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***International Snowmobile Safety Week is January 15th - 23rd
(But please ride safe all season!)***



Snow is here!

***Large frequent storms presenting challenges
for groomers & tree removal crews***

Snowmobiles, snowbikes & tracked UTVs - A group of winter enthusiasts enjoying the deep powder on White Pass

Club members clearing trees for the safety of snowmobilers and to improve efficiency of grooming



Inside:

***Washington Hometown app update
State Parks update***



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WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2021/2022

WSSA Meeting

January 8th, 2021

In Cle Elum at the Eagles

Join us at 220 N Pennsylvania Ave, Cle Elum, and find out what is going on around the state on the snowmobiling front. All members welcome! Meeting starts at 9am and lunch options will be available.

Winter Rendezvous & WSSA Meeting In Yakima

February 18th—21st, 2022

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WSSA Summer Meeting & Campout

Blu-Shastin RV Park, Peshastin

August 19th - 21st, 2022

Join us for a weekend of fun and information. Chili dinner on Friday night. Saturday breakfast and then our meeting, followed by fun fund-raisers and a potluck dinner. (Lunch served too!) Final breakfast on Sunday morning. Spend the weekend with snowmobilers and learn what's in store for the 22/23 snowmobile season.

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Happy New Year! I hope the holidays were great for you and your families. The snow is starting to pile up and that makes it great for sledding. Please be careful out there and always carry items to help you survive if something happens. With the lower temperatures lately, you can only last so long. We just lost our first snowboarder at Schweitzer recently. He was a longtime boarder and was found within the boundaries the next morning. There is no such thing as being over-prepared.

Big challenges are coming our way this year. Our 'Olympia Day' will not be the same as before for a long time. Our legislators still need to hear from us, so they can make the right decisions that impact our group. See Below:

WR Washington Representative (washingtonrepresentatives.com) - *"Advocacy may look a little different these days. That's why WashingtonRepresentatives.com has three different customizable options to make our 2022 advocacy efforts a success. Whether you are headed to the hill, hosting a virtual fly-in, or continuing your advocacy all year round, we have the perfect tools for you and your organization."*

Advocacy isn't on hold, so make sure you and your team are set up for success. Please check this website out to see if this is something we can use to further our cause for the snowmobilers. I would also encourage you to get more involved with other programs WSSA is involved in, like 'Big Tent'.

WSSA is not just one person. We are a 1,000 plus membership of snowmobilers dedicated to 'Keeping the Gates Open'. Please become more involved at the front lines, defending our group of over 25,000 users here in Washington alone.

Our neighboring states are also working hard to keep their gates open. If they fail to accomplish their goals, the outcomes are like a domino effect and will include Washington too.

An unwelcome decision has come down regarding caribou habitat in North Idaho. A longstanding snowmobile ban has been upheld, even though there are no longer caribou in that area. You can read about it here: https://lmtribune.com/northwest/judge-upholds-snowmobiling-ban-in-northern-idaho-caribou-habitat/article_b32b520a-a81a-5b0f-9d85-9310afe86b4d.html

The Canada lynx will prove to impact all the snowmobilers and their trail systems across this country. Let's make sure we are educated and committed with a plan in place. Other U.S. Forest Service discussions in the near future are sure to get our attention. 2022 will prove to be a tough course that we will need everyone to get involved. Thank you to all that have been involved and still are.

Shirts are going to be made available this year as we celebrate our 50th anniversary as an organization dedicated to 'Keeping the Gates Open'. Thank you to all the members of WSSA for countless years of support.

WSSA's Winter Rendezvous 2022 registration should now be available online. Please register as soon as you can.

International Snowmobile Safety Week is coming up January 15th - 23rd.

ISC 2022: The 54th annual International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) will be in Dubuque, Iowa, June 8th - 11th. Please register now. Visit www.snowmobilers.org. More to follow.

Be nice to your snowmobiles and snowmobile trailers as parts, tires, and wheels are still scarce.

I know this sounds like a broken record, however, we need to continue to keep 'Building Bridges and not Walls'! We need more members, associates and dealers to be successful in our goals for the snowmobilers.

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It's awesome to look outside and see snow! It's even better to know we have more out on the trails. I hope everyone has gotten their snowmobiles registered. Our grooming program depends on people registering their sleds. If you are out riding and see someone that doesn't have a registration, please educate them on the importance of doing so. If we all police each other, just maybe, people will be more willing to get their sleds registered.

I am looking forward to this year's WSSA Winter Rendezvous as it is going to be in Yakima. Our clubs are planning on having some awesome rides for those attending. Please check in this Snoflyer for the registration form. We are having the dinners on Friday and Saturday at the Yakima Valley Museum. That should be very interesting. We will also have a silent auction and the proceeds go to our Legal Action Fund. If you haven't been to a WSSA Rendezvous, you really should make an effort to attend. It's a great time with snowmobilers from all over the state.

On Saturday at Rendezvous, we will announce the winner of the election of officers who are running at this time. I am running for the office of president and would like your support. The voting is online and you can go to the WSSA website (www.wssa.us) and cast your ballot after January 15th. If you have problems you may contact Wayne or Florence Mohler at (206) 713-0928 or (206) 406-1929 and they will be glad to help you.

I hope to see you out on the snow.

District Reports



District 1 South

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Greetings and Happy New Year snowmobile friends!

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas with friends and family and I hope you are having a fantastic start to 2022!

The Cascade Drift Skippers (CDS) are fully up and running with club rides every weekend. With the snow piling up in December, our Vice President, Alex Cropley, hosted an excellent CDS club ride out of the Crystal Springs Sno-Park on Saturday, December



Mid-December Crystal Springs club ride.

18th, and it was a great turnout. Thank you Alex for doing such a great job leading the CDS members on this snowmobile ride.

CDS had their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 9th, at the Iron Duck Restaurant in North Bend. We had a great attendance and very entertaining gift exchange. Thank you CDS board for doing such a great job! And thank you Edythe Ferrian for your awesome custom made table displays that turned into great door prizes. I was very lucky to win one.

Please check back with the CDS website calendar at <https://cds.clubexpress.com/> and the CDS Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CascadeDriftSkippers> for updated ride infor-

mation and events. CDS has an extensive list of snowmobile club rides this year and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join in on a ride and hopefully join the club.

Several club members are leading rides this year and we really appreciate all those great ride leaders such as Bill Sehmel, Jon and Edythe Ferrian, Mark McGraw and of course Bill Yager, who will be hosting his annual sled recovery training ride out of the Crystal Springs Sno-Park

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on February 27th in conjunction with the Sno-Jammers Snowmobiler Club. This is a great learning opportunity for everyone.

The Drift Skippers have their monthly club meetings every second Wednesday of the month at the Iron Duck Restaurant in North Bend at 6pm and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Please remember to have some patience while crossing the passes this year and be

prepared for regular pass closures. Whether it be the lack of snow plow operators, or just unfortunate traffic issues, it seems more common for pass closures this year. Please remember ALL vehicles, (yes, 4X4 vehicles too), must carry tire chains while crossing the passes during the winter months; failure to do so could yield you a \$503 citation!

I am very sorry to hear of the loss of a skier in an avalanche at the Crystal Mountain Ski Resort in early December; it was a very unfortunate surprise this early in the season. Please get the proper safety gear and education to help save yourself and the people you ride with.

Please register your snowmobiles to support our statewide trail grooming program managed by Washington State Parks. The snowmobile registrations collected this year will pay for next year's grooming. So please, if you have not already done so, register your snowmobiles and you will receive a free vehicle sno-park parking permit for your truck.

The U.S. Forest Service has recently purchased two new snowmobiles and are patrolling the Greenwater area in the parking lot and on the trail looking for parking and licensing violators. They are writing \$280 citations for not having a valid sno-park parking permit and for not having a valid snowmobile registration. I have been told they are NOT giving warnings this year! So please, just register your sleds and put those parking permits in your window.

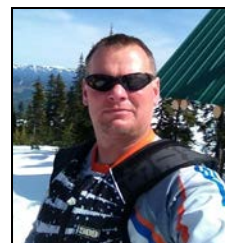
Happy New Year and stay safe, I hope to see everyone out on the snow.



CDS Christmas party at the Iron Duck Restaurant. Fun times for all!

District 2 South

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Snow is finally here! Grooming has started in most all areas but there are lots of trees down all throughout the District. Clubs, volunteers, along with the groomer operators, have been working hard to clear all the trails.

