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and a Happy New Year!***

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WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2020/2021

WSSA Meeting

January 11th, 2021

Online

E-mail dean.meakin@wssa.us for details.

All Trails to Olympia Day

Capitol in Olympia

January 26th, 2021 (depending on COVID-19 restrictions)

Visit with your State Legislators and educate them on snowmobiling.

Appointments will be pre-arranged and if you would like a seasoned Olympia Day veteran to join you, that is not a problem! Details to follow; watch upcoming Snoflyers and the WSSA website.

WSSA Meeting

February 9th, 2021

Online

WSSA Election results will be announced. E-mail dean.meakin@wssa.us for details.

WSSA Winter Rendezvous

February 12th-15th, 2021

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19.

WSSA Budget Meeting

March 15th, 2021

Online

Season wrap up and setting the budget for the 2021/2022 season.

E-mail dean.meakin@wssa.us for details.

DC Fly-In

April - Date TBD

A trip to Washington D.C. to educate our Federal Legislators. Contact the WSSA President for details.

International Snowmobile Congress

Omaha, Nebraska

June 9th-12th, 2021

Visit with snowmobilers from across the U.S. and Canada. Find out what goes on at the state, national and international level of organized snowmobiling. Details at <http://www.snowmobilers.org/isc>

WSSA Summer Meeting & Campout

Blu-Shastin RV Park, Peshastin (Blewett Pass)

August 20th-22nd, 2021

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

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My two new favorite sayings are “we are a GO until we are not” and “what’s it going to look like?” Here we are another month later and this Country, for the most part, is going backwards with COVID-19. Washington state is not excluded in this. When I read about a wedding of 300 in Grant County and 30 already tested positive for COVID, I wonder if we are really doing our part? “What’s it going to look like” after Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years? I have more questions than answers. Snowmobilers, we need to practice the social distancing even if we do not agree with the rules and practices. Hopefully a vaccine will be ready for us soon!

The WSSA Board convened electronically on the evening of November 9th, 2020. Thank you again to Christine Jourdain of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) for managing the meeting. We talked about the retirement of Don Hoch from Washington State Parks and if we could make recommendations for his replacement. More to follow on that.

‘All trails to Olympia’ is still up in the air because they are conducting business via electronic means. As we get closer, maybe something will change.

The WSSA 2021 Scholarship will be available and the amount was set at \$1,000.00 by a vote of the WSSA Board. As WSSA moves forward through 2020 and 2021 you will see other adjustments to our budget as a result of not having income from the cancelled 2020 Expo. Please have patience with the WSSA Board as they make these difficult decisions. There is light at the end of this tunnel!

The WSSA Board is still talking about hosting the 2023 International Snowmobile Congress (ISC). Many of the Board members are searching for a location and somebody to take the reins and help make this happen. If you are interested in taking the lead and you have experience in large events like this, please contact me soon. I think WSSA needs to have a GO or NO GO by no later than December 15th, 2020. No pressure.

Elections for WSSA Board members are coming up real soon. If you are interested in getting involved at this level of commitment, please contact our nominations chair, Jim Kingman, or your local District Rep. I will be running for President and would appreciate your **vote. My platform continues to be ‘building bridges and not walls’.** You can talk to me anytime at (509) 220-1001 and I will answer any questions you have to the best of my ability.

The Allsport Powersports dealership here in Spokane held a Snow Show recently and invited the Spokane Winter Knights, WSSA and ACSA to run a booth at their event at no charge. Thank You Allsport for hosting this event and inviting us to go. The event and turnout was great! I think we picked **up at least three new members and let’s see what happens with the many membership forms passed out.**

Organized rides put on by clubs or WSSA were discussed and the concerns about liability. This is still a work in progress, however, many of the clubs across the Country have cancelled their organized rides and are pursuing other options. More to follow on this subject.

The January meeting will still be electronic at 6pm on the 11th. The February meeting will be electronic and will be held on 8th at 6pm. Our annual budget meeting was voted to also be online on March 15th at 6pm.

ISC 2021 is still a “go until it is not” in Omaha, Nebraska, in June. Please consider attending this as it is very informational and educational.

In closing, our dealers and businesses need our full support to get through this pandemic and survive the financial impact they have been going through!

Let’s build a bridge this month and not a wall!



WSSA President Dean Meakin representing the Spokane Winter Knights, WSSA and ACSA at the recent Allsport Powersports show.

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Looking outside it’s starting to look like we will have a great snow year! The hills are white with snow and several people have already been out riding. The pictures posted on **Facebook make me want to load up the sleds and head out.** I’m guessing this year we will see smaller groups out enjoying our winter due to the restrictions from the COVID pandemic. Please be safe first and foremost as we all want to enjoy our sport. Follow the CDC guidelines for your area as the different counties will change from time to time.

Most clubs are having their meetings online as is WSSA. Our January meeting will be online and is scheduled for January 11th at 6pm. Any paid WSSA member can attend. Contact Dean Meakin (dean@abacus-llc.com) to register. Any issues you have as a club or as a snowmobiler that you think WSSA could help with can be addressed at that time. We are here to help all snowmobilers in the state.

Looking ahead, WSSA may have to change our ‘Olympia Day’ event to making phone calls to all our representatives. I have heard Olympia has gone to online communications only. We may need to contact all our members to insure our grooming funds are left alone! I will keep you posted on that.

Go out in the snow and enjoy our sport, but be safe.

Notes



COVID-19 Message from WSSA

The Washington State Snowmobile Association encourages snowmobile clubs and individual snowmobilers to take precautions to avoid being infected by COVID and aiding in the spread of the disease. WSSA as an organization is doing our part; we have cancelled all in-person activities and moved our business online until further notice.

Please follow the guidelines set out by the state and take note of the current 'stage' your county or the area you ride is in. As we move through the snowmobile season, it is likely the guidelines will be changing, and we are hopeful it will mean an easing of restrictions. You can find the latest information and guidelines at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov>.

We believe snowmobiling is a legitimate activity to pursue during this crisis due to the nature of our sport which allows us to social distance and recreate isolated from large gatherings. With only minor changes to our usual habits, we can easily satisfy the safety guidelines in place.

We hope you have a fun and safe winter out on the snow in Washington this winter!

Nominations for WSSA Officers are Open

Offices up for election in 2021 are: President (one- year term), Vice President (one- year term), Recording Secretary (two-year term) and Treasurer (two-year term).

Those interested must indicate their candidacy for a position by January 15th, 2021. Contact Jim Kingman, Chair of the Nominating Committee or any of the members of the Committee (District Chairpersons). If you would like information on the duties and responsibilities for any of these positions, please contact Jim Kingman at jim.kingman@wssa.us or (509) 698-3658. Contact information for the Nominating Committee members (District Chairpersons) are listed in this Snoflyer and on the WSSA website, www.wssa.us.

After nominations close on January 15th, on-line voting will commence approximately January 16th and will close on February 7th. Results will be released on February 8th during the WSSA annual meeting (virtual).

Details on voting will be in the January edition of the Snoflyer and we'll also have the updates on the WSSA website. If you have specific questions, contact WSSA membership at membership@wssa.us or (509) 674-4401.

WSSA's governance structure consists of a 17-member Board of Directors. There are 10 District Chairpersons and seven officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Publicity Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Past President, who is a non-voting member.

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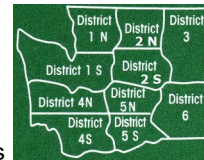
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District Reports



District 1 South

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Hello snowmobile friends! I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving with friends and family; whether that was in person or virtually over the internet. And I hope everyone started enjoying the early snowfall we had in November.

The Cascade Drift Skippers (CDS) had their second club meeting of the season on Wednesday, October 11th, via Facebook Live. The meeting went very well and we had lots of viewer feedback. Tony Keys (Club President) and the board are doing a great job leading this club and are off to a great start for the season. CDS had several new members who have joined the club recently and that speaks volumes as to how many new snowmobilers are joining our sport. CDS will continue to have club meetings every second Wednesday of the month at 7pm via Facebook Live until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

With the COVID-19 setbacks, the Cascade Drift Skippers are going to be a bit more conservative with club rides in order to follow current COVID-19 restrictions. Please check back with the CDS website calendar and CDS Facebook page for updated ride information as the season progresses.

It appears our WSSA memberships are down and I encourage you to please pay your annual WSSA dues, and encourage your snowmobile friends to join WSSA to support protecting our sport with legislation and many other expenses that WSSA incurs throughout the year.

With the reduction in WSSA revenue, the WSSA board chose to reduce the annual scholarship award by 50% which reduced the WSSA scholarship to \$1,000. As a board member, I personally voted against the reduction, but the majority rules and therefore the winner of this year's WSSA scholarship will receive half of what we donated last year. I know WSSA revenues are down, but I think the 50% cut will hurt the aspiring college student more than it does WSSA. Nevertheless, that is what WSSA chose to do.

