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WSSA's Military Appreciation Ride***



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WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2022/2023

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

Join us in Moline, IL, and visit friends... or make new friends... from around the country and learn about snowmobiling in other states, provinces and European countries. Visit www.snowmobilers.org/isc for details.

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Greetings snowmobilers!

As I write this, the snow is falling! The snow dances worked! It seems to be blanketing the entire state! That is really good news!

I hope everyone has gotten their registrations on their sleds and are headed out to ride. I would ask whenever you **are riding and come across someone who doesn't have their registration, you encourage them to get it!** This is what funds our groomed trail system for our state. I would also ask you to encourage them to join WSSA. By spreading the word, we can educate the masses and grow our association.

Please be sure your snowmobile is checked out and ready for winter. Check the track, skis, wear bars, drive chain, spark plugs, brake light, headlight, drive belt, and throttle function. Carry extra oil, spare drive belt, spare spark plugs, tow rope, registration for your sled and tools for on-the-trail repair. Also carry an emergency blanket, medical kit, fire starter, saw, avalanche probe and receiver, plastic whistle, snowmobile-specific shovel, two-way radio, water and snacks for two days, a knife, flashlight, extra gloves and thick socks.

Be safe out there and have loads of fun!

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We are headed for a deep-freeze here in Spokane with -15F forecasted tonight and a daytime high of +7F. Our mountain snow is at 160% of normal now and that should make some great snowmobiling! In January we acknowledge 'International Snowmobile Safety Week'. This is a great time to remind ourselves that 'safety' needs to be at the top of our list. This needs to include 'avalanche awareness', 'stay on the trail' when the sign tells you to, and 'never ride alone'. Now let's share these safety facts with all the other snowmobilers.

Our 50th Anniversary for WSSA has come to a close, however we are still here! As we continue to 'keep the gates open' for the snowmobilers this year, there is lots to do. WSSA is a 100% volunteer organization. That means we need people to volunteer their time and talents in order to keep and make WSSA functional. Please consider running for any of the WSSA positions that are available this year. Nominations and elections are just around the corner. Reps for District 2 North and District 4 South are still vacant and have been for quite some time. If you live in either of these areas, please consider filling one of these positions. Please contact me for any questions concerning what the job entails and check the website (wssa.us) to see the map of the district locations in Washington.

Don't forget, the next 'Mountain Riding Summit' meeting will begin by traveling on Wednesday, February 22nd, and returning home on the 26th, in Alpine, Wyoming. There will be avalanche training available at a very low cost from the Bridger Teton Avalanche Center. Rooms are blocked for this event. Please let me know if you are interested in attending. This event is sponsored by American Council of Snowmobile Associations.

ISC 2023: The International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) will be held in Moline, Illinois, from June 7th-10th, 2023. If you have never attended this event, then do it this year. ISC is always educational and informational! (E/I).

Let's continue to work together in 2023 to 'keep the gates open' for all the over-snow vehicles we currently support and ride. WSSA, as an organization of many, can, as a team, overcome the obstacles set before us.

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

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Happy New Year everyone! I hope each of you received gifts of all required missing/broken parts, riding gear, and maybe recall confirmations!

There are some great club rides this month with a January 1st Memorial Ride at Canyon Creek, and the TnT Ride on Highway 20 on January 14th. If my riding plans materialize I may be joining the TnT ride from the East Side this year. Last but not least is the inaugural WSSA Westside Ride hosted by the Whatcom County Snowmobile Club on January 21th. The club has been busy putting the arrangements together for this ride. We are expecting to have agency partners like the Forest Service and State Parks in attendance, and our Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) partners are having the 'Ride with NWAC' event as well. Past and present WSSA leadership will be there. Ride level is intermediate/advanced to get to the alpine zones but there are 15-20 miles of trails with warming huts also available. Avalanche safety gear is highly recommended. Most importantly the groomer will do his best to groom the evening prior to the ride.

I'd like to highlight a few pieces of Forest Road news. We are all aware of the problem road areas we have and it's important to give those our due attention. Less known are some of the upcoming projects for 2023 that should help with vulnerable areas on our roads.

On Glacier Creek Forest Road 39 there are several steep, paved sections with broken pavement, failed drainage, and exposure to a steep drop-off. Locals know this can be treacherous to navigate during the season. The Forest Service is planning to design some corner and slump repairs in several spots in this area in 2023 and offer a PWs contract in 2024. Some prep road maintenance work is planned in 2023 that will be limited to drainage work and removal of some fallen trees along the road. Not only will this benefit us individually, it will allow improved equipment to travel to the washout further up the road.

On Canyon Creek Forest Road 31, the broken old pavement between the upper and lower parking lots past the first Canyon Creek Bridge creates a situation where this roadbed cannot be properly graded. This

interferes with maintaining drainage and road quality. The Forest Service has awarded a contract to grind out the broken asphalt and convert this road portion to aggregate to allow this section to be better maintained. Work is planned to be accomplished in 2023.

Forest Service Roads 12/13 to Shriebers Meadow were supposed to be graded in 2022 but were not completed as anyone riding there is well aware. The grading is planned

in 2023 and a second round of maintenance is also planned. The Forest Service is aware the lower portions leading to the quarry parking area is in poor condition and the plan is to keep applying rock with grading thru annual maintenance to build portions of the road to be more durable and easier to maintain. Unfortunately the U.S. Forest Service is limited in the annual maintenance program to do all that may be needed to do substantial improvements (Continued on page 6)

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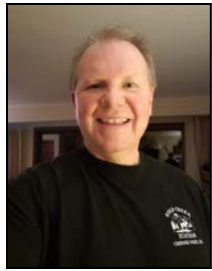
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in any one year.

Forest Road 12 to Blue Lake bridge abutment repair has been approved by Fed Highways for repair; designs should be completed this year and a contract would follow. Hard to really say when we would see the work accomplished. It is anticipated in 2024.



District 1 South

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Greetings and Happy New Year snowmobile friends! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas with friends and family and I hope you are having a fantastic start to 2023.

With the snow piling up in December the Cascade Drift Skippers (CDS) are fully up and running with club rides every weekend.

CDS had their annual Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec 6th, at the Iron Duck Restaurant in North Bend. We had a great attendance and a very entertaining gift exchange. Thank you CDS



Great attendance and fun at the CDS Christmas party.



Congratulations to Mark Waitt who was the winner of the ugly sweater contest.

board for doing such a great job arranging the Christmas party. Congratulations to Mark Waitt who was the winner of the ugly sweater contest.

Please check back with the CDS website calendar, <https://cbs.clubexpress.com/>, and CDS Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/>

CascadeDriftSkippers, for updated ride information. CDS has an extensive list of snowmobile club rides

this year and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join in on a ride and hopefully join the club. The Drift Skippers have their monthly club meetings the second Wednesday of the month at the Iron Duck Restaurant at 6pm and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please remember to have some patience while crossing the passes this year and be prepared for regular pass closures. Whether it be the lack of snow plow operators, or just unfortunate traffic issues, it seems more common for pass closures this year. Please remember ALL vehicles, (yes 4X4



New avalanche beacon check stations in Kittitas County thanks to the generosity of the Houle family.

vehicles too), must carry tire chains while crossing the passes during the winter months; failure to do so could yield you a \$503 citation.