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As the season get rolling I will be out attending club meetings. If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me at kus-tom509@aol.com or call (509) 433-2100. Thanks and see you on the mountain!



District 3

By Greg Figg

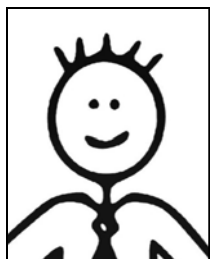
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Well, the snow is falling in Northeast Washington and more is in the forecast. With that said the early riding season is upon us with much more just around the corner.

We are going to be engaged with the Forest Service as they have begun the planning process for Over-the-Snow Vehicle Use in the Panhandle National Forest. The Winter Knights and others will be engaging in this effort to ensure we do not lose our favorite riding areas. More to follow on this as we get into the process further.

I would like to remind fellow sledders to make sure to check your avalanche and survival gear as we never know when this might be needed! With the easing of the COVID restrictions I notice more avalanche classes are being offered this year. I would urge anyone who snowmobiles or is in the backcountry to get familiar with this offering. What you learn will help you make better decisions in the backcountry which means you have a much better chance of coming home safely at the end of the trip!

Have a great and safe New Year!



District 5 North

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Greetings! Hope everyone had a great holiday season and welcome to the New Year and definitely planning on a new year!

Winter has finally shown up. It's been awhile since Cle Elum has seen this much snow in a short period and we will take more.

A lot has been happening in Kittitas County over the last month. The Snomads

out of Easton have held numerous fundraising and club events while gearing up for the new season. They have many events planned for the riding year, throughout the year for that matter, that bring value to new and experienced riders.

The monthly Kittitas County Grooming Council meeting is held the second Monday of each month at the Cle Elum Eagles. It is impressively well attended by local snowmobilers and partners in the snowmobile community. In attendance for the December meeting were the new U.S. Forest Service (USFS) District Ranger, USFS Winter Recreation Supervisor, County Sheriff, Nature Conservancy, State Parks, Kittitas County Search and Rescue, R & R Grooming, Land-Tek Grooming, Boulder Creek Grooming, Upper County Rotary Club and many local snowmobilers looking to help make an impact for the snowmobiling community. A very impressive group of people indeed.

The Upper County Recreation Association (UCRA) held their monthly meeting on December 2nd at the Cle Elum Eagles. The UCRA is planning on cooking hotdogs/brats for the Rotary Club Fun Run in January. In addition, UCRA is working with the Nature Conservancy to help develop a better solution for the Patrick Mine Road (access to the ridge from Ronald) which would allow groomer access but still mitigate illegal access during spring-fall access.

By now most of the groomers have started grooming the trail systems. One thing to keep in mind is if you see downed trees, please take the time to help clear the trails as it keeps the groomer doing what we want them to do.

A special shout out to the USFS for clearing out the mess up at Blewett Pass going out to Lions Rock. We were able to confirm the massive undertaking for this project did not impact funding for the winter grooming program.

Thank you and enjoy the snow!

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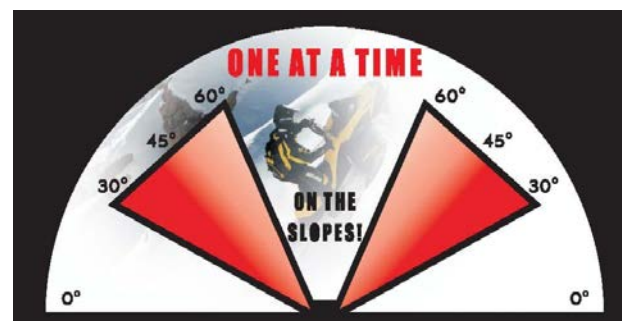


Every year WSSA holds elections for four board positions. Every year the **President** and **Vice President** positions are up for election. The positions of **Membership Secretary** and **Publicity Secretary** are two-year positions, and they are up for election as well.

Any WSSA member in good standing is eligible to run for a WSSA board position and you are encouraged to do so.

How do you go about getting your name on the ballot? It's as easy as contacting Jim Kingman, Past President and Nominations Chair. You can reach Jim at (509) 961-1122 or mtnmax777@yahoo.com.

Please note nominations close on January 15th. (Online voting opens on January 16th and ends at 10pm on February 19th.)



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Club News



Yakima Ski-Benders

By Liz Van Amburg, President

It's Snowing!

Hope all had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

The Ski Benders had our annual Crab Feed December 4th and we raised \$14,522.02. This money will fund our events and allow us to donate to our charities. Thank you! Thank you to all who donated, bought tickets, bought VIP tables and who

participated in the live auction. The night was so fun. We did have a few takeaways; we need a new PA system, maybe less people, and definitely going back to Dungeness crab! Thank you Ron and Dee Alred for chairing this event. Thank you Chad Atkins for hosting. Thank you Chad and Jolene Vesev and Scott Nathlich for cooking ribs. Thank you Shannon Lawler-Lind for running the raffle; that was a huge job! Thank you, Ron Lind, and Audeena Smith for emceeing the night. Thank you to all who did set up and clean up. It takes a village but our club has many awesome members who show up/step up when needed!

Our next club event will be the Chilly Ride

on January 15th. Chairing this event will be the Ron and Ron (Lind and Alred) Show! We will be posting the location on our Facebook page as we get closer; it will depend on snow conditions. Most likely on White Pass.

The next club meeting will be January 4th at Magic's Pizza in Selah.

The Kids' Ride is set for February 26th.

Look for info on Facebook. We are seeking volunteers; contact Audeena Smith or myself if you have questions.

Chinook Fest is scheduled for June 9th through 12th. Contact me if you want to volunteer. This is such a fun event and again takes a village to be successful!

WSSA is holding Winter Rendezvous in Yakima February 18th through 21st. Ron Lind will be in charge of the rides. Looking forward to seeing how this works as I have never been.

For now, that is all I've got! Hope everyone has a safe and great riding season!



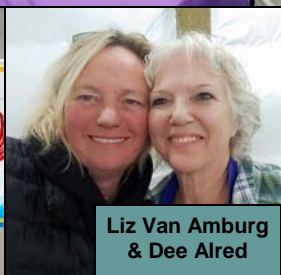
Prepping the ribs!



Clean-up crew enjoying breakfast.



The Crab Feed was SOLD OUT! Thanks everyone!



Liz Van Amburg & Dee Alred



Left-over crab was sold to patrons at event close.



Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club

By Kurt Hensley, President

The Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club enjoyed our White Elephant Christmas Party at Whiteley's.

As I write this, we are planning a ride to cut out the trail to our hut at Shrew Creek on the 26th of December.



Tri-Rivers club members had some work to do in December.

We are planning on joining the Methow Club on the 8th of January to ride over Hwy 20 and meet the Glacier Cruisers Club.

Our Chili Feed is planned for January 29th at our Shrew Creek Hut and we hope to see some of you riders at that event! We will be leaving out of the North Summit Sno-Park

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Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 11) on the Loup.

We are getting a lot of snow in the mountains; come join us and ride!

Look for us on our Facebook page.

Happy New Year and sledding!



Bavarian Boondockers

**By Matt Kensrud,
President**

Hello from the Bavarian Village!

I would like to start by thanking all of the vendors, exhibitors and everyone who attended SNOWFEST 9; it was a great time! To all the club members and volunteer who helped with the show, THANK YOU!

If you are looking for info on the club, please go to the website www.bavarianboondockers.com for events, club rides, membership and more.

Club meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Kristall's Restaurant at 6:30pm.

If you need to contact us the e mail address is bavarianboondockers@gmail.com.

Hope to see ya on the mountain!



Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

**By Marilyn Mylius,
Vice President**

Hello all from the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club! We started grooming December 12th in the Lake Wenatchee area. The groomer guys have been working overtime to clear lots and lots of trees out of the trails. Slow going for the first few trips but we did get some welcome help from the Bavarian Boondockers, Mt. Springs crew, and our own great Rec Club volunteers! Thanks to all you sawyers for your much needed help!

We have some great activities planned (outside!) this winter!

January 15th - Our Winter Club Ride; starting at the Rec Clubhouse, 9 am.

February 9th - We have a Ladies' Ride planned, but may allow a few guys to tag along! This is midweek to take advantage of smooth trails without the weekend warriors!

