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***WSSA Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo & Swap Meet
October 19th & 20th, in Puyallup at the Fairgrounds
See you there!***



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WSSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership valid until August 31, 2020

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

FAMILY/INDIVIDUAL: (\$25)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Spouse: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ County: _____

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of Registered Sleds: _____ Number of Riders: _____

Legislative District _____ Congressional District _____

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Name of Business or Club: _____

Owner/Business Contact or Club Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

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

Phone: _____ Email: _____ 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

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

Questions about WSSA? Contact: Dean Meakin, President
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Spokane, WA 99207
E-mail: dean.meakin@wssa.us
(800) 783-WSSA or (509) 220-1001

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WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2019/2020

WSSA Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo & Swap Meet Puyallup Fairgrounds October 19th-20th, 2019

THE kick-off to winter in the Pacific Northwest. Details at www.wssaexpo.com.

WSSA Leadership Meeting Sue Lombard Hall at CWU in Ellensburg November 2nd, 2019

Snowmobile club leaders and all WSSA members are invited to this meeting on the Central Washington University Campus. The focus will be on leadership with speakers presenting on topics of interest to snowmobile clubs. Lunch on campus will be provided for attendees. Meeting starts at 9am.

Spokane Winter Knights Snow Show Spokane County Fair & Expo Center, Spokane November 9th, 2019

Visit with WSSA at the Winter Knights Snow Show. If you haven't been, this is a show you'll want to check out! If you didn't find what you needed in Puyallup, or missed the show completely, here is your opportunity to make it right. Show details at www.spokanewinterknights.com.

Bavarian Boondockers Snowfest Leavenworth Festhalle, Leavenworth November 16th, 2019

A party in Leavenworth for snowmobilers! This Boondockers' event is one not to be missed. Visit with WSSA, local dealers and other exhibitors as the snow begins to pile up in the mountains surrounding town. Visit www.bavarianboondockers.com for details.

WSSA Meeting The Roadhouse at The Last Resort, Ronald January 11th, 2020

Come get a mid-season update on WSSA projects, the grooming program, and whatever else may be going on. Meeting starts at 9am. Lunch in the restaurant.

WSSA All Trails to Olympia Day Olympia Capitol January 28th, 2020

Did you know we almost lost \$2 Million from our Snowmobile Program last spring? That would have eliminated our grooming program for this new season. This is why it is important to visit your legislators. Come to Olympia on the January 28th. Details posted in the Snoflyer as the event draws near.

WSSA Winter Rendezvous Campbell's Resort, Chelan February 14th-17th, 2020

Join us for four days of fun in Chelan. Experienced off-trail riding groups as well as family-friendly trail rides. WSSA and the local clubs will set up rides you'll LOVE! Dinner on Friday and Saturday as well as some type of entertainment. Plenty to do in Chelan and a casino is nearby if you want to take a break from sledding. Join us!

WSSA Budget Meeting The Roadhouse at The Last Resort, Ronald March 14th, 2020

Season wrap-up. Find out what is planned for the upcoming summer and fall and help set WSSA's budget for the following year. Meeting starts at 9am. Lunch in the restaurant downstairs.

International Snowmobile Congress Regina, Saskatchewan June 10th-13th, 2020

Take a vacation to Saskatchewan and become involved in snowmobiling at the international level! Find out how snowmobiling and snowmobile programs differ across the U.S. and Canada. A fun and educational time awaits! Visit www.snowmobilers.org/isc for details.

WSSA Summer Meeting & Campout Blu-Stastin RV Park, Peshastin (Blewett Pass) August 14th-16th, 2020

A fun family campout with meals provided Friday night through Sunday morning (for \$20 per person). Meeting starts at 9am on Saturday.

Leadership

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Welcome to fall! First out the chute I would like to thank everyone who attended the WSSA Summer Meeting at the Blu-Shastin RV Park. We had a blast! Thank you Dee Alred for organizing and preparing all the meals for the weekend. I believe I gained a couple pounds! Also thanks to all that helped her out with the cooking. Thanks Wayne and Florence Mohler for putting on the Root Beer Float Fundraiser for the WA Snomobile Political Action Committee; it was a great success! Thank You Karlene Meakin for yet another great Duck Race Fundraiser for the WSSA Legal Action Fund. I heard the casualties were lower this year and the funds raised were up.

One of the main discussions we had was concerning tracked ATVs/UTVs on groomed snowmobile trails. We talked about registering them like snowmobiles and collecting fees that would go into the Snowmobile Account (grooming program). Thank you to Matt Mead and all those who brought information to the meeting that would help WSSA decide how to move forward or not. WSSA is going to move forward and support legislation to make this happen. This will take time, so please be patient with us as we go forward. Everyone please also keep in mind our first and highest priority is the safety of all the snowmobilers on the trails and the second priority will be in the educating of the new user groups we will be sharing our trails with. More to follow in our next Snoflyer.

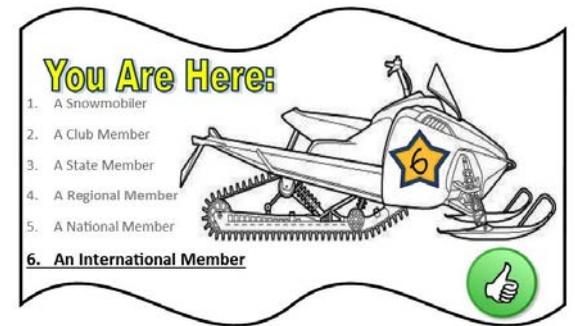
Yes, we are still trying to 'Build Bridges' and not 'Walls' this year. Please visit your dealers, associates and other user groups to talk to them about partnering with WSSA. There is strength in numbers! Go WSSA! Go outdoor recreation!

In our last (July) Snoflyer publication, I presented lesson five of a series titled, 'You Are Here YAH!' If you did not get a chance to read it, please do so. Each of these lessons are connected and without all of them you might not get a full understanding of the organized effort of protecting your rights as snowmobilers.

'You Are Here' Lesson 6: 'International'

The international organization we are part of is 'International Snowmobile Council'. Representatives from the national snowmobile organizations and representatives from the state and provincial snowmobile organizations form the International Snowmobile Council, which meets annually at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC). The International Snowmobile Council is dedicated to promoting safe and responsible snowmobiling. It provides a communication forum and a means of addressing issues that are common from an international perspective. Snowmobiling is a significant recreation of choice and a major economic contributor throughout the USA, Canada, Scandinavia and Russia. It's estimated snowmobiling now contributes more than \$30 Billion of economic activity in North America alone. Snowmobiling is not without its challenges and that is precisely why there is a forum called the International Snowmobile Congress to learn about issues important to snowmobiling and how to keep our recreation the best it can be! The International Snowmobile Congress is an event dedicated to the development of strategies on our common role with respect to the environment, conservation, access, education and accountability. This coming year (2020) ISC will be held in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. Please visit: <http://www.snowmobilers.org/isc> for more info. Make plans now. So as you see, snowmobiling is huge on a planetary scale.

We will be returning back to: 'You Are Here' Lesson 4: 'Regional' in the next Snoflyer as there have been many changes and additions to learn about.



Welcome to our 28th annual Washington Snowmobile & Power Sports EXPO & Swap Meet

Again, this year our event will be the only Snowmobile Show this side of the Mississippi booked on this date! Hopefully that will continue year after year.

Please enjoy the show and visit all the exhibitors and manufacturers present. There are plenty of new exhibitors this year with lots of the latest and greatest technology available to you and the power sports industry. Don't forget to check out the swap meet area and the Blue Lot for sure!

Thank you to all the exhibitors for choosing this event to support. We appreciate you and your expertise in the products you promote here at our show.

Attendees! We are ready to take care of your every need this year. Please let us know if we can help improve your Expo experience this year and next year in 2020. We need your honest, important and valued input to make decisions concerning what makes this event an attraction you can't turn down. Thank you for your attendance this year. Go attendees!

Until next year, be safe and enjoy the show this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Meakin (Expo Chair) and all the WSSA volunteers

2018 WSSA Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo Exhibitors

509 Films	33	Kiperts Trailer Sales	T19	Ride Rassmussen Style	231
Amsoil Lubricants	127	LLUMEN8 Lighting	T35	Selkirk Snowbike	59
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Bavarian Boondockers	21	Luft Trailer Sales, Inc	T30	SK Northwest/ Polaris of Portland	53
Bickford Trailers	T4	Moto-Trax	62	Ski-Doo (BRP)	Ski-Doo
Boulder Creek Enterprises	41	Mountain Fit Hoods	73	Sled Slut	28
Boulder Creek Enterprises	99	Mountain Tek Performance	63	Sno-Dirt Productions	17
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Conconully Chamber of Commerce	123	Northwest Avalanche Center	260	Thunderstruck Films	125
Dan Gardiner Films	195	Northwest Glacier Cruisers	4	TracPac Trailers	T39
Diamond Lake Resort	200	Octane Toy Box	51	Trailer Wholesale	T13
Dynamic Designs	121	Off-Road Vixens	135	Truck Boss NW	T8
EWS MotorSports	65	Olympic Drive	245	University of Idaho	7
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Youth Snowmobile Safety Class at Expo

The Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program and the Washington State Snowmobile Association are sponsoring a free Youth Snowmobile Safety Class presented by the Chelan County Sheriff's office at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on October 19th. The safety class is open to children ages 12 to 16. Adults are welcome to sit in as well.



Register online at <https://parks.state.wa.us/FormCenter/Winter-Recreation-9/Snowmobile-Safe-Rider-Registration-70>. For more information, e-mail winter@parks.wa.gov or call (360) 902-8684.

The class begins promptly at 9:00am and runs until 3:30pm. (Kids will be allowed early-entry at the front gate at 8:45am.)

Blue Lot Swap

Free to browse, \$40* to sell.

Full rules and information can be found on the Expo website at www.wssaexpo.com.

*\$40 covers both Saturday and Sunday; does not include admission to Expo.