There are several new avalanche beacon checking station boards in the snowparks in the Kittitas County area

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including Crystal Springs Sno-Park. These beacon checking boards were purchased with the generous donation of the Steve Houle family along with funds from Kittitas County Search and Rescue. Steve lost his life in an avalanche in the French Cabin area in 2021. Thank you to the Houle family and Kittitas county!

The Sno-Jammers snowmobile club hosted a great 'Toys for Tots' charity event at their snow pancake breakfast at the Crystal Springs Sno-Park

The Sno-Jammers held a successful Toys for Tots pancake breakfast at the Crystal Springs Sno-Park in mid December. Santa made an appearance too!



on Saturday, December 17th. Santa even showed up on a snowmobile! They had a fantastic turnout and support to make sure many children woke up to a gift under the tree.

A huge shout-out to Nick Whitman for the fantastic grooming and plowing at the Crystal Springs Sno-Park! The parking lot was absolutely perfect and the trail grooming was the best! Thank you Nick!

Happy New Year and stay safe. I hope to see everyone out on the snow.



District 2 South

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Hello from District 2 South! Things are starting to get going here in the District; all of the grooming contractors are now running and working hard to get a good base going for the season.

A lot of clubs are having events; check out their calendars for ride and poker run dates. Also, don't forget to get your room set up for the WSSA Winter Rendezvous ride in Yakima; for information check out the Washington State Snowmobile Association website.

On a sad note, we lost a legend here in the District. My good friend Burt Stegman. Burt groomed the Entiat Ridge and Sugarloaf area for many years. He was also one of the first groomers to win WSSA's 'Groomer of



The snowmobile community in District 2 South lost an important member of the community with the passing of Burt Stegman, a past recipient of the WSSA Groomer of the Year award.



the Year' award! Burt will be missed by the snowmobile community here and Eagle Creek will never be the same. His wonderful wife Donna and daughter Britney wanted everyone to know how much Burt loved us snowmobilers!

To cap it off, have fun, and ride it like you stole it! See you on the mountain.

Notes

'The Shadow Knows'

By Dean Meakin, Vice President

Introduction: Volunteering, in general, for any organization is at an all-time low. Those who do volunteer are



finding themselves being responsible for too many jobs. So, what happens? Volunteer burn-out! There is a huge list of reasons for not wanting to get involved with or running for a leadership position. Some of them are a lack of knowledge, lack of time, and lack of experience. You can add your own personal reasons to this list. Organizations need to have a plan in place to help remove some of the reasons for not stepping up to the plate. 'The Shadow Knows' will provide possible solutions to the problem.

Part One: When a person takes on a leadership position, it is best they look for someone to take their place in case something happens to them. There is no guarantee tomorrow will arrive. Planning ahead of time is the best way to ensure the work will continue and the organization will stay solid.

To the 'leader': When you find someone you think could do the job, talk to them about it first. If they are okay with it, then it is time to share with them the responsibilities that go with your position according to the bylaws of that organization. Be totally transparent with your 'shadow' so there will be no surprises! Full disclosure is always best.

To the 'shadow': Remember, you are the shadow and not the leader. You may have a better idea and are excited to share it, however you need to be in 'input' mode during this time. Let the teacher teach. You are the understudy and need to be ready to do the job the same as the leader if something were to happen.

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WSSA 2023 Scholarship

The Washington State Snowmobile Association will again be offering a scholarship to either a graduating high school senior or a person currently enrolled in college. This will be given to the winner regardless of other grants or scholarships the student may also receive.



Requirements are as follows:

1. The applicant must be a member of the Washington State Snowmobile Association.
2. The applicant must submit the completed application form.
3. The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular activities.
4. The applicant must include an essay (see subject below). The essay should be a minimum of two pages double-space and typed. Keep in mind a well-researched, comprehensive essay will undoubtedly be significantly longer and we certainly encourage that.
5. The application must be received by WSSA by March 31, 2023.

Please mail or e-mail application to:

Shami Ruggles, WSSA Scholarship Chair
2505 W. Waikiki Rd.
Spokane, WA 99218
(509) 979-4852
sixruggs@gmail.com

An alternate will be picked if the winner should decide not to enroll in a college, technical or vocational program.

Essay Topic: What would you advise snowmobile organizations (local clubs, state associations, etc...) do to broaden their appeal to recruit more youth/younger members and how do we contact them?

Essay Challenge: Share with us the following:

- What would compel you and your peers to join a snowmobile organization?
- What should be added or changed to make an organization More appealing?
- What are the best and most creative ideas for organizations to use to reach out to you and your peers to gain interest?

Extra, FUN activity – this does NOT count towards your essay judging and is not required, but we hope you will enter a video! Create a 30-second video (TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, etc...) letting your peers know why they should join a snowmobile club. Make it fun and creative!



Westside WSSA Ride

January 21st, 2023 - Glacier, Washington

**Hosted by WSSA and the
Whatcom County Snowmobile Club.**

*Meet and ride with WSSA leadership and other
WSSA members!*

*Create connections with riders up and down the West
Cascades. Planned as an annual event alternating in
north and south riding areas.*

*Have an opportunity to ask questions, contribute ideas,
and participate in the growth of WSSA and the future of
snowmobiling.*

Learn a new riding area, ride leaders available.

*Learn about some of the snowmobile access challenges
faced in different riding areas and participate in securing
the right to ride.*

Cookout provided on the snow.

*Discounted lodging available at Home2Suites Bellingham
Airport and Hampton Inn Bellingham Airport.*

Further details to be announced at a later date.

Hotel Booking links for WSSA ride rates:

Home2Suites

<https://tinyurl.com/5n8jvv76>



Hampton Inn

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7yr3dj>



Club News



Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

By Marilyn Mylius,
Vice President

Hello all! We started grooming December 1st, the earliest ever, at least in my 'career' with the program of 25 years. That's awesome and the snow is really great! Lots of folks out so far and gearing up for the holiday crunch! We have officially started our annual 'Tour the Twelve' snowmobile challenge, finding the 12 geocaches that are on the trail system. This event goes from December 15th to March 1st, so you have all season to visit the routes and collect your stickers for prizes. F.Y.I., you don't necessarily need a GPS to do the search, there are 'clues' as well and I find the caches from those helpful hints. Enrollment is \$25 and can be done online. For more info, visit our website or facebook page, www.lakewenatcheerecclub.org, or Eventbrite; Lake Wenatchee Rec Club. We also are planning for our annual 'Bob Melson Memorial Poker Run' on February 18th. Hope to see you out on the trails!!

Lewis County Drift Skippers

By James Beslow, President

As I write this in mid-December, Forest Road 21 has been plowed twice this year and groomed out of the sno-park once.

The sno-park is full on Sundays! The Ranger has been checking tabs. This is the best year yet!

Sorry there is no restroom at John Creek or Skate Creek Sno-Parks.

Lots of snow in the mountains!

We are working to get the Lewis County Drift Skippers active again!



Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club

By Kurt Hensley,
President

As I am writing this article we are snowed in with 20 mph winds and snow is drifting in the roads badly. Is there ever too much

snow and cold for snowmobilers?

We had a great Christmas party at Whiteley's and even had some new members!

We have several club rides planned for the end of December and are hoping it will warm up as snow should be great.



The Tri-Rivers club had a great early season first ride!



Hoping all have a great New Year and come sled with us and get to know the trails in the Okanogan!