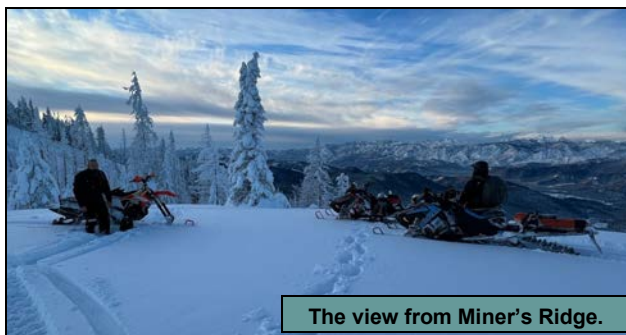
February 19th - Our annual Poker Ride, this year dedicated to Bob Melson, who

started this ride years ago. Hands may be pre-purchased online or from 8am - 10am at the clubhouse.



Early season adventures in the Lake Wenatchee area...

AND for the second year, we are putting on the 'Tour the Twelve' Snowmobile Geocache Adventure. We had great response last season and so the guys are in the process of placing the caches as I write this.



The view from Miner's Ridge.

This event runs from mid-December through the season to March 1st, and you may register online, or e-mail or call for forms.

For more information on any/all of the above activities, go to our website at www.lakewenatcheerecclub.org or call Michelle at (509) 860-3220, or myself at (509) 679-5517. Thanks and have a wonderful riding season and BE SAFE out there!

Want to Volunteer?

WSSA can use your help on land use, legislative, not to mention other committees. Contact President Dean Meakin and share your expertise!



Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

**By Kevin Hancock,
Webmaster**

We have a full winter of events scheduled for the 2021-2022 snowmobile season. Besides what we have scheduled, there is a full list of exciting vintage snowmobile racing events for folks who are interested watching flat track unmodified, and modified high-performance vintage snowmobile racing.

As I write this, our group has scheduled its first event between the Christmas and New Year's holidays, December 26th and 27th, at Trout Lake.

For the rest of the season we have events scheduled for these weekends:

- On January 15th we are having a club get-together for a day of play in open fields in the Wenatchee area. At this event we will also have our club's barbeque out cooking up hot sandwiches with condiments and side dishes. The exact location will be announced when snow conditions are known.

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Pics from last winter's play day in Wenatchee.



Club News *Continued...*

• **The weekend of** (Continued from page 12) January 22nd - 23rd, we are sponsoring the annual Winterfest at the Lolo Hot Springs Resort outside Lolo, MT. There is a vintage snowmobile show, competition events, and a vintage ride to their winter shelter scheduled for the weekend.

• **Sunday and Monday, January 30th - 31st**, we are having our annual vintage 140-mile riding event from the Taneum Sno-Park to Whistlin' Jack Lodge and back. We will spend the night at the lodge returning the next day.

• **On the weekend of February 26th - 27th**, we are hosting our annual vintage snowmobile show and riding event at The Last Resort outside of Ronald. We have organized a vintage snowmobile show and ride.

• **Another annual event is a ride to the Garnet Ghost Town** close to Greenough, MT. Usually smaller groups form and ride up at their own pace. Round trip is approximately 22 miles.

• **Then at Lake Mary, Ronan, MT**, we

Want to do some vintage snowmobile racin ?? Here's whats on the calendar for the 2022 race season !!

Jan 6-9th Eagle River Vintage World Championship

Jan 8th Sumpter, Oregon

Jan 22-23 Walden, Colorado

Jan 29-30 Priest Lake, Idaho

Feb 5-6 Glenwood, Washington

Feb 12-13 Priest Lake, Idaho

Feb 26-27 Walden, Colorado

Feb 25-27 Priest Lake, Idaho

March 12-13 Walden, Colorado

March 12-13 Sumpter, Oregon



are sponsoring Winter Bash 2022 the weekend of February 26th - 27th. This event will have a poker run, vintage snowmobile show, slalom competition, and more.

• **On the weekend of March 5th - 6th** there is the Boot-legger Poker run in Lincoln, MT, which includes a vintage snowmobile show, timed slalom events, and snow bikes.

• **Our last scheduled event is the Mt. Baker Shootout** the weekend of March 19th. Two local snowmobile clubs sponsor a one-day riding event, new sled displays, and food in the Bellingham area. You ride to a display area on Mt. Baker. They have demonstrations of the latest snowmobiles, and a barbecue.

My goodness there is a lot going on! You can find more information, and who to contact, on our website: <http://www.pnwvsc.org>, or Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pnwvsc/>.

Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club

By Roxanne Brittain, President

On Thursday, December 16th, we held our first club meeting with the election of officers. I was elected president, Ryan and Angie Ringer were elected secretary/

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(Continued from page 13) treasurer. I would like to thank Bob Jump for being our president and supporting our club for many years.

Doug Mason and Ryan Ringer put wood in the Little Bald Shelter.

Ron Lind made his report on District 5 South and updated the grooming schedule for Chinook Pass.

Discussions were held on supporting Matt Mead on the Military Ride this year. Everyone agreed to support Matt as we have done in the past.

Discussions were also held on a grant we received from WSSA to update the shelter on Little Bald. We will come up with a work date later in the year.



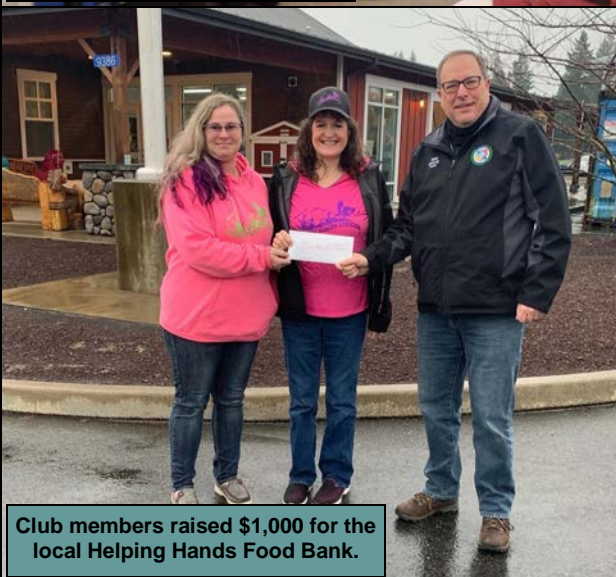
Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Jessica Ronhaar

On Saturday, December 4th, the Northwest Glacier Cruisers held our annual Christmas Party. Sixty-six adults and 30 children attended. It was a great night



Nearly 100 members attended the club's Christmas party.



Club members raised \$1,000 for the local Helping Hands Food Bank.



The club took 1st place in the Mt. Vernon Lighted Christmas Parade!



The Glacier Cruisers invite you to come check out their warming huts!



with fun raffles, 50/50 drawing, good food and of course friends. Our club generously raised \$1,000 from the raffle to help the Helping Hands Food Bank. And Santa showed up with gifts for the kids.

On Sunday, December 5th, we were excited to be a part of the Skagit Valley Children's museum event. We had snowmobiles for kids to sit on, snow to play in and other family-friendly activities. We were also a part of the Mount Vernon Lighted Christmas Parade and took first place. We love being a part of our communities and sharing all of our family fun

activities.

Our huts are all set and getting great use. We would love for you to come and visit them.

Join us for our Highway 20 Ride on January 8th.



Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Evie Johnson, Secretary

Hey riders across the state!

It is pow, pow time! Yes, that time of year where the hills are calling your name. When snow is flowing over your handlebars and you have a feeling of floating across the landscape as you ride. That time of year has arrived here in the Methow Valley. Although it was a later start locally compared to last season, we are now well on our way.

Watching many sleds visit our community over the Thanksgiving holiday was a delight to see as we were stoking our warming barrels for the 'Christmas at the End of the Road' celebration. Guess it is safe to say Highway 20 and Harts Pass had some of the earliest snow to ride in the state.

Remember to know where you are when you are riding and to respect closed areas like the Wilderness. It is also important to be a positive ambassador of the sport of snowmobiling to other backcountry users.

All of our mobile huts in Okanogan County are in place for the season and ready for use.

Our first ride this season was to the Sweetgrass Hut. Our goal was to open it for the season. It took a team effort with breaking trail through the pow and removing many trees in the way. Finally, we made it to the hut and everyone was very excited to use those muscles that have not been used for about a year.