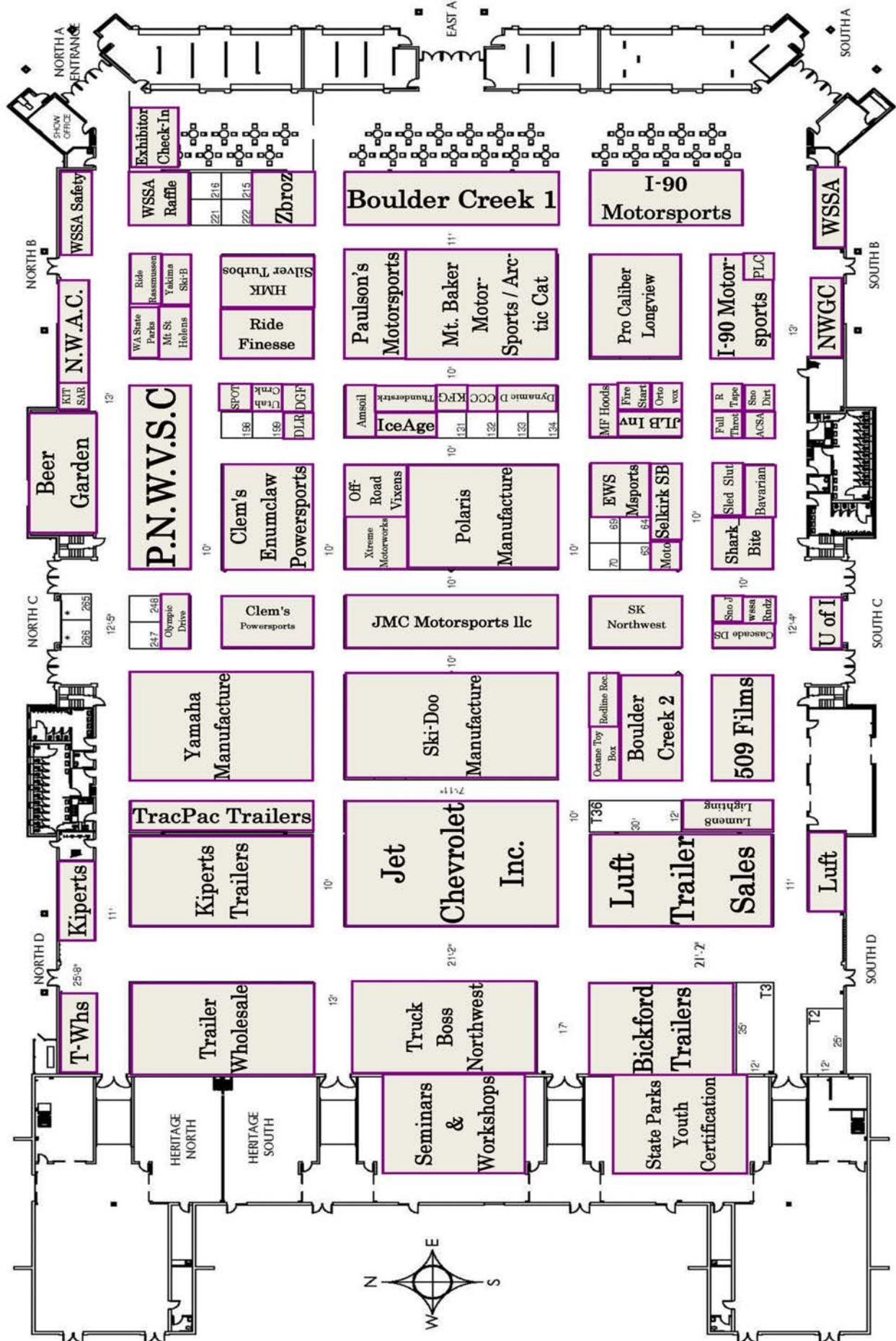
Expo Giveaways! - Grand prize for the weekend is a Marlon Pro 8' black powder-coated aluminum expandable sled deck with front and rear super clamps, super glides, 3rd deck hook and 10' expandable ramp. Retail value is \$4999 and it will fit both 6' and 8' beds. (Sled deck drawing held after show closes on Sunday-you do not need to be present to win!) Over \$1,000 in Expo gift certificates will be given away over the weekend. (Certificates can be used with any Expo exhibitor during the show [only]; can not be used in the Swap Meet area.)

2019 Washington Snowmobile & Power Sports EXPO & Swap Meet, October 19th-20th

Washington State Fair Event Center

2019 Showplex Layout as of 9/28/2019

Please call 1-866-999-3976 for any questions. Ask for Dean



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District Reports



District 1 North

By Aaron Doran

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The warming huts are being freshly stocked with firewood. Roadsides are being brushed, culverts cleared and potholes filled in. Winter is approaching.

Club meetings buzz with excitement as club rides are scheduled and group trips to distant wonderlands are locked in. Winter is approaching.

Snow elevation on Mount Baker is dropping, inching closer to Schreiber's Meadow. Soon the routes to Big House and Helicopter Hole, Lookout, the Horse Barn, well known play areas and the hidden gems will soon see their first set of tracks for the year. Winter is approaching.

Local dealers beef up their inventory in anticipation of yet another amazing season on the big mountain. New tech, old tech, from showroom floor to old iron. Winter is approaching.

Ride safe, ride hard, build the memories that last a lifetime and the friendships that span generations. Winter is approaching.

P.S. I would like to extend a special thank you to Dan and Kelly Morrison, the owner operators of Extreme Sports Park in Port Angeles. This summer they have allowed me and a few of my nutty friends to run our sleds on their spring boat course.

Those that are interested in doing a watercross event with me at the Extreme Sports Park, please contact me through the Northwest Glacier Cruisers or at aaronsdoran@yahoo.com.



District 1 South

By Tony Keys

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My district update is comprised of Cascade Drift Skippers club news. We have had our first full meeting for the year and are proud to announce the club has rides scheduled every weekend from December to April;

some weekends even have multiple events. The members were excited to get back to our roots and sled as much as possible. These rides often have a theme to them such as: skills, ladies, kids, destination, safety and attending other clubs' events. Many different levels of difficulty will be offered to keep everyone included. To find out more about the rides, please join the Cascade Drift Skippers Facebook page, contact Jon Ferrian or a club officer.

The club is preparing for the WSSA Expo and Swap Meet by building games and rounding up the avalanche pack refill equipment. Please bring your avalanche pack to the Cascade Drift Skippers' booth for a free test and refill!



District 2 South

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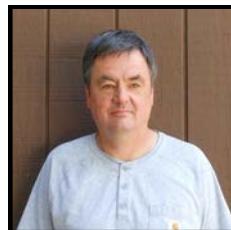
Hello from District 2 South! Well summer is coming to a end and we managed to go wildfire-free this year!

Things happening in the district: Apple Country Snowmobile Club is starting another round of Stemilt Basin meetings on their land-use issue; check out there Facebook page for dates on meetings.

Not much out of the Chelan club yet but they will be hosting the WSSA 2019 Winter Rendezvous rides this year.

The Bavarian Boondockers have started planning for Snowfest 8 and will be attending the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports show in Puyallup.

The Lake Wenatchee Rec Club had there annual dirt bike ride; fun was had by all! More to report later in the season.



District 3

By Greg Figg

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It is the middle of September and fall is right around the corner in Northeast Washington. Speaking of snowmobiling, I was part of the Winter Knights Snowmobile Club contingent that attended Hay Days in North Branch Minnesota this year, (my fifth trip

back). We had a very successful trip as we were able to land some new vendors for our Spokane Snow Show. It was interesting to



Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox stand proudly in Bemidji, Minnesota.

see what the manufacturers are up to with the Ski-Doo Expert and the Polaris Khaos. It was also surprising to discover you can no



Sled jump at Hay Days.

longer get a new Yamaha or Arctic Cat snowmobile unless you order in the spring via snow check.

Please mark your calendars for our Winter Rendezvous; it is going to

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Loop in front of the Polaris Museum.

District Reports

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be at Lake Chelan at Campbell's Resort. The dates are February 14th-17th. More information will be coming out soon about this.



District 4 North

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Hello fellow snowmobilers and happy October! I am sitting here drinking my pumpkin spice laced coffee, the leaves are turning red, brown, and gold, and we have our very first snowstorm headed this way to dump some of that coveted white stuff in the mountains. Woohoo!

Both the Junco and Sno-Jammers snowmobile clubs kicked off their fall meetings, so I will get right to it and give you an update.

Junco met in September at their new location at Godfather's Pizza in Spanaway. They had a great turnout for their first meeting and elected Tom Imm as the president for the coming year. Tom should be familiar to many of you as he is active in several clubs and also active in Search and Rescue. Junco looks forward to Tom's leadership this next year.

Junco has scheduled a work party for the weekend of October 12th. One crew will be heading to the Wakepish Sno-Park to add a concrete floor to the warming hut and another crew will be working with Back Country Plowing and Grooming to clear trees and brush along Forest Road 56 in preparation for grooming this winter.

Junco members will be collecting donations for the WSSA Legal Action Fund in the Blue Lot at the upcoming swap

meet. Empty out your piggy banks! The Legal Action fund is a great cause and helps support the efforts of WSSA in making sure our trails stay open and groomed.

Junco meetings are held the first Monday of each month. The next meeting will be October 7th. As a kick-off for new members, the club will be providing free pizza at the October meeting. Come check it out!

The Sno-Jammers are also off and running for the season. Brian Schindler remains as president for the coming year. The club set the date for its annual Fun Run - mark your calendars for the second weekend in February. The Fun Run includes a poker run sponsored by many of your favorite dealers, including Clem's Enumclaw Powersports and I-90 Motorsports, with opportunities to demo the newest sleds. Many participants come to collect their annual Fun-Run T-shirt and win one of the many great raffle prizes.

Grooming Coordinator Glenn Markovits, Ron Lind from R and R Grooming, and Pam McConkey from State Parks recently conducted a drive-through of the Greenwater/Pyramid riding area. The club hopes to get Green Pass on a consistent groom schedule for the coming year.

The club scheduled a work party to clear trails in preparation for grooming. Look for a date to be rescheduled in the near future.

As its previous location has been closed due to a fire, the Sno-Jammers are also meeting in a new location this year. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of

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

BLUE PARKING LOT SWAP MEET RULES (Located on the East side of Meridian Avenue)

SHOW HOURS: Saturday, October 19th 9:00 am until 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 20th 9:00 am until 2:00 pm

OUTSIDE SWAP MEET SET-UP & FAIRGROUNDS ENTRY:

- **COST is \$40 and is GOOD FOR BOTH DAYS. No Commercial Vendors Allowed.** Does NOT include the \$10 Admission to the Expo and Inside Swap Meet on the Fairgrounds.
- **No Advance Registration Required – Pay at the Parking Lot Entrance.** Lot Opens at 6:30 am on Saturday and 7:30 am Sunday.
- **Display Your Ticket on the Dash of the Vehicle while parked in the Blue Lot.**
- **Please follow the directions of the Parking Assistants.** Parking will be as directed and strictly enforced to maximize available spaces.
- **Everything, including all items for sale, must stay 100% on vehicle and/or trailer deck or ramp.**
This includes the following:
 1. Easy-ups can only cover the truck bed or trailer deck
 2. Tables and the display of accessories are not allowed on the ground, and must stay in the bed of a truck, or in/on a trailer deck or ramp.
- **Do Not Start and Run Snowmobiles in the Parking Lot for more than 30 seconds.**
- **Sanitation is provided for your use in the parking lot.**
- **No Overnight Parking and you MUST be out by 6:30 pm on Saturday.**
- **No Food Vendors are allowed.** These services are provided inside the Expo and include a beer garden.
- **NO CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** is allowed in accordance with the City of Puyallup, and Washington State Law. This will be enforced by the Pierce County Sheriff and Puyallup Police Department as requested by the Washington Snowmobile Expo.
- **NO OUTDOOR cooking, barbecues or fire pits** are allowed by Blue Lot Swap Meet participants.
- **Blue Lot Parking Rules will be enforced by both volunteer Expo staff and local law enforcement.** All participants will be required to sign a receipt of acknowledgement of these rules.

