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Snowfest 7 in Leavenworth on November 17th
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WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2018/2019

WSSA Leadership Meeting Sue Lombard Hall in Ellensburg November 3rd, 2018

This meeting is aimed at Club Leadership, but everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. WSSA will tailor the meeting to meet the needs of the clubs; if clubs have requested topics, contact your District Rep. or the WSSA President. Sue Lombard Hall is part of the Central Washington University Complex and located at 601 E. University Way. Join us!

Spokane Winter Knights Snow Show Spokane County Fair & Expo Center November 10th, 2018

Check out this awesome show in Spokane; it's worth the drive! New sleds, gear, parts, trailers, etc. Visit with WSSA, the Winter Knights and State Parks. Details available at www.spokanewinterknights.com.

Bavarian Boondockers SnowFest Fest Halle in Leavenworth November 17th, 2018

A party in Leavenworth?! More than a snow show! Stop by the WSSA booth and say 'hey!' Check out the Bavarian Boondockers' Facebook page for details.

WSSA Membership Meeting The Last Resort in Ronald/Roslyn January 12th, 2019

All snowmobilers welcome! Join us upstairs for a mid-season update and find out what volunteers are doing for you on and off the snow. Guided rides planned for Friday (January 11th) and Sunday (January 13th). Meeting starts at 9am.

All Trails to Olympia State Capitol in Olympia February 5th, 2019

Have you ever talked to your legislators about snowmobiling? Join us in the Capitol to do exactly that! WSSA will make appointments for you and send an 'All Trails Veteran' along to your meeting if desired. We'll start at 8am at the Hilton DoubleTree downtown and then take the free shuttle to the capitol. More info available as the date nears.

WSSA Winter Rendezvous Hill's Resort on Priest Lake, Idaho February 15th-18th, 2019

Snowmobile right from the lodge to the trails?! Snow permitting, that is what we'll be able to do at Hill's Resort! Join us for four days of guided riding starting on Friday. Rides for ALL levels of riders. Dinners available on Friday and Saturday nights. Fun evening activities! Both silent and live auctions on Saturday night. This is a fun weekend to ride in a new area and meet snowmobilers from around the state. Don't miss it!

WSSA Budget Meeting The Last Resort in Ronald/Roslyn March 16th, 2019

All members! Join us upstairs as we hammer out the 2019/2020 WSSA Budget and plan for a mid-season update and find out what volunteers are doing for you on and off the snow. Guided rides planned for Friday (January 11th) and Sunday (January 13th). Meeting starts at 9am.

International Snowmobile Congress Grand Rapids, Michigan June 5th-8th, 2019

A gathering of snowmobilers from around the U.S., Canada and Europe. Find out what goes on behind the scenes to make snowmobiling possible! Details available at www.snowmobilers.org/isc.

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Leadership

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Ok, now that the WSSA 2018 Expo is behind us, it is time to focus on the 2018-2019 snow season. This is where you should be on your checklist: 1.) Register your snowmobiles now. 2.) Make sure your trailer tabs are current. 3.) Get Discover Pass. 4.) Check to make sure your snowmobile insurance is good to go; sleds are very expensive! 5.) Make reservations at the destinations you plan on staying at ASAP as they all fill up by Thanksgiving. You should have already purchased your needed supplies at Expo, however if you did not, you can go to the Expo website (www.wssaexpo.com) and see a list of all the exhibitors that participated in the event this year; it will be available to you all year. The last on the list is to have a great time and be safe out there.

As a reminder, WSSA officer elections are coming real soon. Voting is done online since last year. I encourage you to make sure you can log in to your WSSA account now, so you know when the time comes to vote, you will be good to go. The Membership Co-Chairs can help you with the details.

I will be running for WSSA President this year and I seek your support in voting for me. I hope my experience, stability and dedication to this organization will convince you how serious I am about this position. You can call me most anytime if you have any questions that need answers before you vote. Thank you in advance for this opportunity to run as a candidate.

This is your second reminder; next year the International Snowmobile Congress will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from June 5th-8th, 2019. If you would like to attend, then follow this link to get started: www.internationalsnowmobilecongress.com/isc2019. You will need about a week to check out Grand Rapids and the surrounding areas. Make this event a destination vacation for 2019.

As promised last month, 'Club Growth, Stability and Health' conclusion:

Let's begin with a review of the last five lessons that brought us to the here and now. 1.) Approachable, 2.) Available, 3.) Teamwork, 4.) Appreciation, and 5.) Mending fences. You may be wondering what on earth these lessons have to do with club growth, stability and health. I'm glad you asked. These are the top five reasons why we LOSE MEMBERS in any organization. I have presented them to you in the positive so that you can use them as tools for SUCCESS and not failure. Consider this; clubs in general are downsizing between 10%-20% annually. This may also include WSSA. This is directly connected to these top five reasons and maybe a few more. The truth is, **you can only lose members for so long 'and then there were none'.** So, we need to make changes at the core. We need to start with the membership we have right now and implement these five tools. A club that is stable and healthy first WILL GROW. Now after the big five are implemented you may ask how do we get more members now? Well it always starts with the old members first. Your membership chairperson has all the information you need to contact old members that have not renewed. Start with the most current and work your way back. Remember, they were members at one time, that means they were interested, but something changed. Find out what changed that caused them not to renew. Listen close as what they say may be the best education you will ever receive. Be prepared for change and please be optimistic. Thank you for taking the time to read these lessons and hopefully they will help you and your club or any organization that you belong to.

Reader's Photo - WSSA members participated in Cle Elum's Boo Elum event on Halloween. Photo by Ron Alred.



District Reports



District 1 North

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Happy fall to all the sled heads!

After a three year hiatus, Bear Paw (Canyon Creek) will be open for grooming and over-the-snow recreation. The Whatcom County Snowmobile Association has been busy this summer with brushing and prepping their warming hut in anticipation of the upcoming season.

Mt. Baker Motorsports in Bellingham has a new owner, Brett Dodd. If you're in the market for a new Cat, swing by and check out the inventory.

A little farther south in Skagit County, the Northwest Glacier Cruisers (NWGC) have recently stocked their two warming huts for the 2018/19 season.

Brushing, pothole filling and roadside cleanup work parties have taken place with the joint efforts of both District 1N clubs.

Please respect the minimum snow depth if you plan to ride Schreiber's Meadow on Mt. Baker. There is a two-foot snow depth minimum to cross the meadow. The U.S. Forest Service and the NWGC will both post when the sno-park officially opens.

District 1N clubs have a number of upcoming events; visit their Facebook pages or the WSSA website calendar for updates.

As an active member of the clubs and the NWGC Search and Rescue, the season is just around the bend. Ride safe when you go into the backcountry and be prepared. Be sure to check your safety gear regularly, plan ahead, and have an awesome season!



District 1 South

By Tony Keys
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As this is my first district update, I will give a quick introduction of myself. I grew up in Idaho and began riding snowmobiles around Idaho City as soon as I could hang onto the handlebars. My interest for all things mechanical quickly grew when my father showed me how to repair and upgrade a 1986 Ski-Doo Formula Plus with a

'big bore 600' and '121 inch long track'. I pursued this passion and earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at The University of Idaho (UI). During that time I was a member of the UI Clean Snowmobile Challenge team which modified a current production model snowmobile into a cleaner, quieter and more fuel efficient machine. During that time I met Kay Lloyd who convinced me to join the Cascade Drift Skippers (CDS) club and WSSA once I moved to Washington for work. Now here I am at the age of 25 and employed as a manufacturing engineer at Exotic Metals Forming Company.

My goals as a district rep are the following: 1.) Find out how to make WSSA appeal to younger adults. 2.) Promote younger membership. 3.) And ultimately, provide those members with leadership opportunities within WSSA.

At the WSSA Expo and Swap Meet, the CDS provided free avalanche airbag tank fills for show attendees to test and fill their new packs.

The pre-season is all about safety with free avalanche courses that were held on October 30th and November 1st at Clem's Powersports and I-90 Motorsports.

The CDS club will host their annual 'Bag Pop' event during the November 14th meeting for club members to test and fill their avalanche packs before the season begins. December 1st is the date of the 'Christmas Tree Ride' and December 8th is the annual Christmas party held at the Last Resort.



District 2 South

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I would like to start by saying what a great WSSA Expo! Good job to all involved, staff and exhibitors; it was awesome! I love to see all of my sled friends there.

Okay, on to district business; the Chelan club has some events coming up including wood cutting and warming hut prep, and a booth at Snowfest 7 in Leavenworth on November 17th.

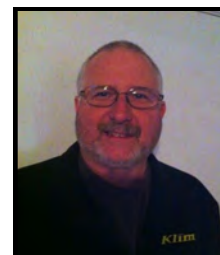
I haven't had a chance to talk with the Apple Country Club, but I'm sure they're getting ready to start groomer maintenance; more info next report.

The Bavarian Boondckers are elbow-deep

in prepping for Snowfest 7, the warming hut committee is finishing a couple of projects on the hut, and the club is hosting the American Alpine Institute (AAI) AIARE 1 avalanche courses. This is snowmobile-specific. Go to **AAI's website to get signed up!**

I will be attending the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club's next meeting. I ran into the groomer operator for the Lake Wenatchee area, Billy Burgess, and he said they are getting ready for groomer maintenance.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.



District 4 South

By Mike Ainslie
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Greetings everyone in District 4S! I'm writing this as we are camped at the Washington State Fairgrounds in Puyallup for the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet. I sure hope everyone's attending and finding themselves some good buys and hopefully even better treasures you can't live without for your snowmobile or trailer. This is a huge event held every year in October. If you've never been to it you need to put it on your schedule for next year. The manufacturers (Arctic Cat, Polaris and Ski-Doo) are here with new sleds and there's gear and trailers, plus used sleds to be had. It is truly a fun event to attend.