We are excited for our annual Bucket Run this season. It was put on hold last year but we are trying to rally for this year. It takes a village to make events happen and so many of our members are busy with life and of course rides and riding trips! Please stay tuned as we will be posting our official date of the Bucket Run on our blog and Facebook page.

Please visit our blog site for current weekly rides and our posted season schedule. We are happy to organize a ride

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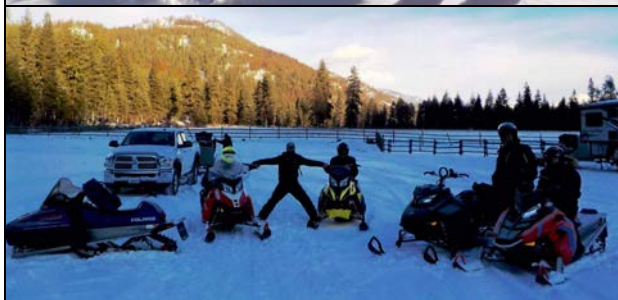
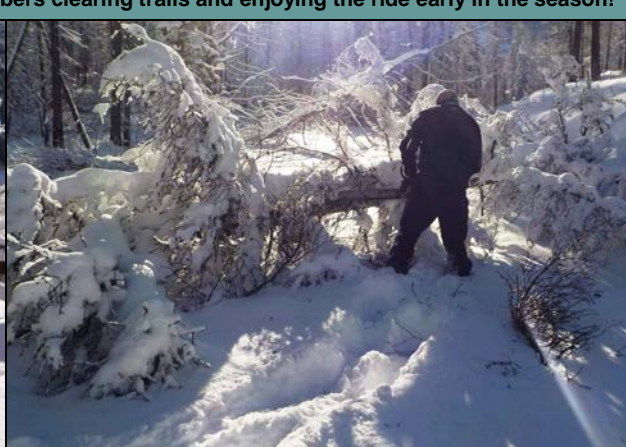
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(Continued from page 14) for riders from out of town with our local riders. E-mail us three days before and we will send an e-mail out to our

membership seeing who wants to ride. Happy trails to the whole sled fam and Happy New Year!



MVSA members clearing trails and enjoying the ride early in the season!



Junco Snowmobile Club

By Chris Sutton

Well, if you haven't gotten out to ride yet... you're not even trying! The snow has been AMAZING at Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens, and I have seen a lot of our members at the sno-parks already. Lots of young new riders on the trails too, like Aubrey Taft, who was keeping up with all the guys and sporting all the right gear! (See picture.)



Aubrey Taft having a 'BLAST' on her Arctic Cat at Orr Creek.

We have welcomed quite a few new families to our club over the past months and have also watched our meeting attendance grow. We are excited by all the new energy and faces and welcome anyone else who may be interested in joining.

We hope everyone is practicing safety whenever you ride including hand signals, whenever safe, and always remember to check on your fellow riders when out in the backcountry; you never know when you may be of assistance to someone... And possibly save their life too!

On January 15th - 16th we are hosting our annual event we call 'Charity on the Snow' at the Orr Creek Sno-Park. This is a family-friendly weekend of camping, snowmobiling, and other activities with a charity auction for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Since 2002 we have been donating 100% of the money raised, totaling over \$80,000, from this event directly to Make-a-Wish Alaska and Washington! Last year alone we raised just over \$7,000 with a record turnout, and this year we hope to top that and give even more to Make-A-Wish!

We are also planning some 'explosive' and 'nostalgic' events to liven things up.

So, bring your family, bring your camper, and bring your checkbooks (Continued on page 16)

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(Continued from page 15) to this heart-warming event! We have received a ton of very generous donations from the communities that we all live in to make this event happen and we are grateful for all our sponsors and donors, BIG and small; without you this event couldn't happen!

Back Country Plowing and Grooming

(BCPG) is back at it again with their awesome daily grooming update posts on Facebook! If you haven't already given them a LIKE, please do so. They are dedicated and work hard at keeping the countless miles of roads plowed and to allow us access to our sno-parks, just to have lowlives come up and vandalize their expensive equipment for no

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Jan. 15 - 10 a.m. Let The Fun Begin!

We start off the day with a couple of guided rides, we will also have some maps and markers up for those who prefer smaller groups! We'll have a Pulled Pork Dinner w/ sides for you after we all return, followed by a Combination Live & Silent Auction and then our "Sleds on Fire" Raffle, ALL benefiting Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington!

Jan. 16 - Between 9 & 10 a.m. Free Pancake Breakfast!

Directions to Orr Creek Sno-Park:

From Randle, WA: Head South on Highway 131 (Cispus Road) to Forest Road 23, follow that to Forest Road 21, and then to Forest Road 56, and then to Forest Road 5603.

The roads are plowed by Back Country Plowing and Grooming and marked with Signs!

The Orr Creek Sno-Park is 26 Miles from Randle!

For more info call Chris Sutton at (253) 224-8806 or Zach Bradbury at (253) 592-9893, or see Junco Snowmobile Club on Facebook!



Quick repair of vandalism to the BCPG sno-cat on December 16th at the Lone Butte Sno-Park.

reason! They suffered a huge blow at the beginning of our season and had ALL the windows smashed out of a sno-cat at Lone Butte Sno-Park on December 16th. If anyone has any information, call the Skamania County Sheriff at (509) 427-9490 and refer to case # 21-10371. You can also contact BCPG via Facebook if you would like to donate towards the replacement of the windows, I know the estimated cost is around \$4000! FYI, this didn't stop BCPG from grooming that day; with a little 'back country' ingenuity, they forged on and made the best with what they had!

The Junco Snowmobile Club meets monthly at Godfather's Pizza near Spanaway at 15709 Pacific Ave S. in Tacoma. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7pm, September through April, with a social hour beginning at 6pm! We are a small informal club with a lot of young families, and we are always looking for new friends to ride with. It is very common to see kids in our sno-parks doing parking lot circles on their snowmobiles and playing with friends, so please watch out for them! Our membership is only \$20 a year per family, and we welcome yours to come join us! If you would like to be a member and support our club but cannot make it to our meetings, you can mail a \$20 check to our Treasurer, Kristal Simpson, at 14404 50th Ave. E. Tacoma, WA 98446; please include your e-mail on the check! You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/groups/318085678333978/

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Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 16) for more information about our club, our rides, and our 'Charity on the Snow' event!



Winter Knights

By Greg Figg,
President

Greeting fellow Winter Knights!

First and foremost, I hope you had a great Christmas and Happy New Year!

I wanted to thank our Winter Knight volunteers who helped us with wood cutting and cabin maintenance this fall. With the leadership of Rene Wigen and Bob Walker we made short work of woodcutting at the King's Lake cabin. No matter what happens this year our wood is stacked and we are ready for the winter!

The Winter Knights Snow Show was back this year at the Spokane County Fairgrounds with a good array of dealers and vendors

selling products. I know for many of the vendors, getting product was difficult this year with the supply chain issues. The Winter Knights are grateful to our dealers, vendors, customers and the members who gave freely of their time to make the show a success this year. We had slightly over 2,000 people in attendance.

The Winter Knights also participated in the Coeur d' Alene after-Thanksgiving Day Parade with a float this year. The parade had an incredible attendance and we were

happy to be a part of it again. I have attached some pictures of that!

Our Christmas party had almost 70 people in attendance this season. A big thank you to Shami Ruggles and Tracy Parshall for organizing the party this year and making it a fun evening.

Our ride schedule is getting ready to kick off with the new year. We are looking forward to many great off-trail, trail, and mountain rides this winter. Thank you to all our ride leaders for taking (Continued on page 18)



The Winter Knights participated in the Coeur d' Alene after-Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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Lastly, the Forest Service is now in the planning for Over-Snow Vehicle Use. The Winter Knights will be engaging in this effort to ensure we do not lose our favorite riding areas.