Yakima Ski-Benders

By Liz Van Amburg,
President

Hey everyone, hope you all had a great Christmas!

I want to say THANK YOU to Jolene Vesey and her Crab Feed crew! What an amazing job they did on this year's Crab Feed. The running total is over \$36,000. With this money we will have an awesome Kids Ride and still be able to do some other amazing things for the snowmobile

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The Ski-Benders hosted another fun and successful crab feed!



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(Continued from page 12) community. The night was so much fun! The food was outstanding and the prizes donated from our very generous community were top of the line. Items included a Bret Rasmussen Ride Clinic for two, Avalanche Training on Mt. Baker with Joey and Kelsey Fay, a trip to Priest Lake to see the vintage snowmobile races, and so much more. Thank you VIPs and all who attended!

The Ski-Benders were able to gift \$4,000 to the Nile-Cliffdell Fire Department, allocated towards rebuilding a retired U.S. Army Humvee Ambulance. The Ski-Benders are very grateful to The Nile-Cliffdell Fighting 410s for always being on standby at our club events. We appreciate your service to the snowmobiling community. Thank you Ron Lind for bringing the need to the table.

We are working with the Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club and Selah High School to get our emergency shelters built and ready for placement next fall. More to come next month.

Next up is our Chilly Ride on January 14th on White Pass. A few days before the event, Matt and Ryan Mead will give out the location where they will be serving free hot dogs and chili. You will need to use your navigation skills to find the location which will be off the groomed trail system, but easily accessible for families. The Cold Creek Sno-Park will be a good launching point, but the adventurous could ride from the Ahtanum. The location coordinates will be posted on our Facebook page and e-mailed to our members. All snowmobilers are welcome; please join us!

January 28th is The Family Fun Run/Poker Ride on Chinook Pass. Sign up and draw your first two hands in the Little Naches Sno-Park. Get there early as we always have a lot of riders. Free shirt with purchase of your first hand, while supplies last. Thank you to the Beamans

for chairing this event.

The Kids Ride sign-ups should be happening when this Snoflyer comes out. It will be done by e-mail. If you have signed up in the past, Audeena has your e-mail. If you are new, contact her at audeenasmith@gmail.com. Make sure you send her a request so you don't miss out.

Thank you to all our volunteers who help make our club so awesome! If there is something you would like to help with, please contact me. We need ride leaders for the Kids Ride and can always use help at the Poker Ride. My number is (509) 759-5179. Thank you.



Winter Knights

By Al McCarty,
President

Finally, after a summer full of administrative juggling and all the mumbo-jumbo that goes along with it, the riding season is here! I've been out a few times so far, and while there's not yet much of a base to comfortably play between the trees, staying on the trails, feeling that horsepower, has already begun to plaster a smile on my face. If there's one thing I've learned throughout the years in this sport, it's to be patient and wait for things to settle before launching out into the un-groomed. I've seen way too many overzealous riders limp back to the parking lot dragging broken pieces along the way. I'd like to believe I've stepped beyond my inner child and matured some, and have learned to better temper my enthusiasm to avoid disaster, especially when parts, both body and machine, are somewhat difficult to come by nowadays.

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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



Easy loop ride with play areas and awesome views. Lots of great prizes up for grabs! A great sno-park with easy access for RVs.

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 13) I'd hate to ruin any chances to ride during these precious few months we have to enjoy our sport by getting anxious and letting my craziness dominate too early.

We had our first official club ride on De-



Winter Knights first club ride of the season in mid-December had 32 riders!

cember 17th at our home base with 32 riders attending. Quite remarkable for a first ride. We decided to divide riders into groups based on their 'need-for-speed', since we had a full gamut of abilities and comfort lev-

els. The first group was what I will call the 'conscientious trail riders', those that like to stop to take pictures and find trail-side conversation just as important as motoring down the path. The second group formed the longest line in the staging area as these riders jockeyed for position based on their own interpretation of each other's intended travel pace. And then there



was the crazed few of us that took the lead out of the gate and immediately thought we

were in some sort of road rally, leaving a lingering cloud of snow dust in our wakes. We all eventually ended up at the warming hut for food and stories, and self-adjustments were made in the groups. No one complained, and everyone smiled.

We were all very pleased with the member turnout and chalked up this first official ride as a success. Other than a bit of low fog, the conditions were good and the grooming was superb. All the machines made it back to the parking lot intact with no reported bodily injuries. However, I'm sure there were some aching muscles the next day and maybe even some sore cheeks from all the big smiles I saw. We have a fairly robust ride schedule planned for this season with a few travel-type multi-day rides as well as a good selection of local one-day rides. I'm hopeful we'll continue to see the same level of excitement and buy-in as this season progresses, as all indications point in that direction.

With all the off-season work putting things in place for this year,

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(Continued from page 14) I'd almost forgotten how much fun it is to squeeze the throttle and feel that power. After all, it's supposed to be all about the rides, isn't it? I think some of us tend to get lost in the wrong things at times. For me, there needs to be a balance between the roles of leadership and the fun of play. Admittedly, I often struggle with this and need to listen to my heart more often. Or, maybe I should use some of my new-found maturity to balance the idea of enjoyment with commitment, remembering that life is relatively short and it shouldn't be wasted on things that end up stuffed into a file folder on a desk. If these efforts of mine fall short, then all I really need to do is remember the joy in the faces of those 32 riders on that first ride of this season. That should put me on the right track. Yes, it's now time to set work aside and go play. My inner child has spoken!



Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club

**By
Christina Hamlyn,
Vice President**

Happy New Year! Hopefully by now you have been out on the mountain and enjoying the great snow we've been hit with. The Sno-Jammers were busy all December and are gearing up for another month filled with rides. Make sure to follow us on Facebook or check out our website to stay up to date on all of our events!

On December 3rd, the Sno-Jammers were part of the Santa Parade in Puyallup. Our floats were finely decorated and everyone who participated represented our club well! A week later the Sno-Jammers dropped off



762 lbs of food gathered by Sno-Jammers for Pierce County families.

the donations from our Food Drive which totaled 762 lbs! The donated food will help feed families in need in Pierce County. On December 10th, we all came together for our annual Christmas party which was held at Clem's Enumclaw Powersports. We had close to 40 people attend and we all got to enjoy a catered dinner from Brank's BBQ and finished the night off with a gift ex-



About 40 people enjoyed the Sno-Jammers Christmas Party.

change. A week after that, on December 17th, we held our first ever Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Toys-for-Tots at Crystal Springs Sno-Park. We raised an impressive amount of money AND filled two large Toys-for-Tots boxes with a variety of toys! We are proud to say 100% of the proceeds were donated just in time for Christmas! A huge THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who helped make this event happen and another THANK YOU to everyone who donated.

To kick off the new year, we had our annual New Year's ride near Mt. Adams. Several members camped out at Orr Creek Sno-Park and enjoyed the weekend on the snow.

This month the club will also be traveling to Diamond Lake, OR, from January 25th to January 29th for an epic few days of riding. If you are interested in attending, please make sure to reserve a room at the Diamond Lake Resort.

Want to get more involved in our club? We meet the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, at the Round Table Pizza in Puyallup. Our next meeting is February 1st at 6:30pm. Social time starts at 6pm. Everyone is welcome! See you all on the snow!



Bavarian Boon- dockers

**By Matt
Kensrud,
President**

So many wonderful things happening here in the Bavarian village as I write this. Christmas lighting is in full swing and the snow is piling up.