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Washington Cedar & Supply	1400 W. Main St	Auburn	WA	98071	www.washingtoncedar.com	253-833-6149
Mt Baker Moto-Sports LLC	2111 Iowa St	Bellingham	WA	98229	www.mtbakermoto.com	360-676-4096
Jay's Snowmobile Service	1325 Hanson Loop	Burbank	WA	99323		509-845-2089
Chelan Rentals Resort	1800 Cooper Gulch Rd	Chelan	WA	98816	www.chelanrentals.com	509-687-8467
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
Aster Inn & Antiques	521 E 1st St	Cle Elum	WA	98922	www.asterinn.com	509-674-2551
High Country Outfitters & Camp Wahoo!	1780 Nelson Siding Rd	Cle Elum	WA	98922	www.campwahoo.com	509-674-8331
MotorToys Snowmobile Sales, Svc, Rentals	1313 Spansky Way	Cle Elum	WA	98922		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
Whispering Pines RV Park	100 Whispering Pines Dr	Cle Elum	WA	98922	www.whisperingpinescleelum.com	509-674-7278
Benny's Colville Inn	915 S Main St	Colville	WA	99114	www.colvilleinn.com	509-684-2517
Clark's Marine & Powersports	192 DeGrief Rd	Colville	WA	99114	www.johnsmarinesvc.com	509-684-4581
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
Kozy Kabins & RV Park	111 East Broadway	Conconully	WA	98819		509-826-6780
Shady Pines Resort	125 West Fork Rd	Conconully	WA	98819	www.shadypinesresort.com	509-826-2287
Sit'N'Bull Bar & Grill	PO Box 322	Conconully	WA	98819		509-826-2947
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Silver Ridge Ranch	182 Silver Ridge Ranch Rd	Easton	WA	98925	www.silverridgeranch.com	509-656-0275
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Adventure Power Sports Rental	907 N. Hibbs Rd	Ellensburg	WA	98926	www.adventurepsrentals.com	509-933-1737
Ellensburg Powersports	309 S. Main St	Ellensburg	WA	98926		509-925-9330
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Tracy's Quality Painting Inc.	3008 14th Ave NW	Gig Harbor	WA	98335		253-858-8242
Alpine Electric LLC	3730 234th Drive NE	Granite Falls	WA	98252		425-346-7327
I-90 Motorsports	200 NE Gilman Blvd	Issaquah	WA	98027	www.I-90motorsports.com	425-391-4490
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
Bob's Lift Trucks & Equipment	426 Naden Ave S	Kent	WA	98032		253-872-0401
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every month and will be located at Puerto Vallarta in Puyallup.

That's all for now. I hope to see all of you at the swap meet!



District 5 South

By Rudy Classen
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I really enjoyed the August WSSA Camp Out at the Blu-Shatin RV Park where some of Washington's finest sledders congregate at the end of each summer. I am so proud of a number of WSSA members who worked very hard to get the snowbike legislation passed this year. It took two years but finally it passed. A special THANK YOU goes out to Representative Gina Mossbrucker who stepped forward and sponsored the bill for us. She spent a great amount of time making sure the process of changing a street-legal motorcycle to a snowbike for winter use and then back to a motorcycle for summer use is simple, reasonable and straight forward. She also had to make sure the fee for the snowmobile tag went to us rather than a local transportation district as proposed by Olympia bureaucrats. If you know a person who does the seasonal changing to their street-legal motorcycle, please check with them to see if they incur any problems with getting their snowmobile tag. We need to know.

WSSA also saved our grooming money this past spring. WSSA's Wayne and Florence Mohler found out about an attempt to transfer two million dollars (\$2M) out of our dedicated Snowmobile Account to other State Parks accounts on a Saturday and were told that the hearing on this would be on Monday afternoon. Our response to an attempted midnight theft was impressive. Those involved in our response were Wayne and Florence Mohler, Ron and Dee Alred plus Ron Lind and Shannon Lawler. There were 174 speakers talking about how much they needed our money but our four speakers opposing the transfer beat them back! If it weren't for those great folks we would be riding on non-groomed trails this year so when you see them, a thank you in is order. Don't be bashful. If you are the least bit interesting in helping us, WSSA, when we call on every Washington State legislator yearly in an effort to educate them on our concerns and needs, then please contact Dee Alred

and plan on joining us in Olympia during All Trails to Olympia day on January 28th.

According to the Farmers Almanac our winter is supposed to be wetter. Don't know if I totally believe that but I sure want to. If we do get more moisture much of it will be snow and that can't be bad. It would be very nice to have a long season with lots of that white stuff in the hills.

Here in District 5 South the Yakima Ski-Benders Club held their first meeting and also had their first fundraising event at Chinook Fest. Money earned from this event will go a long way to fund several 'over-the-snow' events such as the Scavenger Hunt and the Little Kids' Ride/Weekend. It also is used to support charitable groups such as Yakima County Search and Rescue, the

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(Continued from page 11) Susan Komen Cancer Research, the Nile Fire Department and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Their next major event will be the Annual Crab Feed on December 14th at the Pomona Gun Club. This event is their kick-off to the season and is always a lot of fun. As usual there will be all you can eat crab with the alternate choice being barbecued prime rib. After everyone is finished eating the raffle will be held with thousands of dollars of prizes. If you can't have fun at this event there is no help for you. The Ski-Benders furnish bottled water and canned sodas but adult beverages are up to you.

During the first part of January, January 4th actually, the Ski-Benders will hold their annual Scavenger Hunt which is an over-the-snow event for the young and old. There will be contests for both youths and adults and for all levels of riders. Hundreds of dollars of cash and prizes will be distributed at the end of the day. Club members really like this event because many take the opportunity to ride on Friday during set up and again on Sunday during clean up; a three-day riding weekend is really great. For more information look for the ad in future Snoflyers.

The Yakima Ski-Benders Poker Ride out of the Little Naches Sno-Park up Chinook Pass will be held January 26th. This event is open to all, young and old, and is about a 24-mile ride. Again, at the end of the day thousands of dollars of prizes will be given away. It is a great way to get out and ride with your entire family and have fun in the snowy mountains.

The Ski-Benders Little Kids' Ride on February 29th is free for all attendees. In its short life this event has become a huge success and last year there were 74 youths plus their parents. Professional riders will be leading rides and instruct on beacon use, map reading and also avalanche terrain recognition. At least one parent must be with the young rider and

groups will be based on the skills of the young riders. A free barbecue will be waiting for everyone when they return to the sno-park. Kids and parents have such a great time at this event that I have actually seen some crying at the end of the day because they had such a fantastic time.

One of our great WSSA members, Matt Mead, spends a good amount of time putting together and pulling off the annual Military Appreciation Ride each season. Many thanks go out to those individuals who loan an extra sled for the military personnel to ride. Every year we need 8 to 10 spare sleds. All of our local clubs participate in this event in some way with the noon lunch supplied by the Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club. They spend a full day preparing the chili and other goodies. Our morning ride is usually guided by Matt and most of the time we get to the cabin for lunch around noon. The afternoon ride is guided many times by a member of the Chinook Pass club. So far we have returned to the sno-park at the end of the day with the same number as we left with but several times it was iffy. It was a real pleasure last year to have the Yakima Training Center Commander ride with us which caused some of us to better behave.

The Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club has a club ride of some kind almost every weekend, usually guided by President Jim Kingman. This ride is usually a family boondocking experience of some kind and starting last year they also had Thursday rides. So far the Thursday rides have been a bit more aggressive, and under the leadership of Matt Mead, they found a lot new riding areas they never had ridden in before. Matt spends a good amount of time in the summer on his wheeled toys looking for new sledding areas and rumor has it that those Thursday rides will involve even more new riding areas especially since there has been some logging in the area.

News



In memory of Bill Burwell Past President of WSSA



William (Bill) D. Burwell Jr. passed August 30th, at his home in Liberty, WA. Bill was born June 1st, 1938, in Salina, KS, to William D. Burwell and Vivian Hogan. Bill was married to Nancy Smith in Lewiston, ID in 1956. Together they had six children, and after their divorce in 1974, Bill finished raising his six kids. He met the love of his life, Lana Jones, in 1978; they were married in 1981. Bill was in sales most of his life. In 1984 they bought Custom Vacuum; they owned and operated it for twenty years, then he retired to the cabin in Liberty, his own little piece of paradise.

They loved to travel and had many great adventures. They loved the outdoors, the mountains, snowmobiling, riding quads, mining on his gold claim and just playing cards.

Bill was a Navy Veteran and loved his country. He was a member of the DAV and VFW Post 379. He co-chaired the Veterans Day Parade for over 15 years. He was a member of the Cascade Snowdrifters and Yakima Ski-Benders snowmobile clubs and past President of Washington State Snowmobile Assn. (WSSA). Bill believed in giving back to his community. He was a charter member of the Westside Merchants Assn., a member of Crime Stoppers, Footprinters, Sunfair Festival Assn. and the Vacuum Dealers Trade Assn.

At age 72 he became a Volunteer Fire Fighter with District 7 in Cle Elum. At the time of his death he was the oldest active Volunteer Fire Fighter. He met many amazing friends in the fire department and was proud to be a part of that brotherhood. He felt the greatest successes in his life were his wife Lana, his kids, grandkids and great grandkids. He always said "real wealth is the love of family and friends".

Bill is survived by his wife Lana, sister's Kathy West (Gary), Jerri Willson (Kent), and brother Mike. Four children, Mark (Wendi), Jock (Tamera), Tara Rowland (Dave), Roberta Stark (Joe), and foster daughter Teresa Green. 22 Grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and wonderful cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brother Billy, sister Barbara Robbins, daughters Michele Jones and Theresa Gilbert, son-in-law Mark Rentschler, daughter-in-law Anita Burwell, grandson Zachery Burwell and great grandson Angelo (Peanut) Rentschler-DeLuna.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Kittitas County Volunteer Fire District 7. P.O. Box 355 S. Cle Elum, WA 98943.



Club News



Apple Country Snowmobile Club

By Tim Downs

Fall greetings from the Apple Country Snowmobile Club. We've had a great summer, but I guess this is not a travel log.

Our first picture features snowmobiles racing on the Pend Oreille River in Lone and underscores why you do not pull on Superman's Cape, spit in the wind, or pull the mask off the Lone Ranger and you don't mess around with the local Sheriff by spraying their boat. It's all at the Lone Founder's Day celebrations.



Snowmobile racing on the Pend Oreille River.

The next picture is Sugar Loaf lookout (Leavenworth) which is just as spectacular in the summer as in the winter. I would like to mention the Bavarian Boondockers who are at this time pulling together a permanent snow-park with their own funds and ingenuity. If you ride this area and your club has a few dollars to contribute, please do: care of Matt



Sugarloaf Lookout in August.

Kensrud.

Now for our club news: We are draining the oil, replacing with new; tightening bolts; Windex-ing windows; and spit shining our



'Teams Snow' in the off-season. Grandpa's 70th.

snow cats for the upcoming season. Coming Dec 15th we will be up and ready. Until then there will be meetings, potlucks and a new Stemilt-Squilchuck Recreation Plan in place. We are looking forward the State Parks Winter meeting being held in Wenatchee in January featuring highly trained guides to show off the spectacular Colockum, Blewett, and Eagle Creek groomed areas of Chelan County. It would be a perfect time to plan a trip to Wenatchee and share in the State Parks curriculum. It is all to benefit you and other outdoor enthusiasts. Come one - come all.

PS: No big fires this season!



Yakima Ski-Benders

By Liz Van Amberg, President

Greetings from Central Washington!

Fall is in the air, colors are changing, sleds are for sale all over Facebook and Montana got the first dusting of snow in early September! I love this time of year; it reminds me of a bear waking in the spring... The snowmobilers are waking for winter.

The Yakima Ski-Benders have their first meeting and fundraiser in the books. Chinook Fest was a huge success, which pays for our Kids Ride scheduled for February 29th. You don't want to miss this learning, fun and free event! More details to come.