However on a more positive note, I'm glad to announce that WSSA chose to donate and support the development of the Washington Hometown mapping app by Jennifer Hackett. It is a great tool you can download to your

phone and it offers all kinds of state-wide mapping tools and information. Please check out her website at <https://www.washingtonhometown.com> or download the app directly to your phone.

Nominations for WSSA board members are due by January 15th and the voting for WSSA board positions will be done online only and votes must be in by February 7th. You must be current on your WSSA dues and have an active WSSA membership website

account to vote for WSSA boards members. Voting results will be announced during the February online WSSA meeting on February 8th because the annual WSSA Winter Rendezvous has been canceled due to COVID-19. (This meeting will satisfy WSSA's annual General Meeting requirement.) Up for election are:

- President (1 year term)
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Newly elected WSSA officers will take over their board positions at the March 15th meeting. Therefore if you would like to nominate someone or yourself for one of the upcoming board positions, I encourage you to get involved with WSSA and reach out to me with your nomination and I will make sure I get it to the person in charge of the nominations.

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

In addition to making sure your snowmobile and safety equipment are in good working order, I encourage you to make sure your health and body are in good working order too. Please get out and do a brisk daily walk or short run, or other cardiovascular exercise to help with those higher elevation sled ventures and those days you are doing a lot of digging. I personally have shed a few pounds myself this year and I'm feeling great and I'm ready to ride! I stumbled across something that significantly helped me a great deal with more energy; feel free to reach out to me via e-mail or find me on Facebook and I will share it with you. Nevertheless we all can get in a little better shape and now is as good of time as any. It's cheaper to lose pounds off our body than it is to lose pounds off our sleds!

Please register your snowmobiles to support our statewide trail grooming program managed by Washington State Parks. Snowmobile registrations and related fuel tax refunds are the only source of revenue for our trail grooming program and whatever snowmobile registrations collected this year will pay for next year's grooming. So please go register your snowmobiles and you will receive a free vehicle sno-park parking permit for your truck.

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year! Hopefully everyone gets to spend some quality time with your family and friends. Keep the trackside down and I hope to see everyone out on the trail.



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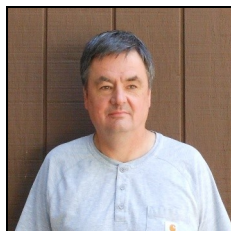
I hope everyone is well and ready for the season. I attended the Lake Chelan Snowmobile Club's meeting and it was great to see everyone! They had a lot to go over; Search and Rescue is looking for help if anyone is interested; all of the huts are ready to go and stocked with wood; and a board chair on the grooming council was filled. Their next meeting is January 13th.

Wenatchee's Apple County has had a couple of Zoom meetings. I will apologize for not being so swift with the old PC.

The Bavarian Boondockers moved their hut up the mountain and have club rides posted on their website.

I haven't talked to the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club; hopefully soon.

Can't wait to see you on the snow!



District 3

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The snow is starting to fall in Northeast Washington and more is in the forecast. We are hoping some early trail rides can occur in the near future while we wait for the deeper snow to come.

In club news, the Selkirk Trailblazers are asking for State Parks to establish a new sno-park on Hanks Butte Road off of SR 20. This new lot would provide great easy access to the groomed trails in the Tiger Pass area.

The Winter Knights are also in support of this request. They are also working with the Forest Service on the planning for recreation and forest health in the Colville National Forest. This looks to be a great partnership that may result in some enhanced areas for ATV riding.

A lot of club activities are being limited with the resurgence of the COVID pandemic this fall. While organized club rides may be cancelled or limited, we are encouraging our members to get out and enjoy riding while following the rules to stay safe. As always, please ride with a buddy and never go out alone. Wishing you all the best; have a Merry Christmas!



District 5 South

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Not much going on here in District 5 South right now. It is nice to see snow early in the mountains here in November and I hope when you read this we have tons more.

I have been in contact with the Department of Transportation (DOT) on the issues at the Tieton Airstrip and I am still hoping the gate will be open as soon as we have enough snow. At least it's not snowmobilers getting the blame for the mess. DOT was still expecting the Drift-A-Way club to get in there and clean but at this time it's too late as we already have some snow in there.

The Yakima Ski-Benders have cancelled their December meeting and Christmas Party, and maybe even their January meeting with the new COVID restrictions placed on all of us.

The Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club is also sitting pretty idle at this time waiting for restrictions to be lifted.

The Drift-A-Way club still has not had a start up meeting yet but is trying to handle most information to club members via e-mail and word of mouth. Drift-A-Way club members will be riding but maybe not as official club functions. I'm sure these rides will be word of mouth by phone calls. I do believe the weekend of Thanksgiving some are planning on installing new sno-park signs on White and Chinook Passes.

As I always preach this time of year, PLEASE don't ride until the road closed signs are up in place as hunting season is open and Christmas tree hunters are out there. You are subject to a ticket if you get caught on a Forest Service road that is still open to automobile travel. Stay healthy everyone.

Want to Volunteer?

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Mountain Trails Grooming Association

By Adam Osin, Manager

We have been busy setting trail signs in place and opening gates that need to be before the snow flies. Volunteers have been out on the trails loping brush and overhanging tree limbs and as I write this in mid-November, it's snowing with six inches in the town of Winthrop already!

The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association has placed the warming shelter that was finished this year, at its location near Starvation Mountain for the winter. This shelter was funded by a collaboration of WSSA trail grants awarded to the Methow Valley Snowmobile Association, Mountain Trails Grooming Association, Butte Busters Snowmobile Club, Tri-River Snowmobile Club and Bonaparte Snowmobile Club.

We have completed a thorough service on the grooming equipment and we are excited for a great season!



Tollgate Trail Finders

By Brandon Christensen, President

Hi snowmobile friends!

So far, Mother Nature has blessed the Tollgate area with early season snowfall.

Enough in fact that an occasional snowmobile can be heard running up and down the trails and driveways. Of course, the trails do not officially open until December 1st. This snow should make a great base for an incredible season. A La Nina winter season is predicted which means the area should have cooler temperatures and more than average precipitation. As far as we are concerned, the temperatures can stay cold and the snow can keep on coming.

Groomer Report by Jess Thompson, Grooming Chairman - "We finished up on both snow cats towards the end of September and installed the push frame on the '08 without too much trouble; thanks to Allen and Larry for helping me get that done. We ended up using a couple of snowmobile ski dollies and a floor jack to maneuver the new

frame into position. We also replaced a compactor bar spring on the '08. We installed a cell phone antenna on the new cat as well as an armrest on the passenger seat.

"The diesel has been delivered this month, so I have requested money from the Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) to pay that bill.

"Since the rain started, I need to patch a few water leaks over our bench on the south side of the building; hopefully it will warm up enough for me to get up on the roof.

"Buckshot has volunteered to sharpen the chains on our chain saws this week and tune them up. Thanks to him for that.

"We have spent 40 hours total time working on the cats this summer, driven 850 miles up and down the mountain to work on them, 20 hours driving time. Thanks to the volunteers for their time to get the cats in shape for winter.

"We spent \$6,739 on both cats. Thanks to OSSA for the funds to do this work.

"Denny Farwell, our director at large for OSSA, has requested an inventory on the shed, so I have also been working on that this past summer. It has been a trip down memory lane for me as I started grooming in the winter of 86-87 and during that time we have accumulated the equipment we have that has been donated or money raised to purchase. The Tollgate Trail Finders (TTF) club, as well as the old Oregon Trail Snowmobile Club and Skyline Club, were all involved in providing the equipment and tools we have in that building. There are too many names to list who have provided equipment and money individually, but we send a big THANKS to all those people and clubs.

"Leonard 'Buckshot' Carter wants to retire as District Director for District 8, OSSA, and has been asking about who might be willing to serve in this position. If you are interested, please contact him. You can also contact me if you have questions as I was the district director and director at large for 11 years."

Chapman Bone Springs Shelter Improvements - In October, a team of TTF volunteers did some much-needed repairs to the Chapman Bone Springs Shelter. Two sections of metal roofing were replaced, and a new outside wall was installed on the west end of the shelter. Between dry rotted logs and water damage, the roof was beginning to settle. Brent Mehlenbacher milled some beautiful fir that was used for the exterior wall and bracing. In attendance were board member Kolby Christensen, vice president



New back wall for the Chapman Bone Springs Shelter.



Dewayne Harvill, Brent Mehlenbacher, Steve Carter, Frank Fernandez and myself.

OSSA and TTF membership renewal

It is that time of year to renew your membership in both the Oregon State Snowmobile Association and the Tollgate Trail Finders Snowmobile Club. OSSA ensures we have a voice in the state and federal legislatures. Without OSSA we would not be able to afford and operate both of our Tucker Sno-Cats. Our all-volunteer groomer team is staffed by TTF members who make sure the trails are smooth as possible. They have worked on and off all summer making sure both Tuckers are ready for snow. We have also scheduled to fill the diesel tank to ensure we have enough diesel to operate both cats all winter long. Filling out and mailing a membership form will ensure you are members of both OSSA and the TTF. Please take a moment to fill out the membership form and send it in today. Download at <https://www.tollgatetrailfinders.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/TTF-Membership-Card-PDF-2020-2021.pdf>.