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



Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club

**By
Christina Markovits**

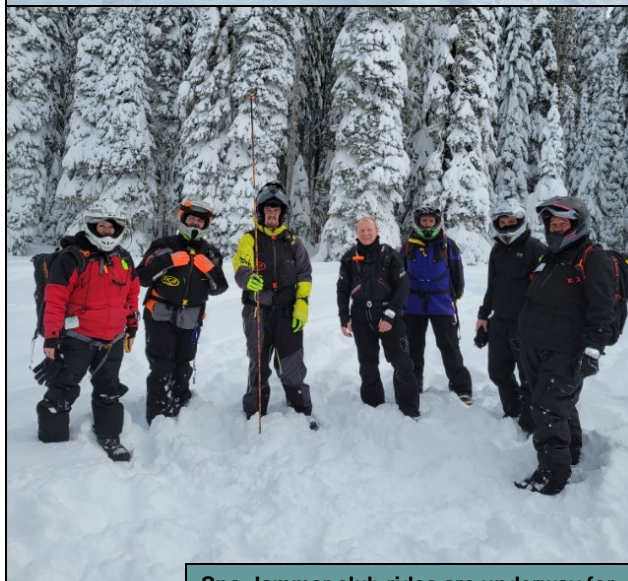
The snow we have been waiting for is finally here! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

The Sno-Jammers have been busy with club rides and fun events off the snow. We had our Christmas party in early December and we were able to meet several new members! Our club rides that happened on December 19th and January 1st were both very successful! It is great seeing so many new faces on the snow with us this season.

Stay tuned for more upcoming rides this month including a LADIES ONLY ride on January 22nd. Contact me at crmarkovits@gmail.com or (253) 579-5444 if you are interested in coming along!

There will also be an intermediate ride hosted by Glenn Markovits scheduled for January 15th. You can contact him at gmarkovits@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

Don't forget, we always meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Round Table Pizza in Puyallup at 7pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Follow us on Facebook or check out our website at www.snojammers.org for more info. See you on the snow, and remember, NEVER RIDE ALONE!



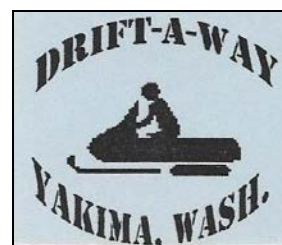
Sno-Jammer club rides are underway for the season. Join 'em!



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Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club

**By Matt Mead,
Secretary**

It's been a slow start for riding compared to last season, but Drift-A-Way members have managed to put a few mid-week rides together. The deep snow has been hiding at higher elevations, but luckily there has been enough snow at the lower sno-parks to launch from.

The club will be hosting a ride in conjunction with the Yakima Ski-Benders' Chilly (feed) Ride on January 15th. We won't miss a chance to join in on a hot meal on the snow!

The club recently completed a 'tree cutting' ride; the call came to cut a few trees up so the groomer could more easily push them out of the way. We cut about five mid-size trees and one large 36" diameter beast. Thanks to members Ron and Dee Alred, Clint and Justin Adamson, Ryan

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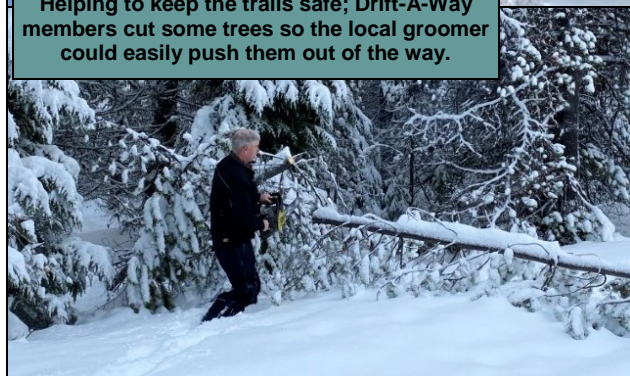
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(Continued from page 18) Mead, and Rudy Classen for shoveling snow and manning chainsaws.

Club meetings are ongoing; if you are interested in a family-friendly ego-free club, join us at Round Table Pizza in Yakima on the first Monday of the month through the season. Dinner at 6pm.



Helping to keep the trails safe; Drift-A-Way members cut some trees so the local groomer could easily push them out of the way.



Membership

Membership Matters

By Wayne and Florence Mohler, Membership co-chairs

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

As a quick reminder, the following offices are up for election in 2021: President, Vice President, Publicity Secretary and Membership Secretary. The President and Vice President positions are one-year terms and the Publicity Secretary and Membership Secretary are two-year terms. Nominations close January 15th and the slate of candidates will be posted on the WSSA website shortly thereafter. Anyone interested in serving in one of these positions should contact Jim Kingman, Nominations Chair, at jim.kingman@wssa.us for more information. Members will vote electronically (January 16th through February 19th) and the results will be announced on February 20th during the annual meeting. To vote, go to www.wssa.us and log in with your username and password. A 'Vote' button will be prominently displayed on the home page.

Your membership became inactive if you didn't renew by the end of December. If so, please renew right away. Dues are \$25 for Individual/Families and for Clubs. The dues for Associate members (Dealers and Businesses) are \$50. For clubs that collect WSSA dues from your members, please forward the WSSA portion of the dues right away. If your club has a new President, please provide the updated contact information.

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



WSSA Legal Action Fund Raffle North Cascade Sled Deck

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

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

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

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

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

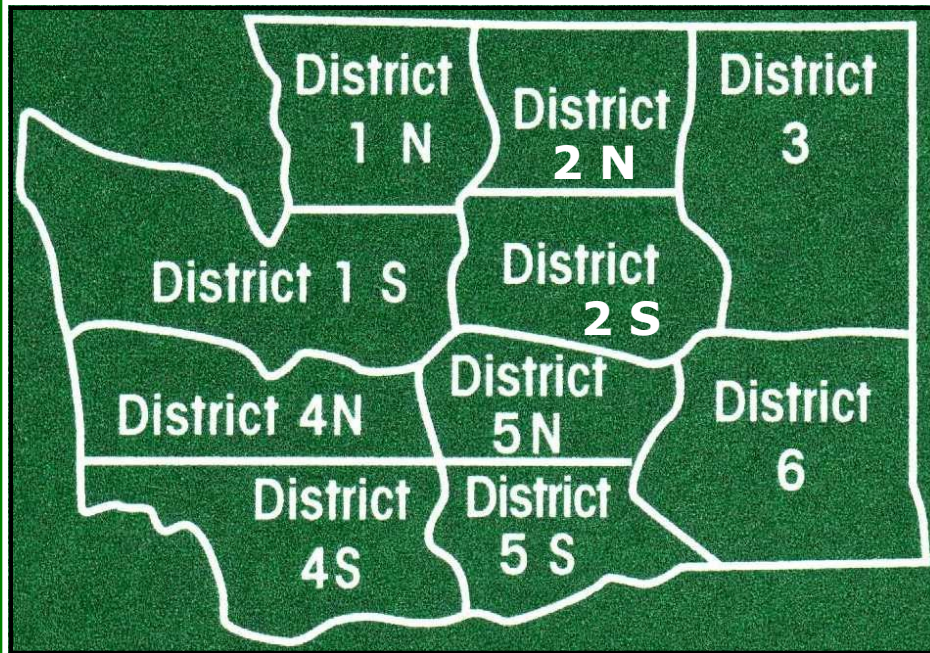
All aluminum expandable sled deck
Adjustable legs for long or short box
11 foot 2 piece ramp

Includes center loading
Side lights and dome light
Carbide protectors for all 3 positions

Super Clamps donated by DieselWerxs.com in Cle Elum, WA

(Buying raffle tickets in support of the Legal Action Fund are in no way tax deductible.)

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WINTER RENDEZVOUS 2022

YAKIMA

FEBRUARY 18 - 21

Guided Rides

Friday-Sunday

Information / Sign up @ Check-in

Rendezvous Pricing

Dinners

Friday and Saturday Night

Yakima Valley Museum

Friday \$25/Saturday \$30

Home2 Suites

Yakima, WA

**Rates \$119/Night
Reservations**



Great Fun for the entire Family

Photo Contest

Sled Deck Raffle

Silent & Live Auctions (proceeds go to Legal Action Fund)

Registration Form

Last Name _____ **First** _____ **Spouse** _____

Children Names/Ages _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone # () _____ **E-Mail?** _____

Friday Night Dinner \$25 (Under 7 free)

Adults _____ **x \$25 = Sub Total \$** _____

Saturday Night Banquet \$30 (Under 7 free)

#Adults _____ **x \$30 = Sub Total \$** _____

Method of Payment: Check or Credit Card (Visa/Master Card only) **TOTAL AMOUNT \$** _____

Make payment out to WSSA and mail form to:

Fred Pitzer

P.O. Box 668

Yakima, WA 98907

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Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____ **CVV(3 or 4 digits)** _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

State Parks Update

State Parks Winter Recreation Program

By Pamela McConkey,
Winter Recreation Program Manager



BRING ON THE SNOW!