Come by the Ski-Benders booth at the Puyallup snow show and talk to Mike Van Amburg and I about the Ski-Benders club and upcoming event dates, like the Crab Feed on December 14th, the Scavenger Hunt January 4th, Sno Fest (Poker Ride) on January 26th, and the Kids' Ride on February 29th.



Ski-Benders serving up beverages at Chinook Fest; a great fundraiser to pay for the annual Kids' Ride!

I want to close with a huge thank you to all the volunteers who work tireless hours for the clubs, WSSA and the sport we all love.

See you in Puyallup!



Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

By Kevin Hancock, Webmaster

Since our last show last June at the Cool Desert Nights in Richland our members are busy getting ready for the next show, Wings and Wheels in East Wenatchee on Saturday October 5th. The show is at the Eastmount Community Park. The event includes a car show and a swap meet, our antique and vintage snowmobiles, and an airplane display.

On Sunday our group has plans to go park on the shore of Lake Chelan to see their Mahogany and Merlot Boat and Wine Festival. They will have vintage hydroplane exhibitions both days.

Then after these two events, our final show of summer is being a part of the largest snowmobile exposition and swap meet in the western US of A! The Washington State Snowmobile Association's Expo and Swap Meet in Puyallup on October 19th and 20th. This is our 20th year!

We will exhibit our antique and vintage snowmobiles, and memorabilia, snowmobile suits, patches, banners, and helmets. Items we collect with our projects

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and items for people to enjoy. We ask everyone to stop in, and vote for their favorite snowmobile. This year we are thinking of adding a new class; People's Choice for the Homeliest Vintage Snowmobile. These will be the sleds like our president says are the sleds that fell out of an ugly tree, and hit all the branches on the way down. Help us decide what you the snowmobiling public thinks is the best antique, vintage, classic, and homeliest sleds.



Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club

By Kurt Hensley, President

The Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club is ready for the season to begin.

A group of members attended the Blind Date dinner and fundraiser for the Lilac Services for the Blind-Wenatchee Branch where the club donated two sports baskets to the auction. The baskets brought around \$80 each.

Our first club meeting



The Tri-Rivers club donated gift baskets for a fundraiser for the Lilac Services for the Blind in Wenatchee.

is scheduled for October 11th, Friday evening, at Gamble Sands Danny Boy Bar and Grill. We are hoping for lots of new memberships and a great snow year!

For more info see our Facebook page or call me at (509) 689-2843.



Tollgate Trail Finders

By Bob Smith, Vice President

Lots happening at our Tollgate Trail Finders Snowmobile Club!

We got a brand new 2019 Tucker Sno-Cat! Yeah! We still have the 2008 Tucker as well. A



Expect to see a 2019 Tucker grooming at Tollgate this season!

big "thank you to OSSA"!

This is why we pay our dues to the club of which a portion goes to OSSA (Oregon State Snowmobile Association) for our grooming needs and ultimately the machines themselves that keep all the trails groomed and make our mountain accessible. It needs to be noted that the upkeep and grooming is all done by a 100% volunteer group that donates their time to the needs of our club headed by Jess Thompson. Thank you guys!

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OSSA raised their dues from \$25 to \$35. The TTF portion remains the same at \$25. Total club membership for the 2019-2020 season is \$60. We are encouraging everyone to print and pay from the card at the bottom of this page. It cuts down on our mailing list that is very time consuming and expensive. Thank you in advance to all our members who help keep the doors open by paying your dues. Our club hovers around the 100 member mark and at \$25 per family **it's a minimal amount to keep the lights and heat turned on.** Many people use the trail system without paying dues. We encourage all who ride the trails and enjoy the warming shelters to join our club even if you are not involved in the ongoing activities. We think of our club as a family and have great times riding and hanging out. We have great riders in the club that will challenge your skill-set and maybe find new areas to ride. We also have folks that love to trail ride on sleds and UTVs. Be part of the Tollgate Trail Finders (TTF) family and join today.

Access For UTVs and ATVs - We had a great turnout for our UTV meeting on August 17th with the Forest Service at our clubhouse to promote greater access to our mountain roads during the non-snow season. Many of our roads lack connectivity with one another for ATV and UTV users. There are **roads that can be ridden with the UTV's but no way to access them without hauling the machines to them.** We believe progress was made and new routes may be established to help solve this problem and make the mountain much more accessible.

Summer Trip to McCall, Idaho - McCall summer UTV trip; what a blast! We had a group of eight that rented a huge house in McCall. Idaho is UTV user friendly. By simply purchasing an Idaho UTV sticker, you can ride just about everywhere. We rode to Burgdorf and swam in the beautiful hot springs. The next day several of our Idaho friends led us to Yellowpine (about a 100 mile loop) which was absolutely gorgeous. **We can't wait to do it again!**

Firewood for the shelters - We had a great wood cutting party at Chapman Bone Springs complete with our founder Bernie Chapman and his son-in-law Rod Morrow. Pretty cool to see Bernie helping fill his namesake warming shelter at 94 years old. The cutting was scheduled to start around 9am and it was heartwarming and inspiring when my grandson Tucker and I arrived at straight up 9am to see a small city of loggers, cutting, splitting and skidding logs. There were six

chainsaws throwing wood chips in the air. Cecil Berry had a boat load of logs skidded around the front of the shelter for the sawyers to begin working on. Kenny Koberling and Matt from Battle Ground, WA, were swinging their mauls splitting wood faster than



Bernie Chapman and many other TTF members spent a day filling the Chapman Bone Springs Shelter with wood.

what the packers and stackers could keep up with. We ended up with two gas powered log splitters to boot. We had a total of 27 folks help out! It was unbelievable to see the participation. Everyone was in their element... Give a guy a chainsaw and ax and **he doesn't need a lot of guidance; just space and let him go.** It was amazing! We even had four kids led by Dottie Carrell packing and stacking the firewood. No work party would be complete without a hotdog barbecue, which we had. Everyone should stay **warm... the Chapman Bone Springs Shelter is full along with plenty of wood to keep the Ruckel Shelter warm this winter.** We still need to stain the Bone Springs Shelter but **that won't be a fire restrictive operation.**

Thank you to everyone who participated and made the day such a success!

Looking forward... Saturday, November 2nd, will be our first club membership meeting for the season.



Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Jessica Ronhaar

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers are getting the warming huts ready for the season. We will be filling them with firewood on September 28th, doing a road repair work party at Baker on October 26th, and moving the hut to Blue Lake Road on October 27th.

The TNT Ladies Sledgers will be having a

Ladies-Only Meet and Greet on Saturday at the WSSA Snow Show in the conference room from 2:30pm-3:30pm. **Don't miss this great time and meet other lady sledgers.**

This year the Northwest Glacier Cruisers **have great raffle prizes you don't want to miss out on.** We will be raffling a North Cascade Sled Deck and two Garmin In-Reach two-way satellite messaging systems. Also, the Luke Rohde Tribute Raffle for an Arctic FX Wrap of your Choice. Tickets for both raffles can be purchased at the WSSA Snow Show or online on our website www.northwestglaciercruisers.com. The first day of ticket sales will be at the Snow Show.

Don't forget to check in on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/NorthwestGlacierCruisers for upcoming events.



Bavarian Boondockers

By Matt Kensrud, President

As the summer comes to a end, the Bavarian Boondockers have started the season up with changing some of our swag colors and adding a couple new things to our store!

The Warming Hut Committee will be working on the hut, finishing up the inside by adding some window trim and the ceiling lid.

The board is busy designing the new poster for Snowfest 8, along with finishing our 503c status. YA!!

We will be attending the 2019 WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Show in Puyallup. **We'll see ya there!**

Snowfest 8 falls on the 16th of November this year. The warming hut will go up the hill after hunting season; watch the Facebook page for more details.



Winter Knights

By Greg Figg, President

As I write this, the Winter Knights have their first meeting of the season coming up in September with lots of things to get accomplished. We need to cut wood for two warming huts, plan our

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Club News

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Snow Show, cut brush, and get ready for the season of riding. Speaking of our Snow Show, it will be November 9th at the Spokane County Fair and Expo Center.

The Winter Knights have joined a coalition of Idaho clubs and riders in taking the initiative to map out our riding trails and play areas that can be used by the Forest Service in their over-the-snow use plan. The hope is to keep the areas we ride in open for winter snowmobile use. This effort is early on so it will be some time before we get a read on the local over-the-snow plans. More to follow on this.

Lastly we are appreciative of WSSA for selecting us as Snowmobile Club of the Year!

Enjoy your fall!



Membership

Time to renew your WSSA membership!

By Wayne & Florence Mohler, Membership Co-Chairs

Memberships for 2019-20 have been coming in pretty steady. With the notices having been out only a few weeks we've already received over 250 renewals and new member sign-ups. The WSSA membership year is September 1st through August 31st of the following year. We really appreciate the early renewals as it saves the additional expense of sending reminders. You should have received your renewal notice by now, either by e-mail or through the Postal Service, but if not, please use the membership application in the Snoflyer, or go to our website www.wssa.us under the membership tab to join or renew your membership. Don't let the lack of a renewal notice stop you from renewing or joining.

Dues are \$25 for Individual/Families and for Clubs. Associate (Dealers and Businesses) member dues are \$50. For clubs that collect WSSA dues from their members, please forward the WSSA dues as soon as possible. Also, let us know who your club contact is.

With the Washington Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet in Puyallup coming up October 19th and 20th, you can also stop by the WSSA booth and join or renew your WSSA membership. We look forward to seeing you there!

Your membership is what sustains our organization and helps provide the resources to represent the interests of snowmobiles here in Washington and nationally. It is an all-volunteer grassroots organization and volunteers are constantly needed. There are many committees in WSSA, so if you're interests are in legislation or land issues, enjoy volunteering for events such as the Expo, like to do charity work, have skills as a webmaster, editing or publishing to mention a few, please let us know. There are also opportunities to volunteer to serve on state-wide advisory committees. Washington State Parks has opportunities to serve on the Snowmobile Advisory Committee (SMAC) and Winter Recreation Advisory Committee (WRAC), and the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) periodically has openings for snowmobilers on the Recreation Trails Program (RTP) advisory committee. Please consider getting involved in making a difference by assuring the future of snowmobiling.

If any questions about membership, please email us at membership@wssa.us or call us at (509) 674-4401.

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Safety with Jon



Cool things coming up this season

By Jon Ferrian — wssasafety101@gmail.com

Hello Washington Sled Heads!

Here we are, right before the annual Washington State Annual Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet in Puyallup! As your state safety committee leader, I wanted to share with you all the cool things coming up this season and at the Puyallup Show!

Puyallup Snow Show - 10/19/19 and 10/20/19

- WSSA Safety Trailer will be on site to share info on snowmobile and avalanche safety.
- Washington Hometown and Snowmobile WA will be there to present to you a new phone application that provides snowmobile trails along with many links to local sled friendly businesses including restaurants, fuel stations and much more.
- Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) will be available again this year to answer all your questions and talk with you about avalanche safety training and equipment.

Spokane Snow Show - 11/9/19

- WSSA Safety Trailer will be on site at the Spokane Snow Show to talk with you about avalanche and snowmobile safety.
- NWAC – Board member on site to talk with you about the Northwest Avalanche Center and education and training resources.

