

Snoflyer

*The official publication of the
Washington State Snowmobile Association*

*April 2023
Volume 45*

Grooming & Plowing are Done But it is Still Snowing!

Is it time to bring out the summer toys?... Hmm...

Inside:

Winter Rendezvous 2023 & 2024

WSSA Trail Grant info - Deadline days away

Club news

Cover Pic: WSSA-hosted checkpoint for the Sno-Jammers Fun Run. Great day visiting members and potential new members!

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





COME SLEDDIN' WITH US ...



Click here for up-to-date grooming reports!

Photo Credit - Craig Hill

WWW.PRIESTLAKE.ORG

208.443.3191

RESORTS & LODGING

SANDY BEACHES

DINING

FISHING

RECREATIONAL RENTALS

18 HOLE GOLF COURSE

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS



GROOMED TRAIL REPORT

UPDATED DAILY



Table of Contents

Meetings & Events	3	Club News	14
Membership Application	3	Snowmobile Clubs	25
Leadership Articles	4	Membership Matters	26
Why Join WSSA?	4	WSSA Contacts	26
WSSA Award Winners	5	WSSA Member Discount Partners	26
District Reports	6	State Parks Update	27
Associate Members	8	The Shadow Knows	28
WSSA Trail Grant Info	10	Snowmobile Rentals	28
Northwest Portal Apps & Maps	10	ACSA E-News	29
Winter Rendezvous 2023	12	Matt's Misc	30
Winter Rendezvous 2024	13		

Please Support These Advertisers Tell Them You Saw Them in the Snoflyer!

Priest Lake Chamber	2	SK Northwest	15
Brandin' Iron Inn	6	Premier Polaris	17
Three Fingered Jack's Saloon	7	Polaris Ride Command	19
Lone Fir Resort	11	Motortoy's Rentals/Tours/Svc	20

WSSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership valid until August 31st, 2024

Annual Dues (circle one): Family/Individual or Club - \$25 Associate - \$50

FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL: (\$25)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Registered Sleds: _____ Number of Riders: _____

Legislative District: _____ Congressional District: _____

ASSOCIATE- Business or Dealer (\$50) and Clubs (\$25)

Name of Business or Club: _____

Owner/Business Contact or Club Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Business Type: _____ Snowmobile Dealer? (circle one): Yes No

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ Website: _____

PAYMENT: Cash: _____ Check #: _____

Credit Card (Visa or M/C): _____ Expiration: _____ V-Code: _____

Membership Dues: \$ _____

Contribution to Legal Action Fund (not tax deductible): \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Mail Application and Payment to: WSSA Membership
2130 Lower Peoh Point Rd.
Cle Elum, WA 98922

Membership questions?

Contact Wayne or Florence at membership@wssa.us or (509) 674-4401

Questions about WSSA? Contact: Dee Alred, President
9104 Wide Hollow Rd.
Yakima, WA 98908
E-mail: delia.alred@wssa.us
(509) 965-8305

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR SPORT

WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2022/2023

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.

WSSA Summer Meeting & Campout

August 18th-August 20th, 2023

Join us at the Blu-Shastin RV Park in Peshastin for a weekend of fun! Friday night chili feed. Root beer floats and a duck race on Saturday.

WSSA Meeting

October 5th, 2023, via Zoom

Contact President Dee Alred for details.

WSSA Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo & Swap Meet

October 20th & 21st, 2023

Join us for the 2023/2024 snowmobile season kick-off at the Puyallup Fairgrounds. Check out the latest sleds, gear, destinations and anything else snowmobile-related.

WSSA Meeting

November 2nd, 2023, via Zoom

Contact President Dee Alred for details.

WSSA Meeting

January 4th, 2024, via Zoom

Contact President Dee Alred for details.

WSSA Winter Rendezvous

February 9th-11th, 2024 in Winthrop

Join us for a weekend of fun and riding in the Methow!

WSSA Budget Meeting

March 16th, 2024, at the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

Snow permitting, ride opportunities will be available.

Snoflyer Advertising Targets Snowmobilers!

Advertise with us! Rates starting as low as \$25 a month for Dealer/Associate members

Club ads heavily discounted - advertise your events!

E-mail or call for details

Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary

(509) 424-1575 or snoflyer@wssa.us

2022/23 Season Ad Rates

	Digital	Digital & Print^
Full Page	\$160	\$260
3/4 Page	\$135	\$215
1/2 Page	\$110	\$180
1/4 Page	\$90	\$145
Credit Card*	\$25	\$50

Single issue rates - discounts for multiple issue buys

Club rates: 25% off full & 3/4 page, 50% 1/2 & 1/4 page

*Available for Clubs & Associate Members only

^Only available for months a print issue is offered

Leadership

Delia Alred, President **delia.alred@wssa.us • 509-965-8305**



What a busy time February and March were! We were riding almost twice weekly during this time. I hope everyone is still able to go out and ride even as the groomers are being parked for the season. Our trails here on Chinook and White Passes, and the Ahtanum, have been well groomed. We were lucky enough to have snow all winter and the trails have held up nicely.

As I write this, one of our local clubs, the Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club, has scheduled a cook-out on the snow for this coming Saturday. I'm looking forward to this event. We always have a good time whenever food is involved!

We will soon start making plans for our summer/fall clean-up events. Being part of a club has given me an opportunity to meet some of the very best people! I am thankful for the privilege to know so many throughout the state. If you are missing out, join a club, get involved! You won't regret it!

Most of the clubs are still meeting in April when they will make plans for next season's activities. I hope they include coming to the WSSA Summer Meeting in those plans. We are camping at the Blu-Shastin RV Park in Peshastin. The dates are August 18th-20th with our meeting on Saturday the 19th. This is a family event, so everyone is welcome. They have a swimming pool, ping pong table, volleyball court, horse shoe pits, and trails for hiking or bicycling. WSSA provides hot dogs and chili on Friday night; and breakfast, lunch, and main course for dinner on Saturday. People are encouraged to bring a side dish for Saturday night's dinner. This is a really good meeting to bring new members to and let them get to know everyone on a more social level. We also are making plans for the coming year. I hope to see you there!

Dean Meakin, Vice President **dean.meakin@wssa.us • 509-220-1001**



Snowmobiling is winding up for this season, however there is still much work to be done to get ready for next fall. WSSA had their annual budget meeting in March and we had new faces present. The March meeting is when the newly elected board members are seated and put to work. My first 'thank you' goes to Kourtney Webb, our new Recording Secretary. This is a tough job to do, but I am confident "you got this!" My second 'thank you' goes to Sean Culp, our new District 4N Representative; I am sure you will do a great job filling this position. My third 'thank you' goes to Dan Frazier, our new District 4S Representative; the snowmobilers in your district are long overdue needing a voice to speak on their behalf. Thank you to the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club and everyone else who contributed to the hosting of this meeting. It was fantastic and I look forward to returning next March. I also want to thank all of the other board members as they continue to labor for the cause. Thank you.

It is great to see some things are coming back to normal since the 'COVID calamite'. We are going back to Olympia next January. Sandy Sternod is working hard to plan this event for 2024. It is a priority we stay connected with our elected officials and anything that might happen that could be a roadblock for our user group and all of outdoor recreation as well. Please consider to go to Olympia in January. More to follow.

Washington D.C. is also back on our schedule for 2023. Thanks to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), we will be going to D.C. this year from April 22nd-25th. ACSA is busy right now making appointments for us to visit our Senators, Congress persons, the U.S. Forest Service and others who make up the national decision-making team. Don't kid yourself; things happen in D.C. that will impact outdoor recreation and usually not in a favorable way. If you are interested in going to D.C. this year, please contact me right away as time is of the essence. 509-220-1001.

ISC 2023: International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) is still a GO! In Moline, Illinois, from June 7th-10th. Please consider attending this event. ISC has always been educational and informational! (E/I). It is always best to get this education first-hand. There is still time and some rooms left.

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.

WSSA Awards

Congratulations to our 2022/2023 WSSA Award Winners!

(Please note this will be updated one more time in July... hoping to post as many pics as we can!)

Snowmobiler of the Year

Gary Simmons
Walla Walla



Snowmobile Couple of the Year

Ed Mola & Lisa Anderson
Renton



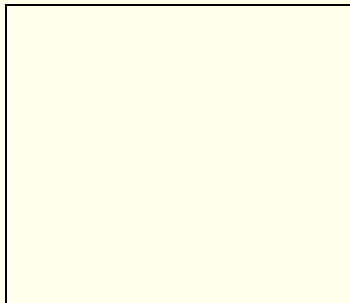
Groomer Operator of the Year

Michael 'Travis' Huff, R&R Grooming
Naches



Snowmobile Club President of the Year

Joshua Simpson, Junco Club
District 4 North



Dealer Member of the Year

North Cascade Sled Decks
Marysville



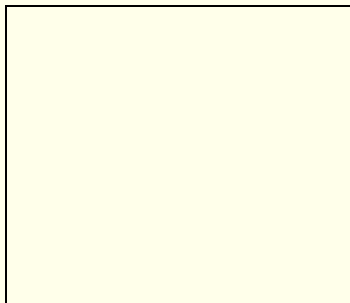
Groomer Coordinator of the Year

Don Wagoner, Ahtanum Rep.
Yakima



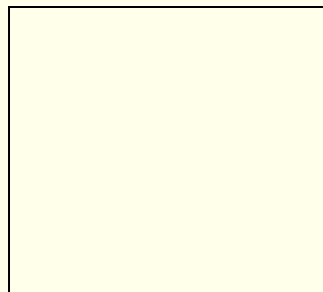
Snowmobile Club of the Year

Junco Snowmobile Club
District 4 North



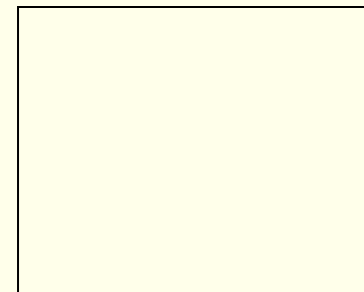
Associate Member of the Year

Motortoy Rentals & Tours
Cle Elum



Groomer Owner of the Year

Travis Martinek, Back Country Plowing & Grooming
Randle



Dedicated Service Award

Matt Mead
Selah



District Reports



District 1 North

By Hans Brubaker
hans.brubaker@wssa.us
360-922-8296

Northwest Cascade snowmobilers have enjoyed a steady round of storms recently producing good riding conditions. These storms finally filled in creeks and other areas making for better riding. The sno-parks were also pushed down lower on Canyon Creek and the Mount Baker NRA. Glacier Creek was accessible for the first time in over a month. The groomer was still prevented from accessing Glacier Creek Road due to Jersey barriers installed by the Forest Service to keep out four wheel vehicles. Discussions with the Forest Service are ongoing regarding Glacier Creek Road.

Congratulations to the Northwest Glacier Cruisers on hosting another fantastic Mount Baker Shoot Out weekend! I understand this event has been held for over 20 years now. It's great when Mother Nature cooperates and the sun was out all weekend making for great camping and riding. Mount Baker Motorsports (Arctic Cat), Skagit Valley Polaris, and Lifestyles Honda (Ski-doo) all brought demo sleds for people to ride. Industrial mowing really helped make the event a success not only with three consecutive days of grooming, but also hauling the majority of the cookout and booth equipment 10 miles in to the Salad Bowl. Special thanks to the Forest Service for helping out on Friday, and to the Northwest Avalanche Center for attending Saturday.

For some, the snowmobile season is winding down, and for others there remains a lot of spring riding to look forward to. I want to thank District 1 North WSSA members for your membership and support during my first two-year term. Many of you know I was re-elected by both clubs in February to another two years as District Representative. Some of you may not be aware I am also the Land-Use Committee chair for WSSA. I appreciate everyone who has brought their ideas, complaints or suggestions to my attention. My goals for this term are to continue to work with the Forest Service on road issues, and to support club projects with grant writing or other assistance. I encourage you all to get the most out of your membership, and to consider participating in WSSA and your clubs to the extent your time allows. Volunteers create most of the snowmobiling opportunity we all enjoy.



