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## WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2022/2023

### WSSA Meeting

October 10th 2022

Zoom meeting, 7pm to 8:30pm. Get the latest details on the upcoming snowmobile season. Zoom log-on info available on request.

### WSSA Expo & Swap Meet

October 14th & 15th 2022

Big changes with this 30th anniversary event! Now a Friday/Saturday show! Open 3pm to 9pm on Friday and 9am to 6pm on Saturday. Puyallup Fairgrounds - Join us!

### Snowmobile Day

October 29th, 2022

An event sponsored by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association. Check with your local dealer to see if they have any special events planned.

### Spokane Winter Knights Snow Show

November 12th, 2022, Spokane Fairgrounds

A great show in the eastern part of the state! WSSA will be there; stop by and say 'hi!'

### WSSA Meeting

November 15th, 2022

Zoom meeting, 7pm to 8:30pm. Get the latest details on the upcoming snowmobile season. Zoom log-on info available on request.

### Bavarian Boondockers Snowfest 10

November 19th, 2022, Leavenworth Festhalle

Will the snow be falling for Snowfest? Maybe! A day of fun and raffles and WSSA is on site!

### WSSA Meeting

January 12th 2023

Zoom meeting, 7pm to 8:30pm. Find out what is going on with snowmobiling in Washington. Zoom log-on info available on request.

### WSSA Westside Ride

January 21st, 2023, Glacier

Hosted by the Whatcom County Snowmobile Club. A chance to meet and ride with WSSA leadership on the west side of the state. Details in this Snoflyer.

### Winter Rendezvous & WSSA Meeting

In Yakima

February 17th - 20th, 2023

Guided rides. Leaders for family-friendly, mid-level trail/off-trail and again for the extreme; we'll have a ride for you! Meals and entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights. Legal Action auction and announcement of Legal Action Fund raffle winner.

### WSSA Meeting at the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

March 11th 2023

Our annual budget meeting. Starts at 9am. A lunch option will be provided. Hoping to schedule rides for Friday and/or Sunday. Help set the financial direction of your state snowmobile association.

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## Leadership

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



Greetings fellow snowmobilers!

I hope everyone has had a great summer enjoying the great outdoors. I have seen pictures on Facebook of so many people out in the forest with their side-by-sides, Jeeps, quads, boats, campers, and tents. It doesn't matter how you get out there, just get out there. Some of my favorite memories from childhood were spent in the forest with friends and family.

Which is why we all need to work really hard to keep our access to the forests open. Joining clubs is a great way to accomplish this. Our group of clubs have the best volunteers ever! They help keep the trails cleared of brush. They also hold weekend clean-up parties to pick up any trash in the sno-parks and on the trails. They maintain warming huts throughout the state. Without our volunteers, our riding experiences would not be so great. So a big thanks you to all or clubs and volunteers!

I hope you have marked your calendar for the upcoming WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet. The date is Friday October 14th (3pm to 9pm) and Saturday October 15th (9am to 6pm). WSSA is celebrating our 50th year and will have cake at the WSSA booth while it lasts. Having it on Friday and Saturday is new this year. I am looking forward to seeing all the new items these vendors bring to the show! So come and enjoy seeing what the clubs are planning. We look forward to seeing people we haven't seen in some time and catching up with them. I hope to see you there!

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



When it rains it pours! Or should I say hails! On August 11th, in Spokane, we experienced the largest hail storm in history. The largest ones were 2.5 inches in diameter! I am still finding damage as a result of this storm. My new Mission 12ft enclosed snowmobile trailer was totaled by the insurance company finally yesterday. The catch-22 is if they pay me and take it, I can't find another one to purchase; if I buy it back, they want me to pay more for it than I could sell it for. I am flipping a coin to see what to do. Side note: Always make sure you have insurance for all your toys as we can not predict the future.