NWAC Sled BASH! (Thunderstruck Films annual Video Premier Party) - 11/10/19

- The BIGGEST pre-season SLED PARTY in the Pacific Northwest! This annual NWAC Sled BASH fundraiser will be held for the third year at the Beardslee Public House in Bothell, WA.
- Approximately \$8,000 in prizes to win including an avalanche airbag pack.

Bavarian Boondockers Snow show in Leavenworth -11/16/19

- WSSA Safety Chair and NWAC Board Member will be on hand to talk to you about avalanche and snowmobile safety during the show and will provide info on upcoming educational opportunities.

WSSA Winter Rendezvous 2020 – 2/14/20 thru 2/17/20

- WSSA Safety Chair and NWAC Board Member attending the event and rides and available to you to answer questions about safety and educational topics.
- Opportunity to ride with other safety minded riders with morning pre-ride safety meetings.

WSSA Ride at Mt St Helens – TBD

- I am planning, in partnership with Jim Bauer your District Representative for the Mt. St. Helens area, a WSSA ride that is open to all WSSA members who want to join. I will be setting up a Facebook Event for this ride and be sharing it out via the WSSA Facebook page.

I am looking forward to another crazy, busy, fun and safe 2019/2020 season! I will be drafting up a variety of safety articles through out the season to share great info in a fun and entertaining way.

I have now been doing my weekly Facebook Live show called 'Jon Ferrian Live' on Facebook for more than a year. You're welcome to follow the page and filter through all the informational interviews with people from all across North America as we discuss a variety of snowmobile industry, safety and educational topics with both pro riders and every day average sledders.



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ISMA Update



Go Snowmobiling!

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

The Go Snowmobiling campaign has been supported by the snowmobile community over the years. Snowmobile Clubs and Associations across North America have taken military personnel snowmobiling, coordinated Enlightenment Rides with land managers, and often just have fun organizing snowmobile rides with friends and family. The trails and riding areas in many parts of North America are amazing and offer great opportunities to take friends snowmobiling.

The Go Snowmobiling rides highlight the 'wow-factor' and the pure enjoyment that people have when they first ride a snowmobile. First-time snowmobilers can't quit talking about how much fun the ride was. When you take a friend snowmobiling, remember this may very well be their first time on a snowmobile. Chances are your normal ride would seem like a marathon to an uninitiated friend. Let your friend enjoy that first day of snowmobiling. Again, enjoy the ride, make it relatively short, make it simple, and remember that it is always a good idea to feed your guests.

The Go Snowmobiling campaign is also joined with the Safe Riders! Campaign. We have a 13 chapter Safe Riders video series that can be found on our website at www.snowmobile.org/snowmobile-videos.html.

The chapters are a great tool when introducing a friend to snowmobiling and will help make the ride more enjoyable for everyone.

You should also visit and 'Like' our Facebook page before participating in a Go Snowmobiling campaign. Our Facebook page is www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling. When looking at the page you will notice many snowmobilers are posting pictures and their experiences on the page. We have thousands of Friends who visit regularly and it is common for snowmobilers to send out informative posts that are forwarded to hundreds and thousands of snowmobile enthusiasts worldwide. There is a short general survey on our Facebook page, so when you visit the page, consider answering a few simple survey questions. We are constantly surveying snowmobile customers to see how we can better serve you and how we can help you enjoy your snowmobiling activity.

When you consider putting together a Go Snowmobiling ride, just remember that individuals who don't own a snowmobile have a high interest in going snowmobiling. People you know, who don't snowmobile, want to snowmobile. They also want to go snowmobiling for the same reasons you do:

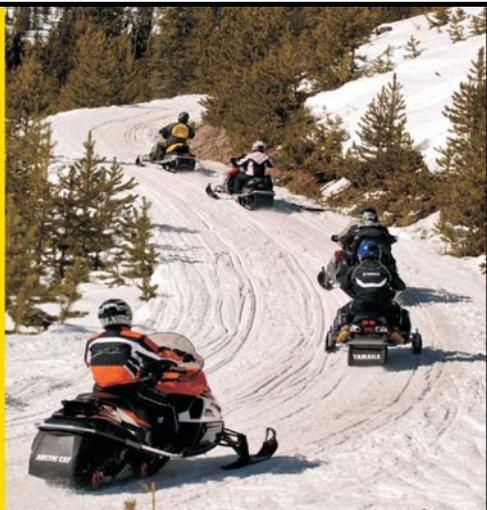
- To enjoy the scenery.
- To get outdoors to have fun with family and friends.
- To go to unique places they can't reach any other way to see amazing sights.
- To have fun in the winter outdoors and be able to go home tired and be ready for a good night's sleep.

So please, go out and have fun, take a friend snowmobiling, and enjoy this wonderful winter. The link to the 'Take a Friend Snowmobiling Campaign Action Manual' is www.snowmobile.org/docs/2020-take-a-friend-snowmobiling.pdf. Please review it and share it with others.



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ACSA E-News

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



Polaris Celebrates 65 Years

Polaris was on full display recently at the New York Stock Exchange. This was a celebration of their 65th anniversary as a proud American company and global leader in powersports. The Polaris executives were even all on hand to ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange.



Congratulations Polaris on 65 years! What else was Polaris up to?

Polaris also featured a tactical snowmobile at the 2019 Defense and Security Equipment International in London. This is the largest fully integrated defense and security show in the world.

American Snowmobiler

Unfortunately American Snowmobiler announced the November issue of their magazine will be their last issue.

In the announcement from the American Snowmobiler Team, Michael Wieloch and Scott Redmond stated, "Kalmbach Media has greatly enjoyed working in the snowmobile industry and we value all the great industry partnerships that we have built since we acquired American Snowmobiler 15 years ago."

Did You Know?

As Hurricane Dorian was moving north along the Atlantic Coast of Florida bringing heavy rains, dangerous winds, and significant flooding, the Forest Service had nearly 200 employees pre-positioned for assignments associated with the hurricane.

Get Snow Smart!

One of the biggest challenges snowmobiling has is trespassing. Trespassing has been and continues to be the biggest reason for loss of trails. The violators are most often not members of any clubs or state associations -- and have no idea what it takes to coordinate and secure the public and private lands for the trail system. Visit www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=30&v=2kf71ZfkaOc for a link to a video that you can use on your website or social media that addresses trespassing.

Riding at night requires extra precautions. It is important to ride at slower speeds and to use caution to not override snowmobiles' headlights. Headlights generally illuminate the path about 200-feet in front of snowmobiles-so if you're driving faster than 45 to 50 mph

you're likely starting to exceed the area illuminated by headlights before you can react and stop safely. Help encourage snowmobile operators to slow down at night and to be aware they can quickly override their snowmobiles' headlights. Visit www.youtube.com/embed/YJNOgcHqKrw?rel=0 for a link to the video that you can use on your website or social media.

If you're looking for a resource or tool and are unable to find it, please contact the ACSA office @ info@snowmobilers.org.

Yellowstone Bison ESA Petitions Denied

For the third time the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) recently denied petitions for the listing of the Yellowstone National Park bison as a threatened or endangered species.

Environmentalists requested the listing, in part because the Yellowstone population is confined to the park and is not allowed to occupy its traditional habitat in neighboring public lands. The fear is that the bison would spread the brucellosis disease to livestock.

This is not the first time FWS has denied such petitions.

Thermal Trespassing at Yellowstone

Two men are in hot water for getting too close to the Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone National Park. The tourists have since been arrested for

'thermal trespassing' at the famous hot spring and are now due in court in two months.

Two men were caught walking "dangerously close" to the



spout of the legendary geyser and taking photos on their cell phones, said the National Park Service (NPS) officials.

Can't make this stuff up!!

Did You Know?

The Department of Interior recently recognized all e-bikes as non-motorized vehicles. They are now allowed on all existing bike paths and bike trails in National Parks, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation public lands.

Department of Interior Fire Planning

The Department of the Interior (DOI) has been working tirelessly to implement preventative measures to limit the size and scope of wildfires, treat current wildfires, and protect wildfire-prone areas to safeguard people and their communities.

As stewards of 1/5th of the Country's public lands, they are using everything in their arsenal to prepare for wildfires, including the treatment of more than one million acres. The DOI has taken on many new initiatives for fuel reductions, prescribed burns and creation of fire breaks.

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Clubs Are ALWAYS Working!

Snowmobile clubs and their volunteer members work year-around!

Clubs hold meetings and fundraisers throughout the year -- just to get ready for the snowmobile season.

And their trail work is never done. Never.

Here is a picture of the Chute Pond Snowmobile Club in Wisconsin doing trail work under the direction of the National Forest Service. As you can see from this picture, there is just a little bit of work that still needs to be done!

Thank you Chute Pond -- and all of the clubs and volunteers for your endless passion and efforts!



Did You Know?

Recently we all heard the news of the Iranian drone that was taken down by a U.S. ship... but did you know the drone taken down by an Anti-Drone System was made by our very own Polaris MRZR?

Polaris CEO, Scott Wine said, "An inspiring example of one of the less visible technology programs made news recently, when it was revealed that Polaris Defense MRZR on the deck of a navy warship, updated with Marine Corps Air Defense Systems, brought down an Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz last week. We work hard to be good corporate stewards and demonstrate our purpose, but nothing beats playing a role in protecting American service men and women."

The U.S. Marine Corps equipped the Polaris MRZR with a counter-unmanned aerial system (C-UAS), named the Light Marine Air Defense Integrated System (L-MADIS). The L-MADIS is currently deployed on the USS Boxer, an amphibious assault ship and the anti-drone system was used in the takedown of an Iranian drone.

Avalanche Stats From Last Season

Mike Duffy, one of the avalanche experts in the U.S., has compiled a report on the motorized avalanche stats from this last snow season. Interesting take-aways include:

- The fatalities last year had an inordinate number of unprepared riders. Surprising because of the record number of riders attending advanced classes and buying gear.
- Total U.S. avalanche fatalities: 25
- U.S. snowbike fatalities: 0
- U.S. snowmobile avalanche fatalities: 8
- 63% of the snowmobilers killed did not have a transceiver.
- Midwest riders accounted for 25% of the snowmobile fatalities, while western riders were 75%.
- 100% of the accidents were triggered by riders in the group.
- Almost, if not all, of the riders lacked advanced avalanche training.

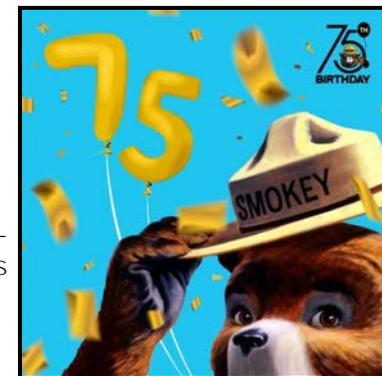
To see the report, visit www.snowmobilers.org/docs/TAR-Stats-2019.pdf.

There is definitely room for improvement! Having the proper

gear is important -- but knowing how to use the equipment and knowing it is working properly are just as important!

Smokey Bear

Created 75 years ago, the Smokey Bear Wildfire Prevention campaign is the longest-running public service advertising campaign in U.S. history, educating generation about their role in preventing wildfires. Smokey's message is as relevant and urgent today as it was in 1944. Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!