District 2 South

By Matt Kensrud
matt.kensrud@wssa.us
509-433-2100

As we transition into spring riding here in the district, lots of things are going on. The

Chelan club had their annual hot dog ride and about 30 riders showed up along with a big moose! They are working on a new website so be watching for that. Their last grooming meeting was March 13th.

The Wenatchee Apple Country Snowmobile club had a great snow year. They have used up all of their grooming time and the trails were great. Mind you there is still tons of snow up high.

The Bavarian Boondockers (Continued on page 7)

WEST YELLOWSTONE Montana

Come see why we were voted
NUMBER 1 TRAILS IN THE WEST
by Snowest Magazine

- 400+ miles of groomed trails, plus thousands of square miles of deep-steep mountain riding
- Over 150 inches of snow annually
- Ride The New Whiskey Loop Trail
- Park tours available with epic scenery

Rates Starting at

\$79

**BRANDIN' IRON
INN**

WWW.BRANDINIRON.COM

for special rates and packages



- Premium Bed Package – Ample Truck/Trailer Parking
- Free Hot Breakfast and WI-FI
- Ride from our front door to the trail head

201 Canyon St | West Yellowstone, MT | 800.217.4613 | info@brandiniron.com

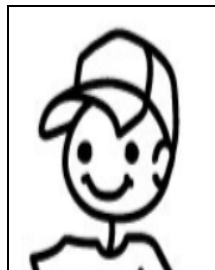
District Reports *Continued...*

(Continued from page 6)

had their last scheduled ride for the season and are planning a summer meeting campout to prepare for the next season.

The Lake Wenatchee Rec Club hosted the Washington State Snowmobile Association's annual budget meeting at their facility at Lake Wenatchee. They also are planning for summer events. The Lake Wenatchee Rec Club and the Bavarian Boondocker's are putting on a groomer appreciation get together on April 22nd at the Rec Club. Everyone is welcome. Check out their Facebook page for the agenda.

I will be attending a meeting with the Chelan County Commissioners and the Chelan County Trust for Public Lands on motorize used in sections that are planning to be purchased by the trust. I will keep you posted on the outcome. If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail me. Thanks!



District 4 North

By Sean Culp
sean.culp@wssa.us
281-794-9880

Hello my fellow snowmobilers!

I'm the new District 4N representative. I wanted to say hello to you all before we take a quick summer break. It's that time of the year we all dread; the end of the winter season.

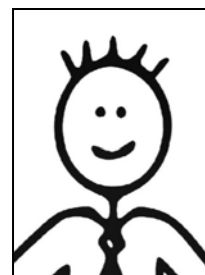
As the season winds down, the clubs are also wrapping things up. The Juncos just completed their ladies' ride on the 25th of March; it looks like it was a great time. Junco recently celebrated some well-deserved WSSA annual awards. Awards were presented for President of the Year, Groomer of the Year, and Club of the Year. Great job all!

Sno-Jammers recently hosted their awesome Fun Run, and it was a huge success this year. Fresh snow fell and over 250 people enjoyed the great powder and weather.

Over \$2,000 dollars was handed out to the top three winning hands, and then a stack of awesome prizes in the raffle. Hope to see you all there next year.

As we all wrap up our season, put our sleds away and do some maintenance on them, make sure to reach out to the representatives who support and work for snowmobiling in this state. If you have concerns, call the individuals who represent you. If you need help or have questions on finding out who, reach out to your local WSSA rep.

Much thanks to everyone, and I can't wait for next winter's snow season!



District 5 North

By Jason Holmes
jason.holmes@wssa.us
253-226-4939

Hello from District 5 North! The spring season is here and the snow is still good in many areas. Recently I was able to explore Stampede Pass, the Ahtanum,

(Continued on page 10)

Your Methow Valley Snowmobile Headquarters

THREE FINGERED

JACK'S

SALOON

WINTHROP, WASHINGTON

Hours:

Breakfast:

7am-11am, Fri-Sun

Lunch and dinner:

11am-8pm, daily

176 Riverside Avenue

509-996-2411

www.3fingeredjacks.com

Dinner specials:

5pm-8pm daily

Supporting Businesses

Washington State Supporting Businesses (Listed alphabetically by city)

Cycle Barn Smokey Point	PO Box 3338	Arlington	WA	98223	www.cyclebarn.com	360-530-7800
Mt Baker Moto-Sports LLC	2111 Iowa St	Bellingham	WA	98229	www.mtbakermoto.com	360-676-4096
PNW LED	18715 95 th St E	Bonney Lake	WA	98391	www.pnwled.com	253-233-7547
Mission Outdoors	PO Box 7350	Bonney Lake	WA	98391	www.missionoutdoors.org	253-831-8309
Evans Marine	1058 E Woodin Ave	Chelan	WA	98816	www.evansmarine.com	509-682-4402
Mountain Addiction	362 Porcupine Ln	Chelan	WA	98816	www.mountainaddiction.com	509-881-8016
High Country Outfitters & Camp Wahool	1780 Nelson Siding Rd	Cle Elum	WA	98922	www.campwahool.com	509-674-8331
Motortoy Rentals Tours Service	1313 Spansky Way	Cle Elum	WA	98922	www.motortoyrentals.com	509-674-6807
Sportland Yamaha Inc	4402 Bullfrog Rd	Cle Elum	WA	98922	www.sportlandyamaha.com	508-649-2259
The Cottage Cafe	911 East First St	Cle Elum	WA	98922	www.cottagecafecleelum.com	509-674-2922
Bennys Colville Inn	915 S Main St	Colville	WA	99114	www.colvilleinn.com	509-684-2517
Colville Motor Sports	165 W Birch Ave	Colville	WA	99114	www.colvillemotorsports.com	509-684-5540
Gibsons North Fork Lodge	100 West Boone	Conconully	WA	98819	www.gibsonsnorthforklodge	509-826-1475
Shady Pines Resort	125 West Fork Rd	Conconully	WA	98819	www.shadypinesresort.com	509-826-2287
Lone Fir Resort & Café	16806 Lewis River Rd	Cougar	WA	98616	www.lonefirresort.com	360-2385210
Cascade Towing and Repair	2560 E Sparks Rd	Easton	WA	98925		509-656-2400
Silver Ridge Ranch & RV Resort	182 Silver Ranch Rd	Easton	WA	98925	www.silverridgeranch.com	509-656-0275
Bob Feil Boats & Motors	2131 Sunset Hwy	E Wenatchee	WA	98802	www.bobfeil.com	509-884-3558
The Fab Shop	10315 16th St E	Edgewood	WA	98372	www.thefabshop.com	253-568-9124
Central Powersports	2310 W Dolarway Rd	Ellensburg	WA	98926	www.centralpowersports.com	509-933-1737
Ellensburg Powersports	309 S Main St	Ellensburg	WA	98926		509-925-9330
Ellensburg Tire Center	400 W University Way	Ellensburg	WA	98926		509-925-1044
Jet Motorsports	1005 S Canyon Rd	Ellensburg	WA	98926	www.jetmotorsportswa.com	253-606-0108
Luft Trailer Sales	907 N Hibbs Rd	Ellensburg	WA	98926	www.lufttrailers.com	509-962-5445
Clem's Enumclaw Powersports	408 Roosevelt Ave	Enumclaw	WA	98022	www.enumclawsuzuki.com	360-825-4502
High Cascades Power Sports Apparel	2001 S 292 nd St	Federal Way	WA	98003	www.highcascades.co	253-886-8944
Soundview Consultants LLC	2907 Harborview Dr	Gig Harbor	WA	98335	www.soundviewconsultants.com	253-514-8952
Pacific Logging LLC	9823 163 rd Ave NE	Ganite Falls	WA	98252		425-508-9150
I-90 Motorsports	200 NE Gilman Blvd	Issaquah	WA	98027	www.I-90motorsports.com	425-391-4490
Trailside Homes	PO Box 1829	Issaquah	WA	98027	www.trailsidehomes.com	509-674-6828
Pierre's Polaris	7504 NE 175th St Ste 8	Kenmore	WA	98028	www.pierrespolaris.com	425-488-8600
Ridenow Powersports Tri-Cities	3305 W 19th Ave	Kennewick	WA	99338	www.ridenowtricity.com	509-735-1117
Greg's Motorsports	5817 184 th Ave Ct E	Lake Tapps	WA	98391		253-380-0558
59er Diner and Cabins	15361 US Hwy 2	Leavenworth	WA	98826	www.59erdiner.com	509-763-2267
Cascade On Site Rentals	9588 E Leavenworth Rd	Leavenworth	WA	98826		509-423-3828
Dan's Food Market	1329 US Hwy 2	Leavenworth	WA	98826	www.dansfoodmarket.com	509-548-5611
Leavenworth Snowmobile Rentals	15361 US Hwy 2	Leavenworth	WA	98826	www.leavenworthsnowmobilerentals.com	509-763-0333
Mountain Springs Lodge	19115 Chiwawa Loop Rd	Leavenworth	WA	98826	www.mtsprings.com	509-763-2713
Pacific Mountain Services	22745 Brown Rd	Leavenworth	WA	98826		509-670-6665
Loon Lake Marina	41080 Marina Rd	Loon Lake	WA	99148		509-233-2303
Premier Polaris	122 Charles St	Monroe	WA	98272	www.premierpolaris.com	360-794-8669
Levi's Auto Parts	500 E 3rd Ave	Moses Lake	WA	98837		509-765-4567
D and G Marine	15379 SR 536	Mount Vernon	WA	98273	www.dandgmarine.com	360-630-1132
Lifestyles Honda Skidoo	3302 Cedardale Rd Ste E100	Mount Vernon	WA	98274	www.lifestyleshonda.com	360-416-3950
Elk Ridge Campground	13880 SR 410	Naches	WA	98397	www.elkridgecampground.com	509-658-2093
Gold Creek Station	18431 SR 410	Naches	WA	98397		509-658-2583
Xtreme Powersports	1930 2 nd Ave N	Okanogan	WA	98840	www.shopxtremepowersports.net	509-826-5771
WA State Parks Winter Rec Program	1111 Israel Rd SW	Olympia	WA	98504	www.state.parks.wa.us	360-902-8595
Blu-Shastin RV Park	3300 US Hwy 97	Peshastin	WA	98847	www.blushastin.com	509-548-4184
Chet's Honda/Polaris	17 H Street SW	Quincy	WA	98848	www.chetshonda.com	509-787-3617
Backcountry Plowing & Grooming	859 Cispus Rd	Randle	WA	98377		253-722-4123

Denotes a Snoflyer Advertiser – We truly appreciate their support!

Denotes an Associate who offers a WSSA Membership Discount!