What a great way to start off the winter! Snow in November (although minimal) and continuing into December with grooming starting in most areas before the Christmas and New Year's holidays. In some cases that's a record! This is a great time to remind your friends who like to venture into the mountains in their jeeps, cars, trucks, ATVs and UTVs that the wheeled vehicle season is over and the groomed trails are closed to all wheeled vehicles. Of course, put tracks on those ATV/UTVs and come join in the fun with snowmobiles... just make sure you register them as snowmobiles.

The sno-parks are open, the sanitation is in place, now all you need to do is register your snowmobiles and snow bikes, tracked ATV/UTVs, (remember you get your sno-park permit at no additional cost when you register), and head out for your winter season adventures. Remember to check road and avalanche conditions, take plenty of snacks and water, put new batteries in your beacon, let someone know where you are headed and when you expect to return... and have a great time! These simple steps can save your life!

HUMAN KINDNESS!

During 2021 we saw a lot of commercials and media about 'human kindness'. It makes one stop and think... what has happened to us as a society that we have to be reminded to be kind to one another? I personally don't do the whole social media thing but I hear so many people talk about the political rhetoric they see and read on social media, children and neighbors being bullied, statements made that have nothing to do with facts, and yet so many, because they read it, believe it to be true. I'm certain when all the different social media outlets were in development the creators never intended them to be the negative and sometime hurtful venues they sometimes turn out to be. Don't get me wrong, I think there are so many wonderful things and advantages to social

media, when used as they were intended. I have enjoyed watching the human kindness commercials because they touch my heart and then make me realize we are in a time of having to tell people to be kind. Didn't most of us grow up being taught to 'love thy neighbor', 'be nice', 'treat others as you wish to be treated'? Well, you get the picture. And yet the people who help make our winter recreation program one of the finest in the Nation are all too often met with negative comments, false statements and physical vandalism to equipment they purchased to work for you. The expense of sanitation (porta potties), plowing equipment and grooming equipment are treated with little respect by those who think shooting them up, painting them, breaking out the windows is some sort of game, that no harm comes to them, so why not. It's unfortunate and has nothing to do with human kindness. Already this year, one of your groomers had their equipment seriously vandalized. What can you do about it you ask? Keep watching your social media and listen; someone will want to take credit, will want to brag about their shenanigans and we (and that's the collective WE) need to help law enforcement put a stop to it.

I have met snowmobilers across the State and truly believe they are some of the kindest and most generous people I have had the pleasure of associating with. That's why I am asking you all to help, so the next time you are out and about, read or hear about this type of behavior, help us. I am not talking about confrontation, but speak up. (Continued on page 23)

Snowmobile Registrations

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY 21-22 Difference
July	149	145	134	148	166	151	186	35
August	531	676	782	2,307	222	249	1,291	1,042
September	2,968	3,145	2,946	1,682	2,974	3,220	3,418	198
October	1,662	2,139	2,489	1,882	3,357	3,189	2,274	(915)
November	3,129	3,362	4,360	2,960	2,372	5,009	2,860	(2,149)
December	11,575	13,170	6,973	8,320	6,726	7,229		
January	3,528	3,196	3,358	3,433	4,514	3,295		
February	1,164	1,513	1,166	1,602	1,293	1,541		
March	298	686	674	958	355	636		
April	82	181	175	258	89	219		
May	32	93	93	90	135	108		
June	30	84	71	83	126	179		
Total:	25,148	28,390	23,221	23,723	22,329	25,025	10,029	(1,789)

Washington State Parks

Welcome!
Warming huts & shelters are open this winter.

We invite you to come in and get warm. Please wear a face covering and stay 6 feet apart from people not in your household. For smaller warming huts, please minimize your time spent inside if others are waiting to get in.

ENTER & USE AT YOUR OWN RISK
Warming huts & shelters are not sanitized. We can't guarantee surfaces are free from COVID-19.

Thank you for recreating responsibly!

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State Parks Update *Continued...*

(Continued from page 22) take photos and send them to the local law enforcement so the 'unkind' can be set straight and put back on the right track.

WE CAN'T SAY IT ENOUGH! REGISTER YOUR SNOWMOBILE!

Because of the increased number of registered snowmobile last year, YOU are partially responsible for the 14% increase in snowmobile trail grooming this year! Way to go!

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.)

\$50.00 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 raised from snowmobiles registered last year 2020/2021 is being used for the 2021/2022 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 current 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 registrations fund YOUR program.

SNO-PARK PERMIT FEES INCREASED THIS SEASON!

In order to stay in line with the non-motorized programs sno-park permit fees, both programs increased the seasonal sno-park permit fee from \$40 to \$50 October 2021. This will NOT have any impact on your sno-park permit which you receive at NO additional cost when you register your snowmobile. However, people visiting from out of state or out of country will need this sno-park permit to park at snowmobile sno-parks in Washington. Again, when you register your snowmobile and/or snow bike/tracked ATV/UTV, there is no additional cost to you for your seasonal sno-park permit. Questions? Send us an mail win-ter@parks.wa.gov

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissions Winter Recreation Program is Proud to Partner with:



Notes



Introducing Snow NorthWest!

Washington Hometown has just released Snow NorthWest, a huge expansion of their winter recreation web maps and apps for Apple and Android.

Snow NorthWest covers a larger geographic area, (the whole Pacific Northwest), and has more types of activities including snowmobiling, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, and snow-play areas.

More search filters are available to help you plan your next recreation adventure trip. Use filters to find trail access for snowmobiling, tracked ATVs/UTVs, fat tire snow-bikes, Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, and sledding. Filters also allow you to find places by 'access pass' required or a designated facility.

Maps now show the location of 'SnoTel' snow-depth stations with a link to current snow conditions at that location.

Snowmobile trails are orange so they cannot be confused with closed areas and trails. ATV/4x4 trails are colored orange as they may be suitable for snowmobiles. Winter trails now have a black halo so they stand out better. Ungroomed trails use the same colors with hash marks.

Recreation land is coded to help you understand the rules. Green (snowmobiles allowed off-trail or use unknown); light yellow (snowmobiles must stay on roads or trails); dark yellow (snowmobiles must stay on groomed trails); light red (non-motorized area); and deep red (the area is closed to all uses including fire closures.)

Click on any point, trail, or area to automatically get all of the available information you need to help plan and navigate your adventure including avalanche forecasts, entry passes required at the trailhead, grooming reports, links to supporting clubs, and more.

Download today at your favorite app store!

Charity & Volunteering Reporting

By Ron Alred, Charity & Volunteer Chair

From reading the Snoflyer and the posts placed on Facebook, it is clear most of the clubs are doing a lot of work keeping our areas cleaned, brushed and a lot more. I want to help you get credit for all the hard work you do by collecting your charity and volunteer accomplishments to share with fellow snowmobilers, national snowmobile organizations, and land managers at all levels.

Feel free to contact me with any help you need in reporting. I have redone the reporting form to make it easier to fill out and can provide a copy at your request. If you don't want to use the form, e-mail me your information and I will fill it out for you.

If you have any questions or need/want to talk to me, you can e-mail me at rdal-red1971@gmail.com or call me at (509) 961-2806.

#RecreateResponsibly Winter Edition

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Some areas can become dangerous with winter conditions. Research your destination, as roads and facilities may be closed in winter.

PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Be prepared to cover your nose and mouth. When possible, opt to eat and rest outside. If you feel sick, stay home.

PLAN AHEAD

Check local conditions and prepare for the elements, packing extra layers, waterproof clothing, and avalanche safety gear for the backcountry.

PLAY IT SAFE

Know your limits and your gear. Slow down and choose lower-risk activities to reduce your risk of injury.

EXPLORE LOCALLY

Consider exploring locally, as driving and parking may be more challenging in winter. If you travel, be mindful of your impact on Native and local communities.

LEAVE NO TRACE

Did you know that the snow is our water supply? Keep our winter playgrounds clean. Pack out any human or pet waste. Be respectful of the land.

BUILD AN INCLUSIVE OUTDOORS

Everyone deserves to experience a winter wonderland. Be an active part of making the outdoors safe, accessible, and welcoming for all identities and abilities.

Notes

Annual WSSA Awards

**Submission deadline is
February 1st, 2022!**



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!