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real; getting education and awareness is important and could save your life or the life of someone you know. The Wallowa Avalanche Center has scholarships available

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(Continued from page 11) for their Level 1 Motorized course. Check them out at www.wallowaavalanchecenter.org/courses.

Changes to TTF meetings - By direction of Governor Brown and the area Health District, we have modified how our monthly membership/board meetings will work. Since we are limited to the number of people we can have in our clubhouse, we will have hybrid meetings for the next few months or until restrictions ease up. The plan is to have our board and executive team attend in person and sit at least six feet apart with masks. We will broadcast the meeting live on Zoom or Teams to the membership. A week ahead of the meeting we will share the link to login to the meeting. Those wanting to attend the meeting can simply login with the link from their PC or mobile device. By now most of us are well versed in logging in to remote meetings. If you have not done it yet and need help, let us know or reach out to one of our kids in remote learning for school. They are pros by now.

We Want To Hear From You! - In planning for the upcoming season, the TTF leadership would like to hear from you. We would like to know what you would like to see in events, rides, fundraisers, etc. Maybe you would like to see more educational opportunities or maybe you would like to see the club organize a ride somewhere other than Tollgate such as Halfway, McCall, Priest Lake or etc. Reach out to us on Facebook, reach out directly to a TTF board member or simply show up to a meeting. Our meetings are normally the first Saturday of the month at 5pm (Dec thru March) at the Tollgate Trail Finders clubhouse.



Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

By Marilyn Mylius, Vice President

Hello all from LWRC (Lake Wenatchee Rec Club)! We have had several decent snowfalls these past few weeks. Most of it melted away at the lower elevations but I have seen a few daring riders out already even though the trails aren't 'officially closed' to wheeled vehicles until December 1st. We are hoping to have a great year of snowmobiling!

PLEASE, EVERYONE, register your sleds NOW! To be ready, yes, but also to make sure our grooming funds are in good shape

for the upcoming seasons!

We know its been a trying year for everyone and still not a lot of light at the end of the tunnel, BUT we are tentatively planning a Poker Ride in February; no date yet. If you would like more ongoing info from the club on events, send your e-mail address to mmylius@nwi.net. Or check out our Facebook page.

Here's a photo from Sugarloaf Ridge to get you all in the mood!



Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Tina Shields, Secretary

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers have been busy this last month!

We had an awesome work party! We patched and compacted hundreds of pot-holes on U.S. Forest Service Roads 12 and 13, worked on parking lots and cleared huge rocks and trees out of the roads. We had a crew at Mt. Baker NRA and a crew at Anderson Watson. We had to relocate Ploeg's Place due to a washout on FS 12 (Blue Lake Rd). Both Ploeg's Place and Kensington Hut are full of wood and ready for the snow to fly.

We are hoping to place a new warming hut in our area in the near future.

We have been doing outdoor meetings



Cutie Crew filling potholes.



Ploeg's Place crosses the bridge.

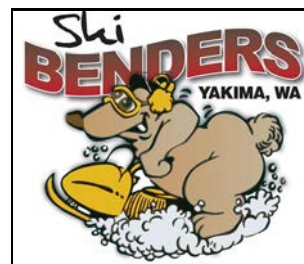
due to the restrictions. We are planning rides and will evaluate conditions as we move forward.



Ploeg's Place in its new location.

Our annual raffle is for a North Cascade sleddeck and Luke Rohde tribute wrap. A raffle for avalanche scholarships is up and running on the website. Buy tickets there for both raffles. Tune to our Facebook page for up-to-date conditions and ride schedules or www.northwestglaciercruisers.com.

Think snow!



Yakima Ski-Benders

By Liz Van Amburg, President

Hi from rainy Yakima! Well here we go... finding ourselves in the same position we were in when the season ended. The Governor of the state of Washington has decided to put in place more restrictions on our abilities to meet as a group in public places. The December club meeting has now been cancelled as is the Christmas party that generally follows the meeting. We still hope to meet in January at Magic's Pizza but only time will tell.

Meanwhile, the club continues with the work we have done over the years; securing permits for events in the future, working with government agencies to fix roads and bridges, and trying to find ways to keep club members involved. The executive board

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continues to meet and make plans for the future. It is important we continue to support our club. Please pay your club and WSSA memberships/dues and license your sleds.

My hope is to do our Poker Ride, Chilly Ride and Kids Ride in 2021.

There has been some great snow falling in the mountains. We've seen many of you out enjoying the start of the 2020-2021 season. ENJOY; get out there and have a great time! At this time all sno-parks and recreation sites remain open. We could all use some of that mountain air and fresh powder snow flying over the top of our hoods.



Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Craig Stahl,
President

Hello snowmobilers!

We are excited to announce that in our area we are getting snow up high on the mountains and down on the valley floor. It is great to see snow coming around early this season for us. The first snow is always the best, watching everyone switching lawn mowers out for snow removal equipment and putting the bikes away and pulling out the snowmobiles!

Every year we cut boughs for the town of Winthrop to decorate for the 'Christmas at the End of the Road' celebration, which is Thanksgiving Weekend. This was a successful mission this year but at the event we will not be providing warming barrels for the town which we usually do also. There will be fireworks on Saturday night so come join us.

Another sad thing is we are not going to have Christmas dinner for the community this year. Due to COVID-19 we can't make it happen. The dinner served usually feeds 200+ people in the community on Christmas morning; it is sad to make this decision.

On a positive note, we are excited to say our new sno-park up Highway 20 is open for the season. It took us and other user groups five years to get the highway widened in an area to have better parking and to get a toilet installed for the highway's many users. Special thank you to Don Fitzpatrick for all of his efforts on this, which seemed like a never-ending project.

The Sweetgrass hut and Black Pine hut are open for visitors this season. We have

them unlocked and stocked with wood to keep you warm. The Sweetgrass hut had to be relocated this season due to really early snow and then the snow never went away on the north side of the road to get to Sweetgrass. This year the hut will be at Banker Pass. Banker Pass is on Forest Service Road 52, which can be accessed from Goat Creek Sno-Park and Eightmile Sno-Park.

We have decided to have weekly rides so check out our schedule on our blog site. During a normal year, the Methow Valley Snowmobile Association cooks hotdogs for lunch, but due to COVID-19 we are not going to have that service this year, so pack a lunch and we will see you on the trails!



Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

By Kevin Hancock,
Webmaster

At the end of October our members placed directional signs from the Taneum Sno-Park to Whistlin' Jack Lodge. This will be our fourth year placing the signs after winning a WSSA Trail Grant. The route is an approximately 70-mile one-way ride. An easy one-day ride on modern sleds, but a two-day event when you do it on a vintage snowmobile. We would appreciate anyone using the route signs to send us comments how they are working, and any comments how to improve the route. Please send your

comments in an e-mail to me at pnwvsc@gmail.com.

COVID-19 restrictions have canceled our plans for antique, vintage, and classic snowmobile shows this summer and into the winter riding season. While that changes our shows, it does not prevent us from riding and enjoying our sport. Our members know as long as they adhere to each state's health recommendations and restrictions they can go out to enjoy old snowmobile riding fun. Instead of club sponsored events we will be posting opportunities to meet our members for a day on the trails. Please watch for announcements on our website and Facebook pages.

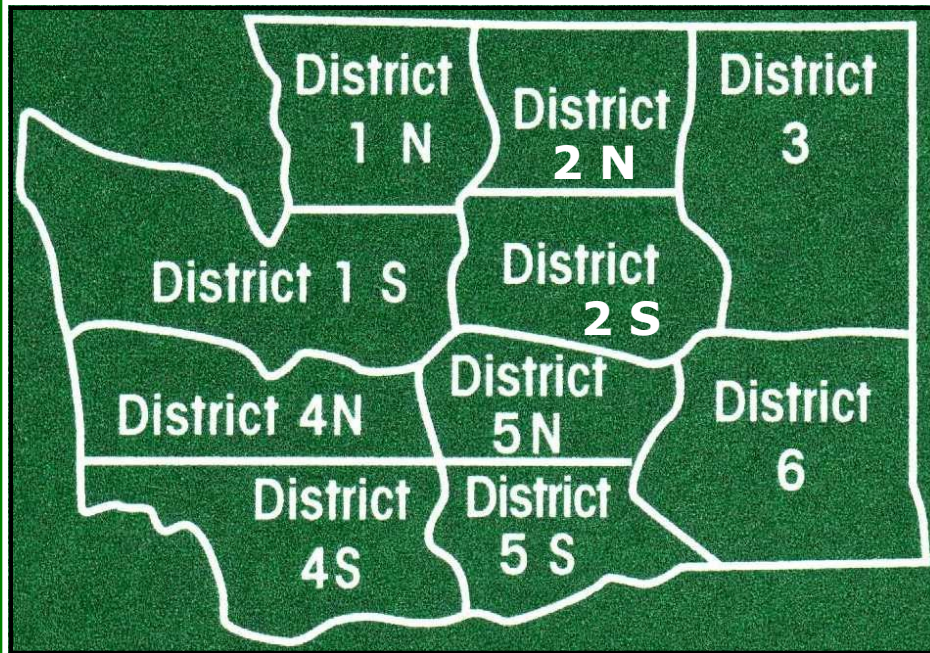
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PNWVSC members spent time in October placing directional signs from the Taneum Sno-Park to Whistlin' Jack Lodge.