Supporting Businesses

Washington State Supporting Businesses (Listed alphabetically by city)

Sundance Landscaping	11609 172nd Ave NE	Redmond	WA	98052		425-533-6008
The Last Resort Operations	14254 Salmon LaSac Rd	Ronald	WA	98940	www.thelastresort.us	509-649-2222
Repin Construction LLC	PO Box 541	Roslyn	WA	98941		509-649-3323
Life Support	808 Lincoln St	S. Cle elum	WA	98922	www.lifesupport190.org	509-674-2968
Dianes Tank Removal Services LLC	PO Box 77738	Seattle	WA	98177	www.dianestankremoval.com	206-510-9497
High Mark Real Estate Services	2021 NW 58th St	Seattle	WA	98107	www.highmarkhomesales.com	206-861-5525
Kart-O-Rama Inc	13701 24th St E Unit A4	Sumner	WA	98390	www.kartoramainc.com	253-891-3490
Old Cannery Furniture	13608 Old Cannery Way	Sumner	WA	98390	www.oldcanneryfurniture.com	253-863-0422
Hank's Harvest Foods	412 E Methow Hwy	Twisp	WA	98856		509-997-7711
Twisp NAPA Auto Parts	214 S Methow Valley Hwy	Twisp	WA	98856	www.napaonline.com	509-997-2461
Premier Power Sports	2615 Main St	Union Gap	WA	98903	www.premierpowersportswa.com	509-965-9889
Procaliber Motorsports, Inc	PO Box 1679	Vancouver	WA	98668	www.procaliberbend.com	360-256-5000
G & G Automotive Machine	34 S Palouse	Walla Walla	WA	99362		509-525-2890
Wenatchee Power Sports	3031 GS Center Rd	Wenatchee	WA	98801	www.wenpow.com	509-665-6686
Radcomp Technologies	136 N Main St	White Salmon	WA	98672	www.gorad.com	509-493-2221
Three Fingered Jacks	176 Riverside Ave	Winthrop	WA	98862	www.3fingeredjacks.com	509-996-2411
Nob Hill Auto Wrecking	2609 West Birchfield Rd	Yakima	WA	98901	www.nobhillautowrecking.com	509-452-2803
Apple State Power Sports	1707 N 1st St	Yakima	WA	98901	www.applestatepowersports.com	509-575-1916
VanAmburg Enterprises Inc	2920 River Rd Ste 1	Yakima	WA	98902	www.vanamburgent.com	509-225-6681

Out of State Supporting Businesses (Listed alphabetically by state then city)

Baum Shelter Too	13956 Nisula Rd	McCall	ID	83638	www.baumsheltertoo.com	208-636-4393
Elkins on Priest Lake	404 Elkins Rd	Nordman	ID	83848	www.elkinsresort.com	208-443-2432
Hill's Resort	4777 W Lakeshore Rd	Priest Lake	ID	83856	www.hillsresort.com	208-443-2551
Mountain Village Resort	Jct Hwy 21 & 75	Stanley	ID	83278	www.mountainvillage.com	800-843-5475
Truck Boss USA	7040 SE 298th Ave	Gresham	OR	97080	www.truckbossdecks.com	503-313-2795
SK Northwest	250 SE Division Place	Portland	OR	97202	www.sknorthwest.com	503-238-2510
TrakMaps	2113A St Regis	Dollard-des Ormeaux QC	H9B 2M9		www.trakmaps.com	514-781-4613

Denotes a Snoflyer Advertiser – We truly appreciate their support!

Denotes an Associate who offers a WSSA Membership Discount!

Show snowmobilers your business supports their passion!
Join WSSA as an Associate Member today!

**So, you're a mountain rider
and don't need trails?
RIGHT...**



Facts Are:

- Groomed trails provide quick access to higher elevation & better snow.
- When you have sled issues, trails provide safest return to your vehicle.
- Injured? Yep, it's the trail they drag you out on.

**SUPPORT GROOMERS, TRAILS & SNOWMOBILING
BY JOINING A CLUB WHERE YOU RIDE.**

**ALCOHOL OR DRUG USE IS NEVER SAFE
WHEN SNOWMOBILING.**

**DON'T RIDE IMPAIRED SO YOU COME
HOME SAFE TO YOUR FAMILY.**



Visit snowmobileinfo.org for safe riding information.

District Reports *Continued...*

(Continued from page 7)

29 Pines and the Eagle River areas and was able to enjoy pretty good snow conditions. I'd like to thank our groomers and their teams for doing the best they could providing groomed access this year. I don't think it's a secret our grooming programs are underfunded which make it hard to provide a full 14-16 week grooming season. As a user it's probably a good idea to see increased sled registration costs to increase the Winter Recreation Funding. This would include supporting not just grooming but law enforcement, sanitation and additional conveniences like a grooming map that provides daily grooming activity.



District 5 South

By Ron Lind
ron.lind@wssa.us
509-607-0039

Greetings from District 5 South! It was a pretty good season for snow early, not much in the middle, then a good ending.

Recap of club news: The Ski-Benders had a great fundraising year with the Chinook Fest last summer and the Crab Feed in December. With the money they raised they were able to put on a Chili Ride hosted by Matt and Ryan Mead up at White Pass. Their Fun Run and their Kids Ride at Chinook Pass had outstanding results. They also sponsored dinner at Gold Creek Station for the annual WSSA Military Appreciation Ride. They are still working on their warming shelter along with the Selah High School shop class, and have agreed to purchase three Avalanche Transceiver Check Stations to be placed at Naches and White Passes, and in the Ahtanum.

The Drift-A-Ways are continuing to ride almost every week and taking advantage of the great snow we have had. They hosted a couple of WSSA Rendezvous rides and served burgers at White Pass. Members also loaned sleds for the Military Ride.

The Chinook Pass Club was able to serve lunch at the Little Bald cabin this winter for a WSSA Rendezvous ride and the Military Ride. The Chinook Pass club will also be working on expanding the sno-park at Boulder Cave. They are also saying goodbye to a great man that did so much for our snowmobiling community, Dan Wallbaum; you will be missed.

A big 'thank you' to all these clubs and the great work they do.

Shannon Lawler and I are going to be planning the WSSA Rendezvous for 2024. We will be holding it in Winthrop, with a date change; instead of Presidents Weekend we are going to try something different and have it the week before. Mark your calendars for February 9th, 10th and 11th of 2024. The local snowmobile club will be holding their annual Bucket Run that weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Hope to see you at the summertime projects happening in the district. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to me. The Yakima County Grooming Council will be needing your help replacing poles for sno-park signs and installing a gate in the Little Naches. We will also be working on bridges, and applying to install permanent bathrooms at the 1904 Sno-Park. As always, trail brushing both in the Greenwater and the Little Naches.

Hope to see everyone at the Blu-Shastin RV Park in August for the WSSA Summer Meeting.

Notes



TO ALL WSSA CLUBS

WSSA is again offering a grant program to be made available to WSSA member clubs for trail and trailhead improvements such as brushing or clearing of trails, signage, gravel, bridges, gates, rental equipment for such work, parking lot repair or use as matching funds for NRTP grants.

WSSA wants to keep this as simple as possible. The grant limit is \$1000 per club. The club applying for a grant must have a current membership in WSSA and no outstanding WSSA Grants that are not completed. The deadline for the application is April 15th 2023. The goal is to award grants by June 15th 2023.

The process for the grants are as follows:

All applications for the grants go to Chairman Jim Kingman. Jim then forwards the applications to the appropriate District Reps for input. The district reps will review and report back to the Grant committee Chairman. District Reps are required to sign application to be considered for a grant. The chairman will then forward all applications to the committee for scoring. Sometimes there are more applications than there are funds to handle all of them. The committee will decide off of the scores if some get partial funding or if the lowest scores don't get funded. Total grant money for 2023 is unknown until the March Budget meeting.

Please be sure to complete the applications and attach a map and landowners permission letter.

Jim Kingman

WSSA Trail Grants Chairman 2023

If you are trying to find our Northwest Portal & Android on your phone

WE'VE CHANGED THEIR

You talked, and we listened... our users are impatient. Our app names now better explain the story they were dealing with.

- * Discover WA has become Outdoors NW - To help people find all recreation opportunities in the region.
- * OHV WA has become Off-roading NW - To avoid confusion between the terms OHV (used in Washington State) and ORV (used by the USFS, Oregon & Idaho)
- * Our new icon shows the three states of the Pacific Northwest. We are steadily expanding into adjoining areas of Idaho and Oregon.

- * You can find those App name updates and our:
 Snow NW apps
 Taste NW apps
 13 focused web maps at:
<https://www.northwestportal.com/adventure-portal>





STAY ON THE TRAIL LONGER

W H E N Y O U S T A Y A T
LONE FIR RESORT

**ONLY TWENTY MINUTES FROM
MARBLE MOUNTAIN SNO-PARK**

SOME OF THE BEST SLED TRAILS IN THE STATE

- OVER 21 COZY ROOMS & CABINS
- AMPLE TRUCK & TRAILER PARKING
- BIGFOOTS LODGE OPEN THURSDAY-SUNDAY



WSSA ROOM & CABIN DISCOUNT
PROMO CODE: **SNOFLYER**
USE ONLINE



www.lonefirresort.com

16806 Lewis River Road , Cougar WA

Winter Rendezvous

WSSA's Winter Rendezvous 2023 - In Yakima!

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary

The last Winter Rendezvous in Yakima (before this one) was in 2013. It's hard to believe it was that many years ago! In fact, the first 'WSSA Convention' I attended for fun was in Yakima back in the early 2000s. Back then I really didn't know the riding area well even though we lived here. My how things have changed!

This season's event was unique in that instead of counting on using hotel space for our gatherings and their kitchens for our catering, we rented the Yakima Valley Museum and had food catered by Famous Dave's Barbecue and the Olive Garden. Event registration fees covered all this, free entry into the museum, and allowed for a no-host bar manned by the Yakima Ski-Benders snowmobile club. I thought the space was great and the food fantastic!

Ron Alred and his crew did a great job of setting up and leading rides. In fact I led an easy/intermediate trail/off-trail ride on Friday on Chinook Pass and the Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club cooked up hot dogs and chili at the Little Bald warming hut. Easier (trail) and more challenging (off-trail) rides were held in the Ahtanum on Friday as well.

Friday night was pretty laid back with tasty barbecue for dinner and a 509 snowmobile video playing on the big screen and drinks available.

On Saturday, in addition to more rides in the Ahtanum, the Drift-A-Way Snowmobile club cooked up hamburgers for lunch in the Cold Creek Sno-Park on White Pass and members also led an easy trail and an intermediate trail/off-trail ride. I'd like to take a moment and thank my daughter Ryan for helping me set up and cook that day; we had a great time visiting with everyone!

Saturday night was quite a bit more lively than Friday night. The Italian fare was an excellent dinner choice. WSSA announced award winners (see page 5 for recipients), held a silent auction in support of the WSSA Legal Action Fund, announced the winners in the annual Rendezvous photo contest, and called up the lucky winner of the WSSA Legal Action Fund North Cascades sled deck raffle. (Had to leave a voice mail as the winner, John O'Brian, didn't answer.)

After two days of being intimately involved in ride events, I took a breather. But

the rides didn't slow in my absence on Sunday! More off-trail rides in the Ahtanum were occurring. A ride to Moon Rocks/Funny Rocks happened on Chinook Pass, as well as a great trail ride from Little Naches to the cabin at Government Meadows where R&R Grooming and the Yakima County Grooming Council served up chili dogs.

After a two year absence due to COVID restrictions, it was great to bring back Winter Rendezvous and Yakima was a great choice for location. With three distinct riding areas and great groomed trail systems to access off-trail play, I highly recommend checking the area out. If you'd like to ride this area, contact one of the three local clubs and somebody will be happy to show you around. Thanks to the Yakima Ski-Benders, the Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club, and the Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club for supporting us for Winter Rendezvous 2023. And special thanks to Greg Figg for chairing yet another great Winter Rendezvous.

Where are we headed next year? After discussion and debate between going to Winthrop or Dayton in 2024, we are headed to Winthrop. The event will be one weekend earlier (not on Presidents Day Weekend) and is timed so attendees can participate in the Methow Valley Snowmobile Association's annual Bucket Run if they so choose. With luck,

we'll follow up 2024 with the event in Dayton!



Group photo at Little Bald after a tasty hot dog & chili lunch courtesy of the Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club.



Lunch served up by the Drift-A-Way club at the Cold Creek Sno-Park.



Taking a break in a secret meadow near Boulder Cave.



WSSA VP Dean Meakin helping(?) Jason Goldstein from Washington State Parks.



Meeting up at the hotel before a ride.



Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club members enjoying a Rendezvous ride!



View from the working side of the Ski-Benders bar set up in the Yakima Valley Museum.

Winter Rendezvous

WSSA Winter Rendezvous 2024

Winthrop

February 9th, 10th & 11th, 2024

Guided rides on Friday

Chicken & Ribs Friday Night

Guided rides and a Bucket Run on Saturday

Prime Rib Saturday Night

Guided rides on Sunday

Live entertainment with a bar both Friday and Saturday nights!

Hotels Available:

Winthrop Inn: 509-996-2217

Abby Creek Inn: 509-996-3100

Methow River Lodge: 509-996-4348

Dinners provided by B-S Bar-B-Que

More information will be posted in the Summer Snoflyer

Mark your calendar now!