On October 27th we are holding a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Marble Mountain Warming Shelter. Representative Jamie Herrera Butler is scheduled to come out; she had a major roll in helping us battle with the Forest Service in getting this building built. We owe her big time for her support and hours and hours of work she and her staff put into this project. The Winter Recreation Program staff will also be attending, plus the WSSA President will also be at this event.

The Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders are having a major work party the first weekend in November to hopefully get the inside of the new warming shelter finished up, or at least as far as they can before the snow flies for the year.

The Trac Riders received some great news a few weeks ago. They received a very generous donation from a very kind family in our local community so they could buy all the

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materials that it will take to finish the inside of the new warming shelter. We all would like to say thank you for your very generous **donation to the club for this cause. It's just** what is needed to finish off the shelter.

The Trac Riders have already been busy making plans for the Christmas party up there in the new shelter, and hopefully will once again be able to hold the ride for the Blind School; an event hosted by the club for many years until the old shelter was burned to the ground; we are all really looking forward to getting to take those kids back out on snowmobiles. It was always a great time for the kids and the club; everyone would come back to the shelter for a warm lunch put on by the club.

Please perform pre-season checks on your snowmobiles and trailers before the snow starts to fly so we can go out and enjoy our sport and not break down and miss good snow while we wait for parts to get us up and running again.

And once again I'm asking everyone to remember to license all of your snowmobiles; the money we get from this year's sled registrations is the money we use for our program next year. Our registrations were down 4,500 sleds last year from the previous year. That's a major chunk of money missing for this year's program. Please do your part and license them.

With all that said, let's keep our fingers crossed the Farmer's Almanac is correct and

the weather forecasters are wrong and we get lots of snow this year. I hope to see everyone on the snow or up at our beautiful new warming shelter at Marble Mountain. Let all keep thinking SNOW!



District 5 South

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Fall has been very pleasant and beautiful. It is so nice to have lower daytime temps that make motorcycle riding much more enjoyable but many of us want the snow to get here as soon as possible. Some mornings that early season snow can be seen up in the hills but it is usually gone by late afternoon. Kind of makes me sad. **But it will get here, just 'when?' is the question.**

Trail cleanup events have been completed and brushing of trails is in progress. Various clubs are scheduling wood stacking for some of our warming huts/cabins. It is a chore stocking wood in the cabins after the hunting seasons but before the snow gets too deep.

The annual WSSA extravaganza was a success and seemed to be well attended and I saw a lot of great equipment. It is truly amazing how hard so many WSSA members work to make this event such a huge suc-

cess. Some of that hard work is year round **and many don't get credit for all the work they do and they don't get paid for it.** These are really fantastic folks. Be sure to thank them when you can for without them there would be no Snow Show in Puyallup.

Looks like the 1000 Road behind Rimrock will be usable this year and that will open up some nice riding areas that have been closed or hard to get to the past several years.



District 6

By Gary Simmons
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Hello all snowmobilers! Just came back from this year's WSSA Snow Show in Puyallup. The weather was great this time around. I worked the WSSA booth all day this year so was able to see all those that came in the main entrance. Looked like the merchandise was going out the door in a steady stream.

As for the clubs, Dayton has had their first meeting. Other than that, Pomeroy and Dayton both; we are just waiting for some snow.

See you on the mountain later this season!

Let it Snow!



Reader's Photo - A club ride with the Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club last March on White Pass. A great day with friends!

Club News



Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

By Kevin Hancock, Webmaster

What a great and busy weekend it was at the Washington State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet! This was our 19th year. It went by really fast. We had our display up and running well before it was time for the gates to open. The best part of the Expo was that you stopped to see our old machines, and swap riding stories when they were the hottest and newest sleds on the trails.

First, a special thanks goes to all those who voted for our **first and second place People's Choice Awards**. Without you, the award is not possible. This year there was a sort of friendly grudge match between two of our members. This summer at the last show the top prize had slipped from the top winner. Then in the end you decided that the reigning king of restorations continues to be Dick Feil with his beautifully restored 1966 Arctic Cat King 460D, while a respectable second place showing would go to my 1969 Mercury 220E. Thanks to everyone that voted to settle the contest of the best sleds for this year's shows.

Because this is the last show for the 2018

summer season we are getting ready to move in to our winter riding events, and shows. The first ride will be at Mount Adams the week between Christmas and New Years. The ride is to finish setting up our vintage sleds for the riding season, and test our modern sleds. Then we have a ride scheduled outside East Wenatchee on January 5th. We will have the club barbecue fired up and make lunch for



Dick Feil won 1st Place People's Choice at the WSSA Expo with his restored antique Arctic Cat.



Kevin Hancock's Mercury garnered 2nd Place People's Choice.



The PNWVSC had a great display of vintage sleds and gear at the WSSA Expo. It was their 19th year at the show!

everyone there. Next we are joining our members on January 19th in Montana at the Lolo Hot Springs Resort to take part in their Winterfest. That Saturday they have a fun day with a vintage snowmobile show, and other events including skijoring (pulling a skier behind a snowmobile). Now does that sound like fun, and a bit daring? Then on Sunday there is a 16-mile or so vintage snowmobile ride on the local trails. Some of us will stay over to Monday to take our modern sleds to ride the trails and play areas.

At the end of October our members placed directional signs from the Taneum Sno-Park to Whistlin' Jack Resort. **Last year we won a WSSA grant to develop the signage.** This year we are adding signs, and putting them out earlier before the snow closes the roads. The route is an approximately 70-mile one way ride; an easy one-day ride on modern sleds, but a two day event when you do it on a vintage snowmobile! Believe me! Then either the last week of January or beginning of February we will have a ride to the resort and spend the night. The final show and vintage ride of the winter season will be our annual riding event at the Last Resort in Ronald.

There will be more details, and additional events from other organizations, posted on our website at www.pnwvsc.org and Facebook page PNWVSC. Check it out.

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Yakima Ski-Benders

By Seth Ahlbrecht

Hello out there my Yakima Ski-Benders friends!

Well, there's a chill in the air and the

Puyallup Snow Show is officially behind us! Put those things together and it can only mean that the season is getting closer. Our November meeting on the 6th is near and that means that SNOW isn't far behind either! Come and join us and enjoy some great food at Bob's Burgers and Brew. We'll be discussing the annual Crab Feed on December 8th and asking for volunteers to help out with the event. We'll also begin discussion on the Scavenger Hunt on January 5th, and the always favorite Poker Run on January 27th! I'll also have a report from the Snow Show in Puyallup!

There's still plenty of tickets available for the pair of avalanche beacons we're raffling off, so be sure to bring a couple extra \$5 bills (or more) and get yourself some tickets!

After the last seven months of working out of town four days a week, neither of my sleds have even moved, let alone ready to go, but lets get together and get excited, SNOW is just around the corner!

Thanks to everyone who came to the cleanup in the Ahtanum on October 6th; we did get some stuff cleaned up and got to play in the first measurable snowfall of the season with about four inches at Clover Flats Campground.

Order your Yakima Ski-Bender shirts now! Choice of colors, sleeve length and youth shirts. Order now to have by the Annual Crab Feed. If you would like them brought to the club meeting in December, don't have them shipped to you. Visit <http://stores.inksoft.com/yakimaskibenders/shop/home>.

I hope to see you at Bob's Burgers on Tuesday, November 6th. Dinner and social hour start at 6pm and the meeting begins at 7pm.



Bavarian Boondockers

By Matt Kensrud,
President

Man I'm fired up now! The Washington Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo was over the top! Thanks for stopping by our booth and checking out what's new for Snowfest 7.

The club is busy getting things in order for

Snowfest. We are raffling a loading ramp donated by Diesel Werxs. The ramp is custom powder coated red to match the HUGE mechanic's toolbox donated by our local NAPA store which will also be raffled off, along with tons of gear, swag and other giveaway stuff.

The club will be hosting the American Alpine Institute (AAI) AIARE 1 Avalanche courses to be held on the club's leased property. Sign up at Snowfest or go to AAI's website and look up snowmobile-specific courses.

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Ridenow Powersports Tri-Cities	3305 W 19th Ave	Kennewick	WA	99338	www.ridenowtricies.com	509-735-1117
Bob's Lift Trucks & Equipment	426 Naden Ave S	Kent	WA	98032		253-872-0401
Good Time Motors	7979 S 180th St	Kent	WA	98032		206-909-4997
Pacific Logging LLC	8425 123 rd Ave NE	Lake Stevens	WA	98258		425-508-9150
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 Auto Parts	1320 US Hwy 2	Leavenworth	WA	98826	www.napaonline.com/wa/leavenworth	509-548-7319
Dans Food Market	1329 US Hwy 2	Leavenworth	WA	98826	www.dansfoodmarket.com	509-548-5611
Leavenworth Snowmobile Rentals	15361 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
Lynwood Motoplex	17900 Hwy 99	Lynnwood	WA	98046	www.motoplex.net	425-774-0505
Smokey Point Cycle Barn	15202 Smokey Point Blvd	Marysville	WA	98271	www.smokeypointcyclebarn.com	360-530-7800
WHAC Corporation HVAC	PO Box 1401	Marysville	WA	98270		360-653-4262