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Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club

By Chris Sutton,
President

Well, it looks like the Snow Gods have answered all our prayers as it started dumping snow in early November! We know a lot of people were able to get their first rides in by November 14th and the snow caught a lot more people off guard as well with multiple highway

Forrest Fabiani hoped to make the first tracks in WA on November 11th.



closures. We even had a semi-truck and trailer find its way past the upper gravel pit on the 70 Road when the driver, who was unfamiliar with the area, decided to follow Google's instructions without paying attention to his surroundings.

It took a large wrecker and multiple agencies to get him out and turned around safely after he spent a night or two in the cab. I know this caught a lot

A stuck semi-truck on the 70 Road up above the gravel pit needed a tow to get turned around and headed back to safety.



Ummm???,



of snowmobilers off guard as there were numerous photos posted within hours, but the driver did say everyone stopped to make sure he was alright and if he knew he wasn't supposed to be there; great job guys!

The Sno-Jammers have launched our club clothing website to answer all your requests for NEW club merchandise! Club clothing is available to purchase for both members and non-members to help us offset our losses from the cancelation of our usual fundraising events. We have tons of items to choose from including jackets, hoodies, hats, and beanies. Check it out and get something for the snowmobile fanatic in your life! Clothing can only be purchased online at <https://shop.djimprints.com/sno-jammers/shop/home>.

Our public 50/50 Raffle has gotten way BIG- (Continued on page 16)

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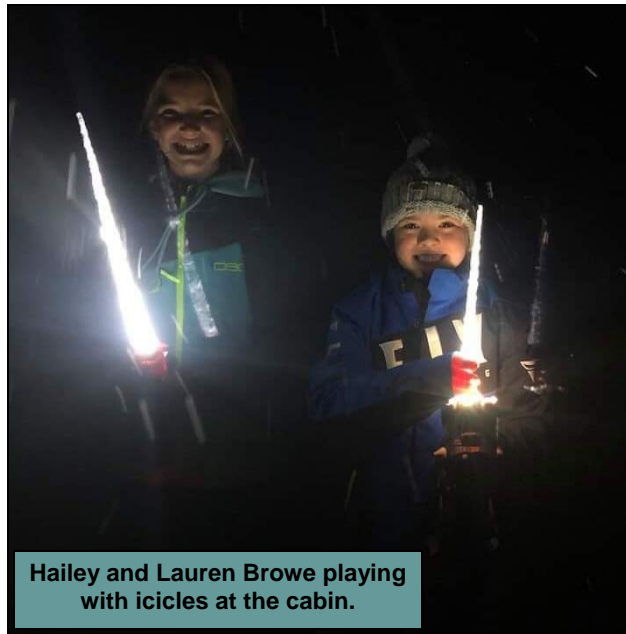
Club News

(Continued from page 15) GER than any of us expected! After we had a few of our awesome sponsors add consolation prize gift cards for every \$500 raised, it really took off! A special 'thank you' to our gift card donors at The Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse, Gold Creek Station, and especially Clem's Enumclaw Powersports for hosting this raffle for us. Our drawing is on December 19th and someone is going to walk away with over \$1,500 and at least 15 others are winning gift cards. We are so lucky to have the sponsors and supporters we do; we appreciate all of you!

Please note: We have changed the 'tentative' date for our 31st Annual Fun Run to March 6th! Please make sure to update your calendars and watch for more details to come! Also, don't forget to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1302044879815501>, or on our website at <http://www.snojammers.org> for more announcements and updates on upcoming events!

Our 'stock the cabin' event was a HUGE success with over 30 volunteers! We were able to stack approximately 10 cords of firewood at the cabin and make some improvements to it as well. Thanks to a new and improved chimney cap provided by Dan Johnson, and the hard work of Daniel Lane cleaning the pipe and installing the new cap, the fireplace is pumping out heat and is easy to light! We have received many compli-

The Browe family at the cabin making good use of the woodstove.



Hailey and Lauren Browe playing with icicles at the cabin.

ments since this repair as our first riders of the season got to test it out!

We are busy working on ways to comply with the current COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines on all our rides as necessary. We have always taken everyone's life seriously, like making sure everyone gets off the mountain safely, and we know snowmobiling is as 'socially distant' as we can get from society, but we still plan on doing our part to ensure the health and safety of our riders!

We are still filling our 'events calendar' this season with rides for 'all levels' of experience! Family-friendly rides and kids rides are also going to be a MAJOR focus of the club as we attempt to get back to our roots! We are working on more incentives and events for members and to organize clinics and classes for people who want to learn different riding techniques or receive safety training. We ALL want to live to ride another day and learn new things to make ourselves better riders! The Sno-Jammers want to help you reach your goals of getting out to ride more often and meeting new people to ride safely with! Consider joining us this winter for a ride and let us know what you think!

We hope you all have a safe and healthy season!



Winter Knights

By Greg Figg,
President

Greetings fellow Winter Knights!
I first wanted to thank our Winter Knight

volunteers who helped us with wood cutting and cabin maintenance this fall. With the leadership of Bob Walker, we made short work of woodcutting at both Mt. Spokane and King's Lake. No matter what happens this year, our wood is stacked and the cabins are ready for the winter!

A couple of our local dealerships had snow shows of their own to help out with our snow show being cancelled this year. We attended the one in Pinehurst at Valley Powersports on November 7th and Allsport in Liberty Lake on November 14th and 15th. I would like to thank Allsport for donating the revenue from the swap meet to the Winter Knights, plus they gave us a generous donation of an extra \$1,000 to help the club with the loss of the revenue from the snow show this year. Thank you again Allsport for this great support!



Allsport General Manager Scott Engles presented Greg Figg a \$1,000 check to the Winter Knights.

Looking forward, I am disappointed to report we had to cancel our club rides at least through the end of the January. With the recent upsurge in the COVID-19 virus and the rules that are in place, it is not feasible to have group rides at this time. We will reassess this come the end of January. While our club rides are cancelled, we would encourage you to continue to ride your favorite spots or a new spot with your riding partners **this year (please don't ride alone)**. What a great way to take your mind off the daily pressures we are dealing with and to have fun while maintaining our social distance.

In sharing what we are hearing from our local dealers this year is the lack of spare snowmobile parts. They are telling us to be cautious of those early season rides where rocks and stumps are lurking and for us to avoid hitting them. That new suspension arm may not be available for some time.

Lastly, please be safe, ride with a partner and carry the needed equipment for your riding style and area. Enjoy the holidays and hope to see everybody again real soon.

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Bavarian Boondockers

By Matt Kensrud,
President

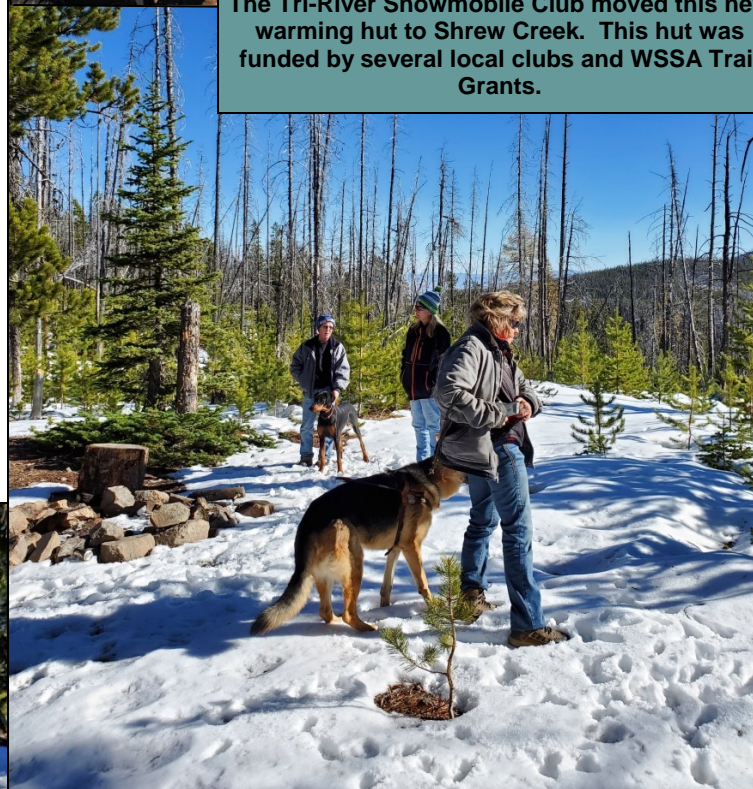
Hey everyone! The season is off to a good start. We took the hut up the hill and got it in place just before the storm! The new coating on the floor and ceiling looks great and the wood shed is full! I think we are ready.