ACSA Executive Committee

Elections for the ACSA officers and board were held in June at the 51st Annual International Snowmobile Congress. The following gentlemen were elected to serve this year:

- Scott Herzog from Montana was elected President
- Dan Long from Illinois was elected Vice President
- Dean Meakin from the state of Washington was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer
- Jim Willey from Iowa was elected as a Delegate at Large
- Bert Miller from Wyoming was elected as Delegate at Large and as the Chairman of the Mountain Riding Region
- Bob King from Iowa was elected as the Chairman of the Trails Riding Area
- Greg Hiles will serve as the Immediate Past President



Pictured Left to Right are: Dean Meakin, Bert Miller, Dan Long, Christine Jourdain, Scott Herzog, Greg Hiles and Jim Willey

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



Feature

The Antique Snowmobile Club of America is dedicated to preserving the rich history and evolution of snowmobiling

By Mark Halsall

(Article reprinted with permission from SnowOps Magazine)

The Antique Snowmobile Club of America (ASCOA) was founded more than 40 years ago to preserve and promote the colorful heritage of the early years of snowmobiling.

Dave Guenther is the club's president, and like many ASCOA members, he enjoys spending countless hours restoring antique and vintage sleds. The retired high school teacher and avid snowmobiler who lives in Pequot Lakes, MN, says tinkering with old machines is just something he's always loved doing.

"I'm a farm kid. I like machinery, and I enjoy the challenge of taking that old piece of equipment that's been laying out in the woods, neglected for years and years and years, and just bringing it back to life again. For me, that's my biggest kick, preserving the history of those old machines," said Guenther, who belongs to a number of different snowmobiling clubs and was inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in 2018.

"There's a lot of people who will fix them up and sell them. When I've fixed up a machine, some people will ask, 'would you ever sell it?' and I'll tell them, 'When I'm done having fun with it, I'll keep you in mind.'"

When Guenther does get around to selling his carefully restored snowmobiles, it's usually not for a great deal of cash.

"It drives my wife, Barb, nuts. She'll say, 'You sold that thing for \$200, but isn't it worth a lot more than that?' And I'll say, 'well, \$200 bucks is what I put into it,'" he said.

"I didn't get into this to make money. If it's going to a good home, I'm going to send it somewhere down the road to somebody else for them to enjoy it as much as I did. Some people think I'm out of my mind."

Guenther, who's currently restoring an old Ski-Doo Alpine utility sled, says while there are lots of snowmobile refurbishers in ASCOA like himself, there are others who don't do restoration work themselves, but still love collecting antique or vintage sleds.

"I know some people that have somebody restore them [the snowmobiles] for them. For instance, a good friend of mine who's a banker has a full-time mechanic that just works on restoring his sleds for his museum," he said.

"Some people have one or two machines, some people have 300," Guenther said. "There's a lot of different types of people doing a lot of different things."

Some ASCOA members are also really into restoring vintage snow grooming vehicles and equipment, such as early model Bombardier and Tucker snowcats. Guenther is among them.

"I have an old drag that I found here in the woods near town. It was the first groomer drag for the Pequot Brush Pilots Snowmobile Club, which is another organization I belong to, and I'm in the process of restoring that," he said.

Benefits of ASCOA membership

Guenther says ASCOA performs an important service by helping members with valuable tips for restoring antique and vintage snowmobiles. Members can also take advantage of classified ads set up for people looking to buy and sell restored vehicles, and they can get help from other ASCOA members in determining how much their machine may be worth.

According to Guenther, ASCOA will also assist local organizations in putting on their own antique and vintage snowmobile shows.

"Networking is a big plus," he said. "It's about getting connected with other people in the club who enjoy the hobby and can help you with your restoration [and also] finding out where events are at."

Guenther notes that ASCOA was originally known as Green Lake Antique Snowmobile Society when it was first formed by a group of snowmobile enthusiasts in Green Lake, WI, in 1976. The name was changed to the Antique Snowmobile Club of America shortly afterwards.

Guenther said that at the beginning, "if you had a 1966 or older snowmobile, you could join the club."

He adds that rule was eventually changed so that membership wasn't restricted to owners of antique (1966 or older) snowmobiles. Owners of vintage snowmobiles (newer than 1966) could join as well.

Guenther, who's belonged to the club since 1990, says the move helped provide a substantial boost to ASCOA membership. He notes that there are other antique and vintage snowmobile organizations around, but they're smaller than the ASCOA and aren't as broad in geographic scope.

"We are an international organization. We have members in the United States, Canada, Europe and Russia. We have a lot of members," he said, adding that the majority of its members reside in the United States Snowbelt stretching from Maine to Washington state.

Guenther, who started a second term as ASCOA president in 2015, (his first term was from 1996 to 2006), says *(Continued on page 23)*



Grooming then and now! Photo courtesy of the Antique Snowmobile Club of America.

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there are numerous regional representatives within the organization, including an ASCOA eastern director and an ASCOA western director. There are also directors from Upper Michigan, Lower Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Guenther notes that ASCOA has issued 2,700 memberships since its inception and there are currently between 900 and 1,000 active members, who pay \$25 a year to belong to the club. New members receive an ASCOA pin and patch to wear as well as a subscription to the club's Iron Dog Tracks newsletter that publishes six times a year.

Winter and summer meetings

According to Guenther, a major perk of ASCOA membership is the opportunity to attend the club's popular winter and summer meetings that are staged at different locations every year.

"They're usually held somewhere in the Midwest because that's where most of our members are. We will be in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Upper Michigan, Lower Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana", Guenther said.

In 2018, ASCOA held its winter meeting in Minnesota in conjunction with the Waconia Ride-In, which is the largest vintage snowmobile show in the world. The 2019 winter meeting took place in January in conjunction with the Antique Snowmobile Rendezvous in Pequot Lakes. Rapid River, MI, is slated to host ASCOA's 2020 winter meeting.

Guenther says a special aspect of the ASCOA summer meetings involves taking apart an old snowmobile and having members take the parts home with them to recondition. The snowmobile is then reassembled at the next summer meeting with the refurbished parts, and the finished product is raffled off to help raise funds for the club.

According to Guenther, raffle tickets for a 1964 Mathews Trail-maker utility snowmobile are currently being sold, with the winner to be announced at ASCOA's 2020 summer meeting.



A 1964 Boatel Trail Maker restored by ASCOA members will be raffled off by the club next summer. Photo provided by ASCOA.

Those interested in learning more about Antique Snowmobile Club of America can visit club's website at ascoa.org or ASCOA's Facebook page.

Notes

To WSSA Snowmobile Clubs:

This coming February at WSSA's Rendezvous at Campbell's Resort in Chelan, we will continue with the tradition of the past eighteen years of a silent and live auction benefitting the Legal Action Fund. These auctions have been a huge success; last year we raised \$5005. We would like to see more clubs 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 15th. The dates for Rendezvous 2020 are over President's Day weekend: Friday, February 14th through Monday, February 17th. There will be scheduled guided rides Friday through Sunday and short business meetings on Friday and Saturday nights.

The items the clubs donated 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 Chelan. 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,

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News

WSSA Legislative Report on the 2019 Legislative Session

Info provided by WSSA's Legislative Team

Transfer from the Snowmobile Account - DEFEATED **HB 1109 - Making 2019-2021 bi-ennium operating appropriations (Representative Timm Ormsby-D by request of the Office of Financial Management)**

WSSA opposed the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the dedicated Snowmobile Account. The legislation, if passed, would have made our funds available to Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to hire construction and maintenance staff to address the backlog of maintenance and make improvements at state parks. Transfer would have decimated our account and had severe consequences on this upcoming 2019-2020 grooming season.

Testimony in opposition of the transfer was made by Wayne Mohler and Ron Lind who waited more than five hours to testify.

Snow Bike Bill - PASSED **HB 1436 - Snow Bikes**

(Representative Gina Mosbrucker-R by request of the Washington State Snowmobile Association)

Directs the Department of Licensing to permit the owner of a motorcycle to license the vehicle concurrently for use as a motorcycle and as a snow bike. \$30,000 in funding is provided to implement HB 1436.

Ron and Dee Alred and Rudy Classen originally met with Representative Mosbrucker to encourage her to run the bill. Testimony in support of the bill on behalf of WSSA was made by Glenn Markovits and Terry Kohl.

Transportation Budget Bill - DEAD

SSB 5971 - Transportation funding, \$0.05 gas tax phased in over five years at \$0.01/year. (Senator Steve Hobbs-D)

WSSA and a coalition of recreational groups requested an amendment to refund fuel taxes expended

on off-highway recreational roads and trails to their recreational account funds. This bill did not pass out of committee. (Note that while nobody is thrilled with increasing the gas tax yet again, WSSA wanted to make sure snowmobilers got their share if the bill passed.)

Reducing permits required at a sno-park - PASSED

HB 1953 - Reduces the amount of permits required for recreation at a sno-park. (Representative Chris Corry-R)

From November 1st through March 31st, a Discover Pass is not required for vehicles displaying a valid 'sno-park permit' instead of a valid sno-park seasonal permit'. The definition of 'sno-park seasonal permit' is amended to remove 'seasonal'. Establishes that a Discover Pass is not required for a vehicle displaying a daily sno-park permit. (Note: This does not change the requirement for having a Discover Pass at a DNR Winter Recreation Trailhead such as in the Ahtanum State Forest.)

Testimony in support provided by Representative Corry; Owen Rowe, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission; and Pamela McConkey, Winter Recreation Program Manager, who worked diligently to get this correction made for past several years.

Initiative 976 - PENDING **\$30 Tabs Initiative that includes snowmobiles**

If passed, this initiative will also roll snowmobile registrations from \$50 back to \$30. Our lobbyists are recommending we set up a meeting now with transportation chairs Representative Jake Fey (D) and Senator Steve Hobbs (D) to request an amendment to strike snowmobiles from I-976, if necessary, at a special session hearing right after the elections/vote.

Notes

Membership Tidbit

In reviewing the records, we have five Associate members who have been members for more than 30 years, with one having held a membership continuously for 44 years. That's Bob Feil Boats and Motors in East Wenatchee. The other 30+ years members are: Pierre's Polaris, Lynnwood Motoplex, Owen's Cycle, and Clem's Enumclaw Motorsports. To these members, we thank you for your long-term support!

Wayne & Florence Mohler, Membership Co-Chairs



Snowmobile WA app - Upgrades coming for the new season... with your help!

Washington Hometown is working to update the Snowmobile WA app and web map ahead of the 2019-2020 season. The biggest change is that we are hoping to lift the paywall for the app so off-line downloads will be free, and we'll be able to do this if we can get some additional businesses and/or sponsors (in addition to WSSA and PORTA who are sponsoring us again this year.) We are also looking for feedback to help us make the map better. Some of our questions:

- Are there any corrections we should make to the maps?
- Is there anything else you would like to see?
- Do you know of any links to groomer reports? Ideally, we would like to link every trail and Sno-Park to a site where people can get current grooming information. The State Parks website is not configured to allow us to link to their grooming reports, so we are looking for alternate sites for the information.
- Would you like to be able to filter the trails or Sno-Parks? - If so, what information would you want to be able to select?

You can e-mail us your thoughts at contact@washingtonhometown.com, or take our survey at <https://www.washingtonhometown.com/snowmobile-wa-input>.

As a thank you, we will be sending anyone who answers the survey and signs-up for our mailing list, a printable (GeoPDF) map of their favorite area. The maps will be e-mailed in early December once the groomed trail network has been finalized for the season.