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Levi's Auto Parts	500 E 3rd Ave	Moses Lake	WA	98837		509-765-4567
Moses Lake Collision Repair Inc	1006 W Marina Dr	Moses Lake	WA	98837		509-764-8001
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	98937		509-658-2583
Washington Tractor	PO BOX 1098	Okanogan	WA	98840		877-422-3030
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
Mac's Tire of Omak	631 Okoma Dr.	Omak	WA	98841		
Pateros Trading/Rivers Restaurant	245 Lakeshore Dr	Pateros	WA	98846	www.howardsontheriver.com	509-923-2200
Blu-Shastin RV Park	3300 US Hwy 97	Peshastin	WA	98847	www.blushastin.com	509-548-4184
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Chet's Honda/Polaris	17 H Street SW	Quincy	WA	98848	www.chetshonda.com	509-787-3617
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Sundance Landscaping	11609 172nd Ave NE	Redmond	WA	98052	www.sundancelandscaping.com	425-533-6008
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Life Support	P.O. Box 433	S. Cle Elum	WA	98943		509-260-0091
Dianes Tank Removal Services LLC	PO Box 77738	Seattle	WA	98177	www.dianestankremoval.com	206-510-9497
Trailside Homes	P.O. Box 4279	Seattle	WA	98194	www.trailsidehomes.com	509-674-8190
Landtek	20029 82 nd Ave SE	Snohomish	WA	98296		425-489-9972
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Procaliber Motorsports	P.O. Box 1679	Vancouver	WA	98668	www.procalibervancouver.com	866-796-5020
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Radcomp Technologies	136 N Main St	White Salmon	WA	98672	www.gorad.com	509-493-2221
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Three Fingered Jacks	176 Riverside Ave	Winthrop	WA	98862	www.3fingeredjacks.com	509-996-2411
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Premier Power Sports	1504 Fruitvale Blvd	Yakima	WA	98902	www.premierpowersportswa.com	509-965-9889
VanAmburg Enterprises Inc	2920 River Rd Ste 1	Yakima	WA	98902	www.vanamburgent.com	509-225-6681
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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
SK Northwest/Polaris of Portland	250 SE Division Pl	Portland	OR	97292	www.sknorthwest.com	503-238-2510

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News on the warming hut; the hut committee is finishing up a couple of loose ends on the building. The plan is to move it up the hill after Snowfest.

Any questions, e-mail me at info@bavarianboondockers.com.



Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Don Fitzpatrick, Jr., Secretary

Our activities have been centered around our warming huts as we prepare for the winter. But we are also planning our other projects,

like collecting boughs for the Winthrop 'Christmas at the End of the Road' season opening lighting event; planning Christmas Dinner at the Barn for all who want to attend (we expect 250); making up our ride schedule; and the preparation of equipment for the winter rides.

At the Black Pine Basin warming hut we installed insulation, paneling on walls and ceiling, some new windows, trim, stain, and we are very proud of the finished product. We had 11 people working on it on a recent Saturday, six more on Sunday, three or four more to stain it, and three more to vacuum and clean up everything. Even the outhouse got some attention!

President Craig made some repairs to the portable Sweetgrass Butte hut, and we towed it up on Sunday, October 14th. It is now in place and ready for snowmobilers. It also gave us a chance to check out the burn



President Craig waits for the next panel in the Black Pine Basin warming hut.



Craig, Steve & Bob installing a new insulated window.

damage in that part of the area. It opened up some views and will give us some additional areas to play. From the air we also saw the areas around McLeod Mountain that burned, and the same thing is true there. But, as usual with fires, it hop-skipped all over and there are lots of unburned areas too.

WE ARE READY!



Ron towed up the Sweetgrass hut and it is now installed and ready for snowmobilers!



Upcoming On-The-Snow Club Events:

Dec 1

- Cascade Drift Skippers Christmas Tree Ride

Jan 5

- PNWVSC Vintage Ride at Lake Wenatchee

- Yakima Ski-Benders Scavenger Hunt in the Ahtanum

Jan 19

- PNWVSC Vintage Meet at Lolo Hot Springs Resort, MT

Jan 27

- Yakima Ski-Benders Winterfest at Little Naches

Feb 15-18

- WSSA Winter Rendezvous at Hill's Resort, Priest Lake, ID

Please contact the club/association sponsoring the events for updated, detailed information. (Contact info can be found in this Snoflyer.)

Have an event you would like listed? E-mail info to snoflyer@wssa.us.

Would your club like to run an ad for an upcoming events. Club rates are half the listed rate on the rate sheet - almost giving them away!

Show us your club logo!

Are we using the most up-to-date club logo with your Club News entry? Maybe there is never a logo running with your Club News entry... Please share your current logo with the Snoflyer! Submit to snoflyer@wssa.us.

Why is this sideways? It got your attention didn't it!



Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Julie Street Doran

Another great WSSA Snow Show is in the books! We had a very successful year; thank you to everyone for all of your help. The event went smoothly and we couldn't have done it without you! Thanks to all who stopped by and renewed and said "hi".

Thank you Michael Brown for the awesome local rider calendar. He donated 10 to the club we sold seven of them and earned an extra \$140 for our weekend take in. We will have the three remaining calendars at the meeting and open houses until they are all sold. Great idea and so cool that our members love to give back!

Another thanks to North Cascade Sled Decks and Jesse Miller for helping with the prizes for this year's raffle. If you still need to renew you can now do it on the website with Pay-

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Pal. We still have raffle tickets for sale; the winner will be announced at the upcoming 2019 Mount Baker Shootout. The tickets

will be available at all club meetings. Contact Tina for more info.

Bavarian Boondockers Snofest 7 is on November 17th from 10am to 6pm at the Leavenworth Festhalle and it is fast approach-



The NWGC were well represented at the WSSA Expo, exposing snowmobilers to the joy of riding of Mt. Baker, inviting them into their club, and selling raffle tickets for great prizes to be given away later in the season.

ing. We are very excited to be a part of this great event. There will be lots of food provided at the event and several vendors to visit and get all the gear needed for the year! Please stop by at our booth and say "hello". Get your raffle tickets and Northwest Glacier Cruisers (NWGC) merchandise! We look forward to seeing everyone.

We are also preparing for our annual NWGC 2018 Christmas Party to be held at La Conner Seafood and Prime Rib House from 6pm to 10pm on December 1st. Our annual Christmas party is always a fun event for the whole family. This is a pre-pay event and if you plan to bring your children under 14, please let us know as all these children receive a gift. There will be a fun raffle for adults too. Please mark on the event you are coming and plan to pay before Thanksgiving. Questions can be directed to any board member or e-mail northwestglaciercruisers@gmail.com.

We have several rides, get-togethers and open houses for our local dealers for all ages coming up. Be sure to keep an eye out for e-mails and events on Facebook!

NWGC's meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at Coconut Kenny's at 7pm. Located at 1060 South Burlington Blvd, in Burlington. Everyone is welcome! You can also find more information about all upcoming events by finding us on Twitter at @NWGCSledders and on Facebook at Northwest Glacier Cruisers.

Look forward to seeing you on the mountain!



Cascade Drift Skippers

By Stephanie Driskell, President

Greetings all! The snow is starting to make an appearance on the tips of the mountain tops at Snoqualmie Pass, so we're

anxiously awaiting getting out on the snow. As we wait (not so patiently), we have kicked off the 2018-2019 season with our first couple of meetings, and of course the annual WSSA Snow Show!

Our October meeting featured information on pre-season preparations and sled maintenance to hit the ground running. Some of the key tips included:

1.) Physical fitness prep - not only for your ability to maneuver your machine, and to dig out stuck sleds, but more importantly - in

the event of an emergency. How long and how fast could you locate, dig, extricate, and perform rescue activities for your buddies buried in an avalanche?

2.) Refreshing your avalanche knowledge and brushing up on those rescue skills. If you haven't yet, be sure to set up a free account on Backcountry Ascender (backcountryascender.com). This is a great and fun way to review and increase your avalanche awareness. For additional training, we highly recommend on-the-snow courses in avalanche rescue skills and Level 1 avalanche certification being offered this winter at The Last Resort.

3.) Assessing all your riding gear. Helmets, gloves, goggle, boots, jackets, pants, etc.; inspect for wear and replace as necessary. Airbags; test deploy and refill cylinder; ensure you know how to repack your bag. Transceivers; install fresh batteries, complete any software updates, and test. InReach, SPOT satellite communication and GPS devices; renew subscriptions, charge battery, update software, and test. Radios; charge, set up pre-set club and emergency channels, and test.

4.) Setting up your tunnel bag and backpack. The three most critical essentials are transceiver/beacon, shovel, and probe. These essentials should be carried on your person. In a rescue scenario, you will need immediate access to these tools, and if you should become separated from your sled, you could lose precious time trying to locate these items. Ten other essential items to carry on you or on your sled: 1-Navigation and communication - radios are a MUST for our rides! 2-Insulation - at minimum, an extra mid-layer and dry socks. 3-Illumination - a headlamp or flashlight. 4-First-aid supplies. 5-Fire - the ability to start a fire is important. There are several good solutions such as fire paste, lighters, and other fire starters. 6-Repair kit and tools. Could you replace a belt if you needed to? Or tighten/adjust loose parts? 7-Nutrition - granola, protein bars, or nuts are good options. The body needs food for energy in order to keep warm. 8-Hydration - a dehydrated person can lose up to 75% of their muscle strength. Carry enough fluids for yourself and a little extra for a riding partner if needed. 9-Emergency shelter - even a simple bivy could be a life saver. 10-Sun protection.

5.) Completing snowmobile maintenance: checking lights, flushing fuel, inspecting track tension, and tracking, topping off fluids, and checking for leaks, checking clutch and belt, checking shocks, cooling system, throttle, brake cables, cleaning carburetor, lubricating fittings, checking for cracks and wear in skid frame, suspension arms, and engine, and checking skis and carbides for wear.

What's next? Make a shopping list and hit some of the local dealer open houses! Then get out and ride!

I would like to express a huge word of thanks to all of our volunteers who staffed the WSSA Snow Show and supported the Cascade Drift Skippers' booth. We had a busy two days and enjoyed meeting people and enrolling new members. We had a great response to the BCA (Backcountry Access) bottle fill event, and were able to provide some education on bag set up as well.

We invite all our sled friends to join us for our November meeting, which will feature the ever popular Bag Pop! After a brief count-down, we will all 'let 'er rip' and pull our avalanche airbag cords! Then for those with BCA bottles, we will have an air tank to refill on-site. We will also have a presentation on GPS technology, and we will close the meeting by drawing the winners for our three \$200 gift cards! If you would like to become a member, and receive a free raffle ticket, please feel free to join us at the meeting.