Still trying to work out club meetings and where to have them. If your wondering about club rides, they are on our website, www.bavarianboondockers.com. Also, the new e-mail is bavarianboondockers@gmail.com.

Thanks and see you on the mountain!



The Tri-River Snowmobile Club moved this new warming hut to Shrew Creek. This hut was funded by several local clubs and WSSA Trail Grants.



Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club

By Kurt Hensley,
President

The Tri-River Snowmobile Club got the warming hut up to Shrew Creek and got it set up, chimney up and ready to go.

We are planning on one of our first snowmobile rides to go up and unlock it and make sure we have enough wood and the stove works great.

We are planning our Chili Feed there on Saturday, January 30th. We are leaving out of the North Summit Sno-Park and hope some of you can join us.

The hut is helped out by WSSA Trail Grants and is for all snowmobilers and dog sledgers.

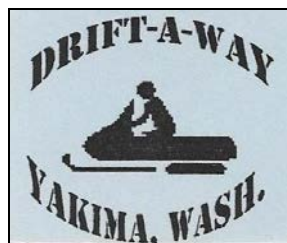
We are waiting for a banner to tell those on the snow what it is, as Okanogan County snowmobile clubs have been working hard to get this in place.

See you on the snow! (Continued on page 18)



Club News

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Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club

By Matt Mead

A week before Thanksgiving and Drift-A-Way members were already enjoying their first rides of the season! With a favorable weather pattern, the higher elevations of the Cascades received more than four feet of snow over the course of several days, covering many early-season hazards. If this is any indication of how the season is going to be, we are stoked!

Drift-A-Way club meetings and official gatherings are still on hold. The club was just getting ready to hold a socially-distant meeting at our usual meeting spot at Round Table Pizza in Yakima when the Governor shut things down again. Hopefully by the time **January rolls around, we'll be able to meet.** In the meantime, Drift-A-Way members will ride, snow-permitting, but club-sanctioned events and club rides are on hold.

If you are looking for a low-key, family-friendly club to ride with, or would like to do some mid-week, ego-free boondocking, please contact President Jim Kingman or myself. (Our contact info is listed in the WSSA Board section in this Snoflyer.)

Hope to see you on the snow soon!



While Drift-A-Way sanctioned activities are on hold, individual members enjoyed November's early snow on White Pass.

Notes

Annual WSSA Awards

Submission deadline is February 1st, 2021!

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

In order for WSSA to recognize these worthy individuals/clubs/businesses, we need help from the local clubs and others to seek out and nominate them. If you know of a standout in any of the categories listed below, please submit nominations by February 1st, 2021.

Categories

- Club of the Year
- Club President of the Year
- Dealer/Associate of the Year
- Groomer Coordinator of the Year
- Groomer of the Year
- Snowmobiler/Snowmobile Couple of the Year

Nominate them today!

You can find the nomination forms and instructions at www.wssa.us under the 'Awards' tab. Questions? Contact Shannon Lawler, Awards Chair, at slawler411@msn.com or (206) 423-5584.

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Safety with Jon

Do you think you are prepared for anything?

By Jon Ferrian — wssasafety101@gmail.com

As snowmobilers, most of us are pretty confident we are prepared for any situation we may come upon. My first ride of the season provided some unique situations I wanted to share with you to see if you still feel that way after you read through this short article about not only being ready for sledding but also for just getting to the sno-park safely.

On Saturday, November 14th, I was heading out for my first ride of the season and I have adopted the term or phrase, 'shake out ride' as our inaugural ride each year. On this ride there always seems to be a HUGE amount of



preparation for getting riding gear ready and sleds ready for the first ride! Generally, you pray you don't forget something significant or have any unexpected issues with your sled.

What I didn't think about and expect was the sno-park was not yet officially open and the first half of the day the gate was closed at Crystal Springs. Plus, the road in was not plowed and had about two feet of snow on it. Plus, everyone else also thought the same thing including sledders, skiers, snow shoers, cabin goers and just plain old snowball makers! Bottom line is the road wasn't plowed and in spite having a capable vehicle my-

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self, it was a complete \$#!+ show! There was a Toyota Camry with summer tires stuck because they slid out of the wheel ruts and had no traction. They didn't have a shovel or any winter clothing like gloves or a tow strap. The crazy part is even the Jeep that sat right behind them waiting didn't have a tow strap either. Nobody else had one either, including the sledder rigs that were trying to get by him. It turned out I was the only one in the area who had a tow strap and was able to pull them and a few other vehicles out that day. In many cases I would have driven by this person and told them to call a tow truck since they had no business driving that car down that

road and probably would learn a valuable lesson. But the main problem was they were blocking the road, and everyone was in gridlock. So, we used my tow strap to clear the stuck cars so we could go riding that day and unplug the road.

Just when you think you have everything you need to have a safe snowmobile trip, keep thinking... Always be prepared for the unexpected and consider carrying things in your tow rig like a tow strap, tools, some kind of mat or waterproof blanket to lay on the ground so you are not having to get soaking wet from laying in the slush and snow.

We ended up getting through the mess and had a fun and successful ride that day thanks to having a tow strap to clear the road and make someone else's day a little better. Make that a lot of people's!

First ride of the season, our 'shake out ride', on November 14th!



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State Parks Update

By Pamela McConkey, Winter Recreation Program Manager

Snow Shows?

Oh, how we missed attending the great snow shows in 2020 and seeing all our snowmobiling friends. We look forward to these shows each year. I am sure you all missed attending the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet in Puyallup and the Spokane Winter Knights show in Spokane, and of courses the ever-growing Bavarian Boondockers Snow Fest in Leavenworth. Hopefully, with determination and recreating responsibly, we can say good-bye to COVID-19 and get back to our normal activities and events in 2021. If you want to know what is going on with the clubs and WSSA, be sure to visit their website to see the latest news and events.

Snowmobile Program Funding 101

If You didn't register your snowmobile(s) last year, you are partially responsible for the 10% cut to the grooming budget this year and the 6% cut to the snow removal and education and enforcement budgets.

Here's How it Works

You register your snowmobile between August 2020 and June 2021 and you receive a Sno-Park Permit at no extra cost. (You then enjoy the coming winter season without any worry of a citation for not being registered and having a sno-park permit.)

\$50 of your registration fee is put into a dedicated account for the Snowmobile Program, (minus 3% to DOL).

The gas tax formula is applied: one hundred thirty-five gallons as the average

yearly fuel usage per snowmobile, times the number of registered snowmobiles during the calendar year under determination, times a fuel tax rate of \$0.349 cents per gallon of motor vehicle fuel (minus 3% to DOL). So for your one snowmobile, you have provided approximately \$94.20 to the dedicated Snowmobile Account.

That money is then available for the following winter season – money collected for snowmobiles registered last year 2019/2020 is being used for the 2020/2021 season (this winter). The snowmobile program does not budget based on projections but on actual revenue 'in the bank'.

If you don't register your snowmobile for the coming 2020/2021 winter season, it will be that much less money available for trail grooming, snow removal, sanitation, administration, education and enforcement for the 2021/2022 winter season.

Your snowmobile registration funds YOUR program.

Warming Huts/Shelters

We have been working with the various U.S. Forest Service Districts and most of them have responded that they will be keeping the warming huts/shelters open this winter. Please contact the District you will be visiting for specifics. We believe it is imperative to provide these safe havens to those who may be injured,

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Snowmobile Program Funding 101

Register your snowmobile and receive a **FREE** Sno-Park permit. Relax and enjoy this winter season without risk of a citation for not being registered or for not having a Sno-Park permit.

Your \$50 registration fee and money collected from a gas tax refund are put into a dedicated fund account for the Snowmobile Program.

The gas tax refund is computed using the following formula: 135 gallons (average yearly fuel usage per snowmobile) x .349 cents per gallon of gas x the annual number of registered snowmobiles and snowbikes.



The gas tax refund and registration fees collected each year add up to approximately \$94.20 per snowmobile or snowbike to fund the program. Fees collected this year are put towards next year's snowmobile season to pay for trail grooming, snow removal, sanitation, administration, education and enforcement.

For more information, visit www.parks.state.wa.us/winter, e-mail winter@parks.wa.gov or call (360) 902-8684.

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Snowmobile Registrations

	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY 20-21 Difference
July	166	149	145	134	148	166	151	(15)
August	1,142	531	676	782	2,307	222	249	27
September	3,546	2,968	3,145	2,946	1,682	2,974	3,220	246
October	2,544	1,662	2,139	2,489	1,882	3,357	3,189	(168)
November	2,870	3,129	3,362	4,360	2,960	2,372		
December	6,656	11,575	13,170	6,973	8,320	6,726		
January	2,741	3,528	3,196	3,358	3,433	4,514		
February	381	1,164	1,513	1,166	1,602	1,293		
March	68	298	686	674	958	355		
April	42	82	181	175	258	89		
May	22	32	93	93	90	135		
June	23	30	84	71	83	126		
Total:	20,201	25,148	28,390	23,221	23,723	22,329	6,809	90

24%

11%

State Parks Update

(Continued from page 21) caught in a storm or just plain need a place to find shelter and get warm. We recommend you recreate responsibly, wear a mask, social distance and do not hang out too long so others can come in and warm up too.