The club's first ride is coming up on January 14th, leaving Eagle Creek to the warming hut. We will be leaving at 10am; come and join us. Lunch will be provided by the club and our own 'King of the Q', Rob, will be cooking. Also a reminder, as a club member, you are entered into the swag drawing. We have some great prizes this year.

February 11th is going to be the club ride with the Northwest Avalanche Center. Our on-the-mountain workshop will be using your safety gear, beacon, probe and shovel, and of course riding.

February 25th is going to be a 'ladies ride'

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Sno-Jammers at the Santa Parade in Puyallup.



Sno-Jammers club rides have begun!

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with Indee Girven, the 509 Ambassador. This ride is for all skill levels.

Most all of you have heard we lost our beloved Burt Stegman. Burt was a staple in our club and our sport. He will be greatly missed.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at (509) 433-2100.



Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Jessica Ronhaar

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers are in full swing! We had our annual Christmas Party on December 10th at the Grand Willow

in Mount Vernon. We raised \$1,000 for the Helping Hands Food Bank.

We also participated in Skagit Valley Children's Museum's Winter Wonderland event and both the Sedro Woolley and Mount Vernon Lighted Christmas Parades, winning 'Best Lit' in the Sedro Woolley Parade.

We are excited to get out this season and have some great rides planned:

- TNT Highway 20 Ride - January 14th
- Youth Snowmobile Day - February 11th
- Luke Rhode Memorial Ride -

NWGC Christmas Party



March 17th - Mt. Baker Shootout - March 18th

As always we meet on the first Thursday of the month at Coconut Kenny's in Burlington.

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Junco Snowmobile Club

By
Chris Sutton

We are ready for our 'Charity on the Snow' event on January 14th-15th at Orr Creek Sno-Park and we look forward to seeing lots of familiar faces as well as some new ones this year! It is a family-friendly weekend of camping, snowmobiling, and other fun activities with

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a charity auction for the Make-A-Wish Foundation! Our 'Win A Snowmobile' raffle has been a huge success and helped raise over \$1,500 before the event even begun. We are hopeful we will beat our record from last year and will update you all on the grand total raised in the next Snoflyer. Since 2002 we have been donating 100% of the money raised from this event directly to Make-A-Wish, Alaska and Washington, totaling OVER \$100,000 to date! We depend on donations from our local business community 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 snowkingsut-ton79@gmail.com.

If you have ever been to Orr Creek Sno-



Tom & Donna Motland and their camper are frequent visitors to the Orr Creek Sno-Park. Say "hi!" when you see them!

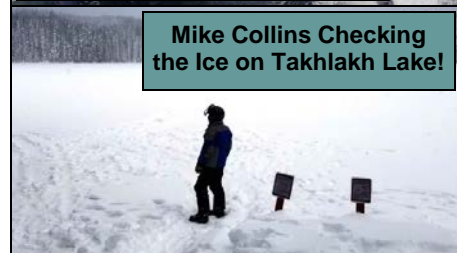


Park on the weekend, chances are you have met the Motlands! Tom and Donna have practically taken up residence at the sno-park in their Eagle Cap camper and are always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Last year they

let me borrow their power cord to recharge my camper batteries, this year they opened their camper and their first-aid kit to a member who had injured himself on the trail! They are always greeting visitors and are VERY outgoing! We



Jordan Duncan feeding a Junco Bird at Takhlakh Lake!



Mike Collins Checking the Ice on Takhlakh Lake!

would like to thank the Motlands for being an asset to our sno-park and representing our club and our sport in such a positive way! Check out our photos

for a picture of their setup and if you see them at the sno-park, stop by and say "hi!"

I also had the pleasure of running into Adam and Matt Plowman the other weekend,



The Plowman brothers teaching their kids to ride. Pictured from left, AJ, Anika, Matt, Adam, (and AJ)

two brothers who were out teaching their kids how to snowmobile. They had AJ and Anika both riding and we were very impressed with how well they did! We love seeing families out on the snow making memories and these two great dads are doing it right! I also ran into them having dinner in Morton afterwards and you could see the joy and excitement in both AJ and Anika's faces when we spoke about snowmobiling! Those kids are definitely hooked and will be bugging their dads to go out again soon!

Back Country Plowing and Grooming is always stopping on the trail to talk to snowmobilers and even taking a few pictures with



Our groomer is always posting GREAT photos & updates!



Travis Martinek posing for a pic with Donna Motland!

them. They really care about the quality of the trails and will go out of their way to groom for special events and re-

quests from riders! This year I hosted my first 'Dad's Memorial Ride' in honor of my late father, Steven W. Sutton, who lost his battle with cancer on December 18th, 2014. Travis found out about the event and asked me where I wanted to go that day, knowing it was on the same day my father died eight years ago. Travis assured me I would have smooth trails that day! He woke up early on a Sunday and beat us to the sno-park, and



Midway Garage during 'Dad's Memorial Ride' on December 18th.



If you see a Snoflyer in a warming hut, please feel free to take one. Read about all the great things the local clubs are doing!

then freshly groomed the entire route I had planned, which wasn't short at all! They helped make a special ride even more special and it is a pleasure working with such a thoughtful and caring company! We look forward to working with them for many more seasons to come, so if you see them on the trail stop and say "THANK YOU!"

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 pm, September through April, at Round Table Pizza - 7921 S Hosmer St A-1, in Tacoma. We now have a Zoom meeting option for those who cannot attend, and a social hour that begins at 6 pm for those who can attend! Our membership is only \$20 a year per family, and we welcome you 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 for more information about our club, our rides, and our 'Charity on the Snow' event! (Continued on page 18)

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Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Evie Johnson,
Secretary

Snow is falling in the Methow! We have had several big dumps with more in the forecast. Due to the consistent cold temperatures the snow is a sugar snow. There is not much of a base so use your good judgment when off-trail. Access to the warming huts is good. The views from the Sweetgrass hut are pretty great to behold, especially on days when the valley is experiencing an inversion.

The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association (MVSA) is holding our annual Bucket Run on February 11th this year. Come join the fun with a chance to win a prize and have a great lunch. Participation was great last year and the prizes were big. Special thank you to all of our local businesses support and national companies for prize donations. E-mail us at methowsnowmobilers@gmail.com to sign up for the event.

Group rides will be posted on our Facebook page before the weekend. Make sure to let us know if you plan on coming out.



Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club

By Matt Mead,
Secretary

Drift-A-Way members enjoyed the December snow, kicking off rides on the first day of the month. A couple of mid-week rides occurred on Bethel Ridge, riding from both the Chinook Pass side (Rattlesnake) and the White Pass side (Soup Creek).

While the snow depth was pretty good, the lack of a base meant sticking to trails mostly unless we found a stump-less meadow to let it all hang out. The deepest snow found was riding out of the Cold Creek Sno-Park on White Pass and a couple of rides bordered on stuckfests!