Club News

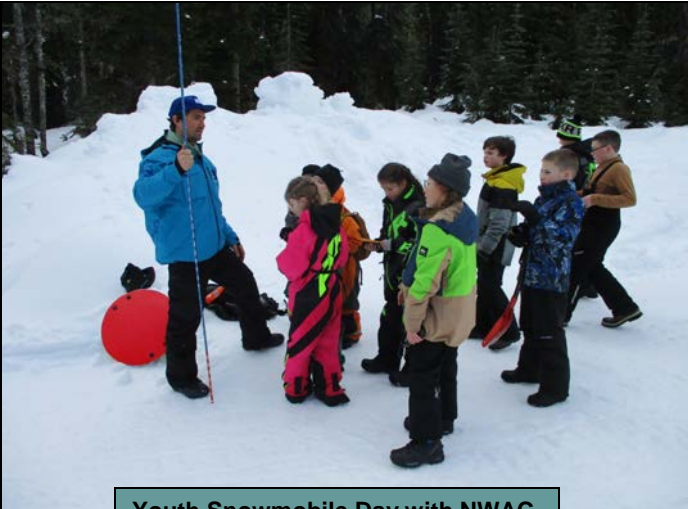


Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Tina Shields & Jessica Ronhaar

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers have had a busy month including

Center (NWAC). We were able to get a last-minute Highway 20 Ride in. It was beautiful. We had a small group but we planned it in just two days. The Mount Baker Ladies Ride was an incredible snowy day at the Baker NRA (National Recreation Area); we had 30



Youth Snowmobile Day with NWAC.



our Youth Snowmobile Day Ride with the Northwest Avalanche

local companies supported our



Hwy 20 Ride.



Mt. Baker Ladies Ride.



It was a Bluebird day for the Mt. Baker Shootout!

ride. Mt. Baker Shootout 2023 was a great success! We served burgers and hotdogs to over 200 people. It was a beautiful day on Mount Baker and we are

(Continued on page 16)





DEFY GRAVITY AND SANITY



NORTHWEST
POWERSPORTS

503-872-0000

WWW.SK-NORTHWEST.COM

*THAT **ski-doo** FEELING*

DISCOVER MORE AT SKI-DOO.COM

A BRP BRAND



© 2023 Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (BRP). All rights reserved. ®, TM and the BRP logo are trademarks of BRP or its affiliates. In the U.S.A., products are distributed by BRP US Inc. Always ride responsibly and safely and wear appropriate clothing, including a helmet. Please observe applicable laws and regulations. Remember that riding, alcohol and drugs don't mix. See your authorized BRP dealer for details and visit ski-doo.com or brplynx.com.

Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 14) grateful to our local dealers who came out to demo sleds and NWAC for being a part of our community. We were able to give away one two-person avalanche course through the Luke Rohde raffle. Thank you to everyone who came out for the day, camped for the weekend, helped and supported our club.



Yakima Ski-Benders

**By Liz Van Amburg,
President**

Have you heard about this years Kids Ride? We had 102 kids signed up; 83 showed up. Flu and strep throat kept many kids home in bed. The kids that did come

had a blast! Thank you Jeff and Audeena Smith for hosting. They brought new ideas that actually made it a little less chaotic.

The 'littles' met up at the gravel pit where R & R Grooming had made a track. Mike Van Amburg held a safety meeting, where they could get a ticket to use later at the raffle. The youngest kids we had this year were three-years-old. The other kids rode on their own and could meet staff of the Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) at Government Meadows for some basic avalanche safety training and earn a ticket for the raffle. Eric Miller and Cody Beebe paired up with Brandy Floyd and the Harris family; they brought their drone and cameras and made a great video showcasing what the Kids Ride is all about. Brandy and Brenda built a jump and those kids caught some great air! A free meal was offered back at camp. The kids received a swag bag, shovel

and t-shirt. Volunteers donated four sleds that were given away along with \$20,000 dollars in raffle prizes. I never can say thank you enough to the companies, volunteers and parents that step up and make this event what it has grown into over the past years. It is so amazing watching these kids grow up to be snowmobilers. When you walked around camp it was so cool to see other clubs represented as well as three states in the Pacific Northwest.

We had a club meeting on March 7th and your 2023-2024 board is set. Congratulations to the following members: Heather Rockwell; she will continue as our Vice President/Membership person. Marty Lentch as Secretary; Stephanie Beaman as Treasurer; Dee Alred, Ron Lind and Christa Degnan as 'At Large' board members. And before I could say "President" at the meeting, they nominated, seconded, and voted for me to stay on as President. Thank you for all the support you have given me the past four years. Without all of the amazing people around me, we could not have accomplished all the successful things this club has done. My hats off to each and every one of you!

April is moving day for the emergency shelters (container sections) to the Selah High School shop class. The project will soon be taking on new life! There will be new news on this in the fall; stay tuned!

Chinook Fest's performers' line-up is out. June 8th-11th are the dates. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please get a hold of me at 509-759-5179.

For now, keep riding; spring is here but we still have the white gold!



Another successful Kids Ride hosted by the Yakima Ski-Benders!



Lake Wenatchee Rec club

**By Marilyn Mylius,
Vice President**

Greetings from the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club! Well, the winter is definitely winding down in our area. With grooming starting the earliest in recent years, December 1st, the groomers had an additional challenge to stretch our funding to late March. As I write this, they are planning to groom until the weekend of March 25th, so way to go guys!

We had a fantastic turnout for our Poker Run on February 18th and there were more folks playing the Snowmobile Challenge Geocache game this year

(Continued on page 17)

Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 16) than last. I finally got out to several of the caches, so fun!

We hosted the WSSA Budget Meeting on the 11th of March at our clubhouse; so nice to see all those really dedicated and hard working volunteer folks who do so much for our state's program. Thanks to WSSA for all

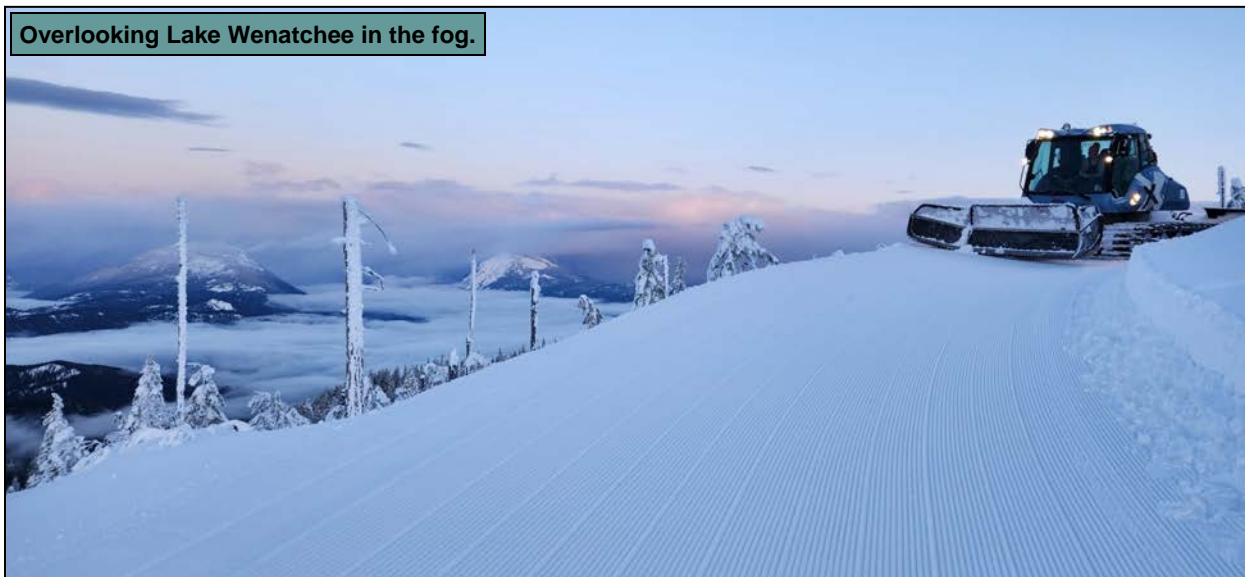
their continued success for our sport! And thanks to the Boondockers for buying all the pizzas for lunch!

I hope you all had a great winter with lots of great riding and gathering with friends. I've attached a recent photo the groomer took from his 'office' in the Sugarloaf area

looking down at Lake Wenatchee (in the fog) and Dirtyface Mountain. Love seeing that beautiful corduroy!

Y'all have a great summer!

Overlooking Lake Wenatchee in the fog.



**Methow Valley
Snowmobile
Association**

**By Evie Johnson,
Secretary**

The storms in the first half of March delivered some decent accumulation! The riding has been great lately, especially in the few areas that haven't been touched all year.

It's been good to see so many groups out on the trails and utilizing the warming huts. The huts still have plenty of firewood to burn so make sure to come out and enjoy before the end of the season! Thank you to those who dropped donations into the boxes inside the huts this year; proceeds (Continued on page 18)



WINTER STARTS NOW

**LIMITED SLEDS AVAILABLE.
GET YOURS TODAY!**

PREMIER POLARIS MONROE

122 CHARLES STREET, MONROE, WA 98272 ■ (360) 794-8669 ■ PREMIERPOLARIS.COM

POLARIS | SNOWMOBILES

WARNING: PROFESSIONAL RIDER ON A CLOSED COURSE. POLARIS® RECOMMENDS THAT ALL SNOWMOBILE RIDERS TAKE A TRAINING COURSE. DO NOT ATTEMPT MANEUVERS BEYOND YOUR CAPABILITY. ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET AND OTHER SAFETY APPAREL. NEVER DRINK AND RIDE.

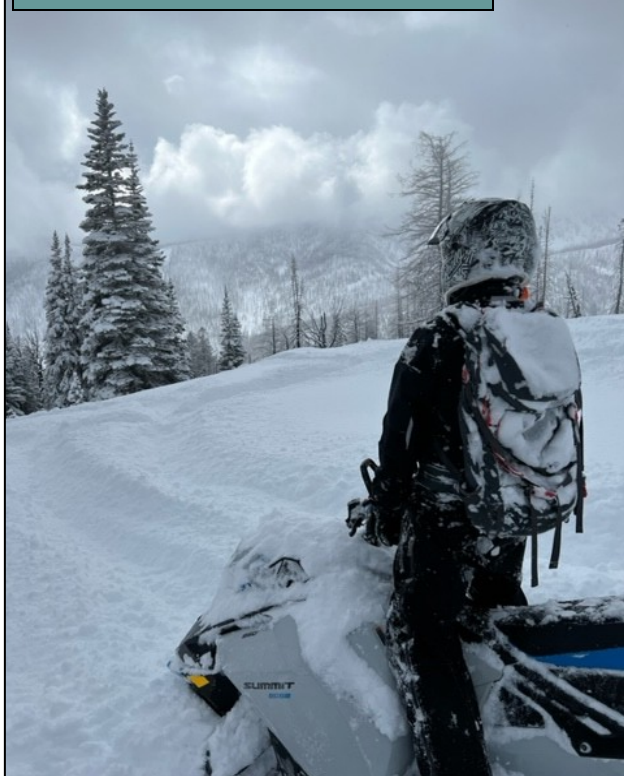
Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 17) go directly to maintenance and fees to keep them available for use.

You will definitely get a bit of mud on the sleds in the sno-parks, and keep those ice

spent at the Lake Wenatchee Airstrip Sno-Park. The pair zoomed on up to Snowcone

Great snow in the Methow in March!



scratchers down on the way up but you'll find some decent snow to boondock in at the higher elevations.

The road to Harts Pass will be plowed soon; we will send an e-mail to our membership and make a post to notify when. Last year, early April came through with some pretty amazing days up Harts.

On that note, keep in mind the avalanche dangers of spring-time riding as conditions warm up and always check the Northwest Avalanche Center's website before you go.



Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

By Ray Bergstresser, President

Stephen and Erin had some great riding in the Methow Valley over a beautiful snowy weekend, covering over 100 miles from the Goat Creek Sno-Park. They explored the Black Pine Basin, Sweet-grass Butte, and Eight Mile Drainage. Good grooming and great snow conditions made both days a pleasure to ride. Day three was

Ski-Duos across several generations!