Washington State Parks

Welcome!
Warming huts & shelters
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If you read the last Snoflyer issue, you may have seen my rant about vandalism in the huts/shelters. The photos included in the last issue were in the Colville area... and since then, I've spoken with a member of the Colville Drift Riders and learned the doors have been painted, the bullet holes repaired and the shelter is ready for visitors. Great job by the club members for taking such pride and care of their shelter. If you have not ridden in that area, I recommend it. The trails are great, the club does a good job of brushing before and during the season and the riding is terrific.

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Membership Matters

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

Membership renewals and new sign-ups are continuing to come in. Thanks to all who have renewed or signed up. For those who haven't joined WSSA or renewed yet, please do so right away.

WSSA continues to look at ways to make your membership more valuable. We have invited our Associate members to participate in a 'loyalty' program by providing a benefit or incentive to WSSA members. The Associate member can identify the benefit, and WSSA will publicize the information through the Snoflyer, our website and social media. Our trial year will run from December 2020 through November 2021. It is our hope this will turn out to be a win, win, win scenario with our Associates getting more business, our members getting something of value, and WSSA getting more members. For Associates to get signed up, just contact membership@wssa.us with your proposal!

We also plan to add a feature to our website that allows the member to print your membership card or save it to your cell phone. This will save the Association the cost of manually mailing cards to many of our members, although we will continue to send them to those who do not have an email address. We will also continue to mail the Certificates of Membership to our Associate members and to clubs. More details to be provided as this feature rolls out.

Individuals/Families, Dealers, Businesses and Clubs make up WSSA and the volunteer effort put forth by everyone is what allows us to effectively promote snowmobiling. Whether it's raising money for charities, protecting access to our public lands, clearing and maintaining trails, sponsoring events, communicating with our legislators, congressional delegations, state and federal agencies, or working with other recreational groups - **it's all done by volunteers. WSSA isn't a separate entity** - WSSA is everyone who cares about snowmobiling and is willing to invest time and energy to help protect and preserve a form of winter recreation important to all of us. Please use the membership application in the Snoflyer, or go to our website www.wssa.us, to renew your membership or join WSSA.

We also want to wish everyone a great holiday season - and particularly a White Christmas.

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



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Final Rule Would Streamline NEPA Changes

Recently the Trump administration finalized a rule that will streamline the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process.

You can find an article that summarizes the NEPA updated procedures here: https://www.capitalpress.com/ag_sectors/livestock/final-rule-would-streamline-nepa-process/article_ced1e942-2dd7-11eb-b35e-7f690d5bb09e.html

Names in the News

John Kerry was recently named Special Presidential Envoy on Climate Change. While Biden's transition team offered few specifics on Kerry's role, he'll be the first climate official with a seat on the National Security Council. And with 'presidential' in his title, it suggests Kerry will report directly to Biden, while 'envoy' marks him as a senior diplomat.

A top choice to lead the Defense Department under Joe Biden is a climate hawk, Michele Flournoy, who would make the military an unlikely but powerful driver of his carbon reduction policies. Flournoy, a former Undersecretary of Defense in the Obama administration, views the Pentagon as a first responder to the effects of climate change. Flournoy has said the military can be an essential part of Biden's climate policy by decreasing its significant carbon emissions and by being a large investor in clean energy.

Rumor has it President-elect Joe Biden will tap Janet Yellen as his Treasury Secretary, a pick that could play a defining role in U.S. efforts to slash carbon emissions and prepare the economy for the realities of a warming world. Yellen served at Federal Reserve under Obama and at White House Council of Economic Advisors under Clinton. On climate change specifically, Yellen's stance for years has revolved around her support for a carbon tax, which she has called a "textbook solution" to global warming.

Cash Calendars!

The 2021 calendars are here! \$20 each and 365 chances to win! Contact your State Association or the ACSA office to find out how to purchase a calendar.

Changes at Polaris

Polaris recently announced chairman and CEO Scott Wine will leave Polaris to assume the CEO role at CNH Industrial, a global manufacturer of agricultural and construction equipment, including Case, IH, and New Holland. Wine will remain in his current role at Polaris through the end of the year.

"For the last 12 years, I have had the extraordinary honor of leading the best team in powersports, and it is incredibly rewarding to reflect on all that we have accomplished together," said Wine. "I am most proud of the team and the culture that have made working here so gratifying, and having witnessed firsthand the ingenuity, passion and drive that permeates the company, I leave with complete confidence that Polaris' future is bright. I also want to offer my sincere thanks to my incredibly talented colleagues and to the Polaris Board for their guidance and leadership during my tenure."

NEPA Changes

The Trump administration finalized a rule that will allow the U.S.

Forest Service to log and otherwise manage 2,800 acres of Forest in the West without an environmental review.

Agriculture Department Secretary Sonny Perdue said in a statement that the Forest Service needs the rule change to **"improve our ability to maintain and repair the infrastructure people depend on to use and enjoy their National Forests — such as roads, trails, campgrounds and other facilities."**

The logging industry says the change will help the U.S. Forest Service better manage wildfires. Conservationists say it weakens a key environmental law.

In a summary provided by the Forest Service, the agency said it is **"amending its NEPA regulations as described in this final rule to make more efficient use of those resources to fulfill NEPA's requirements and, in turn, its mission."**

"The final rule is consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's intent to ensure that federal agencies conduct environmental reviews in a coordinated, consistent, predictable, and timely manner, and to reduce unnecessary burdens and delays," it said.

BRP Go!

BRP has announced a new app - BRP GO! - designed to enhance how riders interact with the snowmobile community as they ride within selected U.S. and Canadian locations.

Designed for Apple and Google devices, the new app offers many perks for Ski-Doo and other snowmobile riders including navigation for snowmobile trails to ensure riders can navigate terrains safely, and specific community info (locating other riders so you always know where your friends and family are).

The app also offers both online and offline information to ensure navigation for when cell signals may be scarce. The app currently is available for riders in Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Wisconsin. There are plans to expand across more states in the future.

For locations currently not covered, the app will still allow riders to mirror the app on the gauge, create an account, invite friends, use the area exploration mode (without the trails) and see topographic information on the map, as well as locating your GPS position.

If you would like your region to be included in BRP GO! you can reach out to your local snowmobile association to express interest. It is the one-stop shop for planning snowmobile outings.

Visit your favorite app store and search BRP GO!

BLM back to DC?

A coalition of climate experts hoping to guide President-elect Joe Biden's transition team has suggested big changes for the Bureau of Land Management, including reversing the Trump administration's relocation of its headquarters to Colorado.

The Climate 21 Project team, in a memo outlining specific changes needed at the Interior Department, said the Biden administration should **"bring BLM national leadership back to Washington" on day one.**

Names Are Popping Up Everywhere!

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-MN, is being floated for a Cabinet post inside President-elect Joe Biden's administration, ac-

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cording to people briefed on the matter.

Klobuchar, according to these people, is being considered by Biden and his team for a number of positions, including Attorney General and Secretary of Agriculture. Her name has risen on the list of possible Cabinet appointees since election day as the Senate remains up for grabs. They declined to be named as these deliberations have been made in private.

Other names mentioned for Agriculture include: Reps. Marcia Fudge, D-OH, and Cheri Bustos, D-IL, and Chellie Pingree, D-ME, as well as Collin Peterson, D-MN, who is losing his seat as chair of the House Agriculture Committee.

Rumor has it that contenders for Interior include Sen. Tom Udall and Rep. Deb Haaland, both New Mexico Democrats.

Wildfires Threaten Water Quantity

How wildfires can affect water quantity are well documented. But increasing—and increasingly intense—Western conflagrations are leading to fears they also constrict the water quantity available in

some of the nation's most water-stressed areas.

When a wildfire burns forests in a watershed, there are no trees to absorb any of the water. With the forest canopy gone, the snow is exposed to more sunshine, melting it faster - sometimes throughout the winter. And the charred remains of trees and soot falling to the ground darken the snow, making it absorb even more heat and melt faster still.

All across a burn area, the forest soil repels water, preventing

rain and snowmelt from soaking into the ground, and forcing it to cascade down the mountains and flood the streams below.

The result: Snow melts earlier than usual at a time when reservoirs aren't prepared to capture the runoff, because many can't start refilling for the season until late in the spring.

If precipitation falls as rain - something more common even in cold months as the climate changes - it careens right off the slopes of a burn area, creating flash floods that jam city water intakes with soot and debris.

Did You Know?

Trailing just Russia and Canada, The United States is the third-largest country in the world by landmass, covering nearly 2.3 billion acres.

The largest overall landowner in the country is the U.S. government, with different departments - the Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of Defense, and others - controlling different parts of federal land.