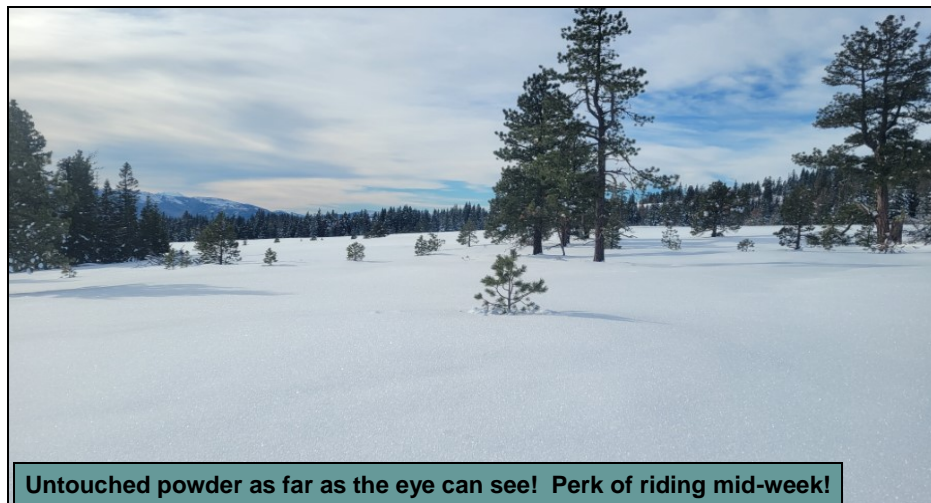
Drift-A-Way members will be participating in several upcoming January events. Some will participate in the 'Westside WSSA Ride' hosted by the Whatcom County Club. A few of our members will be hosting the Ski-Benders' Chilly Ride on January 14th and helping with their Poker Ride on January 28th. (Hey, nothing wrong with being members of multiple clubs, right?!) Check this Snoflyer for details on all of these events.

In other news, the Drift-A-Way club earned a WSSA Trail Grant which is being combined with one the Ski-Benders received and will go towards the construction of two warming huts to be placed in our local area. Our local high school is scheduled to start on the huts as this Snoflyer goes to print. They will be making the huts out of a 40' shipping container cut into two 20' sections. We are expecting the huts to be placed next fall, with one on Chinook Pass and the other on White Pass.

The club now has stickers of our logo available to members! We'll have new shirts available soon.

We don't have a date set yet, but are still hoping to have an overnight campout on White Pass this season. It will likely be combined with a trailside cookout as we did last season.

Are you looking for a family-friendly club in the Yakima area? Are you looking for mid-week off-trail adven-



Untouched powder as far as the eye can see! Perk of riding mid-week!



Only a Drift-A-Way member gets stuck in the middle of a trail...



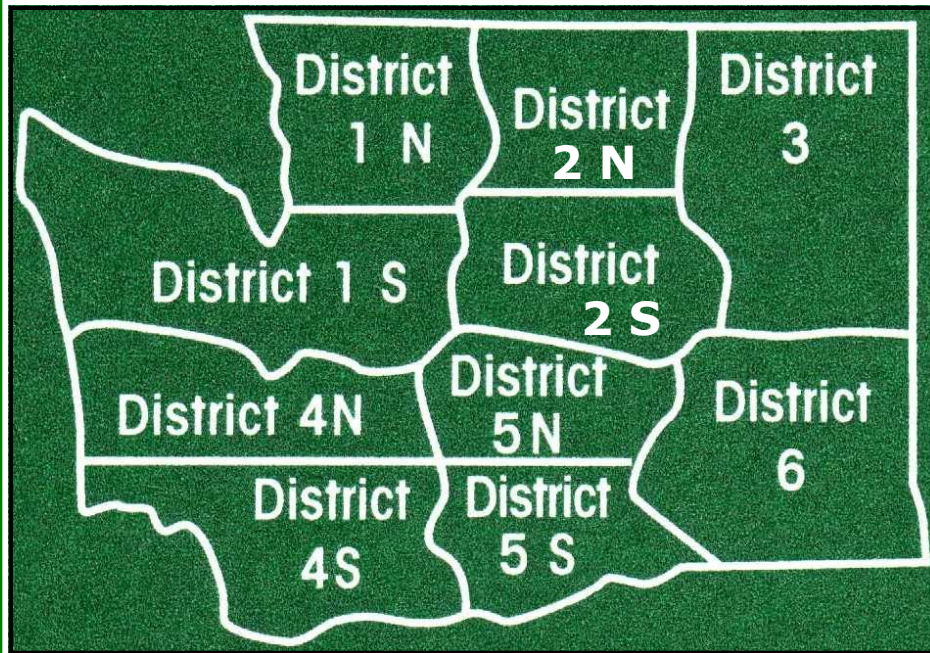
Awesome weather day for Dennis Knight & the author!

tures? If yes to either question, maybe you'd like to check us out. We meet the first Monday of the month at Round Table Pizza in

Yakima. Meeting starts at 6:30, but come early and join us for dinner!

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Membership

Membership Matters

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

Our trial program of partnering with our Associate members continues for another season. We are hopeful our Associate members will sign up for the program and give it a try. Our thought is it will help drive more business to our Associate members and more snowmobilers will join WSSA. As an Associate member, you decide what you want to offer and WSSA will provide additional publicity in the Snoflyer and on social media for the Associate members who sign up. Contact Membership if you are interested in participating.

As a quick reminder, the following offices are up for election in 2023: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary. The President and Vice President positions are one-year terms and the Treasurer and Recording Secretary two-year terms. Nominations close January 15th and the slate of officers will be posted on the WSSA website shortly thereafter. Anyone interested in serving in one of these positions should contact Jim Kingman, Nominations Chair, at jim.kingman@wssa.us for

more information. Online voting will run from January 16th through February 17th and the results will be announced on February 18th during the annual meeting in Yakima. To vote, go to www.wssa.us and log in with your username and password. A 'Vote' button will be prominently displayed on the home page.

Your membership became inactive if you didn't renew by the end of December. If so, please renew right away. Dues are \$25 for Individual/Families and for Clubs. The 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, please provide the updated contact information.

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

Aim your phone
here, click, and join
WSSA today!



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 to get signed up!



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State Parks Update



State Parks Winter Recreation Program

By Corey Tolar, Winter Recreation Program Manager



Winter Season is Upon Us

As the snow falls and the sno-parks open, I would like to thank and recognize the many volunteers and contractors who have been working many hours getting the trails ready for the season. Even though you may work behind the scenes, the Winter Recreation Program would not be successful without your tireless efforts clearing brush, removing downed trees, and placing signs at the sno-parks and trails. Your efforts make it possible for the recreating public to enjoy the many snowmobile trails our state offers. With that being said, the Winter Recreation staff wants everyone to be safe and enjoy the trails this winter season.