Rare old Sears Hillary.

for nice views of Lake Wenatchee and a perfect end to the trip.

We have now come to the end of our scheduled winter 2023 rides. We are now looking forward to the upcoming summer shows. The first show we have on our schedule is at the All Wheels Car Show which is held in Dayton on June 17th. Next is the Miracle of America Museum show held at Polson, Montana, on July 15th. Then on the weekend of August 19th-20th we will be at the Pioneer Power Show and Swap Meet in Union Gap.

Please watch our website for more information, and updates at www.pnwvsc.org, or contact us at 509-993-7107, or e-mail: time4snow@comcast.net.



Winter Knights

By Al McCarty, President

As I'm writing this article, my attention is periodically unfocused as I gaze over at my riding gear taunting me from their special places. I'm debating on whether or not to wash everything and put it away until next season rolls around. This is what I typically do this time of year, and for some reason, I haven't made up my mind to end things quite yet. Sure, there's plenty of snow up high to carve up and there are even some decent groomed trails left to speed along, but a part of me says to call it quits and be glad nothing broke on either body or machine this season. The other part of me, the uncertain portion, pushes past-practice aside and keeps me from following through with the traditional wash and store procedure of this time of year. For some reason I'm conflicted, and distracted. Not quite sure what it's about.

Now, back to this article. I would like to send a shout out to everyone who happened to join our club rides this season and would like to thank them for making our time together fun and entertaining. I've had the chance to meet some new people this year and they have truly been great additions to our regular crew. From the lively jocular banter just before the rider meetings each Saturday to the mid-day warming hut snowmobile brand-loyalty teasing, the newbies quickly fit right in and helped us all to remember times like these are to be cherished.

In the past few years with COVID and the weird social unrest and unstable political environment, I've felt myself more stressed out than ever before, and I'm not normally the kind of person who allows these types of outside influences to taint my lifestyle. Many of my friends are feeling somewhat the same, and like me, are happy to take some time to escape it all and go riding. Hanging out with good people and enjoying 'the moment' in nature is surely the cure for what ails me, and I would guess, what ails you as well.

I suppose the hardest part of the decision about ending my riding season today, is that I'll miss many of my friends if I stop now. I believe that's the problem I'm wrestling with. I need that healthy distraction. Yes, there are my friends I see

(Cont. on page 19)

Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 18)

outside of the club and will hang out with them over the summer as well, but I think my current issue is the thought of having to let go of what we've built and have been sharing for the past several months with those I will only see during snowmobiling. I really do cherish these friends and the times we spent together laughing and joking. After all, that's why we joined the club in the first place. I mustn't lose sight of that, although I sometimes do when my head is filled with presidential mumbo jumbo.

Friendship is very important to me, a delicately sensitive spot in my emotional makeup, and even though we may not be physically with each other, we can still be friends at a distance. A healthy perspective for me to have that allows me to move forward and out of this uncertainty. With this realization, I guess it's time to wash and store. No more uncertainties, just gratitude for those who have made this riding season great. I hope to see you all soon.



Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

By
LaRhonda McCauley,
President

February was a busy month for the Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club. At our February club meeting, the following officers were elected for the 2023-24 season: President, LaRhonda McCauley; Vice President, Chase Reed; Secretary, Courtney McNeil; Membership, Chris Shires; and Treasurer, David Carlton.

Chris Shires, Gary Simmons, Lisa McDonald, Ronnie Speakman, Glenn and Aileen Warren, Gabe Abel, Brad Gallardo and myself attended the WSSA Rendezvous in Yakima. Gary Simmons was awarded Snowmobiler of the Year! At 83 years young, he inspires the rest of us to keep riding for as long as possible! Gary was a District 6 Chairperson for many years and held a



Gary Simmons, WSSA's 2022/2023 Snowmobiler of the Year!

WSSA family membership and associate business membership for as long as he can remember. Gary has truly been an ambassador to the sport.

'Fun Day' happened on February 11th and was a treat for family and single riders alike! With time trials, team races, and a snowman competition for the little ones, there was something at the Fun Day for everyone! It was a great day to hang

(Continued on page 20)



POLARIS.COM



RIDE COMMAND BY POLARIS STAY ON THE TRAIL. STAY IN THE KNOW.

Do your part to keep snowmobile trails and riding areas open by only riding where you should. RIDE COMMAND partners with local trail clubs and associations to maintain and share the latest trail information.

3 WAYS TO CONNECT RIDE COMMAND technology is built into select sleds and you can access it on your favorite device.

7S DISPLAY WITH RIDE COMMAND Available on the all-new Matryx platform, the 7S Display features touch screen technology with integrated RIDE COMMAND GPS.

RIDE COMMAND APP Bring RIDE COMMAND on the go on your smartphone or tablet with the free app.

RIDE COMMAND WEBSITE Download and utilize the most up to date RIDE COMMAND data, plan your rides, and manage all of your tracks, waypoints, and more. You can even follow ride groups from home if you can't make the trip!

POLARIS

©2021 Polaris Industries Inc. Polaris recommends that all riders take a training course. Do not attempt maneuvers beyond your capability. Always wear a helmet and other safety apparel. Never drink and ride.

Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 19) out and have fun! There's nothing like races and friendly competition to bring

a group together! A huge thank you to JMC Motorsports of Pasco for donating the kids' treat/gift

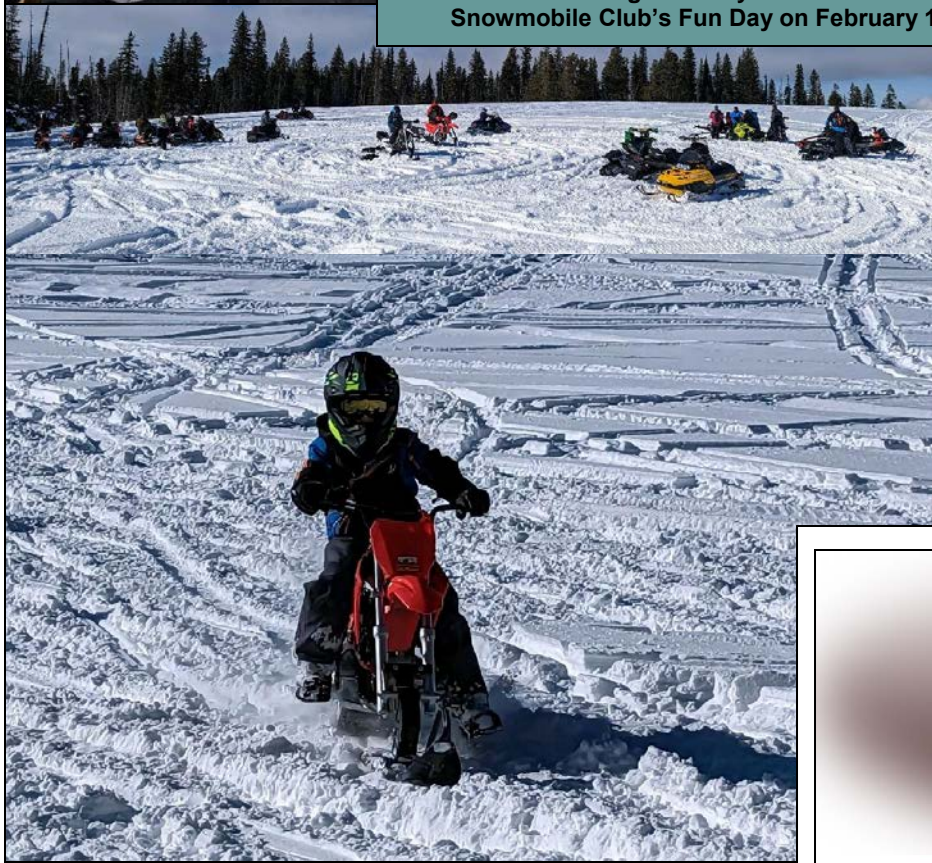
bags. The club's annual Bucket Run and fundraising event was held

March 4th. We had a record crowd including numerous snowmobiles and snowbikes and a few

tracked side by sides! Proceeds from the event were donated to local charities such as the Boys and Girls Club, Make-A-Wish Foundation, the food bank, and Project Timothy. It couldn't have been possible without all of the amazing volunteers organizing and running this event. It was a beautiful, sun shiny day and some of the best snow of the season. Thank you PNW Metals and Wrenches for donating the Peeking Sasquatch for selfie pics and a drawing. Thank you to our sponsors for prize donations: WSSA, JMC Motorsports of Pasco, RideNow Powersports
(Continued on page 21)



There was something for everyone at the Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club's Fun Day on February 11th.



MOTORTOYS

RENTALS • TOURS • SERVICE

Book online at www.motortoyrentals.com
1313 Spansky Way. 509-674-6807.

Club News Continued...

(Continued from page 20) of the Tri-Cities, Mac's Cycle, Guy's Outdoor, Supreme Power Sports LLC, Fiesta En Jalisco, My Dad's Place, Chief Springs, State Farm, Dayton Chamber of Commerce, Locally Nourished, Syngenta and Seminis Seeds. And to our partners for pro-

viding the food, Table Rock Meat Co. and Dayton General Hospital.

Starting the second Saturday in December, we had 'Burgers on the Mountain' that continued through the beginning of March. This has been a great little fundraiser for our

club. It's also been a great way to get others involved with our club activities and hangout and talk about the season's adventures.

We had our last club meeting of the season on March 16th. Our next event is God-man Workday on June 24th. Volunteers will gather to cut, split, and stack wood; clear trails; and work on the God-man shelter repairs all in preparation for next season.

A record crowd attended the Blue Mountain club's annual bucket run at the beginning of March.



Bavarian Boondockers

By Matt Kensrud, President

As the season gets closer to ending, the club has been having tons of fun on the snow.

We had our first annual Ladies Ride with special guest Indee Girven, 509 Ambassador and backcountry rider. She helped the gals with everything from technique on the snow to how to put on your drive belt. It was a great time! We will be having this

(Continued on page 22)

DON'T USE KIDS AS AIRBAGS

KEEP THEM SAFE.
PUT 'EM ON THE BACK.

This message brought to you by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations
www.snowmobilers.org



Club News Continued...

(Continued from page 21)

ride again next year.

The club put on their last scheduled club ride but there is still tons of snow up high.

We will be having a summer meeting to take care of our elections and start planning for next season.

If you have any questions, feel free to get a hold of me.

THANK YOU!

On March 4th we hosted our 33rd annual Fun Run. This event has been very popular for many years, and this year was one of our best! We received an abundance of positive feedback last year about hosting our event out of the sno-park, so we decided to do it again this year with a twist. It was a huge success and we experienced record breaking numbers across the board which will allow us to start our club scholarship program. (See below for details!) We gave away \$2,000 in cash to our top three 'hand' winners and close to \$10,000 in raffle prizes to many of our participants. Our top raffle winner walked away with a brand new BCA avalanche backpack and bottle donated by

BCA, and this year we had two additional 'top' raffle prizes which included an EWT monosuit donated by EWT and a TOBE monosuit donated by The Last Resort.

We were also fortunate enough to have High Cascades print our 'famous' Fun Run shirts which turned out fantastic. We cannot thank them enough for their (Continued on page 23)



Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club

By
Christina Hamlyn,
Vice President

The Sno-Jammers had a successful season once again! We are grateful for all the new members and families that joined our club this year, and we are excited to have you all be a part of the club again next season! I would also like to give a huge shout out to all of our dedicated members who hosted rides, attended work parties, and joined us at all of our fun events and rides this year-



We always enjoy seeing familiar families year after year!



Fun Run volunteers.



Almost \$10,000 in raffle prizes were given away!



Fun Run volunteers.



The crowd waiting to see if they won.



The Fun Run crowd.



A top raffle prize donated by The Last Resort.



A top raffle prize donated by EWT.



A top raffle prize donated by BCA.



The kitchen crew.

Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 22) hard work fulfilling our big order. We are excited to be able to partner with them for years to come; stay tuned for updates! I would also like to recognize our checkpoint sponsors who battled the elements and kept people entertained all day: -90 Motorsports, WSSA, The Noob Crew Sledders, and Clem's Enumclaw Powersports; we could not have done it without you! Throughout the course we also had personnel from the Northwest Avalanche Center, U.S. Forest Service, Regional Special Vehicles Unit, Kittitas Search and Rescue, and King County Sheriff's department providing safety and educational opportunities.

And finally, a huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our club volunteers who truly made this event a success! An event this large takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work and planning all year long, so give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back! To the snowmobile community, thank you for your support year after year and we hope to see you all again in March 2024 for our 34th annual Fun Run!

The Sno-Jammers continued to stay busy throughout the month of March with many club-hosted rides across the state. Jeff Huard hosted two days of riding near Lake Wenatchee; Tanner and Christina Hamlyn hosted a ride at Greenwater and Blewett;

Clem Tuchscherer hosted a kid's ride at Greenwater; and Bill Yager hosted a Sled Recovery Training ride at Crystal Springs. All were very fun and provided opportunities for us to meet new members and enjoy our sport together.

Scholarship program: Do you know of an eligible high school senior or college student looking for ways to fund their education? If so, send them to our website at www.snojammers.org for more information and to apply for the 2023 scholarship. The deadline for submissions is May 15th, 2023.

On April 5th we will have our next club meeting where we will vote for the 2023/2024 Board of Directors. During that meeting we will also hold our 'End of Season Raffle' where

(Continued on page 24)



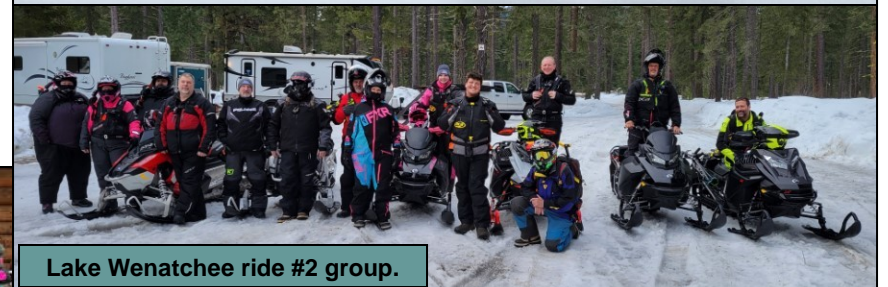
Lake Wenatchee ride #1 group.



The Blewett ride group.



Epic snow at Lake Wenatchee.



Lake Wenatchee ride #2 group.



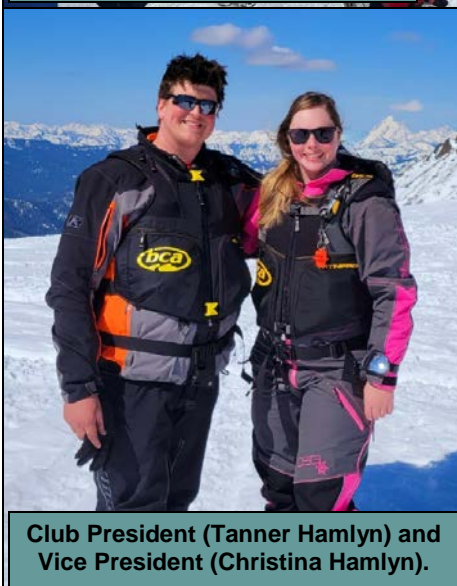
Lake Wenatchee ride #1 group.



Kid's learning from NWAC at Clem's Kid's Ride.



Clem's Kid's Ride.



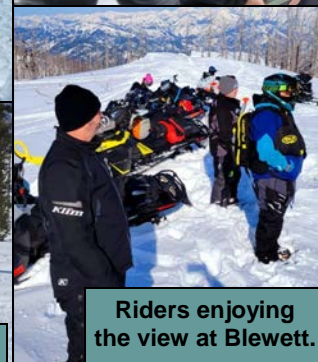
Club President (Tanner Hamlyn) and Vice President (Christina Hamlyn).



Enjoying a break at Lions Rock.



Club ride at Blewett.



Riders enjoying the view at Blewett.



Crossing the bridge to Mad Lake.

Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 23)

we reward our members for their participation this season. Members earned points throughout the year for participating on rides, hosting rides, attending work parties and meetings, assisting at the Snow Show and Fun Run, and participating at safety awareness courses. All current paid members are eligible for the raffle. Social hour will begin at 6pm at the Round Table Pizza in Puyallup and the meeting/raffle will begin at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The Sno-Jammers will continue to have club meetings through May 2023 and then take a break for the summer. The first meeting of the 2023/2024 season will be on September 6th at the Round Table Pizza in Puyallup at 6:30pm.

I would like to remind everyone we are a diverse, family-friendly club who welcomes EVERYONE to join us. Clubs help keep our sport alive which is why it is important to be part of a club that positively impacts our sport and community year-round. We encourage you to join us! Be sure to follow us on Facebook or check out our website at www.snojammers.org for updates on all of our events. (Summer events will be announced soon!) #SupportTheSport



Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club

By Matt Mead,
Secretary

March was a quieter month for Drift-A-Way members. Most of the scheduled events were past.

Several members were involved in hosting the annual WSSA Military Appreciation Ride. Members loaned sleds. Members hauled sleds to the sno-park. Members helped lead the ride. Thanks to the Chinook Pass club for hosting our lunch at the Little Bald Shelter, and to the Ski-Benders for picking up the tab for dinner at Gold Creek Station that evening. It was a great day with smooth trails and fresh snow!

A couple of days later several of the same members were manning a Fun Run checkpoint for WSSA between Greenwater and Little Naches for the Sno-Jammers. We had a warm fire with treats and hot chocolate available. There was a great turnout with over 150 sled counted at our checkpoint.

A week later many of us were headed to Lake Wenatchee for the annual WSSA

Budget Meeting. We had planned to go up and camp and ride, but members were looking for a little down time instead.

And while we thought our events were done for the season, someone on a weekday club ride asked if we were going to do a trail-side cookout before the season was over.

Hadn't planned on it... the group was ready for a break! But it only took a couple of minutes before we decided to do hamburgers since we had leftovers from the WSSA Rendezvous ride. After a couple of e-mails and texts, we settled on doing burgers at the Tree Phones warming hut in the Ahtanum on March 26th. We hit the jackpot weather-wise and even the trails (grooming was done for the season) were still in pretty good shape! We did have a grill snafu and ended up cooking on the shelter's woodstove.

Mid-week rides happened all month. We enjoyed great snow near Conrad Meadows on White Pass, okay snow on Bethel Ridge, awesome trails and weather at Little Naches, and great snow but awful lighting in the Ahtanum.

Upcoming events? Some members plan to ride into May if snow permits! Regardless, we are planning a sno-park cleanup and campout this spring up on White Pass.

Membership in the club has increased! We picked up two new members and have another two who will likely join. Are you looking for a low-key group of people who welcome riders of all ages and abilities? If so, swing by a meeting or join us on a ride! Our next meeting is Monday, April 3rd at Round Table Pizza in Yakima. If you miss the meeting, feel free to contact President Jim Kingman or myself and we can clue you on upcoming activities. (Our contact info is on the WSSA contact page in this Snoflyer.)



Uh... Yeah...



Ron Alred towing doubles!



Club burger cookout at Tree Phones.

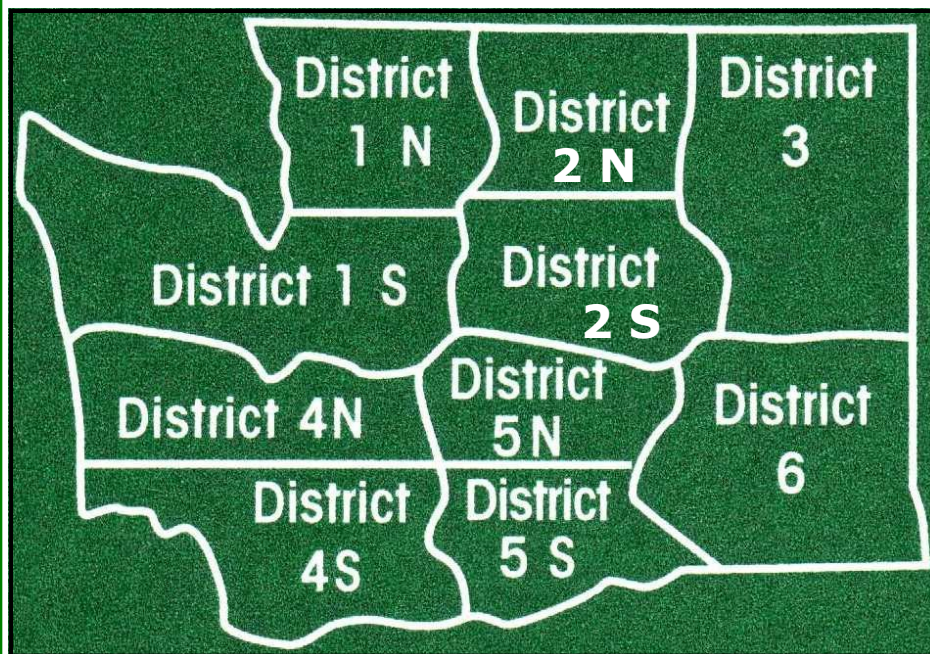


Mid-week ride on White Pass; fresh snow!



Top of Darland Mountain with Mt. Adams in the background. A beautiful day for a club burger cookout! Photo by Ryan Mead.

Snowmobile Clubs



Note: Facebook addresses in blue

District 1 North

(Clallam/Jefferson/Kitsap/Skaqit/Snohomish/Whatcom Counties)

Northwest Glacier Cruisers

Tom Shields
(360) 661-0003
northwestglaciercruisers@gmail.com
www.northwestglaciercruisers.com
[Northwest Glacier Cruisers](#)

Whatcom County Snowmobile Club

John Varner
(360) 510-1560
whatcomcountysnowmobileclub@gmail.com
[Whatcom County Snowmobile Club](#)

District 1 South

(King County)

Cascade Drift Skippers

Darren King
(360) 224-5411
darren.j.king@hotmail.com
www.cds.clubexpress.com
[Cascade Drift Skippers](#)

District 2 North

(Okanogan/Ferry Counties)

Bonaparte Snowmobile/ATV Club

Mike Olmstead
(509) 486-1134
bonaparte.snowmobile.atv.club@gmail.com
[Bonaparte Snowmobile/ATV Club](#)

Butte Busters Snowmobile Club

Ron Hirst
(509) 486-2284
whistlerman_2000@yahoo.com
[Butte Busters Snowmobile Club](#)

Methow Valley Snowmobile Assoc.

Craig Stahl
(509) 996-2378
methowsnowmobilers@gmail.com
www.mvsnowmobile.blogspot.com
[Methow Valley Snowmobile Association](#)

Mountain Trails Grooming Assoc.