While state governments also own much land, there are also private landowners who own hundreds of thousands of acres of land across the country - and a handful own over one million acres each.

BRP and Arctic Cat Have Reached a Global Settlement

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. (BRP) and Arctic Cat Inc., a Textron Inc., have reached a global settlement of the ongoing intellectual property disputes between them. Under the terms of the confidential settlement agreement, the two court cases still active between the parties in the US and in Canada will be dismissed.

Among the matters resolved is the dispute related to BRP's rider-forward patents and Arctic Cat's full-size snowmobiles with pyramidal frame designs. As a result, Arctic Cat and its Canadian dealers will be allowed to immediately resume the sale and delivery of its full lineup of snowmobiles in Canada.

Arctic Cat and BRP have pledged to continue to work together for the betterment and expansion of the snowmobile industry for all riders and associations.

BRP's press release is here: <http://news.brp.com/news-releases/news-release-details/brp-and-arctic-cat-have-reached-global-settlement>

Arctic Cat's press release is here: <http://www.arcticinsider.com/Article/Great-News-for-Canadian-Arctic-Cat-Snowmobiles-Consumers>

Great American Outdoors Act Projects Announced by USDA

The USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) announced it has delivered its list of deferred maintenance projects for the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) to Congress for this fiscal year.

The 550 projects will help the Forest Service reduce the \$5.3B deferred maintenance backlog and improve access and visitor experience by repairing and restoring roads, trails, bridges, recreation sites and other facilities on national forests and grasslands.

The list of projects can be found here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/inline-files/DM%20List_103020_0.pdf

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

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ISMA Update

US Department of Commerce releases economic output data for outdoor recreation

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The U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, has released the Economic Output for outdoor recreation for this past year. The recreation industry generated \$788 billion dollars in 2019, which is \$10 billion dollars higher than in 2018. The outdoor recreation economy continues to grow and outperform the economic growth in the United States during the pandemic. Individuals are continuing to reach out and recreate in the great outdoors across the United States.

The latest report shows outdoor recreation, as part of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), is 2.1%. What does that mean you ask? Outdoor recreation produces more of the GDP and is bigger than mining and agriculture! Snow activities, including snowmobiling, grew 3.1%. Most of that activity is within rural America and is the economic engine for many rural families and their economy.

Outdoor recreation generates 5.2 million jobs in the United States. The states with the largest percentage of state GDP related to outdoor recreation are Hawaii, Vermont, Montana, Florida, Maine, and Wyoming. In Montana, 32,000 jobs are generated by the outdoor recreation economy which is 4.7% of the state's GDP.

Boating and fishing is the largest conventional activity for the recreation economy generating \$23.6 billion dollars of economic activity while RVing is the second largest activity nationally generating \$18.6 billion dollars of economic activity. Snow activities was rated

the 6th largest of the economic activities.

Snowmobiling is an important part of the overall recreation economy and we generate economic activity during peak winter months when much of rural America is in need of economic output and support.

The recent study underscores individuals who are outdoor enthusiasts are active in the winter and warmer weather as well. Surveys by ISMA show that approximately 60% of all snowmobilers also ride ATVs and UTVs in the summer. More than 50% of snowmobilers enjoy boating and fishing and recreational camping. Outdoor recreation enthusiasts participate in many activities and they are healthy, strong, and do not participate in a great deal of TV watching and internet-based recreation.

The snowmobile manufacturers and the snowmobile community are pleased to participate with the studies conducted by the Bureau of Economic Analysis within the Department of Commerce. We provide supporting data and information to the Department upon request. We highlight the high activity level of the recreational snowmobiling customer base and highlight to elected representatives how we are active supporters of recreation on public land and great, responsible, family activity.



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Feature

2020 C.J. Ramstad Memorial Scholarship winning essay

Presented by the International Snowmobile Media Council

Millennial and Gen Zs: They Are Snowmobiling's Future

By Brice Henry,
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There may be a couple million snowmobiles registered in the United States and snowmobiling does generate billions of dollars annually nationwide, but the average snowmobiler is forty-five years old. Who will be the individuals to take charge of the snowmobiling industry when current older members grow out of such an enjoyable sport? That is the job of the Millennials and Gen Zs. Snowmobile clubs and associations around the world need to continue promoting the sport snowmobiling to Millennials and Gen Zs, because they are the future of snowmobiling. Whether it is through technology, fundraising, or local events, the sport of snowmobiling can be made so easily accessible to Millennials and Gen Zs especially.

Technology is the most effective and efficient way to promote the sport of snowmobiling to Millennials and Gen Zs. Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat are majority used by Millennials and Gen Zs. This world we live in is starting to transform from all documentation, advertisements, and ways of communication from paper to online. The snowmobiling industry needs to follow the trend. On the daily I see hundreds of online advertisements about makeup, sporting events, and weight loss plans, but I rarely come across snowmobile advertisements. All the advertisements I encounter are aimed for Gen Zs and Millennials to see especially. This is where the snowmobiling industry can put their foot in the door to promote the sport of snowmobiling to Gen Zs and Millennials. Snowmobile clubs and associations need to construct electronic advertisements geared towards Gen Zs and Millennials. These advertisements should include how enjoyable the sport of snowmobiling is, and explain that one doesn't need a brand new expensive snowmobile or have to ride in the X-Games to get involved with snowmobiling. Advertisements should also be made clear that Gen Zs and Millennials are indeed the future leaders of the snowmobiling industry, and should explain how valuable they are to the industry itself. In the small community I live in, high school sports games especially are advertised, mostly over Facebook, the student section Instagram page, and on Snapchat stories. This is where the Gen Z, Millennials, and any other age that is already involved with snowmobiling can help the snowmobile industry grow. Simply make a post about an upcoming snowmobile group ride, or reaching out to friends to come try out riding a snowmobile can spark an interest in snowmobiling. All the snowmobile associations and clubs should also make Facebook, Instagram, and a Snapchat account to post information about local and statewide snowmobiling opportunities. When shared, there is a guaranteed that Gen Zs and Millennials around the world will see the information.

Snowmobile fundraisers and events are also ways to promote the sport of snowmobiling to Gen Z and Millennials. An example of a really successful fundraiser that my local snowmobile club holds yearly is called Winterest. We constructed a snow racetrack in a parking lot of a local business surrounded by large resorts. This track is open to any member of the resorts to come and try out. For the youth we hold 120-cc snowmobile races around the track, and for anyone else to tall for a 120-cc snowmobile, we hold an egg and spoon race around the track. The track is the most popular part of the fundraiser because of how many individuals come to try out the racetrack, most of which are Gen Zs and Millennials. Inside of the restaurant we held raffles and other hands on snowmobile activities for anyone to try. Hands on activities should be the basis for every snowmobile fundraiser or event to help get Gen Zs and Millennials involved. Being able to



physically try snowmobiling even at a small event is enough to spark an interest in snowmobiling for an individual. Snowmobile fundraiser and events are also effective because they get the community involved. Driving through a small town and seeing a massive Tucker Snocat parked on the side of the road is enough for individuals to check it out, and maybe even turn around and join in on the fundraiser. Or the big talk in a local elementary school about having a 120-cc snowmobile race is enough for the youth to ask their parents if they can attend the event. All of the conversations of such intriguing opportunities a fundraiser includes within a community, will attract people, especially the Gen Zs and Millennials because they most likely have the most time on their hands to try new things.

Local snowmobile clubs and associations need to continue to reach out to the youth and ask them if they want to participate in what older members may just do automatically. Yes, older members may know the land the best for trail marking, but the youth will never know the land if they are not given the opportunity to learn. Asking the younger members of a club to come learn for the future is definitely a way to get them involved with snowmobiling. Many members may not know that there is more to snowmobiling than just getting out on the trail and riding. The bookkeeping, committees, trail marking, fundraising, and trail grooming need to be taught to the younger generations. Current snowmobile leaders need to teach and include the younger members with everything they participate in with snowmobile clubs. For example, my father is one of the main snowmobile groomers for my county. Over the past two years, he has let me come along when he goes grooming, and this past year he has let me drive the groomer for quite a few trips out on the trail. I would have never been exposed to trail marking, grooming, fundraising, and the bookkeeping if it wasn't for my father. There are so many snowmobile leaders in clubs and associations, and all they need to do is ask for the Gen Zs' and Millennials' participation.

The continuing promotion of the sport of snowmobiling to Gen Zs and Millennials is crucial to the future of the snowmobiling industry. There are so many ways to advertise snowmobiling, whether it is electronically, through fundraisers, and even by snowmobile leaders themselves. New younger leaders will come as a result, and they will be the ones promoting the sport of snowmobiling to new generations to come.

(Publisher note: The essay is in response to this question: "In your opinion, what do snowmobile clubs and associations need to do in order to engage Millennials and Gen Zs, and encourage them to become active participants in the organization's activities?" The essay is printed unedited and as received from the scholarship entrant.)

Matt's Misc.