Tips:

- Get to the sno-park early.
- **Have a 'plan B' if that sno-park is already full.**
- Try a mid-week trip if you have that kind of flexibility and can avoid the weekend crowds.
- If you are the first one there, remember, the way you park will set the tone for the day, please make sure you park responsibly.
- Take your patience, beacon, probe, shovel, dry gloves, water, snacks and know the avalanche danger before you leave home.
- Remember many of the people you will encounter in the sno-park have probably never been there before and **don't know the drill.**

Staff Update

The Winter Rec staff is now fully in operation mode delivering maps and signs to those who need them from Mt. Baker to Lake Easton and Cle Elum to Naches, attending grooming council meetings and touring sno-parks. To date

Visit
the State Parks Winter Recreation Page at
<https://www.parks.wa.gov/130/Winter-recreation>
for
Sno-Park Info,
Mobile Friendly Maps,
Updated Grooming Map,
and Other Useful Information

Snowmobile Registrations

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY 22-23 Difference
July	149	145	134	148	166	151	186	147	(39)
August	531	676	782	2,307	222	249	1,291	636	(655)
September	2,968	3,145	2,946	1,682	2,974	3,220	3,418	3,385	(33)
October	1,662	2,139	2,489	1,882	3,357	3,189	2,274	2,078	(196)
November	3,129	3,362	4,360	2,960	2,372	5,009	2,860	3,787	927
December	11,575	13,170	6,973	8,320	6,726	7,229	7,681		
January	3,528	3,196	3,358	3,433	4,514	3,295	3,337		
February	1,164	1,513	1,166	1,602	1,293	1,541	1,072		
March	298	686	674	958	355	636	449		
April	82	181	175	258	89	219	153		
May	32	93	93	90	135	108	116		
June	30	84	71	83	126	179	92		
Total:	25,148	28,390	23,221	23,723	22,329	25,025	22,929	10,033	4

we have visited about 10 sno-parks with more scheduled. We look forward to seeing you on the trails this winter.

The Administrative Assistant 3 position on the Winter Recreation staff is now filled and I would like to welcome Travis Navarro to the team. Since joining the program on December 1st, Travis has jumped right in and started to learn the ins and outs of the Program and we are excited to have him on our team. Anyone wanting to send a welcome note to Travis is encouraged to do so and can be reached at the following e-mail address travis.travis@parks.wa.gov.

Avalanche/Snowmobile Safety

The Winter Rec program is partnering with Elevated Backcountry and the Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club for an Education and Enforcement Snowmobile & Avalanche Safety Training Course in January at the Lake Wenatchee Airstrip. I would like to thank our partners, Jeff Hambelton and Elevated Backcountry, for providing instructors, and to Marilyn Mylius for letting us use the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club clubhouse for the training. I would also be remiss if I didn't thank Jason Goldstein for his time and effort putting this together.

GPS

New GPS units have arrived and are currently being installed on all the groomers. The new units submit a signal every two minutes instead of every five minutes which will provide a more accurate picture of the groomed trails.

Snowmobile Registrations

Thank you to those who have registered their snowmobile. There was an increase in November registrations from last year and we currently are on pace with the FY2022 registrations. Be sure to pass on to those who have not yet registered their snowmobile to do so as that is what helps fund the program.



Stay safe; stay healthy!

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Notes

Snowmobilers taking the pledge

By Ed Klim, President, ISMA

The members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA), Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha, are joining together again this season with the snowmobile community with the 'Take the Pledge' campaign. The pledge is designed to ensure snowmobilers protect existing riding areas and trail systems for current and future generations and landowners who give us access to their property. Those who take the pledge agree to the following:

- I pledge to ride off trail only where I know it's legal and accepted.
- I pledge to check before going off-trail if I don't know.
- I pledge to protect access for future generations by doing the right thing.
- I pledge to protect access by encouraging those I ride with to take the pledge also.

Snowmobilers enjoy over 120,000 miles of trails located on public and private land and have been built and maintained by snowmobile volunteers for over 40 years.

Snowmobilers are joined in this effort by snowmobile clubs, snowmobile dealers, lodges, local chambers of commerce – all of whom have a vested interest in maintaining responsible access. The campaign has been joined by snowmobile community leaders, ambassadors, and celebrities who have also taken the pledge.

The pledge was created to make snowmobilers aware of the importance of recognizing the ownership of the land we ride on, and the impact we have on the landowners, their pets, and their livestock. The record level of interest in enjoying the great winter outdoors demands our attention to the awareness of legal riding areas and making sure everyone with us knows the rules.

ISMA members invite every snowmobiler to take the pledge at www.snowmobilerspledge.com and encourage those they ride with to also take the pledge.

This year we have designed a logo for the 'Take the Pledge' campaign. Please use this logo on your websites, communications you send out, Facebook page, etc. Encourage people to take the pledge. If they want, they can scan the QR code to be directed to the website or they can type in the website address directly. We will be making decals to send to interested parties that can be distributed at clubhouses, meetings, etc., so look for those coming soon.

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www.snowmobilerspledge.com

WSSA Awards



Submit your favorite snowmobiler, snowmobile couple, club president, club, groomer, groomer co-ordinator and/or dealer/associate member for our annual awards. Let's acknowledge those who go above and beyond for snowmobiling!

Entry deadline is February 1st, 2023.

Contact Shannon Lawler, Awards Chair, at slawler411@msn.com or (206) 423-5584



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WSSA Legal Action Fund Raffle North Cascade Sled Deck

Buy a raffle ticket (or several) in support of WSSA's Legal Action Fund and win a sled deck! The drawing will happen on Saturday night during WSSA's Winter Rendezvous in February. The tickets are \$5 each and only 1,000 will be sold. Those are spectacular odds!



Legal action to protect your riding areas is expensive! WSSA needs to be able to defend snowmobiling when the issues arise and this means having a strong Legal Action Fund!

Contact your WSSA District Rep or any board member for tickets. Support the sport and help us protect snowmobiling for future generations.

Don't miss your chance to win a top-rated sled deck and help support WSSA's Legal Action Fund. The more you buy, the better your odds of winning!

Deck provided and built by North Cascade Sled Decks in Marysville, WA. Features include:

All aluminum expandable sled deck
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News

2022 WSSA Military Appreciation Ride

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary

WSSA has been hosting an annual Military Appreciation Ride since 2009. The event has followed a set pattern from the beginning where WSSA invites a handful of military members from the Yakima Training Center out for a day of snowmobiling. WSSA, with the help of local Yakima-area clubs, provides snowmobiles and gear for the riders, guides them on an all-day ride with hot lunch, and then buys them dinner at a local mountain restaurant that evening.

The first few rides were staged out of the Little Naches Sno-Park, but then moved to Boulder Cave with an invite from the Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club to provide a hot meal at the Little Bald warming hut. Almost without exception we've held our rides at Boulder Cave ever since. But there have been a couple of exceptions.

Dangerous icy conditions one year caused us to move back to Little Naches and the Chinook Pass Club met the challenge and cooked us a meal at the Lost Meadow campground. Challenging conditions last March had us looking to Little Naches again for the 2022 ride.

But there was a twist this time! Ron Lind and Shannon Lawler, owners of R&R grooming and local area club members, offered to do the cooking at the Government Meadows cabin on behalf of the Chinook Pass club. They hauled everything needed to the cabin with their groomer and had lunch ready when we arrived.

The day began in the Bi-Mart parking lot where snowmobilers and military members gathered for the drive to Little Naches. Once in the sno-park, it was about an hour of unloading, gearing up, and then giving a briefing on snowmobile operation and safety. It was about 10am when we hit the trail headed to Raven Roost.

The hope is always a bluebird day for spectacular views... and we almost had that. We arrived to patchy clouds blowing through quickly, occasionally allowing a view of Mt. Rainier off the in the distance.

From Raven Roost the group headed to Government Meadows and the cabin for lunch. Everyone enjoyed a warm meal of hot dogs and chili, including all the local camp robber (Gray Jay) birds gliding down from the trees and eating from our hands. During our stay in Government Meadows, our military guests were free to roam the meadows on their sleds, after having been warned about open holes with water.

After leaving the warmth of the cabin, it was back on the trails headed towards our trucks at Little Naches. The route back was a different trail for most of the way, meaning different views including old growth forests and valley views. The only real downside of the day's ride was the lack of any fresh snow, meaning we stuck mostly to groomed trails and a few un-groomed forest roads.

