also developing carbon credits.

Bluesource ensures the land will remain open for public recreational access and sustainably managed for the benefit of both people and wildlife.

**Washington:** Six months after Washington Public Lands Commissioner Hilary Franz introduced Finite Carbon as the state's partner in selling carbon credits, the terms of that partnership remain undisclosed. Finite Carbon, owned by oil giant BP, calls itself the developer and manager of a plan to cancel logging on 10,000 acres in Western Washington to 'offset' carbon emissions by companies. The plan was drawn up without the approval or knowledge of the Board of Natural Resources, a panel that purportedly sets timber policies for the Department of Natural Resources.

## Nonprofit Buys 31,000 Acres by Copper Harbor to Keep Land Public

The Nature Conservancy recently announced it had struck a deal to purchase more than 31,000 acres (50 square miles) in the forests of Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula from its hedge-fund owner. Tens of thousands of acres of beloved Upper Peninsula forest will remain undeveloped and open to the public.

It's the latest large U.P. land transaction by the conservancy, which has spearheaded several high-profile efforts to exclude the region's wild landscapes from fragmentation and development.

This area for ATV riders, snowmobilers, hikers, bikers, anglers and hunters, is part of a vast outdoor playground that has begun to garner international renown.

When the New York hedge company listed 32,700 acres with a \$43.2 million asking price last year, area residents, business owners and government leaders feared a new buyer could abruptly revoke access or parcel off the land for development.

They formed a group called the Keweenaw Outdoor Recreation Coalition, and petitioned the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to buy nearly half of the land. But DNR officials said it wasn't feasible. So they turned to The Nature Conservancy, a massive land conservation organization with more than a million members worldwide and a history of similar transactions in the U.P.

The conservancy said it paid \$27.2 million for three tracts totaling 22,700 acres and expects to close on another 8,900 acres by year's end.

## BLM Headquarters.....DC or Colorado?

After much work by Congressman Laura Boebert (R-CO) following the announcement the BLM (Bureau of Land Management) senior leadership would be returning to DC, Bobert got some results. BLM Director Stone-Manning announced an increased number of leadership would remain in Colorado.

According to one BLM leader, he said "during my time managing the agency in Washington, I made decisions using a piece of paper, photograph, and map. That changed when I moved with the headquarters to Grand Junction. I often drove a government rig to visit district and field offices where I went onto the land and met with locals to learn firsthand rather than via two-dimensional documents."

The employee continued, "For example, when the Pine Gulch fire raged near Grand Junction, I saw the clouds, smelled the smoke, and brushed the ash off my car before joining firefighters' briefings and meeting them on the fire lines, which I could not have duplicated remotely from Washington.

That is why, decades ago, the assistant director and staff in charge of BLM's firefighters were relocated to Boise, Idaho, where, thankfully, they remain."

However, many leaders will move back to DC, including the head of BLM law enforcement, who supervises over 200 law enforcement rangers and 76 special agents stationed principally across 11 western states and Alaska. Also returning to DC include the Assistant Director in charge of oil, gas, and





minerals, most of which are in the West and Alaska; and the Assistant Director responsible for wild horses and burros, whose uncontrolled growth poses an existential threat to public lands; 70% are in Nevada.

Efficient? More changes to come?

### Shortages on the Horizon?

**Diesel:** U.S. diesel supplies are becoming critically low with shortages and price spikes likely to occur soon.

Stocks of diesel and other distillate fuel oils were just 106 million barrels on October 21st, the lowest for the time of year since the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) started collecting weekly data in 1982.

Distillate inventories were a massive 26 million barrels (-20%) below the seasonal average for the previous ten years ('Weekly petroleum status report', EIA, Oct. 26).

The deficit has been worsening steadily since the start of the year when stocks were 15 million barrels (-11%) below the 10-year average.

In terms of consumption, the inventory is estimated to have fallen to a record seasonal low of fewer than 27 days of demand in October.

**Paper:** A shortage of the paper used to make ballots could impact Election Day.

The 2022 election cycle will use an estimated 30 million pounds of paper, according to industry experts. Soaring demand and a shortage of manufacturers during the pandemic have pinched national stockpiles, leaving little room for error.

During the pandemic, many surviving paper mills stopped producing new paper and relied on their stockpiles to fulfill orders, experts said. Those have since dwindled. Mill workers and truck drivers have also been in short supply, adding strain on the paper supply chain.