Looking forward to a great season!

WSSA Trail Grant

Black Pine Warming Hut Upgraded

By Craig Stahl, MVSA President

The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association (MVSA) is writing to thank WSSA for our 2015 grant. This project will benefit all winter recreation users on the trail system in our National Forest. Projects like these make snowmobiling so special here in the Methow Valley.

MVSA was awarded a grant of \$1,000 from WSSA in 2015. Due to fires in our area for two years and one dry summer that we were not allowed to use power tools in the Forest, the project kept being placed on hold. I would like to thank the Grant Committee for being so understanding these past years.

Black Pine hut has been unfinished on the inside for years. In two days and one evening we installed two new windows, insulated the inside and placed finish material on the walls. We had two more days of cleaning and staining and a final three-hour work party to put a final coat on everything. What a great group of volunteers from our Association to come together to do so much in such a short amount of time. I would like to thank them all for their efforts.

This grant from WSSA was a great help for us to complete this project. The remaining balance over the grant amount was picked up by MVSA. North Valley Lumber, located in Winthrop was a huge help with materials. They have a great crew and they helped us with material prices.

Come join us up in the Methow; we can put together quite a hut tour for you!

Thank you WSSA for the grant!



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WSSA Scholarship 2019



WSSA will be offering a scholarship to either a graduating high school senior or a person currently enrolled in a college, technical or vocational program. This will be a \$2,000 grant, and will be given to the winner regardless of other grants or scholarships the student may also receive. In addition to completing an application, an essay is required.

Essay Topic: The cost of everything in winter recreation over the past ten years has skyrocketed. Snowmobiling is an expensive sport when you take into consideration all things connected to it. Groomers and all their attachments, the ones doing the grooming, a home for the groomer, sno-parks, plowing, administration, trail construction/maintenance, and the list goes on. Money does not grow on trees in the USA or Canada. Even when we find money to help our cause, we run into roadblocks because of the origin of the items we are trying to buy. There must be a better way.

Essay Challenge: In the USA and Canada, there is money available to support our needs in the snowmobile world. Finding it, qualifying it, and acquiring it is the beginning of your challenge. See list below:

1. Where traditionally do the funds come from for your local and State/Provincial snowmobile needs?
2. What are the funds available to be used on?
3. How do you petition for these funds?
4. Are there funds available that are not being petitioned for in your area?

Finally, can you share with us your thoughts and ideas of how to financially support our cause for the next generation of snowmobilers?

Full scholarship details can be found on our website at www.wssa.us under the 'Scholarship' menu item.

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Snow Show 2018

A great show, but what happened to our swap meet?

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary

We got lucky with the weather this year. **No rain! We didn't have blue skies all weekend, but it was up there right above the low cloud layer. Temps weren't warm, but not really cold either.** A whole bunch better than some of the rainy Expos we have endured!

And we also weren't competing against the SnoWest show in Utah this year! Last year was a one-off situation, and it was great to see the handful of vendors that chose Utah last year, back in the Pacific Northwest this year.

My daughter Ryan and I again spent the weekend in Puyallup, rolling in around 8:30pm on Friday night and spending a **couple of nights in the Fair's campground out back.** It was good to see more campers this year than in the past few! If you are a die-hard snowmobiler, you should consider camping out. While a hotel is an option, I choose the campground for one reason: Quick and easy access to the Blue Lot on Saturday morning!

The gate to the lot opens at 6:30am and if you are looking for a DEAL, being early is key. Ryan and I decided to hit Jack in the **Box for breakfast first, so we didn't arrive at the Blue Lot until just after 7am.** Okay, I'm not going to blow smoke here, attendance in the Blue Lot was down and there wasn't the broad selection of machines and parts as we are used to seeing. I'm not sure why that is, but I suspect the free advertising on Craigslist and Facebook, with the ability to reach snowmobilers all across the west, is a large part of it. We had to leave the Blue Lot around 8:15am and I heard there was a broader assortment after that time.

The last couple of years the Expo has opened earlier at 9am and we were on hand when the first wave of attendees came through the gate. It is always exciting to see **the empty aisles fill up and the exhibitor's credit card machines firing up with the first sales of the day!**

Ryan and I take care of the Expo giveaways and this year we tried something new. Instead of giving away products the winner may or may not need, or Visa Gift Cards that may or may not be redeemed at the show, the Expo Committee decided to give away gift certificates to be used at the show. This

is all part of our promotion budget, but what is better than making sure the money spent helps our exhibitors as well? We gave each winner five \$50 certificates to spend at the show and the feedback from the spenders and the exhibitors who received them was positive. (We had four winners on Saturday and two on Sunday; congrats to Michael Woods, Wayne Hegg, Tim Swift, Tyler Fredenburg, Paul Hawk and Candace Austin.)

Between drawings, we wandered the show and visited with exhibitors. The Washington State Parks booth is always a worthwhile stop; this year they were showing off the new and improved Crystal Springs Sno-Park. (See the pics in this issue.) Next to them was the Forest Service, and across the way was the Northwest Avalanche Center and WSSA Safety Trailer; all providing useful, if not life-saving information.

I would guess one of the biggest draws to our Expo is the snowmobile displays from Polaris, Arctic Cat and Ski-Doo. (What has happened to Yamaha?... Did they quit building snowmobiles or what?...) Ski-Doo had their redesigned and more powerful 600 ETEC-powered sleds on display, and of course people were clamboring over the 850s. Polaris upped their game with their own 850 monster and sleds were interested. **I'd guess the new Arctic Cat Alpha single rail suspension drew the most looks though; wow!**

Where do you want to ride? Yellowstone? Conconully? Priest Lake? Stanley? Representatives were on hand to invite you to **their respective regions. Can't miss this opportunity to put in a plug for our upcoming Winter Rendezvous at Hill's Resort on Priest Lake in February.**

The interest in snow bikes continues to grow and we had several dealers and manufacturers on hand. Remember, Polaris now owns Timbersled!

Outside the Showplex is the Beef Barn and Centennial Building, both set aside for the indoor Swap Meet. Like the Blue Lot, the swap inside the fairgrounds was suffering; **really poor participation. That's not to say deals weren't made though. A few dealers were displaying new and used sleds outside and of course Apache Camping Center had RVs on display and Gizmo Enterprises was there to meet every man's need for cheap tools.**

Several seminars were on tap for Saturday and we weren't able to attend any of them. These included a NWAC-sponsored Pro Riders Panel, a Backcountry Riding Techniques with Bret Rasmussen, and State Parks-

led a Washington State Snowmobile Program overview. State Parks and the Chelan County Sheriff's Office once again ran an all-day Snowmobile Safety Course aimed at youths 12-16 years old, but open to all.

The show closed at 6pm and snowmobilers had to push towards the exits, but they certainly were welcome to come back in the morning.

I've said it before, and I'll say it again, Sunday is the better day to attend the show. The busy day is Saturday, so if you want to avoid the crowds, Sunday is for you. Ryan and I took advantage and did our shopping on this day. I picked up a new belt and oil for my new Ski-Doo I bought over the summer. I also picked up a new shovel with features my current one is lacking. Ryan spent **my money... of course... and walked away** with a new pair of Diva Snow Gear gloves, a VEI (Van Amburg Enterprises Inc.) T-shirt and an (other) Off-Road Vixens hoodie. Oh, and we both are sporting new WSSA-logo hats.

It's always amazing the amount of stuff available; a huge selection of riding gear, tons of aftermarket sled parts, towing and trailer accessories you didn't even know you needed, plus a trailer of every size and for nearly every budget. One thing I perceived **this year; can't say for sure it is true; is it appeared the 'power sport' segment of the show was smaller than the last couple of years.** (That being said, there were still numerous side by sides on display in the various booths.)

The WSSA booth was a busy place during the weekend as snowmobilers stopped by to pay their dues or join up for the first time. Several new clothing items were for sale, and the kids are always drawn to the toy snowmobiles.

The show wrapped up at 2pm and the exhibitors **were anxious to pack out; it's always amazing how they spend many hours setting up on Friday, yet can be out of the Showplex in an hour on Sunday!**

Right after the show closed, Ryan and I drew the winner for the Marlon Sled Deck. **New this year was the fact the winner didn't need to be present to win this prize.** Congratulations to Jerry Walter! (Thanks to Jet Chevrolet and Kastle West Distributing for getting us this fantastic deck at a bargain price for our giveaway.)