Once back in the parking lot the group was reminded we weren't done! After loading up, we headed to Gold Creek Station, home of their 'world famous fish and chips', for dinner. They knew we were coming and had the banquet room and staff standing by!

It was nearly 8pm when everyone had finished dinner and re-hashed the day. The discussion always focuses on the sticks and other mishaps; all fun as long as nobody is injured!

A special thanks to the many volunteer helpers and loaners of snowmobiles. Without the help of the Yakima Ski-Benders, Drift-A-Way and Chinook Pass Snowmobile Clubs, these rides would not happen year after year. In fact, we've never had a person help one year and not be enthusiastic about helping in following years; this is a fun and rewarding event! The 2023 event planning is already underway!



The entire crew! (Well, minus the photographer/author.)



Trailside break.



Hoping for a peak of Mt. Rainier at Raven Roost.



Dinner at Gold Creek Station. Some tried the 'world famous fish and chips'!

Notes

Planned rides for Winter Rendezvous

Guided rides on Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Ahtanum/Tampico

Two levels of advanced rides
Boondocking on/off trail
Family/mainly trail riding

White Pass

Boondocking on/off trail - Cold Creek
Family/mainly trail riding - South Fork Tieton

Chinook Pass

Boondocking on/off trail - Boulder Cave
Family/mainly trail riding - Little Naches &
Rattlesnake

Hot dogs and chili will be served Sunday at
the cabin in Government Meadows

*Rides subject to change based on snow
conditions and availability of ride leaders*



Government Meadows, Chinook Pass.



Government Meadows cabin, Chinook Pass.



View from Raven Roost, Chinook Pass.



Little Bald warming hut, Chinook Pass.



WSSA Board Position Nominations

It's that time of year again and before long everyone will be up to their shoulders in snow. This means it's snowmobile season and WSSA is now seeking nominations for certain board members.

Those up for election are President and Vice President, both of which are one-year terms. Also up for election are Recording Secretary and Treasurer; both of these are two-year terms.

If you would like to run for any of the positions, please contact me at jim.kingman@wssa.us or your district representative from the area you reside in.

Nominations will close in the middle of January just before voting opens.

Voting will be conducted online at www.wssa.us. You will need your user name and password to log in to vote. If you don't remember these or have never logged in, contact membership at fwmohler@msn.com or wfmohler@msn.com and they will help you log in. I don't have the exact date voting opens but it will be late January; watch the Snoflyer and the website for updates.

—Jim Kingman—
—Past President/Nominations Chair—

Silent Auction **At Rendezvous**

**Just a reminder to the clubs that items are
needed for our silent auction for the Winter Ren-
dezvous.**

**When you have your item ready, please send
me an e-mail letting me know what you are bring-
ing and suggested retail value so I can make up
the bid sheets ahead of time. If it is a basket, or
gift box let me know the theme also.**

Thank you!

**Ron Alred
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(509) 996-2497

www.chewackranch.com

CJ Marine

(Lake Wenatchee Area)

(Lake Wenatchee Area)

(206) 878-8668

www.cj-rentals.net

Leavenworth Snowmobile Rentals

(Leavenworth)

(509) 763-0333

www.leavenworthsnowmobilerentals.com

Motortoyz

(Cle Elum)

(509) 674-6807

www.motortoyrentals.com

Mountain Springs Lodge

(Lake Wenatchee/Leavenworth)

Tours Only

(800) 858-2276

www.mtsprings.com

Red Ace's Customs & Rentals

(Mossyrock - Orr Creek Sno-Park)

(360) 880-1608

www.redacesrents.com

Ride Finesse

(Ravensdale)

(206) 883-4635

www.ridefinesse.com

Sharkey's Watercraft & Snowmobile Rentals

(Chelan)

(509) 687-2312

www.lakechelanonline.com/rentals.html

The Last Resort

(Ronald/Roslyn/Cle Elum)

(509) 649-2222

www.thelastresortwa.com

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The Omnibus Bill

With the Omnibus Bill being 4,155 pages long, no one really knows what all is included in the \$1.7 Trillion Bill!

A statement from the Senate Appropriations Committee said the package included \$40.6 billion to help communities recover from "drought, hurricanes, flooding, wildfire, natural disasters and other matters."

That includes:

- About \$4 billion for farm aid.
- \$520 million to help Western power districts buy fuel to make up for hydropower shortfalls.
- \$2 billion for emergency wildfire funding.

The bill will fund the government through September, 2023.

U.S. Postal Service Goes Electric

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) announced plans to ramp up its electric mail-delivery fleet, marking an apparent end to its dispute with the Biden administration.

USPS plans to deploy more than 66,000 electric vehicles by 2028, which would make it one of the nation's largest electric fleets.

To upgrade its iconic mail delivery trucks, the service plans to spend \$9.6 billion, including \$3 billion that was included in the Inflation Reduction Act.

USPS is planning to buy 60,000 so-called Next Generation Delivery Vehicles by 2028, including at least 45,000 electric-powered trucks. And the service plans to buy another 21,000 off-the-shelf electric delivery vehicles.

The agency spent \$3 billion this year on 50,000 delivery vehicles and said at least 50 percent of them would be electric.

Nearly a dozen democrat senators sent a letter to USPS leadership last month urging them to commit to electrifying 95% of delivery vehicles — more than double the 40% commitment that USPS made previously.

U.S. Forest Service Blasted For Pushing 'Shortsighted' EV Transition

The top GOP member of the House Natural Resources Committee, Bruce Westerman, (R-AR) slammed the U.S. Forest Service for its plan to transition to an electrified vehicle fleet as part of the federal government's climate agenda.

"I've always supported renewable energy solutions, but they have to actually work and not just virtue signal at the expense of the American taxpayer," Westerman told Fox News Digital. "The Forest Service turning to EVs is the perfect example of the latter."

Earlier this month, the Forest Service — tasked with managing nearly 200 million acres of forests and grasslands — announced a pilot program to test three Ford F-150 Lightning electric trucks at three locations in Pennsylvania, Michigan and New Hampshire. The program was crafted to study whether the agency would be able to green-light a broader transition to electric vehicles (EV) and reduce its carbon footprint.

Want to Work for Polaris?

Polaris is looking for a full-time employee for the Snowmobile Marketing Team, Senior Associate Marketing Manager, Events and Channel Marketing.



If interested, click this link: <https://www.polaris.com/en-us/careers/job-categories/marketing/apply/r15109/>

EPA Toughens Emission Rules For Heavy-Duty Trucks and Engines

The new requirements are a "game changer" and will lead to "widespread air quality improvements across the United States," EPA Administrator Michael Regan said.

But while some environmental and public health groups quickly praised the stronger standards, which take effect in model year 2027, others argued that EPA should have gone further in pushing adoption of electric 18-wheelers and other heavy-duty vehicles.

By 2045, the new regulations are expected to cut emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) from the heavy-duty vehicle sector by about 48 percent.

Join in the Fun!

The leadership of the ACSA Trails Riding Region and the Mountain Riding Region are mixing up some riding fun with meetings. We would love to have you join!

The Trails Region will be holding their meetings and rides in Watersmeet, MI, February 3rd-5th. Make your reservations at the Northern Waters Resort and Casino - (906) 358-4949 and ask for the ACSA Room Block for rates of \$109/Thursday and \$129/Friday and Saturday.