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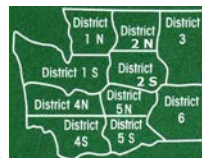
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WSSA's Associate Partnership Program

Luft Trailer Sales in Ellensburg is offering a 10% discount on parts.



Are you next? Add your business name here!

With all the challenges facing everyone during this past year, we're starting a program with our Associate members to try to bring our snowmobile members together with our Associate members through an affinity or loyalty program. It's very simple and straightforward – As an Associate, just let us know how you would like to participate. WSSA will publicize the Associate members and what they are offering in the Snoflyer and on social media. Just contact membership@wssa.us to get signed up!

Notes

Know before you go

**From the International Snowmobile Tourism Council
And the International Snowmobile Media Council**

The International Snowmobile Tourism Council (ISTC) and the International Snowmobile Media Council (ISMC) want to bring to the attention of all snowmobilers riding in the West, how important it is to KNOW BEFORE YOU GO.

We strongly urge snowmobilers to check the avalanche forecast before heading out no matter where you ride in the West. You have the training (Are You Beeping?) and the tools



but DID YOU CHECK THE AVALANCHE FORECAST? Very easy to do: go to www.avalanche.org and click on the state you are going to ride in. The Midwest and Northeast riders especially need to be aware of this when they head west to ride as this would likely not be a part of their normal routine. Read the avalanche forecast before every ride. Know what the avalanche problems or the bottom-line summary says for your riding area. If you get buried in an avalanche, it takes about ten minutes to die.

You can look at the avalanche statistics from last season on the American Council of Snowmobile Associations' (ACSA) website www.snowmobilers.org. They were compiled by Mike Duffy one of the top avalanche experts in the U.S. Also, on the ACSA website, is Snowmobile Education and Safety. KNOW BEFORE YOU GO, and live to ride another day.

Join WSSA and help support snowmobiling in Washington State!

What Does WSSA Do For YOU?

- WSSA's Legal Action Fund defends snowmobiling in Washington against adverse land-use actions
- WSSA members work on behalf of all Washington State snowmobilers' in Olympia's Capitol
- WSSA District Reps represent snowmobilers' interests with local land officials and in regional trail grooming councils
- WSSA travels to Washington D.C. to discuss snowmobile related issues with your congressional representatives and national land managers
- WSSA represents snowmobilers on the national level with a voice in the American Council of snowmobile Associations and the International Snowmobile Council
- WSSA hosts the annual Snowmobile Expo & Swap Meet in Puyallup – the largest snowmobile event in the Pacific Northwest
- WSSA's successful Trail Grant program helps fund new sno-parks & warming huts, trail upgrades & facility improvements
- WSSA's annual Winter Rendezvous offers you the opportunity to ride in different parts of the state with guided rides and evening social gatherings
- WSSA supports snowmobile and non-snowmobile projects and charities to boost the image of snowmobilers across the state

SNOWMOBILE RENTALS IN WASHINGTON

Chewack River Guest Ranch

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ACSA E-News

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Christmas Gifts Delivered by Marines on Snowmobiles

Marines on snowmobiles helped Santa this month while delivering toys to boys and girls in Alaska's Arctic.

Marines flew to Kotzebue, which is 549 miles northwest of Anchorage and 26 miles above the Arctic Circle, on a KC-130 operated by the Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 based in Okinawa, Japan.

From there, they rode commercial flights and snowmobiles to get toys to 2,500 children in 11 villages, the Juneau Empire reported.

"It's really just to benefit kids. The sparkle in the kids' eyes, that makes it worth it," said Capt. Keith G. Lowell, a Marine stationed in Anchorage who oversaw the mission to Alaska's Northwest Arctic Borough.

Caribou Recovery = Sled Ban

A judge upheld a longstanding ban on snowmobiling in designated mountain caribou habitat in North Idaho on December 13th, despite the fact caribou no longer venture into the Lower 48.

Since 2007, snowmobiling has been banned in certain designated recovery areas in the Idaho Panhandle National Forest. That ban was instituted in hopes of conserving the Southern Selkirk caribou herd, which estimated to be between 35-45 animals.

However, a U.S. District Court Judge ruled the closure area is still critical habitat for caribou and found Endangered Species Act protection is still justified. In 2019, the federal government beefed up protections for caribou, nearly a year after the last member of the southern herd was relocated.

The 2007 permanent injunction order states the ban on snowmobiling and other over-snow-vehicles will remain in effect until the Forest Service adopts a winter recreation strategy, also known as a Travel Plan. That plan has not been completed, although the Forest Service told the court it would be done by 2023.

After decades of effort — involving tribal, federal, state and Canadian officials — the southern caribou herd's population peaked at 46 animals in 2009 and was climbing at that time. But by the spring of 2018 only three animals, all female, were left in the South Selkirk herd, according to aerial surveys.

Trespassing...

Selfish riders continue to cause additional closures. It's their 'entitled' attitude -- some riders feel they can ride wherever they please. They are the problem. The result is more closed trails.

Kevin Beilke, editor of SnowTech magazine, is a rider first and foremost. He walks the walk and talks the talk. In the January/February 2022 issue, he is once again taking on the trespass issue.

Kevin is a true friend of snowmobiling -- and allows us to share his articles. Please take a minute to read it here: <https://www.snowmobilers.org/docs/SnowTech-January-2022.pdf>

California's Great Climate Fail

California is failing to meet its greenhouse-gas emissions goals in part because of its climate obsession.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) was given the power to reduce statewide emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 through state law. A mandate was issued to implement a cap-and-trade program, low-carbon fuel standard, electric-vehicle and renewable electricity mandates, among other regulations that raise costs for residents and businesses.

Yet the state is still far short of its climate goals, according to a report by Next 10.

"Assuming the same three-year average rate of reduction from 2017 to 2019 (-1.3%), California will reach its 2030 and 2050 goals in 2063 and 2111, respectively," Next 10 writes.

Last year the state added more natural gas power capacity than solar.

The reason: Fossil fuels are needed to back up unreliable renewables, especially as nuclear power plants are forced to shut down and drought limits hydropower. It also has to import power from other states, some of which is generated by coal.

Emissions from wildfires have also soared. A single fire in northern California produced more greenhouse gases than all non-industrial businesses. Yet, wildfires were excluded from the statewide emissions report.

You can read the Next 10 report here: <https://www.next10.org/publications/2021-gii>

Canada Challenges U.S. Lumber Duties

The Canadian government recently launched a challenge against American duties on Canadian softwood lumber under the terms of the U.S. - Mexico-Canada (USMCA) trade deal, said the Canadian Trade Minister in a statement.

The U.S. Department of Commerce nearly doubled its duties on imported Canadian softwood lumber to 17.9% in November after a review of its anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders regarding certain softwood lumber products from Canada.

The United States accuses Canada of unfairly subsidizing and dumping softwood lumber, which is commonly used to build homes. Canada denies it is dumping.

The Trump administration initially imposed 20% duties on Canadian softwood lumber in 2018 after the collapse of talks on a new quota arrangement, but reduced the level in December 2020 to 9%. President Joe Biden's administration had stuck to those duties until the Commerce Department's recent review.

White House Hails 'Significant Progress' on Conservation Goals

The White House announced 'significant progress' on national conservation goals in the first year of its America the Beautiful initiative in a recent report, including the restoration of Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante in Utah.

The America the Beautiful initiative, announced in May, is a 10-year federal conservation program aiming to eventually release annual 'State of Nature' reports and develop an 'American Conservation and Stewardship Atlas' of land and water management data.

It served as an update to the administration's earlier '30x30' initiative, which aimed to preserve 30 percent of U.S. lands and waters by 2030, although this remains a stated goal of the program.

The report also referenced the 'infrastructure package' as crucial to the conservation efforts.

Federal Commission Will Overhaul Wildfire Strategy

The federal government has established a Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission to figure out how the federal government can cope with a growing plague of megafires in the West.

The commission will coordinate billions of new spending on wildfire prevention included in the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Congressman Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ) was one co-sponsor in the House, as was Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ) in the Senate.

The bill to set up the committee to cope with the record-breaking series of town-destroying wildfires drew rare bipartisan support, with Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) co-sponsoring in the Senate.

In Case You Missed This...

Forest Service Liability Immunity: In a case arising from a man's drowning on U.S. Forest Service property in Oregon, the Seventh Circuit ruled that a \$5 pass qualifies as a parking fee of less than \$15, and the government is thus immune from tort liability.