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State Parks Update

By Pamela McConkey, Winter Recreation Program Manager



A busy summer for staff and SMAC!

Your Winter Recreation Program staff have been very busy this 'off' season! We had trail grooming, snow removal and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) partnership contracts expire this past spring that needed to be renewed or put out to bid. Staff has been writing and sending out Request for Proposals for these contracts and holding bid openings and bid reviews and awarding contracts. We are nearing the finish line with our USFS partners and our private contractors and will have everything signed and ready to go by December 1st.

The Snowmobile Advisory Committee (SMAC) met in July in Wenatchee and worked through and recommended a budget for the 2019/2020 winter season. Although snowmobile registrations were slightly higher than the previous year, some of our Recreational Trails Project (RTP) Grants were expended which left the program a bit short. Due to this shortage, the SMAC had to sharpen their pencils and make some difficult decisions. All SMAC voted to put all Priority 5 and 6 projects on hold and not fund them for the coming season. They also voted to keep the second and third year requests in a holding pattern for consideration again next summer for the 2020/2021 season. If this is confusing and you would like more details, please ask one of your Winter Recreation Program staff or your SMAC representative. If you want to make sure we don't face reduced grooming, snow removal and sanitation services in the future, please make sure you register your sleds this year. Remember, your registered sled this season is funding for next season (2020/2021).

Summer also means a busy time for groomers, contractors, and clubs:

Groomers, contractors and snowmobile clubs spent significant time gathering last winter's trail miles, noting trail washouts, planning trail brushing parties and preparing funding applications for the 2019/2020 winter season. Many hours are spent maintaining equipment, ordering parts, and fine-tuning tracks, tillers and running gear. Staff worked on closing billings for the 2018/2019 winter season and preparing the budget for the coming season.

Have you ever wondered what ISC is?

International Snowmobile Congress (ISC). Many people don't know anything about ISC or even that there is an ISC; so what is ISC? The International Snowmobile Congress is an event dedicated to the development of strategies on our common role with respect to the environment, conservation, access, education and accountability. Representatives from the national snowmobile organizations and representatives from the state and provincial snowmobile organizations form the International Snowmobile Council, which meets annually at the International Snowmobile Congress. The International Snowmobile Council is dedicated to promoting safe and responsible snowmobiling. It provides a communication forum and a means of addressing issues that are common from an international perspective. As part of the ISC is the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA). What is IASA? The IASA is a self-organized, nonprofit organization comprised of snowmobile program administrators representing 27 U.S. states, 10 Canadian provinces, three Canadian territories, and one European country, Sweden, to facilitate communications among administrators. The organization

evolved out of a meeting held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in May 1974. IASA promotes sound management of recreational snowmobiling throughout North America, including snowmobile safety; uniformity and enforcement of laws, rules, and regulations; international, federal, state, provincial, and territorial cooperation and coordination; harmonious relationships with the environment and wildlife; the collection, development, and dissemination of information; in collaboration with other trail user groups. The organization meets annually, normally in conjunction with the ISC.

IASA is the leading source providing statistics, guidelines, and resources to its membership and the snowmobile users aligned with IASA. Past, current, and ongoing resources include IASA's International Snowmobile Directory; Guide to Snowmobiling in the USA and Canada by State and Province; Guidelines for Groomer Operator Training; Guidelines for Snowmobile Trail Signing and Placement; Renting Snowmobiles Successfully: A Guide to Best Business Practices; safety videos used with the Snowmobile Safety and Youth Manual; and Snowmobile Safety Education Minimum Guidelines.

2018/2019 winter forecast.

Which forecast do you depend on? If you follow and plan for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) you will find this information interesting, although depressing. NOAA is calling for warmer and equal chances in the precipitation department for the Pacific Northwest. If you follow the Farmer's Almanac, then you may believe differently.

Twenty signs of a hard winter from the Farmer's Almanac:

Here are the signs of a hard winter to come according to folklore:

1. Thicker-than-normal corn husks.
2. Woodpeckers sharing a tree.
3. The early arrival of the snowy owl.
4. The early departure of geese and ducks.
5. The early migration of the monarch butterfly.
6. **Thick hair on the nape of a cow's neck.**
7. Heavy and numerous fogs during August.
8. Raccoons with thick tails and bright bands.
9. Mice chewing furiously to get into your home.
10. The early arrival of crickets on the hearth.
11. Spiders spinning larger-than-usual webs and entering the house in great numbers.
12. Pigs gathering sticks.
13. Ants marching in a line rather than meandering.
14. Early seclusion of bees within the hive.
15. Unusual abundance of acorns.
16. Muskrats burrowing holes high on the river bank.
17. **'See how high the hornet's nest, 'twill tell how high the snow will rest.'**
18. The size of the orange band on the woollybear (or woollyworm) caterpillar. According to folklore, if the **caterpillar's orange band is narrow, the winter will be snowy**; conversely, a wide orange band means a mild winter. All black caterpillars are not woollybears. And fuzzier-than-normal woollybear caterpillars are said to mean that winter will be very cold. *(Continued on page 26)*

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19. Squirrels gathering nuts early to fortify against a hard winter.
20. Frequent halos or rings around the sun or moon forecasts numerous snowfalls.

Snowmobile registrations:

These are grim numbers for the beginning of the season....

Snowmobile Registrations							
	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY 19-20 Difference
July	166	149	145	134	148	166	18
August	1,142	531	676	782	2,307	222	(2,085)
September	3,546	2,968	3,145	2,946	1,682		
October	2,544	1,662	2,139	2,489	1,882		
November	2,870	3,129	3,362	4,360	2,960		
December	6,656	11,575	13,170	6,973	8,320		
January	2,741	3,528	3,196	3,358	3,433		
February	381	1,164	1,513	1,166	1,602		
March	68	298	686	674	958		
April	42	82	181	175	258		
May	22	32	93	93	90		
June	23	30	84	71	83		
Total:	20,201	25,148	28,390	23,221	23,723		(2,067)

Snowmobile Program mascot:

The Winter Recreation Program mascot, Blake, will be at the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sport Expo. Make sure you bring the children to the State Parks booth to meet Blake and say hello to your Winter Recreation Program staff. Blake will be handing out coloring and activity books, color pencils and stickers to help teach young riders about snowmobile and winter safety. If you have any ideas for new materials for youth that will encourage them to be safe while having fun out on the snow, send us your ideas.



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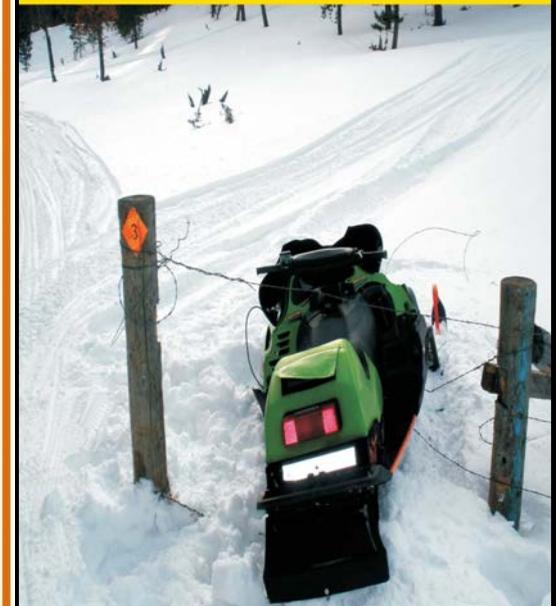


Join us at Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan February 14th-17th, 2020, for the WSSA Winter Rendezvous. Spend President's Day Weekend riding the mountains around the lake. Awesome views! Awesome terrain! Awesome people! Technical off-trail boondocking or easy trail rides; we'll have experienced guides leading numerous groups. Dinner provided on Friday and Saturday night along with a bit of fun. Details and registration form in a future Snoflyer.



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Matt's Misc.

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary



Tracked ATVs/UTVs. WSSA is moving forward to help legalize tracked ATVs and UTVs on our trail system. This decision has been a long time in coming and over the past several years, a lot has changed that has helped sway the WSSA Board to take this position. Going back to when this discussion first started, the number one concern was trail damage; it was believed tracked ATVs/UTVs would quickly destroy the trail surface. With this question being raised by many states and provinces, the American Council of Snowmobile Associations had Trails Work Consulting do a study to see the effect these machines actually had. You can read the assessment at www.snowmobileinfo.org/snowmobile-access-docs/Assessment-of-Tracked-OHV-Use-on-Groomed-Snowmobile-Trails.pdf, but the bottom line is there was no significant impact. Basically it was determined rider input was the biggest detriment to snowmobile trails, whether on a snowmobile or in a tracked UTV.

Another change over the years was one of interest. Initially, there was little enthusiasm in pursuing a change among WSSA members. That has changed now that WSSA members are included among the owners of tracked ATVs/UTVs. In fact, if you have been following the club reports from the Tollgate Trail Finders, you will see their club has fully embraced tracked ATVs/UTVs and plan club activities around them. Surveys have been conducted by ACSA and the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA) and it turns out several states and provinces have already legalized tracked ATVs/UTVs in their areas and our neighbors in Idaho and Oregon are two of them. Who knew?!

Last spring WSSA created a 'Tracked ATV/UTV Committee' and I was drafted to lead it. The big question at the time was how do local land managers feel about the issue. Over the course of the summer I put together a conference call with various U.S. Forest Service representatives, the Department of Natural Resources, and our own State Parks Winter Recreation folks. Interestingly everyone on the call was very supportive of tracked ATVs/UTVs and in fact, the dirty little secret is the Forest Service already includes tracked ATVs/UTVs in their definition of 'over snow vehicles' and for the most part aren't enforcing Washington's RCW of a snowmobile which says 'driven by a track and steered by skis'.

So where are we now? The goal is to introduce legislation in the next legislative session to legalize tracked ATVs/UTVs. (And have them registered with the money going to our Snowmobile Account.)

If you support this effort, great! If you don't, tell me why. (And please don't try and tell me it is a 'safety issue'. If you believe there is a safety issue, then you probably need to slow down. Tracked ATVs/UTVs can't move down the trails at speeds anywhere close to a snowmobile. If you have a surprise encounter with one... it's likely all you...)

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Matt's Misc.

(Continued from page 27) Personally, I support the effort on a few different levels. I see allowing these machines as a way to bring new people out on the snow in a motorized fashion. Older folks who have given up snowmobiling due to aches and abilities might find a new interest if they can enjoy a comfy cockpit. Families with young kids they can toss in a seat... maybe even a car seat! The UTV market is one of the fastest growing segments of motor toys, at a time when snowmobile sales are stagnant; we may need this for our own survival.

Minnesota court dismisses local county from civil lawsuit. But this is just the tip of the iceberg... A Minnesota man crashed into a culvert running under a road; the culvert is used as a tunnel for golf carts and was placed in the '80s; and decided to sue the county and the golf course. (Never mind personal responsibility, but I digress...) A Court of Appeals ruled to dismiss the county, determining they were protected by state immunity laws. But not so for the local country club. An interesting note though: Fourteen years ago the Minnesota Supreme Court allowed another snowmobiler who crashed into the same tunnel to sue both the county and the golf course and that case resulted in a financial settlement. After that case, the golf course asked to put warning markers at the tunnel but the county declined the request, stating the markers were too costly and would be more hazardous than helpful. So let me get this straight... The golf course tried to improve the situation from the last incident but was denied by the county, and now the county gets immunity from a new lawsuit for the same type of accident but the golf course doesn't... Hmm...