Have you made plans for October 19th and 20th, 2019? **We'll be back in Puyallup at the Fairgrounds for the largest fall snow show in the Pacific Northwest; join us and be sure to bring a friend!**

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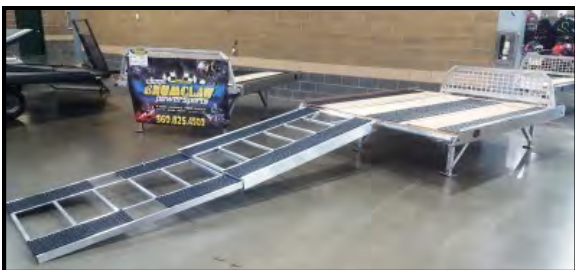
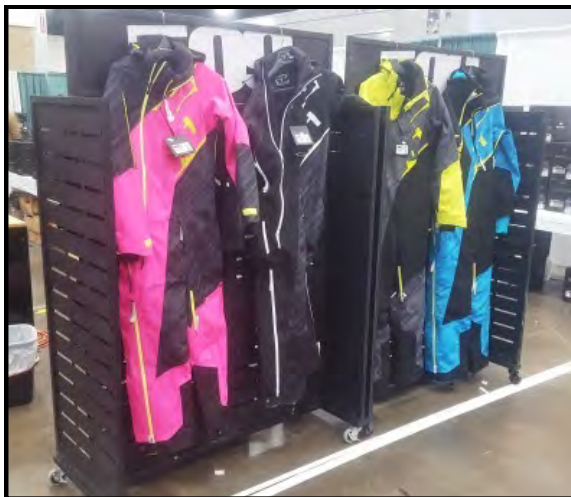
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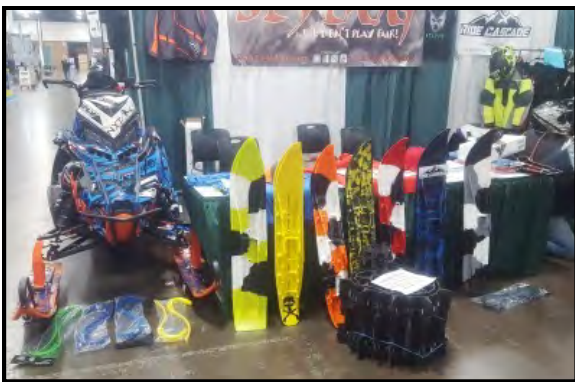
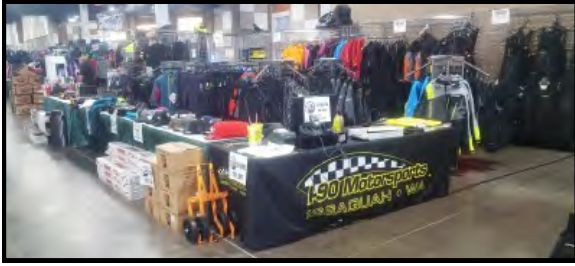
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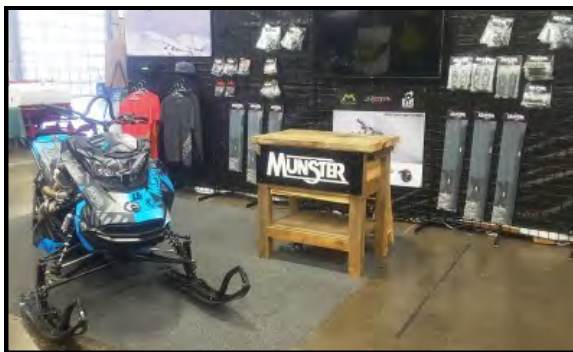
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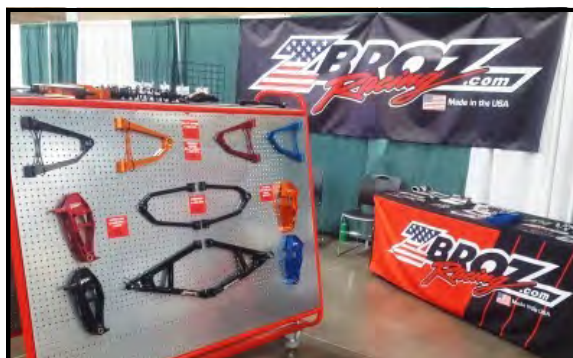
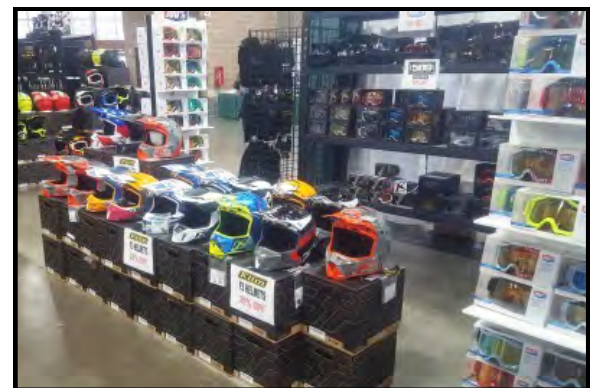
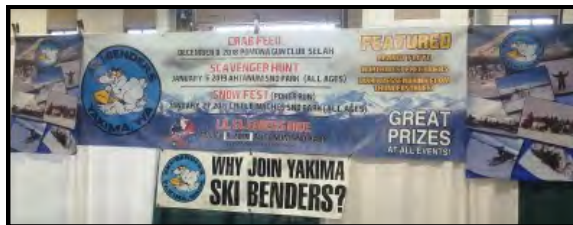
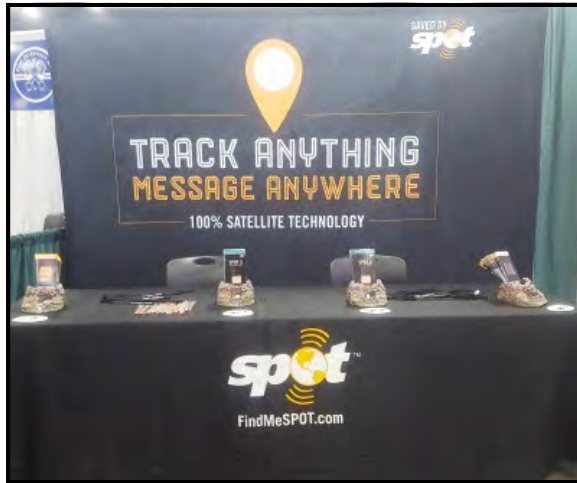
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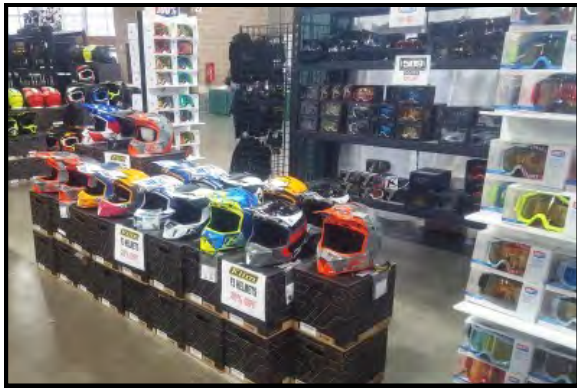
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www.adventurepowersportsrentals.com

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www.chewackranch.com

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www.thelastresortwa.com

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CROSS WITH CARE

STOP. STAND UP. LOOK BOTH WAYS.

This message brought to you by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations
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Safety with Jon



By Jon Ferrian — wssasafety101@gmail.com

Hello Washington sledders!

We have made it all the way to November and by the time you read this you should be on the verge of getting your first ride in for the 2018/2019 season! I hope you were able to make it to the WSSA Snow Show the weekend of October 20th and 21st! I was there all weekend and had a chance to talk to so many other great sled heads. For me, some of the highlights of the show were seeing all of the new 2019 sleds including the Arctic Cat Alpha One, Polaris Patriot 850 and the Ski-doo Summit 850! You cannot lose this season with any of those choices. The snow show was the perfect place to get registered for an avalanche class with the Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) who was offering their one-day BASC (Basic Avalanche Skills Course) classes again this season at the Last Resort in Ronald. **If you didn't get signed up at the show it is not too late; you can still go to this website and get registered today at www.nwac.us.** (Go to the education section, or enter in this specific page and look for the 'BASC Sled Class'; www.nwac.us/education/nwac-classes/class-calendar)

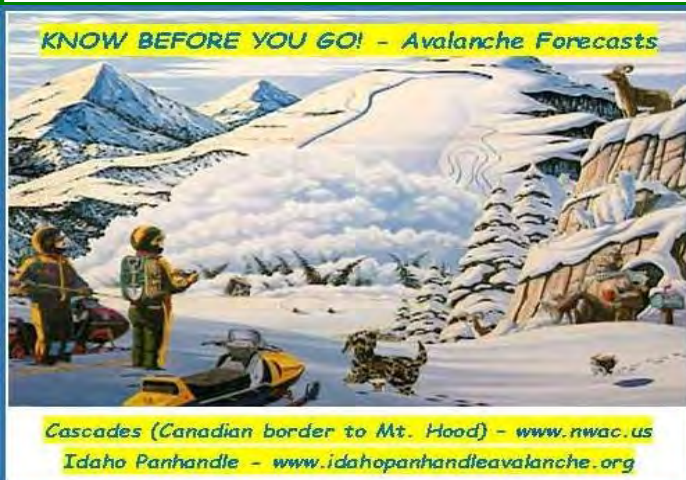
The next big event this year is the third annual NWAC Sled Bash 2018/Thunderstruck 17 Seattle Premier!

- **Date:** Saturday, November 10th
- **Time:** 11am – 4pm
- **Location:** Beardslee Public House, 19116 Beardslee Blvd, #201, Bothell
- Thousands of dollars in prizes given away in the Charity Auction/Raffle

Be sure to 'follow' me on Facebook on my personal 'Jon Ferrian' page or search www.facebook.com/snowmobileman as I share out a regular barrage of sled community and safety focused content including my weekly Facebook Live show on Sunday nights that launches from my personal page where I interview someone different every single week and discuss backcountry and avalanche safety with thousands of followers across the USA. All of the shows get recorded and can be found at www.facebook.com/jonferrianlive with lots of useful nuggets around avalanche awareness and safety all in an entertaining interview with everyone from the most famous sledders like Levi LaVallee to regular folks like you from right here in the Pacific Northwest who are wanting to share their stories to make a difference! I hope to see you out on the snow this season!



BASC offers informative classroom instruction followed by practical on-the-snow activities.



State Parks Update

By Pamela McConkey, Winter Recreation Program Manager



Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet

What a beautiful weekend of sunshine for this year's Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet. On Saturday and Sunday your State Parks Winter Recreation Program team was busy passing out information, answering questions, seeing familiar faces and meeting new people. It was exciting to see how many young people were with their parents at the show and excited for winter. These youngsters are the future of our sport. Our U.S. Forest Service (USFS) partners and neighbors at the show offered information regarding closures due to this season's wildfires, news about upcoming projects and new partnerships and agreements with



WSSA and area clubs. This show also provided us with an opportunity to talk with several WSSA officers, district representatives, snowmobile club members and leadership.