### Did You Know?

U.S. Forest Service Region 6 (Pacific Northwest) timber outputs declined again in FY 2022, registering its lowest output in nearly 20 years, at the same time the agency is receiving record funding for forest management and hazardous fuels reduction.

### Air Quality in Seattle and Portland:

Recently, the Pacific Northwest air, clogged with smoke from multiple wildfires burning west of the Cascade Range in Washington State, was among the worst in the world.

The air quality in Seattle was ranked worst worldwide according to IQAir, a Swiss air quality technology company that monitors real-time air quality. Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, British Columbia, also ranked among the 10 worst locations, alongside cities in Pakistan, China and India.

**Governors Races:** Women running in governors' races throughout the country are potentially set to break records if elected this November.

In total there are 25 women governor candidates nominated by the two major political parties this election cycle, sharply up from 16 in 2018.

Democrats hold 16 of those nominations, with 9 GOP women candidates seeking the role of governor.

### In Case You Missed This...

The Biden Administration recently announced the recipients of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean School Bus Program rebate competition.

The first \$1 billion of \$5 billion total will go to support 2,468 new school

buses in all 50 states, as well as D.C., territories and tribal institutions.

Nearly all — 95 percent — of these buses will be electric. The rest will be powered by natural gas or propane. The buses will serve 389 school districts.

The fleet of school busses across the county is approximately 500,000. You can find the press release here: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-nearly-1-billion-epas-clean-school-bus-program>

### Diesel Ram Truck vs Electric Hummer

The Fast Lane Truck's (FLT) YouTube channel matched a Ram 2500 diesel against an electric vehicle Hummer in a towing contest with each vehicle pulling identical 6,100-pound toy hauler trailers.

The Ram had a full tank and the Hummer had a full charge with its computer estimating 327 miles. They left Boulder and headed on I-76 toward Fort Morgan, with hopes of making it all the way to Ogallala, Nebraska, 227 miles away.

Each truck drove 70 mph. After traveling 80 miles, it was obvious the Hummer could not make it as planned. The FLT team decided to continue to the 97-mile mark, and further to a point they thought they could get back to a charger in Fort Morgan.

They got about 13 miles past Fort Morgan and realized it was time to turn back.

Then came complications: 1) Chargers were full at Fort Morgan. 2) It was questionable whether or not the Hummer could even make it back to Fort Morgan. 3) There was only half-jokingly a discussion of the advantage of a slight tailwind from the east to help push the boxy trailer. And 4)

There was concern the trailer would have to be removed to allow the Hummer to reach the charger.

The Hummer made it to a charger station back at Fort Morgan. FLT found the Hummer pulled the trailer a total of 128 miles.

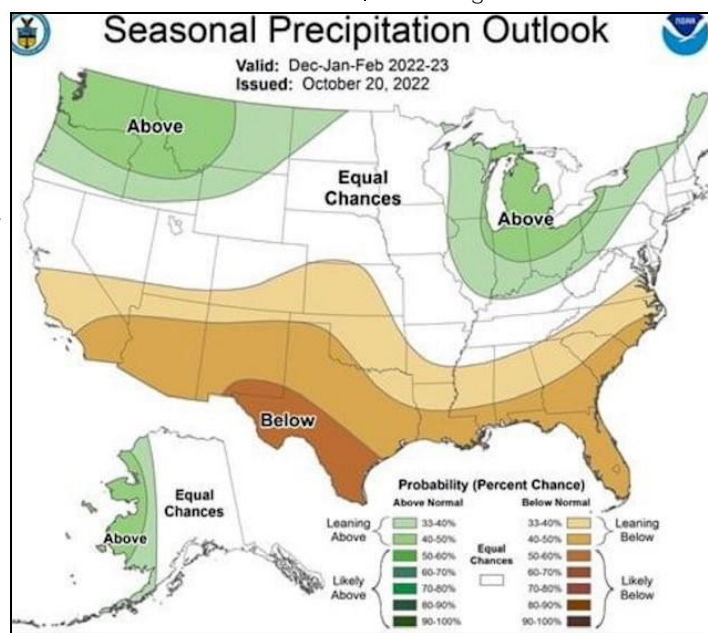
At the charging station, the Hummer could be charged without removing the trailer if it was parked at a 150-kilowatt charger. Using a 350-kilowatt charger would require unhitching the trailer.

Knowing it would be quicker, they unhitched the trailer and used the 350-kilowatt charger. The Hummer took 31 minutes to get a 93% charge.