Thanks SK Northwest! Just wanted to give some recognition to SK Northwest, one of our Snoflyer advertisers. With COVID going on, I'm doing more shopping online, so when I wanted Ski-Doo parts, I was looking for a local dealer with an online order option. Surprisingly, they are few and far between. But SK Northwest is one of them, so I ordered parts to fix my broken hand warmer. I placed the order, or so I thought, and moved on to other things. I have tons of projects going on and I place lots of online orders, so a couple of weeks went by and I never really thought about the handwarmer again. Until I was ready to work on the machine. I then realized I didn't have the warmer. Nor could I find a charge on my credit card or a confirmation e-mail. As a final thought, I went in and checked my PayPal account, and there it was... pending... What?! At this point I'm annoyed, and frankly, blaming SK Northwest. So I went to their website about 4pm and sent them a text message. Within minutes I had a text back, and after some back and forth, I realized the order had never gone through. Just a random glitch with PayPal. The process never completed, so SK never received my order. And at this point I'm realizing I never received an e-mail confirmation from SK or PayPal. ARGH! But SK Northwest took care of me. While they could pull up PayPal on their end and see the hanging amount, they had no idea of what the order was for. I quickly pulled up part numbers and they verified they were in stock. By this time it was after their closing time and they said the parts would go out in the morning. And two days later UPS dropped them off! Thanks SK Northwest! And thanks for advertising in the Snoflyer; WSSA truly appreciates your support!

Washington Hometown Snowmobile Trail App update. If you read the ACSA E-News a few pages back... of course you did because you didn't skip to this page first... you saw the snippet about BRP GO!, Bombardier's new trail app. You probably noted Washington wasn't included in the initial trail map role out. I did too, so I sent a note to Jennifer Hackett at Washington Hometown and asked her if she was aware of the app, and that Washington was absent. As it turns out, she was and told me the following, which includes updates on the Washington Hometown app.

"We actually are partnering. I have signed a contract with TrakMaps that includes BRP. They are subscribing to the snowmobile data which they will use on both

TrakMaps and BRP. TrakMaps isn't releasing their product until next year, but I believe the data will be integrated into BRP this year. I am just finishing up a major clean-up of the trails data, which will be integrated into BRP this season.

"And ONX is also subscribing to the data.

"Trak Maps/BRP is also interested in snowmobile data for the surrounding states - as soon as I wrap up the current apps, I plan to start talks to expand.

"Please ask groomers and regular riders to check the maps and let me know if there are any corrections. I have spent the last week cleaning up the data - and there are some odd places where the State Parks mapped trails take odd jogs off the recreation road that the trail is riding over - I am trying to verify those, but if anyone sees anything - however minor - i can fix it and post the fixes to all four platforms (Snowmobile WA, ONX, BRP and, next year, TrakMaps).

"Also, we just released the update to our OHV WA app and it looks really good."

Keep in mind Jennifer is always seeking our input for updates, corrections and suggestions to make the maps/app better. Having a local, responsive ear is something you won't get with most app developers.

Meanwhile in Wyoming... Did you know the Bighorn National Forest regulations state that motorized over-snow vehicles (such as snowmobiles and snow bikes), off road or trail travel, is not permitted until November 16th annually? Even after November 16th, there is a requirement for at least six inches of snow to be present before vehicles can be driven off the route and resource damage cannot occur. This is not an arbitrary requirement and several snowstorms and layers of snow must settle to form a base before the land is adequately protected. This year, Bighorn National Forest law enforcement officers issued violation notices to those who could not wait. Those individuals not only have to pay high fines but could eventually lose their privilege to visit the National Forest. This info came from a Bighorn National Forest press release and they also urged users to preserve their access and avoid the fine. I'm surprised somebody was out riding in six inches of snow in the first place. (That is still ATV/UTV season right there!)

State Parks Commission Special Meeting to replace Park Director. It was scheduled for November 9th with the purpose to begin the hiring process for a new

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary



State Park Director. Current Director, Don Hoch, recently announced he will retire in March after more than 10 years in the position. He has been with State Parks since 2004, starting as manager for the agency's Puget Sound region. Director Hoch will be moving to Georgia to spend more time with his family. Snowmobilers and the State Park's Winter Recreation Program will miss him. Snowmobiling is a pretty small portion of Washington State Parks, but he took an interest in us and has been a strong supporter.

Another Polaris raffle! The Pink Ribbon Riders are raffling off a 2021 Polaris 850 Indy VR1 137. The machine is valued at just over \$16,000. Tickets are \$24 and the drawing is February 25th. Only 1,600 tickets are printed, so the odds are good! There is basically no overhead for this auction as the sled is donated by Polaris and even the price of printing the tickets was donated. Bottom line is the Pink Ribbon Riders will be getting nearly all of the money raised to cancer patients in need. You can find the raffle at <https://www.pinkribbonriders.com/snowmobile-raffle>.

Are you prepared? Am I prepared? Maybe, maybe not. Guess we don't know for sure until we are put in a precarious position. I remember back to my early days of riding in my teens. I had a '73 Ski Doo TNT 440 Silver Bullet. I bought it used and it's overall condition was questionable. I rode it miles away from our cabin at Tollgate, alone. Never thought twice about it. I had luck and youth on my side. Contrast that to today - newer sled with known overall condition - and a storage box on the back full of stuff I think is important.

My stash includes a shovel and saw which are used on nearly every ride. Under that is stuff to build a fire and space blankets to keep warm. A few packages of trail mix to keep me from starving. First-aid kit and other safety-related items. And a tow strap.

Probably the most important item I carry in my pocket is my SPOT receiver. This was a concession I made to my wife and daughter years ago and it is 'on' and in the 'tracking' mode anytime I'm out in the woods (winter or summer). I've only used it once in an emergency (for someone else), and it

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(Continued from page 29) worked, sending rescuers our way.

Pre-trip planning is pretty important too. I'm a fair-weather rider, so I try and pick days that aren't going to be blizzard-like, preferring sunny and dry; a perk of being retired is not having to cram riding into weekends regardless of the forecast. I check the avalanche forecast too, and I work to avoid this type of terrain anyway since I prefer to ride through the trees and not play on the hills.

Everyone will tell you to not ride alone and this is good advice. I adhere to it... mostly... although I'd be lying if I said I don't venture off at Tollgate when I'm at our cabin by myself. Save the lecture. Do you want to know what can be worse than riding by yourself? Riding with the wrong people. Pick your riding groups carefully - you don't want to ride with people who don't ride safe and who make poor decisions themselves. Peer pressure is a thing, and as much as we think we can ignore it, we all get sucked in occasionally. I ride with a good group of like-minded people I trust.

Summary? Ride safe. Ride with a trusted group. Be ready to extract yourself. Be prepared to spend a night out in reasonable comfort if you have a failure in any of the first three.

P.S. My daughter's sled is equipped with the same box and same contents for double the fun!

I need new friends! Alberta (Canada) snowmobiler Mel Haase recently received a brand new Ski-Doo snowmobile from his



friends at Stojan's Power Sports. Mel was surprised; one of the store's co-owners asked him to swing by the dealer's open house where the gift was presented. While the recipient is a longtime customer, the real reason is because he has been a great ambassador for the sport over the last 20 years and is bit of a local legend. Mel is turning 80 in March and hits the trails every weekend,

racking up at least 1,000 miles a season.

Voter suppression foiled! Mother Nature tried to suppress voters back on November 9th in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, but it didn't stop Brennen Miles! On the day of the 2020 Saskatoon civic election, blizzard conditions made travel virtually impossible. Unless you owned a snowmobile! While snowmobiles are illegal on Saskatoon streets, Brennen thought it was unlikely anyone would bother him on his trip to the polls that day.

Yep, they need chargers! I've talked about Taiga Motors, the company building electric snowmobiles, which I believe are hitting the snow this season. A news item recently caught my eye regarding charging them. 'Global charging giant ABB' (quotes by news article) has partnered with Taiga and will provide the chargers sold with the electric sleds. ABB will supply a \$9,000 wall charger which will put a full charge in the batteries in about 40 minutes. (Note, this is no cigarette lighter plug you can take to the sno-



park. This will be more like your Tesla charger in your garage!) ABB is a reputable company and currently has a contract 'fueling' two public bus fleets in Ontario and work with New Flyer, an electric bus maker in Manitoba.

An interesting quote in the article from Samuel Bruneau, Taiga's CEO: "It's Taiga's goal to really pioneer the concept of a backcountry charging network. You've got to break the paradigm where people maybe think I can't go as far or access as much as with gas. We

want to reverse that and show you can access more with electric because you can't have off-road gas stations, but you can have off-grid rechargeable batteries. [ABB] have been willing to look to the future to partner and grow in this market." So does this mean we'll have solar powered charging stations in our sno-parks in a few years?...

Cops are no fun! Hard to believe a Wisconsin State Patrolman stopped the 23-year-old driver for transporting his sled on the roof of his Toyota Corolla. What could possibly go wrong?! Actually, he didn't get a ticket for the sled; he got a ticket for not wearing a seatbelt!



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