As always, the Snowmobile Advisory Committee (SMAC) was well represented by your area representatives (Tom Shields – Area 1, Bob Henry – Area 2, Kurt Millard – Area 4 and Glenn Warren – Area 6 – Thanks for attending). For the sixth

straight year, State Parks Director Don Hoch spent several hours at the Winter Recreation booth on Saturday and visited with the public and WSSA and SMAC members, answering questions and hearing any comments or concerns.

Sunday's show slowed down a little but was still quite successful and steady at the Winter Recreation Program booth.

This year's hot topic at the booth was the changes being made to the Crystal Springs Sno-Park (Exit 62 off I-90). These changes have resulted in more parking, definite separation between the various sports (motorized and non-motorized), snow storage for snow removal and envi-



ronmentally friendly run off into the Yakima River. If you didn't stop by and see the display and aerial photo, don't fret, it's right here in this Snoflyer.

As always, it was exciting to see so many people proudly wearing their club t-shirts and sweatshirts. Many of them stopped by and told us about the various projects they continue to work on this fall. The Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders told us about the many years of work with the USFS that has finally resulted in a new warming shelter at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park. This warming shelter is for all visitors (motorized and non-motorized) to use during the winter months to get out of the cold, gather with friends and enjoy the warmth of the fire in the new wood stove built and donated by Kenny Neil (THANK YOU KENNY). They were also very quick to express their thanks to U.S. Congresswoman Jamie Herrera-Butler and U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell for their involvement and efforts in this project.

It was great to hear all the wonderful stories of volunteer efforts, from sno-park clean-up and trail brushing to organizing club events and fundraisers (Make-A-Wish Foundation) that we all benefit from and participate in when we are out on the snow. We spoke with members of the Sno Jammers, Northwest Glacier Cruisers, Spokane Winter Knights, Butte Busters, Bavarian Boondockers, Hi-Country Beelers, Stampede Summit Seekers, Cascade Drift Skippers, Drift-A-Way, Yakima Ski-Benders, Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club and the Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club, just to name a few.

I'm sure there are many more fun and exciting projects that have taken place that you can read about throughout the Snoflyer.

The Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet presented a great opportunity to answer questions and hear suggestions from the public and catch up on the latest news from around the state. Thanks, WSSA, for putting together another great show.

Safe Rider Class October 2018

A huge THANK YOU again to Kent Sisson and Rich Magnussen from the Chelan County Sheriff's Office who spent Saturday, October 20th, at the WSSA Snow Show teaching four children and one adult to become Safe Riders. We continue to appreciate the donations made by our partners with the Manufacturers Homes and Recreational Vehicles (MHRV) and the Washington State Employees Credit Union (WSECU), and Washington State Parks for their donations that allowed the Winter Recreation Program to purchase two new snowmobiles a couple of years ago. These snowmobiles not only provide opportunities out on the snow, they also are used for the in-class portion where the children can see, touch and learn the fundamentals of how the machines



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State Parks Update



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fied until State Parks receives the completed riding/field test from their parents or legal guardians. Certified Safe Riders will receive a certificate to carry in their wallet, a certificate to frame and a Safe Rider patch. For information regarding upcoming Safe Rider classes

or to become a Safe Rider Instructor, contact the Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Office at (360) 902-8684.

It's been disappointing to see our attendance in the Safe Rider Class slowly decline. Years ago, we would have 20 to 25 students in the class during Expo; this year we had four children and one adult. We love to see adults take the course; some are new to the area or new to the sport or just want to have the same information that their children have. Should you take the course? Do you know someone that should? Do you have any ideas on how to increase our attendance? If you answered yes to any of these questions, please let us know.

If you are interested in having your child attend a Safe Rider class, please visit our website at www.parks.state.wa.us or call (360) 902-8684 to learn about future opportunities.

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Drone shot of the newly expanded Crystal Springs Sno-Park. (The entrance to the sno-park is in the top center of the picture.)

Crystal Springs Sno-Park Update



Non-Motorized
Parking Only



Dog Trail

Dog Trail

No parking on traffic
loop shoulder

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Private Road: No public access

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Snowmobile Trail

Danger - Bioswale wetland filter area 6'-8' deep
Motorized Parking Only

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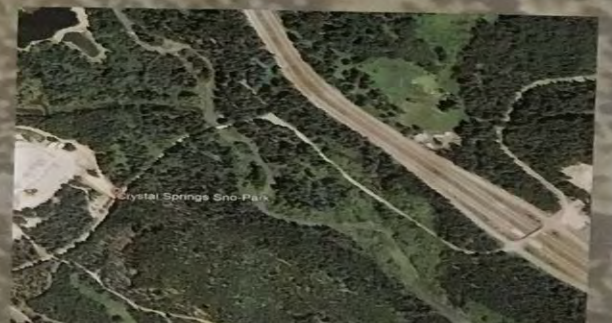
No parking on traffic
loop shoulder

Cross Country Ski Trail

Groomer
Sheds

Private Road: No public access

Draft: 10/9/2018



Membership Matters

Memberships & Online Voting

**By Wayne & Florence Mohler,
Membership Co-Chairs**

Reminder: Your membership will become inactive if you haven't renewed by December. Please renew right away. A big thank you to everyone who has already renewed. So far our membership is running nearly 7% ahead of last year. At Expo, we had quite a few renewals from members who hadn't been active for the past several years. Welcome back!

Dues are \$25 for Individual/Families and for Clubs. The dues for Associate members (Dealers and Businesses) are \$50. For clubs that collect WSSA dues from your members, please forward the WSSA portion of the dues right away. If your club has a new President, please provide the updated contact information.

As a member, there are many places where you can get involved in WSSA to advocate for snowmobiling. There are 16 different committees ranging from A (as in All Trails to Olympia Day) to W (as in Winter Rendezvous). If you're interested in any of the committees, please check out the information on the website at www.wssa.us, or contact anyone on the WSSA Board to get more information. And if you're interested in serving as an officer, please contact Sandy Sternod, Nominations Chair, at sandy.sternod@wssa.us for more information. Board positions that are up for election this year are President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. Last year was our first year for online voting so don't wait too long to decide; nominations close January 15th. The online voting will follow with the election results being announced at Winter Rendezvous (February 16th, 2019).

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!

Throwback to the winter of 76/77!

**A mighty
good feelin' comes
with the Cat.**



WSSA Legal Action Fund Auction — Seeking donations!

To WSSA snowmobile clubs and other interested parties:

This coming February at WSSA's Winter Rendezvous at Hill's Resort at Priest Lake, we will continue with the tradition of the past seventeen years of a silent and live auction benefiting the WSSA Legal Action Fund. These auctions have been a huge success; last year we raised \$3,464 but we were down \$1,874 from 2017. We would like to see more clubs and others participate to help strengthen our funding to protect our access to public lands. The short live auction is for our big ticket items and this has become a big hit with the audience. The auctions will take place at the banquet on Saturday night, February 16th. The dates for Rendezvous 2019 are over President's Day weekend: Friday, February 15th through Monday, February 18th. There will be scheduled guided rides Friday through Sunday and short business meetings on Friday and Saturday nights.

The items the clubs donate have become very popular and certainly add a 'sparkle' to the auction. All the clubs participating have come up with great ideas. Each club is again being asked to contribute something for the auction that represents the area the club meets in. The item does not have to be snowmobile related. A few ideas or suggestions are: specialty product items from your area of the State such as apples or wine from Chelan, wine from Walla Walla, chuckar cherries or wine from Yakima, Boehm's chocolate or Fischer's Meats beef jerky from Issaquah, smoked salmon from Bellingham. Other ideas: gift certificates for stays or restaurants anyplace, guided snowmobile rides from anyplace. You could possibly work with your local Chamber of Commerce to come up with an idea to promote your area of the State. Crafts would be fine also. I think you get the idea.

I would very much appreciate knowing what you are going to donate ahead of Rendezvous. That way I can get the bid sheets ready before I arrive at Priest Lake. It saves a lot of time during set up of the auction on Saturday. Please e-mail me the description of your item and the value.

Sincerely,

Ron Alred, WSSA Auction Chairman
rdalred1971@gmail.com or (509) 965-8305

ISMA Update



State of the Sport

Contact: Ed Klim, President, ISMC, (517) 339-7788

Snowmobiling is a catalyst for winter economies in the Snowbelt of North America that generates over \$26 billion in annual spending by participants and providing jobs, taxes and recreation when many hibernate. Over two million recreationists enjoy snowmobiling in the U.S. and another 700,000 in Canada each year. The players are many and diverse, but they are all integral in moving the sport forward. They include:

- Individual Riders
- Clubs
- State and Provincial Associations
- American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) and Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO)
- International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA)

ISMA's role is one of leadership from the four Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM's) on issues that affect the sport, especially in the areas of laws and policy with governmental units on the manufacturer of products, and also with access and protection. Below are some of the ways the four OEM's are involved on a daily basis through ISMA:

- The manufacturers collectively helped establish and are significant supporters and contributors to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations and the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations. These are the true activation arms for organization, political, and funding issues in their respective countries.
- ISMA's members, along with ACSA and CCSO, support clubs and associations in efforts to expand and protect trails, riding areas and other organized club activities. Financial support through grant programs and industry expertise and knowledge is available to support staff and volunteers.
- The ISMA Safe Riders program, sponsored by the manufacturers, began in 1995 and continues today. The program support materials are available free of charge to clubs, dealers, associations and safety trainers. The campaign includes, posters, brochures, safety videos and other materials.
- ISMA's avalanche safety education and outreach support began ten years ago. Three years ago, ISMA partnered with Ascender 360 to make education access even easier through an online program. ISMA supports and communicates on a regular basis with the American Avalanche Association, Avalanche Canada and the U.S. Forest Service avalanche safety training teams.
- ISMA introduced a new Safe Riders video series featuring 13 chapters covering key issues on snowmobile safety. The series supports safety education and market expansion. Clubs and associations are encouraged to use the new videos to promote membership as well as safety.
- The manufacturers, in cooperation with ACSA and the CCSO, work closely with land managers regarding trail management, maintenance, mountain riding designation, and proper postings.
- ISMA and ACSA have jointly intervened on behalf of states, clubs, riders and even the U.S. Forest Service over 12 times on land access issues, protecting riders when unnecessarily attacked. Especially in the Western U.S. The most recent example being our intervention in the Over Snow Vehicle Plan in the Lassen Forest in California within the past year.
- ISMA and ACSA have been involved since 1999 in numerous lawsuits preserving the right to ride in the oldest national park, Yellowstone – to assure the precedent set there is one of inclusion.
- ISMA has sponsored scientific studies that have proven no detrimental effects of snowmobiling on soil, vegetation, or wildlife.
- ISMA continually sponsors economic impact studies to show the importance of winter recreation to towns, counties, and states in the snow-belt region.
- The manufacturers continue to develop snowmobile engines that are clean. New snowmobiles have EPA certified engines, which insure clean air and water and healthy recreation.
- Sound levels and emission levels continue to decline in snowmobiles with new state-of-the-art exhaust and related sound systems. All snowmobiles pass a rigorous set of safety tests - including sound and emission testing. The tests are conducted by a recognized independent third-party testing laboratory.
- ACSA and CCSO, with support from ISMA, organize a Fly-In every year to Washington D.C. and numerous receptions in Ottawa to personally visit the lawmakers and Ministers from snowmobiling states and provinces – reminding them of the importance of snowmobiling and giving them updates on snowmobiling activities in their states and provinces.

While the manufacturers play an important role, our sport is dependent on volunteers to make it work. ISMA encourages all snowmobilers to support the sport in some small way whenever possible – no matter if you live in Alberta, Colorado, New Brunswick or New York, there are many other snowmobilers volunteering on your behalf. Make your voice heard too by joining a local snowmobile club, a state or provincial association, and ACSA or CCSO – even if you can only contribute with your dollars. It all truly helps.



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

ACSA E-News

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

Salmon-Challis National Forest

As part of the Forest Plan Revision, Plan Initiation Workshops have been scheduled.

Nov. 1 - Salmon Nov. 3 - Challis
Nov. 13 - Mackay Nov 14 - Hailey

The Initiation Package has been posted at: www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd600994.pdf for review. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend for the Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers processes.

In case you missed it:

In case you've missed the last few weeks of conversation and panic in Teton County, Wyoming, the County Board of Commissioners did not have the votes necessary this week from the Wyoming Public Lands Initiative Committee to recommend new Wilderness. 97% of Teton County is public land and over 80% of that land is already closed to mechanized and motorized use.

Good reminder to be involved on the local level! Know the decision makers at all levels, local, state and federal.

This battle is only the beginning... Forest Planning will be coming soon. That is a long process -- but so very important. We will need everyone to be engaged for that!

Department of Interior: Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke said the department saved \$2.5 Billion from changes in regulations. He said that revoking a methane emissions rule alone would save between \$1.4 billion and \$1.6 billion. The governors of two states and numerous environmental groups have filed lawsuits against Zinke's methane emissions rule of September 18th for failing to assess the global costs of the pollution from methane emissions. The rule largely revokes an Obama administration rule. The Interior Department said it is preparing a number of additional cost-saving regulations, including actions to revise critical habitat designations for threatened and endangered species.

Changing Places ~~ Changing Faces

It was finally made official, Vicki Christiansen was appointed U.S. Forest Service Chief. As you may recall, Vicki was appointed Interim Chief last March and addressed the ACSA Fly-In in April. She comes from the state and private forestry industry from Washington and Arizona. She has many issues in front of her, but recreation seems to be one she is very supportive of on Forest Service lands.

Leslie Weldon is now the Work Environment and Performance Executive for the U.S. Forest Service. Prior to her current position, she served as Deputy Chief, National Forest System, where she was responsible for oversight of the National Forest System, comprised of 154 National Forests and 20 National Grasslands covering 193 million acres located in 44 states and Puerto Rico.

Chris French is now the Acting Deputy Chief, National Forest System. In addition to this role, Chris continues in his previous role as Director, Ecosystem Management Coordination.

Glenn Casamassa was appointed to the position of Regional Forester for the Pacific Northwest Region. As regional forester, Casamassa will oversee management of 16 National Forests, two



National Scenic Areas, a National Grassland, and two National Volcanic Monuments within the states of Oregon and Washington.

The new Yellowstone National Park Superintendent has arrived. Cam Sholly has officially taken the reins from Dan Wenk.

Trump plans to nominate Aurelia Skipwith, a former Monsanto executive, to be Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She is currently the deputy assistant secretary for fish, wildlife and parks. Skipwith is a biologist and lawyer who spent more than 6 years at agriculture giant Monsanto. She joined the Department of Agriculture in 2013. "During the past 18 months as deputy assistant secretary, I have had the distinction to work with dedicated people of the service to ensure the implementation of this administration's and Secretary Zinke's policies to protect our species, increase public access, and ensure science is at forefront of our decisions," she said in a statement.

The Bureau of Land Management has chosen Jamie Connell, most recently the BLM Oregon State Director, to head the Colorado State Office. Replacing Connell in Oregon will be Chris McAlear, assistant director of BLM's National Conservation Lands program.

Awards! Awards!

Snowmobiling could not function without the thousands of volunteers across the country. It is nice to recognize some of those outstanding individuals and companies at the International Snowmobile Congress each year.

Club of the Year: The Iowa Snowdrifters from Coralville, Iowa, were named the ACSA Club of the Year. The Snowdrifters have been developing and maintaining local snowmobile trails since the early 70's. The club attends and participates in events from club meetings to state association functions to local events like the Big Town Showdown Truck and Tractor Pull. They have a committee that works on the tractor pull that requires lots of volunteers and manpower -- which also serves as a fundraiser. The last event had 1,700+ attendees and raised \$14,000+ for trail funds. The Club also partners with organizations such as the Corp of Engineers and Friends of Coralville. These partnerships have resulted in projects for the local area that are not snowmobile related, such as walking trails and wild prairie restorations. They pride themselves on giving back to the local community. The club also introduces non-snowmobilers to the sport as well as encourages youth involvement.

Dealer of the Year: Pioneer Motorsport from Chaffee, New York, was named the ACSA Snowmobile Dealer of the Year. The dealership originally opened in 1964 with Hus Ski Snowmobiles. Since that time, the dealership has grown into one of the most elite dealerships in New York. Pioneer regularly hosts club meetings for several local clubs, as well as holding fundraising events and membership drives. Pioneer believes education is an important piece in selling snowmobiles. They promote any and all snowmobilers to get involved in their local club. In addition to educating buyers on how the snowmobile works, they emphasize the need to join a club prior to registering a sled. They also have signs and posters in the dealership reminding riders to stay on the trail and respect the trails. The philosophy at Pioneer is leading by example. Plans are currently underway with the dealership taking the

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(Continued from page 30) lead to relocate a trail - which will be developed on Pioneer Motorsport property. There are also plans underway for a youth ride on private property prior to the trails opening. Owner Kyle Armstrong said, "We feel this would be a good way to take advantage of early snow and no traffic to allow the kids to get some riding in."

Snowmobiler of the Year: Arlyn Baumgarten from Kenosha, Wisconsin, was named ACSA Snowmobiler of the Year. Baumgarten has been an active snowmobiler for many years and has been active in his local club, the Prairie Riders, as well as the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. In addition to serving in positions at the club level, county level and state level, he was recently appointed to serve on the Governor's Snowmobile Recreation Council. Baumgarten has been actively involved in all phases of snowmobiling. He helps secure landowner permission, he marks and maintains trails and serves on the planning committee. Believing the youth are our future, Baumgarten has been a supporter of the Kids and Adults on Snow (KAOS) since it's inception. He recruits youth to get involved as well as helping with youth projects and funding those projects. "Arlyn represents all that is the best in our sport" said AWSC President Dave Newman. "He knows what needs to be done and does it, never expecting credit. His satisfaction is knowing the work is done -- and done right."

Youth Snowmobiler: Rachel Watkins from Beresford, South Dakota, was named ACSA Young Snowmobiler of the Year. Rachel starting riding at a young age with her family. She is currently President of the state youth program, Youth Empowerment Through Involvement in Snowmobiling (YETIS). She has participated in many club events, state conventions and the International Snowmobile Congress. She has also worked at the Governor's Ride and the 20th Anniversary Open House at the Polaris Center. Snowmobiling is just one of the activities Rachel finds time for, in addition to high school sports, church youth group, teaching Sunday School and working part-time. Snowmobiling is family in Rachel's mind. "I ride snowmobiles because that's where I have made some of my best memories with family and friends." Rachel also looks to the future and realizes land access is an issue as well as getting young snowmobilers involved. Rachel says, "I chose to work toward the path of continued access and the opportunity for everyone to enjoy snowmobiling like I do." SDSA President Jon Laframbois says, "With youth involvement and encouragement from young snowmobilers like Rachel, our future is bright!"

Snowmobile Family: Bill and Diana Rexford from Colorado were named ACSA Snowmobile Family of the Year. The Rexfords have been involved in snowmobiling for over 20 years. They regularly participate in club and county events, as well as the Colorado Snow-

mobile Association. They have been very involved from committees to holding elected position and have also helped with the newspaper and chairing raffles. The Rexfords have been proactive in challenges that they see, such as a lack of parking, and are always leading the charge in advocating for solutions to those challenges. Getting new members and the youth involved and educated has also been a priority. For over 20 years, the Rexfords have been constantly recruiting new members and promoting a positive image for snowmobilers. CSA President Scott Jones said, "They are faithful supporters for all ideas and actions that benefit snowmobiling. They have always been excited to see youth get involved - and they are especially excited seeing their children and grandchildren joining the ranks of snowmobiling!"