Bob Wagner
(509) 739-4430
mountaintrailsgrooming@gmail.com

North Central ATV Club of WA

Tim Weller
(509) 826-6780
ncatvclub@live.com
[North Central ATV Club of Washington](#)

Okanogan Association of Snowmobile Clubs

Richard Stahl
(509) 881-1220
rstahl327@gmail.com

Republic Tree Benders

Brian McKay
(509) 775-3511 • bam2604@yahoo.com
[Republic Tree Benders Snowmobile/ATV Club](#)

Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club

Kurt Hensley
(509) 689-2843
wakefield63@gmail.com
[Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club](#)

District 2 South

(Chelan/Douglas Counties)

Apple Country Snowmobile Club

Jim Burts
(509) 860-3980
applecountysnowmobile-club@yahoo.com
www.applecountysnowmobileclub.com
[Apple Country Snowmobile Club](#)

Bavarian Boondockers

Matt Kensrud
(509) 433-2100
info@bavarianboondockers.com
www.bavarianboondockers.com
[Bavarian Boondockers](#)

Lake Chelan Snowmobile Club

Devon Griffith
(509) 679-9704
devongriffith64@gmail.com
www.lkchelansnowmobileclub.com
[Lake Chelan Snowmobile Club](#)

Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club

Michelle Kocher
(509) 763-3858
www.lakewenatcheerecclub.com
[Lake Wenatchee Rec Club \(LWRC\)](#)



District 3

(Grant/Lincoln/Pend Oreille/Spokane/Stevens Counties)

Chewelah Sno Posse

Howard Justice
509-233-8027

Selkirk Trailblazers

Brian Ford
(509) 964-7665
selkirktrailblazers@gmail.com
[Selkirk Trailblazers Club](#)

Spokane Winter Knights

Al McCarty
(509) 279-5741
spokanewinterknights@gmail.com
www.winterknights.com
[Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club](#)



District 4 North (Grays Harbor/Lewis/Mason/Pacific/Pierce/Thurston Counties)

Barnyard Racing

Eric Clark
fj55@comcast.net

Junco Snowmobile Club

Joshua Simpson
juncosnowmobileclub@gmail.com
[Junco Snowmobile Club](#)



Lewis County Drift Skippers

Jim Beslow
(360) 494-6690 • beslowsap@gmail.com

Northwest Boondockers

Mike Eveler
(360) 893-3035
mike.eveler@cpfd.com

Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club

Tanner Hamlyn
(253) 376-2739
tanner.hamlyn@wssa.us
www.snojammers.org
[SnoJammers](#)



District 4 South

(Clark/Cowlitz/Skamania/Wahkiakum Counties)

Mt Adams Snowmobile Club

Duane Warren
(360) 521-9728
mtadamssnowmobileclub@gmail.com
[Mt Adams Snowmobile Club](#)

Mt St Helens Trac Riders

Dan Frazier
(360) 903-6185
jwatson98626@gmail.com
[Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders](#)



District 5 North

(Kittitas County)

Hi Country Beelers

Dan Johnson
(253) 838-7600
jetjohnso@aol.com



Snomads

BJ Oswald
(206) 227-2912
bjoswald21@gmail.com
[Snomads of Easton](#)



Stampede Summit Seekers

Jim Sternod
(206) 948-2946
stampedesummitseekers@gmail.com
[Stampede Summit Seekers](#)



District 5 South

(Benton/Klickitat/Yakima Counties)

Cascade Snow Drifters

Nina Gottschalk
(509) 945-2511 • 98shay@gmail.com

Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club

Rick Arnold
(509) 945-1678 • rickrcllc@gmail.com



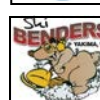
Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club

Jim Kingman
(509) 698-3658
mtmax777@yahoo.com



Yakima Ski-Benders

Liz Van Amburg
(509) 759-5179
yakimaskibenders@hotmail.com
www.yakimaskibenders.net
[Yakima SkiBenders](#)



District 6

(Adams/Asotin/Columbia/Franklin/Garfield/Walla Walla/Whitman Counties)

Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

LaRhonda McCauley
(509) 386-3067 • larhondamccauley@gmail.com
www.bmscwa.com
[Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club](#)

Mt. Misery Snow Drifters

Kent Flynn
(509) 566-7012 • klfflynn@msn.com
[Mt Misery Snowdrifters](#)

Tollgate Trail-Finders

Brandon Christensen
(509) 830-3706
tollgatetrailfinders@gmail.com
www.tollgatetrailfinders.org
[Tollgate Trail Finders Snowmobile Club](#)



Pacific Northwest

Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

Stephen Phillips
(603) 203-5344 • pnwvsc@gmail.com
pacificnorthwestvintagesnowmobileclub.org
[Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club](#)



Vintage Snowmobiles of the Inland N.W.

Dave Brummer
(208) 755-8334 • dbrummer@stimsonlumber.com
www.wsvsa.com/VISOTINW.html

Membership

Membership Matters

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

As we approach the end of the 2022-23 snowmobile season it's a good time to recap our membership for the past year. Our membership year runs from September 1st through August 31st; however, our fiscal or budget year runs from March 1st through the end of February. It has been a longstanding practice that anyone joining after March 1st gets the remainder of the current year as well as the following full year of membership for \$25. If you've been thinking about joining, this is a good time to go ahead and do it.

Our membership declined slightly this past year, so we're very close to the membership level of two years ago. To be effective in representing the interests of snowmobilers we need more members. A big 'thank you' to all our members, from those who joined this year to those who have been members on a continuing basis.

With maintaining access to riding areas

being our most important priority, we need snowmobilers to get involved and represent snowmobilers' interests

on a wide variety of committees, councils, boards, and clubs. Various agencies, land managers, and legislators are making decisions that will impact our riding areas in the future. As snowmobilers, we need to be involved in those decisions. No one will do this for us.

This is still a great time to join a club, (many have summer time activities), join WSSA and volunteer to work on one of the many committees, and to get ready for the 2023-2024 snowmobile season!

If you have any questions about membership, 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!



Make New Friends, Join a Snowmobile Club



**You'll Never
Ride Alone**



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!



WSSA Contacts

WSSA BOARD

President

Delia Alred
(509) 965-8305
delia.alred@wssa.us
(800) 783-WSSA (9772)

Vice President

Dean Meakin
(509) 220-1001
dean.meakin@wssa.us

Past President

Jim Kingman
(509) 961-1122
jim.kingman@wssa.us

Recording Secretary

Kourtney Webb
(509) 965-8305
kourtney.webb@wssa.us

Treasurer

Fred Pitzer
P.O. Box 668
Yakima, WA 98907
(509) 698-4001
fred.pitzer@wssa.us

WSSA Mailing
Address

Membership Secretaries

Wayne & Florence Mohler
(509) 674-4401
fwmohler@msn.com

Publicity Secretary

Matt Mead
(509) 424-1575
matt.mead@wssa.us

District 1 North Rep

Hans Brubaker
(360) 922-8296
hans.brubaker@wssa.us

District 1 South Rep

Glenn Markovits
(253) 297-1774
glenn.markovits@wssa.us

District 2 North Rep

- -VACANT- -

District 2 South Rep

Matt Kensrud
(509) 433-2100
matt.kensrud@wssa.us

District 3 Rep

Greg Figg
(509) 951-2654
greg.figg@wssa.us

District 4 North Rep

Sean Culp
(281)-794-9880
sean.culp@wssa.us

District 4 South Rep

Dan Frazier
(360) 749-3107
dan.frazier@wssa.us

District 5 North Rep

Jason Holmes
(253) 226-4939
jason.holmes@wssa.us



District 5 South Rep

Ron Lind
(509) 607-0039
ron.lind@wssa.us

District 6 Rep

Chris Shires
(509) 521-5511
chris.shires@wssa.us

Need an address? Contact Wayne Mohler, wfmohler@msn.com or (509) 674-4401

WSSA COMMITTEES

All Trails to Olympia Day • Delia Alred
(509) 965-8305 • rdalred1971@gmail.com

Audit • Jim Kingman
(509) 698-3658 • jim.kingman@wssa.us

Awards • Shannon Lawler
(206) 423-5584 • slawler411@msn.com

Budget • Dean Meakin
(509) 220-1001 • dean.meakin@wssa.us

By-Laws • Delia Alred
(509) 965-8305 • rdalred1971@gmail.com

Charity & Volunteer • Ron Alred
(509) 961-2806 • rdalred1971@gmail.com

Historian • Matt Mead
(509) 697-6062 • matt.mead@wssa.us

Land Use • Wayne Mohler - Co-Chair
(509) 674-4401 • wfmohler@msn.com
• Hans Brubaker - Co-Chair
(360) 922-8296 • hans.brubaker@wssa.us

Legislative • Dan Fallstrom
(360) 710-5011 • dan.fallstrom@wssa.us

Marketing • Ron Alred
(509) 965-8305 • rdalred1971@gmail.com
- Social Media - Christina Markovits
(253) 579-5444 • christina.markovits@wssa.us
- Website/Webmaster - Dean Meakin
(509) 220-1001 • dean.meakin@wssa.us
- Store - Ron & Dee Alred
(509) 965-8305 • rdalred1971@gmail.com
- Legal Action Auction - Ron & Dee Alred
(509) 965-8305 • rdalred1971@gmail.com
- Legal Action Raffle - Dee Alred
(509) 965-8305 • rdalred1971@gmail.com

Nominations • Jim Kingman
(509) 698-3658 • jim.kingman@wssa.us

Publicity/Awareness • Matt Mead
(509) 424-1575 • matt.mead@wssa.us

Safety • Tharin Huisman
(360) 460-6222 • tharin.huisman@wssa.us

Scholarship • Shami Ruggles
(509) 979-4852 • shami.ruggles@wssa.us

Snowmobile Expo • Dean Meakin
(866) 999-EXPO (3976) • (509) 220-1001
wssa.expo@wssa.us

Tourism • Florence Mohler
(800) 784-WSSA (9772) • fwmohler@msn.com

Trail Grant • Jim Kingman
(509) 961-1122 • jim.kingman@wssa.us

Trail Grooming • Wayne Mohler
(509) 674-4401 • wfmohler@msn.com

Winter Rendezvous • Greg Figg
(509) 534-3417 • greg.f@msn.com

WSSA Ad Hoc Committees

None Currently Active

State Parks Update



State Parks Winter Recreation Program

By Corey Tolar, Winter Recreation Program Manager



With the 2022/2023 winter season ending, let us look back on a season of ups and downs. December started off with a bang with lots of snow, trail grooming starting earlier in December than in recent memory, downed trees, and people getting on the snow early. One would have thought January would continue the positive trend, but the snow tapered off with above average temperatures and equipment breakdowns. The snow started to fall again in February and started dumping in March. Our snow removal contractors worked hard to catch up and get the roads and sno-parks cleared. One area of interest was Mt. St. Helens which saw about five-feet of snow over a two-to-three day period in middle March. This led to the program having to reach into the emergency snow removal budget to keep the parks cleared.

I would like to thank all the volunteers and contractors who worked hard this winter season to remove the downed trees, plow the roads and sno-parks, and keeping the trails groomed. I would like to offer a special thanks to Back Country Plowing and Grooming for stepping in and taking on snow removal services at Mt. St. Helens on short notice in the middle of the season. This allowed the sno-parks at Mt. St. Helens to remain open.

Snowmobile Advisory Committee (SMAC) Funding Meeting for 2023-2024 Season

The SMAC funding meeting is scheduled for July 29th, 2023, in Wenatchee. Funding applications and the budget will be evaluated, discussed, and determined during this meeting. More information will be provided as we get closer to the summer budget meeting.

2023/2024 Funding Applications:

Due to the expected budget constraints for the 2023-2024 winter season, new applications for funding will not be accepted unless pre-approved by winter recreation staff for future snowmobile funding proposals. Please email winter@parks.wa.gov with any

questions or for approval consideration.

The 2023/2024 funding applications are now active on our website. The funding application(s) must be completed and received by our office or postmarked by June 1st, 2023. Any applications received after the deadline will not be considered for funding so be sure to get them in on time. Please visit <https://parks.wa.gov/148/sports-funding-program> for more information or for the application.

Snowmobile Registrations

The snowmobile registrations through February are currently down 1,178 from last year. We need everyone to register their snowmobile and be sure to pass the word around.

Did you Register Your Snowmobile? If Not, Why Not?

As you can see by the numbers below there are snowmobilers out there who are not registering their snowmobiles. Is it due to the increase in the price of fuel? Is it the economy? Is it because you feel like you can get away with it and not get a ticket? I have heard it said people don't like the way the program dollars are being spent, that there is not enough trail grooming, snow removal isn't happening as often as they think it should, and signing and maps need to be updated. All these services cost money to provide and it is only getting more expensive which has led to contractors running out of funds prior to the end of the season. One person told me there were many more snowmobiles and snow bikes on the trails this year. If that is so they must not be registering them as the registrations are down. When folks don't register their sleds, they are taking money away from the Program that is used to provide services at the parks and trails.