Meanwhile, the Ram drove a total of 211.6 miles, averaging about 10 miles per gallon of diesel fuel, with an estimated 100 miles remaining. Total fuel cost was \$104.45.

The Hummer's retail cost is \$114,000 compared to the Ram at \$68,000.

Watch on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LjuTg6diDCU>



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# Matt's Misc.

## Ski-Doo's Sled Sessions on YouTube.

Have you checked them out? These are short videos with an educational flair and worth checking out. Even if you don't ride Doo! Episode two is one that hits close to home; trail work and warming huts. Visit the Ski-Doo channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/c/skidoo>

## Sad start to the season... in October!

One person died in a snowmobiling accident in central Utah. Two were riding snowmobiles at Blue Lake and one of them went over some ice on the lake that wasn't thick enough to support the sled and went into the water. By the time the other rider managed to reach the victim it was too late. A take away from this... not all western snowmobile deaths are due to avalanches...

**No more gas snowmobiles in New York State?** Well, it isn't going to happen anytime soon. A new law states new off-road vehicles and equipment sold in New York is to be zero-emissions by 2035. I'm willing to wager this won't happen in the next 13 years; we don't have the technology or infrastructure in place to make this happen for cars and trucks and some states already have laws directing those to be electric

by 2035. We are going to need a major upgrade to the electrical grid, significantly more power generation, LOTS of charging stations, faster charging technology, and increased battery capacity. It's a nice dream, but get real! Not going to happen in 13 years...

**Electric sled rebates!** Not here. Not yet. But in Canada! The government launched a new program offering cash back for people who are buying zero-emissions snowmobiles. \$2500! Will the \$2500 offset the price premium for an electric snowmobile? Doubtful. Will it make you feel better with all the inconveniences (long time to refuel/limited range/increased weight) that come with the electric sled? Nope. I predict this program won't pay out much over the next several years. Hope I find some data on it in a year or so.

**Note I'm not against electric sleds.** I've stated I think the Taiga mountain sled could be viable if the range matches what the company says. If you are like many of us who just go on day trips and only put on 50-60 miles while boondocking, then this sled may fill the bill. I'd love to try one!

**VOTE!!** I can't stress this enough; cast your ballot! WSSA can't tell you who to vote for but you are smart enough to figure that out for yourself. It's easy to make excuses about why not to vote, but at the end of the day, if you don't vote, you didn't do everything you could to try and make our Country the best it can be. NO EXCUSES.

**Oh no, not Ski-Doo too!** Bombardier recalls 2022 snowmobiles for a potential fire risk. About 6,200 snowmobiles sold in the United States are affected, those with 850 E-TEC and 850 E-TEC Turbo engines. Included models are Expedition, Summit, Freeride, Renegade, Backcountry, and MXZ. What's the problem? A fuel injector hose retainer screw can loosen and cause a fuel leak, posing a fire hazard. Ski-Doo received five reports of leaks with two fires. Whoops. If you own one of these sleds, Ski-Doo has probably already been in touch and asked you to park it until repairs can be made.

**Win a new Super Duty!** You may recall

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the Avalanche Alliance raffled off a custom Lynx mountain sled last season. They



have upped the game this year and the grand prize is a new Ford Super Duty! \$25 gets you 10 tickets. The Avalanche Alliance granted over \$119,000 to U.S. avalanche centers following the last sweepstakes. You can find out more about the Avalanche Alliance and get your tickets here: <https://www.avalanche-alliance.org/>

**Snoflyers in warming huts!** This is my goal this season. I'm hoping to partner with the clubs and ask them to cover Snoflyer mailing costs from the printer, and handling delivery to the many warming shelters around the state.



The clubs could help decide how many issues they'd like for each shelter and work with their members to figure who's going to get them there.

This would be for the January and February issue for sure, and maybe December, depending on how the clubs feel about it and the weather outlook.

A resourceful club might even put a sticker on the front of the Snoflyer saying something like "Brought to you by the XX Snowmobile Club." Check page xx for the latest club news."

And for the naysayers who say they will just be used for fire-starting material. That's fine; at least it will pass through someone's hands first! (And most clubs have a good stock of fire starting material on hand already.)

**Snoflyer or website comments?** Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have a concern or question with the Snoflyer, WSSA website or our Facebook site. Call (509) 424-1575 or e-mail to [snoflyer@wssa.us](mailto:snoflyer@wssa.us).





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### North Cascade Sled Deck

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