The Mountain Region will be in Alpine, WY, at the Flying Saddle Resort and will be Friday, February 24th, and the rides will be Thursday, February 23rd and Saturday, February 25th. Reservations can be made by calling (307) 654-4422 and ask for the room block ACSA23 for the room rates starting at \$129/night.

Mackinac Bridge Opened to Snowmobiles

An unusual sight greeted Mackinac Bridge motorists recently as 84 antique snowmobiles motored across Michigan's landmark span that connects the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

A 1965 Ski-Doo was the most vintage of the sleds in the parade-style event. Awards were also given out for the oldest driver participating, at a young and spry age 87.

84 machines crossed the bridge and only two broke down.

All the participating sleds are at least 25 years old. They all had to have front wheel kits that have a minimum 2" wide wheels and no studs or cleats, and had to be able to drive over the bridge under their own power.

Stanislaus National Forest and Snowmobiling

As you hopefully recall, the U.S. Forest Service has taken issue with snowmobiles and grooming in the Stanislaus Forest in California. Snowmobilers in the area have sued the Forest Service -- challenging, among other things, grooming snowmobile trails which are now required to have a minimum of 12 inches of snow, and thousands of acres that have been closed to snowmobiling.

There is a court hearing scheduled for January 5th.

The Sierra Snowmobile Foundation currently has 2 fundraisers going on to help with the legal fees.

Yellowstone Adventure Sweepstakes

Click here for the link: <https://www.sharetrails.org/sweepstakes/>

2022 Polaris Khaos Axy's Sweepstakes

Click here for the link: <https://www.tapkat.org/sierra-snowmobile-foundation/P930q9>

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Matt's Misc.

iPhone 14 - Could convert diehard Android users...

Let me be clear. I HATE Apple and with that, all their products. It goes back decades and I won't go into the details. I'm a Samsung guy and wouldn't consider anything else. But I'm wavering just a tiny bit today...

Did you know the new iPhone 14 has a built-in satellite emergency communication feature? Think SPOT or Garmin InReach capability. When cell and Wi-Fi coverage isn't available, the iPhone 14 can communicate directly with satellites.

A screen in 'Emergency SOS via Satellite' prompts a user to report an emergency. A short questionnaire appears to help the user answer vital questions including what's the emergency; who needs help; is anyone injured; and what best describes the emergency. The message sent also includes location, altitude, phone battery level, and 'Medical ID' (if enabled). The questionnaire and follow-up messages are relayed directly via satellite to dispatchers who accept text messages, or to relay centers staffed by Apple-trained specialists. A text compression algorithm was developed to reduce the average size of messages by 66%, making the experience as fast as possible; sending and receiving in as little as 15 seconds.

This built-in feature also includes a demo mode, meaning users can test satellite connectivity on their iPhone without actually calling emergency services; a good way to familiarize before actually having an emergency.

One other feature this technology allows is the 'Find My' app, which allows phone users to share their location via satellite when off-grid, but not experiencing an emergency.

And in related news... The first reported rescue with Apple's 'Emergency SOS' was an Alaskan snowmobiler. It was reported a man traveling from Noorvik to Kotzebue activated the app on December 1st at 2am when he became stranded. Apple's Emergency Response Center worked with Northwest Arctic Borough Search and Rescue and the uninjured rider was found and transported to Kotzebue.

Non-resident snowmobilers are on the rise in Wyoming. So read the headline. Between 20,000 to 30,000 people visit Yellowstone National Park each month in the winter, many to snowmobile the Park's groomed roads and trails. The number of Wyoming resident snowmobilers is on the decline, but non-resident riders are on the

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary

rise. A new Wyoming snowmobile recreation report shows about a 10 percent decrease over the last decade in those who live in the state and snowmobile. But those visiting Wyoming to ride have increased by almost 40 percent. The rise is attributed to a general national interest in snowmobiling, state tourism efforts and increasingly more trails to ride. The report found snowmobiling generates \$193.8 million directly to the Wyoming economy, and a total of \$255 million including secondary activity, including job creation. Other notable findings were the average household in Wyoming owns three snowmobiles and the average rider in the state snowmobiles 21 days per year.

Snowmobile employed to deliver penicillin to sick child. It happened in Nebraska last month. With snow drifts blocking local highways, residents of the Sandhills' village of Cody needed to use a snowmobile to deliver the drug to a sick child stuck at a local ranch. A local 15 year-old teen and his 12-year-old rode their snowmobile 12 miles to make the delivery, suffering -30 wind chills. The little girl needing the penicillin had been suffering from scarlet fever for three days and was snowed in.

And in related news... again... Snowmobilers were asked to help in New York during the 'blizzard of 2022' to help drivers stranded in their vehicles. Local police departments posted on Facebook asking for volunteers with snowmobilers. Members of the Western New York Snowmobile Club and Shawnee Sno Chiefs were asked to bring groomers in to help with rescues. The Hamburg Snowmobile Club was assisting with welfare checks. Way to go snowmobilers!

Marines deliver toys with snowmobiles to remote Alaskan villages. The Marines of Detachment Delta Company, 4th Law Enforcement Battalion, are responsible for distributing toys as part of the Toys for Tots program across the state of Alaska. After the toys are sorted at a base near Anchorage, Marines transport them 500 miles north to the city of Kotzebue. The Marines, many donning Santa hats, jackets, and pants, disperse the gifts to the remote communities, hopping on snowmobiles and confronting sub-zero temperatures. Toys for Tots is run by the Marine Corps and a non-profit foundation. It started in 1947.

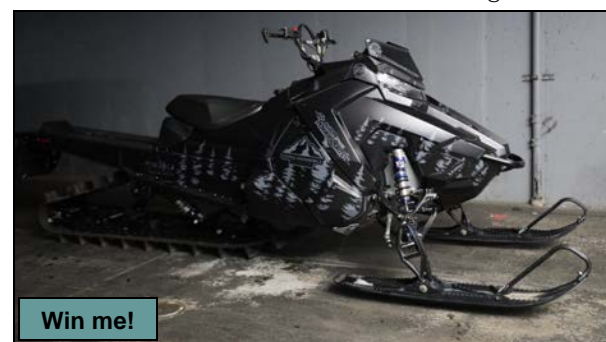
Win a sled and support snowmobile access! The Sierra Snowmobile Foundation is raffling off a 2022 Polaris KHAOS AXYS

850cc 165" x 2.75".

The Sierra Snowmobile Foundation is dedicated to the protection and preservation of snowmobile access in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. They are a full volunteer collective of avid snowmobilers, sled skiers/snowboarders, and others who recognize the



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importance of maintaining public access to our public lands for recreation. The sweepstakes runs through February 5th with the drawing on February 23rd, 2023. Tickets start at \$25 for 10. Buy online here: <https://www.tapkat.org/sierra-snowmobile-foundation/P93Oq9/>

Maybe you'd prefer an antique machine...

The Antique Snowmobile Club of America (ASCOA) rebuilds and raffles off an old snowmobile every year as a club fundraiser.



This year the machine they rebuilt is an 'Es-Kee-Mo Scamp'. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. The drawing will be held this summer on June 24th. And how can you get a ticket? I've got 15 of them to sell, so hit me up when you see me at Winter Rendezvous!

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