The man drowned after a logjam ruptured, sending a tall wave and debris at a seasonal bridge across the Sandy River while the man and his friend were crossing.

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Plywood Costs: Like all commodity lumber and panel markets, plywood has been on a roll the past five to six weeks, dating back to the week before Thanksgiving. The past several weeks have seen the plywood markets undergo sharp week to week price increases, and while it was calmer through the week of Christmas, it seems poised to continue on this trajectory after the holidays.

Demand is strong and most companies are expecting a busy first half of the year. This latest market version is behaving like the bull market that started a year ago and lasted into May of 2021.

Most people would rather not see a replay of that volatile and brutal market. Currently, lumber and panel prices have risen to a little over half-way to where they were in the early spring of 2021. Not quite so much for OSB, yet.

EPA Raises Vehicle Mileage Standards. The Biden administration has put forward its most ambitious vehicle mileage goals to date, raising standards for cars and small trucks while reversing a Trump-era rollback.

Under the final rule released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the federal government will require cars and other light-duty vehicles to achieve a 40 miles per gallon standard over the next five years.

How does this compare to past rules? That's up from the 32 miles per gallon required by the Trump administration in 2020 and slightly higher than an original goal of 38 miles per gallon put forward by the Biden administration.

Biden Administration Backs Oil Rail Through Roadless Forest Area

A proposed oil-carrying rail line through Roadless Areas of a Utah National Forest does not conflict with the Biden administration's sustainability goals, the Forest Service told opponents of the project.

Forest Service Chief Randy Moore sent a letter to the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) indicating the Uinta Basin Railway would help the local economy and support President Biden's policies to 'rebuild our infrastructure for a sustainable economy.'

At issue is an 88-mile-long rail line that would transport mainly crude oil and sand for fracking, providing a route for expanded oil production in the Uinta Basin. A 12-mile portion would pass through the Ashley National Forest, including Roadless Areas prohibited from certain types of development.

On Forest Service land, the project would include the construction of five bridges and three tunnels, but no roads in designated Roadless Areas, according to the Forest Service.

The letter underscored the Forest Service's view that allowing trains to run through the Forest would not pose a significant environmental harm and wouldn't violate the Roadless Area protections, as rail lines aren't considered roads under the Roadless Area Conservation Rule.

The CBD said it was disappointed in Moore's response, which didn't address specific objections related to climate change, for instance.

The group wrote to Chief Moore in early September, saying the rail line would encourage fossil fuel production and run counter to the administration's goal of reducing carbon emissions.

In early September, the CBD along with the Sierra

Club and Wild Earth Guardians, among others — urged the Forest Service to reject the railway on multiple grounds.

"We ask that the Forest Service decline to issue the right of way because it directly conflicts with the administration's climate change policies to significantly reduce emissions by 2030 and the Roadless Rule," they said.

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No Trespassing "SLOGAN" Challenge

**#Know Where To Go
Or there will be NO where to go!!**

Trespassing = Lost Riding!

You Ride – You See the Trespassing and the results of lost riding! We need YOUR ideas.

Trespassing is the #1 reason for lost trails and riding areas on public and private lands.

We need to reach the violators - They need to understand trespassing is not okay!

GIVE US YOUR BEST IDEAS!



2021 Poster Winner

The Slogan Challenge is open to all original ideas and designs. No Copyrighted Information is allowed.

Slogan Challenge is open to **ALL Ages**. Submit your original poster design by **January 15, 2022**.

All submissions will be reviewed By the ACSA Trespass Committee after January 15th.

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 ideas or submittals. Prize Winners will be notified by **February 4, 2022**.



**** Submit your Slogans to: info@snowmobilers.org**

This Challenge is open to snowmobiles of all ages. Participation in the challenge constitutes entrant's full and unconditional agreement of acceptance of the Rules and the decisions of ACSA, which are final and binding. All entries become the property of ACSA and will not be returned.

Matt's Misc.

Help me help you... Help your club I mean. Please check your club listing in the Snoflyer frequently to ensure the contact info is up to date. We depend on the clubs to let us know when a change occurs. The Snoflyer receives most updates through Membership when they are notified of a change, but this isn't foolproof. Sometimes the club wants different contact info in the Snoflyer. And it may surprise you (not really), but I'm fallible and I miss making changes even if the data did get sent to me. Thanks for your help!

Chelan County local donated sleds to Sheriff's office. Bud Dietrich, deciding he'd aged out of snowmobiling, donated his sleds and trailer to the Chelan County Sheriff's office. Bud and his wife are the retired owners



Bud Dietrich, second from left, standing with Chelan County Sheriff's Office personnel.

of the Nisus Corporation, a chemical manufacturer in Knoxville, Tennessee. The machines will be used to patrol the local area and respond to on-the-snow incidents. Let's hope they spend a lot of time writing tickets to the owners on non-registered snowmobiles this season!

Got a complaint? Let State Parks know. I've seen a lot of grumbling on Facebook in December about perceived poor grooming and sno-park plowing. Some was deserved, some was not knowing all the details involved. Regardless, you should be telling State Parks and let them figure out if your comments are valid. And remember, positive comments are welcome and appreciated as well! The comment form can be found here: <https://www.parks.state.wa.us/FormCenter/Winter-Recreation-9/SnoPark-Onsite-Evaluation-Form-68>

Taiga electric snowmobiles are in production! You may have already thought they were; it seems to have taken forever to actually reach this stage. Customer deliveries are expected early this year.

CEO Sam Bruneau recently stated "Today represents the shared dream and vision of our entire organization coming to life as the first snowmobiles come off the production

line. I am proud of the demonstrated ability and perseverance from employees who together have overcome challenges as we navigate unprecedented supply chain volatil-



Taiga snowmobiles finally rolling off the assembly line!

ity. With the sleds soon ready for the snow, we are excited by the idea of our customers being able to ride on these cutting-edge machines that embody winter exploration without compromise."

Deliveries to pre-order customers will start as soon as final approvals are granted by government agencies. The model lineup comprises the Ekko mountain snowmobile, the Atlas crossover and the Nomad touring/utility flavor.

Taiga snowmobiles will offer instant torque and zero throttle lag, and a thermal management system will keep the battery in top shape if temperatures plummet below zero.

What are the specs of the mountain market Ekko? It includes a 120-hp or 180-hp electric drivetrain and a 165" x 15" x 2.5" track. Estimated range is about 60 miles for the 120-hp model and 81 with the 180-hp version. No surprise regenerative braking is included, along with a large display which allows for GPS mapping and custom terrain profiles.

You may have heard about... the two snowmobilers from Minnesota who died in a Montana avalanche over the Christmas holiday. Obviously tragic and my condolences to their friends and family. The Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center has released the report on the avalanche and there is a video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRVGmkJnlog>

I'm not a snow pack expert, but it was very interesting the fact the top 4'-5' of snow slid on a base of less than a foot below it. Basically it slid from ground level as the bottom bit of snow was very unstable.

All the riders in the group were involved, but the situation was two riders went up to help their two stuck buddies. (We all have been taught this is a big no-no.) All riders

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary



had beacons and the buried were recovered by their friends.

We all love a good snowmobile accident video. Check out the one at website below. The back-story is a snowmobiler was riding through a Minnesota neighborhood and it appears his throttle stuck. The snowmobile jumped a snowbank and landed inside a homeowner's garage. The funny thing (not really) is the homeowner had just pulled



out and passed the snowmobile seconds before the incident. This makes a further case for the use of tethers... Watch it here: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10353225/Runaway-snowmobile-flies-air-smashes-garage-Video.html#v-405243843999256087>

It's time to call them out! I'm talking about snowmobilers who are riding unregistered sleds and not displaying sno-park permits. I'm not saying to get into fights and certainly not to put yourself at risk, but to just ask the question, "where is your registration/sno-park permit?" Obviously the follow-up is "this is how our program is funded and we need everyone's support". This is likely to be less intimidating if you are with your group of like-minded friends who are there offering moral support. Some may find this advise controversial and that's okay. I'm fully advocating a friendly (on your part) conversation. But it is time for a little peer pressure. Minding our own business is costing us big dollars every year.

Snoflyer or website comments? Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have a concern or question with the Snoflyer, WSSA website or our Facebook site. Call (509) 424-1575 or e-mail to snoflyer@wssa.us.