2019 Awards - As the season begins, it is a good time to start thinking of who is deserving that can be nominated for these awards for the coming year! Forms can be found at www.snowmobilers.org.

ACSA Updated Plans for Future:

After reviewing current materials and a survey of the members, ACSA members set a new planning framework into place. The Strategic Plan was part of the Annual Fly-In where all of the attendees participated in prioritizing goals for the future. The Plan was approved by the Board in May and implementation began at the ISC in Halifax.

New Goals include:

Members services, improving the brand, the website and continuing to develop new resource tools.

Communication goals including improving success stories, social media, and providing educational webinars.

Leadership goals are also a priority for leadership development and training, using the committee structure, and encouraging youth leadership.

Like all strategic plans, funding and membership are also included, improving the brand, clarifying membership categories, and pursuing new funding avenues. Also included is Chapter structure and function to advance the purpose and mission of ACSA and organized snowmobiling.

Several new committees were formed including Communications, Website, Membership and Resources. The committees will brainstorm ideas and suggestions to ultimately bring recommendations back to the Board for review and implementation. We are always looking for new ideas and new blood -- and would welcome any volunteers for any of these committees! Please contact the ACSA office! Strategic Planning is an on-going process. While it can be long and not very exciting, it is necessary for the organization to shape it's future.

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

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Matt's Misc.

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary

Teanaway Community Forest Recreation Plan – For your review and comment. From a recent e-mail I received: "This proposal is for developing and managing recreation and public access in the Teanaway Community Forest for the next 15 years. It outlines a vision for recreation and public access by developing recreation management concepts, setting priorities, and presenting specific strategies and tools for implementation. The plan serves as a supplement to the May 2015 Teanaway Community Forest Management Plan. This non-project proposal covers 49,933 acres in portions of Township 20 North, Range 15 - 17 East; Township 21 North, Range 15 - 16 East; and Township 22 North, Range 16 East, W.M., Kittitas County.

Information about this proposal including the Threshold Determination, SEPA Checklist and Draft Recreation Plan can be accessed through DNR's (Department of Natural Resources) website at: www.dnr.wa.gov/teanaway-recreation-plan. Comments on this should be submitted by 5pm November 7th, 2018. A link to the public commenting portal can be found on the webpage above, or send comments to P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.

Expo feedback wanted. Although my involvement on the Expo Committee is slight, I do have a seat at the table! The Committee is always seeking feedback from exhibitors, attendees, volunteer helpers, and etc. We know the show isn't perfect, and sadly it can't be all things to all people. But if you'll give me your thoughts I'll address them with the Committee at the next meeting and I will get back to you personally, or more likely, here in the Snoflyer. We have had feedback on various topics in the past and some resulted in changes and some didn't. Probably an area where we can improve is doing a better job of explaining why we can't make a change. (FYI, it is usually due to limitations imposed by the Fairgrounds.) Talk to me!

Digital means no page restrictions! I'm in the camp where I think the Snoflyer should be offered in the print edition (as well as a digital); I don't believe all of our members want to do this online. BUT, digital means we aren't restricted to a set number of pages, nor does the publication page count have to be in multiples of four. This is the biggest positive to being digital. As I type this, I'm not sure what the page count of this issue will be; doesn't matter! So what to expect in the future: More features. More pictures. More general information. But I'm just one man. Your help is sought! Have a story you want to share? Write it up and send it in! Are you building/rebuilding a snowmobile? Late-model hill climber or 70s vintage classic? How about sharing it with our readers. Where did you go to ride? Share the adventure! I like

unique tow/haul rigs, and I bet others do as well. If it is snowmobile-related, it could show up here. But again, I can't do it without you.

Print editions gone forever? Right now we are talking about doing a print edition for February. It comes down to cost. The good news is we have sold some advertising and it easily covered the cost of printing issues for the WSSA Expo (with remaining copies going to the Spokane Show and Snowfest in Leavenworth). With the money left

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over, we hope to print and mail another issue later this season.

Winter Rendezvous. Have you ever been? If not, why not? What is your perception of the event? Do you think it is filled with boring meetings? Do you think you won't be challenged on the rides? Maybe you are just anti-social. (Hey, I get this last one, trust me!) WSSA wants to hear from you; please e-mail me with your thoughts. When I first joined WSSA about 17 years ago, the event was called the 'WSSA Convention' and I wasn't thrilled to attend the first one I went to in 2005. Turned out my perception was wrong. A few years later I helped lobby to change the name to 'Rendezvous', hoping this would change the perception of the event. At this same time, the full-day of meetings on the Saturday was eliminated and replaced with a couple of short meetings on Friday and Saturday night. Short as in one-hour or less... and in a social environment, meaning attendees are free to have a beer in their hand. These gatherings are mostly informational including such things as an update from our State Parks Winter Recreation staff. But what about the riding, right?! It's exactly what you want it to be. Guided rides are available and well received. The 'extreme rides' tend to be popular, followed by the 'semi-aggressive' rides. The benefit of these rides is having a local guide who knows where to go to best fit the terrain to the rider; these leaders can ride! Personally, I've taken a different approach to riding at Rendezvous. My daughter and I just go off and do our own thing. Usually we hook up with friends, but it stays a more personal group. We may or may not have a local guide; usually the areas Rendezvous is held are areas we've ridden previously, so we aren't lost. So getting back to the point... come to Rendezvous. Join us once and then provide suggestions on making the event better. While you may have feedback, you won't have a bad time. I promise.

Help us sell Snoflyer advertising. This issue contains a rate sheet specific for future issues for reference. If you are an Associate member, join us! Come on, it's a write-off anyway, and you will be supporting the sport you live for! Maybe you are just Joe-member, but know of a business who might like to advertise; share the info with them. And a new category added is the 'business card' ad. It's a business card-sized ad for cheap, only available to Associate members. All advertising (except the business card ad) will also get the business a place on our website banner rotation, and all digital ads (including the business card ad) will be hot-linked to their website.

Tariffs not as bad on business as Polaris suggested. Previously I noted Polaris was complaining about the tariffs the President had imposed, saying it was going to cause their business to suffer. Good news: Polaris had an impressive third-quarter anyway! Net income climbed 20.9% year over year to \$117.9 million. Parts/garments/accessories sales grew 8%, International sales up 10%, and off-road and snowmobile sales up 3%. Polaris' CEO is still concerned about the impacts of tariffs in the future though. Time will tell.

Public Lands Commissioner raising your taxes? Director Hillary Franz recently sent out a message touting a 'historic' \$55 million budget request for 'long-term investments in Washington's wild-fire fighting force and forest health'. I think we are all in favor of improving our forests to reduce fire danger, but I'm concerned when the government wants to throw large amounts of money at the 'problem'. What makes a healthy, fire-resistant forest? Thinning. Thinning is logging, and logging brings IN revenue. So while I agree with the premise, I'm certainly concerned with plan. What is the plan? Make 30 seasonal firefighters permanent (good); adding two

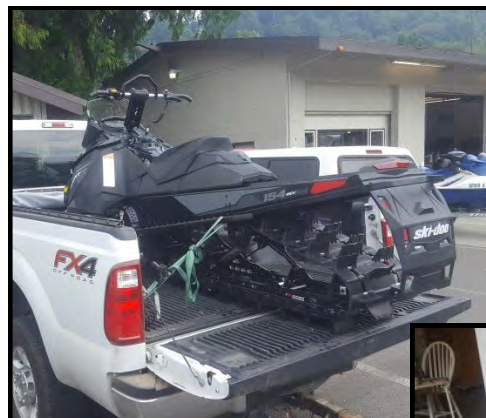
helicopters to DNR's fleet of eight for faster initial attack (good?...); funding full-time wildfire training staff (good); adding seven outreach specialists... (BAD-do-nothing government employees); and commit \$17 million to forest health projects laid out in DNR's 20-Year Forest Health Strategic Plan (BAD-it's called logging and should provide income, not cost the State). Well, at least she didn't blame the fires on 'man-made climate change'... oh, wait, she did...

Celebrities in the news... Okay, maybe just a local celebrity. Christopher Mayer of Cascade Drift Skippers fame and the developer of Backcountry Ascender, a game-based avalanche education app, recently presented at the International Snow Science Workshop (ISSW) 2018 in Innsbruck, Austria. What is ISSW? From their website: "The ISSW exists to facilitate the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas and experiences between snow science researchers and practitioners. The motto of the International Snow Science Workshop is 'A Merging of Theory and Practice'."

Municipal leaders pushing for recreational lanes on new international bridge. This was the headline. No, not in Washington. These forward thinkers are in Maine and New Brunswick. A new bridge connecting Madawaska (ME) and Edmundston (NB) is in the planning stages and local leaders are stressing the importance of a four season lane for bicyclists, snowmobilers and ATVers. "A joint resolution to work together to push state and provincial transportation representatives for a downtown location for the new bridge and for a design that would allow for foot and recreational traffic was signed." I don't know about biking in the region, but I've snowmobiled there and we are a boon to the local economies in the winter. ATVing in the region has grown by leaps and bounds as well. The current bridge dates to 1921 and currently carries a five-ton weight restriction, halting all heavy commercial traffic across it. Hope the decision makers are listening.

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and now Snapchat! Facebook 'likes' are over 2,520! Find us on Twitter at @wssaus and on Instagram a WSSA.US (not WSSA_US)! (Snapchat? You'll have to ask my daughter; I'm too old to understand Snapchat. We need to work on this one.)

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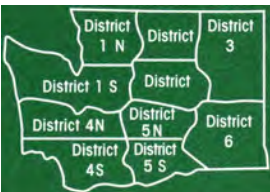


I finally decided to upgrade my faithful '04 REV! (The only reason was because I wanted electric start...)

And sometimes you find a deal on Craigslist you can't pass up... Hey, it was \$100... (No, it doesn't run... not even close...)



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