Minnesota Eagle Scout helps local snowmobile club. Recent high school grad Macen Haggberg needed a project to earn Eagle Scout status. He knew his local club, the Mille Lacs Drift Skippers wanted a new warming shack out on the trails, so that was his goal. He drew up plans for a 12'x14' hut on skids with a tin roof and had it approved by the Eagle Board. Materials were funded by the club and Haggberg built it! Hmm, with several clubs in Washington building mobile shelters, maybe it is time to start looking for help from the local Scouting community...

Did you hear about the idiots riding their snowmobiles through a snow-less non-motorized area this past July near Independence Pass in Colorado? One of the idiots was David Lesh, founder of Virtika

Outerwear. Apparently David is one of those rich guys that thinks the rules don't apply to him. And it is bad enough he did this, but he posted it to his social media. To make matters worse, he was spotted by the Executive Director of the Independence Pass Foundation, a local environmental group. After the uproar he caused, it was reported he posted "I'd like to thank everyone that made this possible," and included emojis of prayer hands and a laughing face. Way to give us a black eye David!

But wait, there is more! In August, Lesh belly-landed his personal plane in Half Moon bay off the coast of California. He and his passenger were only inconvenienced by an unplanned swim. He blames contaminated fuel as the cause, but there is speculation it was part of a stunt. Either way, it's a sad end for his \$200,000 Beechcraft Bonanza. You can find out just about everything you need to know about this guy by watching his company's intro video at www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=129&v=v7nyJA44jSQ. Color me not impressed.

Ski-Doo electric-powered snowmobile? Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP) is one step closer to an electric snowmobile. Maybe. The company has been preparing for electrification and recently revealed a lineup of electric concept vehicles at



Three-wheeled Can-Am electric proto-type.

a recent dealer event. Prototypes that have been road-tested include trikes and bikes for urban mobility. Denys Lapointe, BRP's Senior Vice President of Design, said "Obviously we're in an era of change. There's definitely this new generation coming along, Gen Y, Gen Z, obviously they're more concerned on the global footprint". This isn't BRP's first attempt to sell electric vehicles; in '96 they offered a neighborhood electric vehicle that looked a cross between a Smart car and a golf cart. Lapointe noted the real challenge: Trying to accomplish what internal combustion engines can do at the same cost. BRP has launched an electric kart for racing and is hosting a design competition between stu-

dents at six post-secondary schools in North America and Europe to create scooter-type concepts that work in winter conditions; the winner gets a paid internship to build the concept vehicle at BRP's studio. If BRP does build a snowmobile, they won't be the first on the snow; you'll recall previous discussions of Taiga, who has already tested electric snowmobiles and is planning on introducing consumer versions this winter.

Have you completed the Upper Yakima Basin Recreation Survey? If not, please do! The survey has been open since January 2019 and over 500 participants have mapped over 1,000 locations! Make sure they know where you recreate and how! This information will help shape recreation opportunities in western Kittitas and Yakima Counties. It could affect where you can and can't snowmobile... Complete the survey here: www.gis.cwu.edu/geog/ecrp/

Dangerous volcanoes! I read a recent article stating most volcanoes in the Pacific Northwest are severely under-monitored. Scientists say it's entirely possible that another eruption, like Mt. Saint Helen's blast in 1980, could happen in our lifetime. There are five major volcanoes in the Washington Cascade range including Mt. Baker, Glacier Peak, Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams and Mount St. Helens. Mt. Hood in Oregon is also a threat. While Mount St. Helens has adequate monitoring, the others do not. It was suggested Mt. Rainier needs 12-20 monitors! I'm thinking an eruption of any of these mountains might make for a bad day of snowmobiling.

Head-Line Mountain Holidays. While perusing my e-mails I came across a pic of a snowcat with a pickup camper mounted on it. At first I thought it was Photoshopped, but after reading the article with it, I discovered it is real. Upon further investigation I found Head-Line Mountain Holidays, the



company that owns the camper. If you are looking for the ultimate snowmobile or snowbike adventure, this may be it! Based out of Whistler, BC, the company will fly you out on helicopters to a remote ice cap and you can then snowmobile (Continued on page 29)

(Continued from page 28) around exploring the terrain and ice caves. This is the type of tour for the famous and wealthy and rates start at about \$1,700 a day. No, at this price-point you don't get to use the snowcat mounted camper. These trips appear to be in the \$40,000 and up range. But pretty cool nonetheless. Check them out at www.headlinemountainholidays.com.

Battery swap! The Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) is planning to offer a 'battery swap' at their booth at the WSSA Expo this year. Bring in your avalanche transceivers and they will swap out your batteries, do a function check and perform firmware updates. Nice!

Taiga Orca. Speaking of Taiga, the company plans to start shipping a new electric personal watercraft in 2020. The Orca was a natural for Taiga; the size, power and battery range of the electric drive system they



Taiga Orca - an electric-powered personal watercraft.

developed for snowmobiles was a good match for a personal watercraft. The lithium-ion battery is sealed and vibration-isolated to perform under high shock loads and even under temporary submersion. It uses the automotive standard system voltage of 400 volts... did you know that is a thing?... and the range is about two hours of fun. It can be charged from a regular outlet, standard automotive chargers or by DC fast charging to 80% in 20 minutes. The machine has a carbon fiber hull and weighs in around 600 lbs. With 180 hp equivalent, it is good for a top speed of 65 mph. (Somehow I'm guessing if you run constantly at full-throttle, you won't come close to two hours of run time...) Taiga is offering a five-year no-maintenance powertrain warranty with remote diagnostics. The Orca's price may make you gasp; the first 500 units will be \$24,000 and up. Moderately priced (\$14,000ish) are in the pipeline.

Kids Need a Snowmobile Too Facebook page. A new Facebook page for fami-

lies interested in age and size appropriate sleds was recently started. The focus is actually on mountain-capable small sleds. Discussions that have popped up include building custom kid's sleds, buying and selling of small kids-type sleds, and thoughts about what the manufacturers could do to help outfit kids for Western riding.

What's up with Arctic Cat?! Did you read the article in Snow Tech? How about the press conference Textron/Arctic Cat held during Hay Days? Arctic Cat makes some great sleds and is a real innovator; check out last season's Alpha with the single beam rear suspension. But wow, they sure seem to have a marketing problem. Textron, Cat's current owner, claim the company is actually doing well and is again profitable. To get there, they scaled back the number of dealers and scaled back on race sponsorship. I get the sponsorship cut-backs, but Cat has lost a lot of dealers in recent years and cutting more doesn't seem smart to me. If I want a Ski-Doo or Polaris, I have three dealers within 100 miles here in Central Washington. Cat; just one. And what if I wanted a 2020 sled this fall? Good luck as all 2020 Cats were spring-order-only; maybe a dealer 'snow checked' a few for themselves... One of the interesting tidbits from the Snow Tech article was the fact Textron is making ATVs and UTVs for Tracker/Bass Pro/Cabella's and are being sold under their house brand Tracker Off Road. In fact, word is Arctic Cat dealers can't get any ATV/UTV inventory because it is all being branded Tracker Off Road. Another article in the same Snow Tech mentions Yamaha may have made a bid to buy the snowmobile division of Arctic Cat. That may not make some diehard Cat fans happy, but it might be the best thing for both companies. I've got my bag of popcorn and I'm just sitting back watching...

Evaluate sno-parks and trails this winter! Make it a goal to evaluate the areas you ride this season. I'm going to try! State Parks has an online evaluation form to rate the condition of sno-parks and the local trail system. We are all more inclined to comment when we find a problem, but it is just as important to comment when we find spectacular conditions. Check out the form before the season starts so you'll have an idea of what items to evaluate. You can find the form at www.parks.state.wa.us/FormCenter/Winter-Recreation-9/SnoPark-Onsite-Evaluation-Form-68.

ISMC on Facebook. ISMC stands for the International Snowmobile Media Council. If

you follow them on Facebook you'll find links to articles on snowmobiling pulled from media sources across the country. It's interesting to see some of the stories posted.

All Trails to Olympia. Every year (in January) WSSA sets up a day to storm the Capital and talk to legislators about snowmobiling. Our primary goal is to educate them on the Snowmobile Program and explain the importance of preserving our Snowmobile Account. If we are trying to move legislation, we also talk about that. We have been pretty successful, and even in this past legislative session where they nearly swept \$2 Million dollars, I think our annual visits had an impact. Attendance at this event is down from what it was a few years ago. Snowmobilers are complacent. What is most disheartening is the majority of the people attending are from Central Washington, with a good showing from Eastern Washington too, but very few from Western Washington. Come on Wetsiders, step it up! We need more participation from those living near the I-5 corridor. (And if you have never been to All Trails, don't fear the unknown. Newbies will have a veteran show them around and attend meetings with them if they want. It's really a lot of fun.)

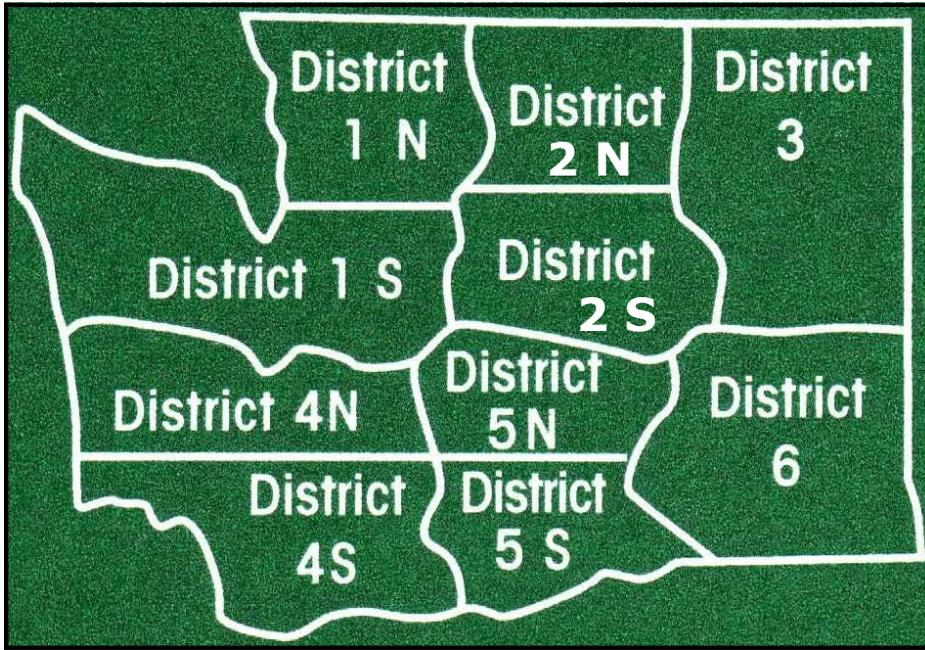
Aurora Electric Snowmobiles. Hmm, has Aurora beaten Taiga to the punch? As this issue was about to go to press I discovered a story about Aurora, a company based in Finland that is offering electric snowmobiles with an estimated 40 mile range. You can go to Finland and take a tour riding one, or buy one (of eight) being released this season. Two models are available; an 80 hp touring model and a 134 hp utility edition. They are based on BRP Finland chassis and the expected recharge time with a fast charger is an hour. Check them out at www.auroraemotion.com.

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