The snowmobile program is 100% funded through snowmobile registrations and the gas tax. The gas tax formula is: one hundred thirty-five gallons as the average yearly fuel usage per snowmobile, times the number of registered snowmobiles during the calendar year under determination, times a fuel tax rate of thirty-four and nine-tenths cents per gallon of motor vehicle fuel).

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	6,995	(686)
January	3,528	3,196	3,358	3,433	4,514	3,295	3,337	2,703	(634)
February	1,164	1,513	1,166	1,602	1,293	1,541	1,072	1,210	138
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	20,941	(1,178)

Winter Recreation Contact Information

E-mail:
winter@parks.wa.gov
 Phone: 360-902-8684



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

Notes

The Shadow Knows

Presented by Dean Meakin, Vice President

(Publisher note: Part one & part two appeared in recent Snoflyers; if you read them, feel free to skip straight to part three below.)



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 lack of knowledge, lack of time, lack of experience, and 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 secure work will continue and the organization will stay solid.

To the Leader: When you find that 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. I understand you may have a better idea and are excited to share that, 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.

Part Two: Patience is mandatory for both parties if this program is going to work. No two persons are alike, so learn each other's personality and focus on those things that are common to both. Job shadowing is a real-time event and requires commitment from both.

To the Leader: When you are conducting a meeting, always make sure you have an outline of how you are going to proceed. This you already know. Before you go to a meeting, prepare the same outline with lots of blank space between each point. Give this copy to your shadow and ask them to write notes in the blank areas of what they saw and heard. Discuss these notes after the meeting or at a later time.

To the Shadow: The best education or training you will ever receive is in real-time. Pay real close attention to details of the leader you are shadowing. When they are conducting a meeting, observe their presentation skills. Are they confident, nervous, upset, happy? Leadership is in the details. Take good notes to help you understand what is needed when you become the leader. Compare your notes with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) of your organization to see if it follows suit. Remember our main focus is on the 'Job' part of shadowing.

Part Three: So much to learn and so little time to take it all in. One of the best tools for both the leader and the shadow is 'role-playing'. You can learn more in five minutes acting out a scenario then spending two hours reading a book. 'What If' is a great way to set the stage and convey the lesson. We call this 'situational training'.

To the Leader: One of the best ways to educate your shadow is to bring up situations that have happened to you in the past, or maybe happened to someone else that you observed and share with them. Tell the shadow how you resolved the situation. After both of you understand what the situation was, then act it out together. Try to make it as true to what happened. It is important to share why you responded in the matter you did. Sometimes bylaws or SOPs help, however many times, good common sense will get you through the problem. Also practice scenarios that do not have problems to better educate your shadow on the normal. Make sure you trade places with your shadow in every scenario.

To the Shadow: Your challenge is to learn both sides of each of the scenarios your leader will be presenting you. The first time, you respond to the leader in the same manor as he shared with you. The second time you act out the scenario, make up your own part and see how the leader responds to that. Finally, you take the lead and let the leader play out your part. The outcome could teach you that there may be more than one resolution to the situation. Remember, scenarios without problems are way more common than with.

SNOWMOBILE RENTALS IN WASHINGTON

Chewack River Guest Ranch

(Methow Valley/Winthrop)

(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

Motortoy's

(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

List compiled by Florence Mohler, WSSA Tourism Chair.
Please call (800) 784-WSSA (9772) with tourism
questions or updates to this listing.

Note: WSSA does not endorse any business listed. WSSA provides this list only as a courtesy. Please report any errors in listing to Florence Mohler at (800) 784-9772.

ACSA E-News

**Contact: Christine Jourdain, Executive Director,
ACSA, (517) 351-4362**



Forest Management Legislation

U.S. Senator John Thune (R-SD), a longtime member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, reintroduced the Expediting Forest Restoration and Recovery Act.

This legislation would require the U.S. Forest Service to expedite treatment of more than 70 million acres of National Forest System lands, in consultation with states, that have been identified as in need of treatment to reduce the threat of insect and disease infestations and catastrophic wildfires.

"Proactive management plays a critical role in keeping the Black Hills National Forest healthy and supporting the forest products industry, which supports jobs in rural communities," said Thune. "I'm proud to introduce this legislation that would ensure the Black Hills National Forest and other forests receive the expedited treatment they need in order to mitigate the threat of insect infestations and wildfires."

Snowmobilers and Charity

Snowmobilers are one of the most charitable groups! Each year we try to gather information so we can document the amount of money raised and donated, as well as the hours the volunteers spend working on the trails, from fundraising to bridging, signing and maintenance. The snowmobile community has always prided themselves as being self-funded - and very community based.

We would love to see all of the clubs participate in these surveys this year. Our goal is to collect the data and put it in a format that is very user friendly and can be shared with landowners, land managers, and decision makers from the local level to the national level.

The International Snowmobile Council Charity Survey and the Trail Volunteer Survey have been e-mailed to each snowmobile club and State Association.

If you have not received the survey -- please reach out to Len Neisler at lenneisler@gmail.com.

Wyoming's Excluded From Western Wildfire Plan

Recently, U.S. Senators John Barrasso and Cynthia Lummis and Representative Harriet Hageman, all R-WY, sent a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and U.S. Forest Service Chief Randy Moore criticizing their agencies for failing to protect Wyoming from the increased threat of catastrophic wildfire.

In the letter, the delegation notes how Wyoming is the only western state to be omitted from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Forest Service's 10-year strategy to combat wildfires across the West. The delegation also admonishes the agencies for excluding Wyoming membership from the recently formed, congressionally mandated wildfire commission.

In Case You Missed This....

Three members of the National Audubon Society's board of directors resigned recently in response to the conservation group's announcement it will retain its current name tied to the enslaver and bird artist, John James Audubon. The national conservation organization is facing an internal backlash after publicly announcing its board of directors decided to keep its current name after a yearlong deliberation. The decision outraged employees, prompted an uncomfortable all-staff meeting, and drove three board members to resign in protest.

With a new \$6 million trust fund designed to award grants to outdoor recreation projects, Wyoming joins the growing list of states that are investing government dollars in the burgeoning industry. Governor Mark Gordon signed the 'Wyoming outdoor recreation and tourism trust fund' into law. It follows years of discussion and false starts at devising ways the state can better embrace and capitalize on outdoor recreation — from mountain bike trails to shooting ranges, off-road routes and campgrounds.

Fiscal Year 2024 Proposed Budget

The White House released their 2024 Proposed Budget. The \$6.8 trillion budget plan would increase federal spending on climate and clean energy programs while boosting pay for federal workers.

The EPA would see a 19% increase, the Interior a 9.3% increase, and Energy would also see an increase of 13.6%. Federal government employees would see a pay raise under this plan of an average pay bump of 5.2%.

The White House highlighted proposals the administration says would **"confront the climate crisis while creating clean energy jobs across America."**

That spending would include \$16.5 billion for climate science and clean energy innovation, \$24 billion for programs that aim to boost resilience to the impacts of climate change, and more than \$3 billion for an administration effort to help developing nations adapt to climate impacts, the White House said.

The White House will ultimately hash out a final compromise on federal spending with Congress.

Waters of the U.S.

The House voted on Thursday to overturn the Biden administration's water regulations — **a goal that's not expected to come to fruition but one that** gave Republicans another chance to force some Democrats into a tough vote.

The House voted 227-198 to eliminate a Biden administration rule that governs which waters are subject to federal regulations under the Waters of the United States.

The rule in question designates which waters require permits for activities like construction and mining that may hurt water quality, deciding what counts as Waters of the United States under the Clean Water Act.

The resolution will head to the Senate, where its prospects are unclear. The resolution requires a simple majority to pass the chamber.

The White House has formally threatened to veto this.

This water fight is also the subject of a pending Supreme Court case, where justices are weighing whether to narrow which bodies of water the federal government can regulate.

Did You Know???

The 19th Annual Snowmobile Vets Ride hosted in Michigan by the Seney Snowmobile Association was another success. The ride had a total of 366 riders, including 87 veterans. Thanks to those 87 veterans -- and all veterans -- for your service.

The Wyoming State Snowmobile Association raised \$19,500 at their recent Annual Fun Days for their scholarship program. Nine scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$3,500, will be awarded to college students that are Wyoming State Snowmobile Association and snowmobile club members.

The Michigan DNR recently discussed a new campaign that is being finalized and will soon be rolled out. After years of the Ride Right campaign, the new campaign will be Lead Right. Based on past experience, the Lead Right campaign will promote inexperienced riders to be close to the lead sled. The group leader then reduces the speed of the ride to the less experienced riders' abilities, hoping to keep them within their riding abilities and not causing them to catch up.

Are You Following Us?

www.facebook.com/AmericanCouncilofSnowmobileAssociations

(Information pulled from weekly e-mail blasts and edited for publication in the Snoflyer.)



Visit www.snowmobile.org for Safe Riders! material. Please use to promote club membership and snowmobile safety!

Matt's Misc.

By Matt Mead,
Publicity Secretary

And that's a wrap! This is the last Snoflyer of the snow season. We'll be back in July for an issue updating on the International Snowmobile Congress. After that, October for the Snow Show edition.

The plan is to print four issues again next season; October, December, January and February. Digital editions will be October, November, December, January, February, March, April and July. We also plan to continue to print extra Snoflyers for warming huts; let me know if your club wants to be involved.

If you received print editions this season you absolutely don't want, let me know and I'll do my best to prevent them from being mailed to you next season. (If you get an issue and can find a place to leave it for other snowmobilers to see, that would be great!)

Rest in Peace Dan Wallbaum. Dan, a forever member of the Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club, was involved with the WSSA Military Appreciation Ride for many years. In fact he (and Doug Mason and Bob Jump)

were instrumental in the event being moved from Little Naches to Boulder Cave with a promise their club would cook lunch for everyone. They actually took me on a preview ride of the area before our first event there and this was the beginning of Boulder Cave becoming one of my favorite places to ride as I'd never ridden there before. After lunch on each ride, Dan loved to lead the riders down the 'handicap trail' and show them a little off-trail fun. He was a big part of this ride and will truly be missed.

Please wear your helmet while loading on a sled deck. I suppose this extends to anytime you move your machine really, but sled decks add more danger with height and angle. I was reminded of this when I read a recent article of a British Columbia snowmobiler who died while loading on his deck when the ramp broke free. The focus of the article was more on the happy ending for 13 people who received organs from the deceased. It is nice to know some good came from this tragedy. The wife of the deceased is pushing for more ramp safety awareness and notes this type of accident can affect more than snowmobilers, noting quad riders and dirt bikers are also at risk. In addition to a helmet, please make sure you have a secondary latching system or strap to keep your ramp secure.

WS 250 standup snowmobile available stateside next season! I mentioned this quirky but cool machine awhile back. The company behind it, Widescape, announced they are ready to deliver machines to their 60 dealers across Canada now and expanding the dealer network to the United States in 2023.

The company claims the WS250 is designed for people wanting to venture farther into uncharted territories. They believe it is a blend of snowmobiling, enduro motorcycling and mountain biking.

While not as powerful as traditional snowbike, it is considerably lighter (just shy of 200 lbs) and more maneuverable in tight confines. The size means two can easily fit in the back of a pickup or hang off the rear rack of a car. Price is claimed to be \$8,500 CAD, including shipping!

Check out SnowTrax TV's video on this

machine here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qN4aFdcW8k>

Are you done yet? Snowmobiling this season I mean. The last few seasons I've extended my riding well past the end of trail grooming. I base this decision on a few things. I guess most important is can I still find people to ride with?! That isn't always easy, but I have a few diehards to hang with. (In fact they rode a couple of times after I was done last season.) Second, what conditions are the trails in? I don't mind a few moguls, but the race is against the Jeepers and other wheeled 4x4s. I don't begrudge them for getting out as soon as they can, but their trenches can be treacherous. If we can avoid them, then all's good! And lastly, is there decent snow? Late season heavy snows make for great off-trail play. And even if there is no new snow, old deep snow means a chance to explore areas we have overlooked in the past. Springtime chores can wait, I still want to RIDE!

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.



Dan Wallbaum
1949-2023