I am writing this article as I sit at the airport in Minnesota waiting for my flight home. I spent the last three days at Hay Days talking to all the exhibitors about coming to our WSSA Expo this year or next. I am hoping the phones will ring when I get home. I saw lots of new gadgets that will help improve the snowmobiling industry. More to follow.

As a reminder to all, Western Chapter has dissolved and is officially no longer. However, Mountain and Trail Riding Groups sponsored by ACSA (American Council of Snowmobile Associations) are healthy and growing! They have scheduled the next 'Mountain Riding' Summit meeting for arriving on Wednesday, February 22nd, and leaving on the 26th, in Alpine, Wyoming. More days have been added to include avalanche training options at a very low cost from the Bridger Teton Avalanche Center. Rooms are blocked for this event. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

Expo 2022: As we prepare for our first time ever to hold this event on a Friday and Saturday, I ask for your patience as we work the bugs out. Hopefully this will eliminate the problems of being open on Sunday (Game Day).

I am working on a program that might help get more people involved in leadership for WSSA called 'The Shadow Knows'. More to follow.

ISC 2023: Will be held in Moline, Illinois, from June 7th-10th. If you have never attended this event, then do it this year. The International Snowmobile Congress has always been educational and informational (E/I)! More to follow.

Please continue to talk to business owners, dealers and individual snowmobilers about joining WSSA and our cause... which is your cause... to 'Keep the Gates Open'. Lots of problems are on the horizon for Washington and our neighboring state Idaho.

### **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.



## District Reports



### District 1 North

**By Hans Brubaker**  
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Hello sledders! I'm excited to share some news for this season. A number of folks have approached me and other District Reps about having a WSSA ride event in Western Washington. People appreciate the behind-the-scenes work WSSA does, but it's always nice to get together in person and share a day in the mountains. To that end we are starting a Westside WSSA Ride event this year and it will be hosted by the Whatcom County Snowmobile Club on January 21st. One of the sno-parks near Glacier, Washington, will be selected as the date nears based on conditions.

This event will give WSSA members another opportunity to network and strengthen our community. WSSA board members past and present will be in attendance so it will be a great opportunity to learn more about the organization. If you have an idea for preserving or improving snowmobile access, there will be people there who would like to hear it. The intent is to have the event alternate between District 1 and District 4 riding areas each year giving WSSA members another opportunity to experience different parts of the state, and see how different snowmobile clubs are managing their areas. So let's brave the dark days of winter and celebrate our awesome deep snow with a fun WSSA ride event!

For further information, or if you would like to volunteer with the event, please contact me or the Whatcom County Snowmobile Club.

By the time this issue is published the Northwest Glacier Cruisers and Whatcom County Snowmobile Club will have fall work parties and first club meetings in the books. Warming huts will be refurbished and stocked with wood. Snow dances may be in the works...



### District 1 South

**By Glenn Markovits**  
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Hello snowmobile friends! I hope everyone is enjoying the final count-

down of summer and getting ready to welcome in the fall and winter.

In District 1S the Cascade Drift Skippers hosted their first club meeting of the season on September 14th at the Iron Duck Public House restaurant in North Bend. Please check out their



Good food at the Iron Duck!

Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TheIronDuckPublicHouse> as they have excellent food and a great meeting area.

The Cascade Drift Skippers are a great group of people and I encourage you to join their club. Their meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month from September through May and they welcome everyone of all ages and riding skill levels. The Drift Skippers will be having

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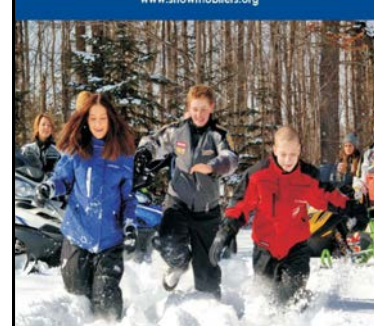
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several great club rides throughout this coming season and their ride calendar is already filled up. Please stay tuned to the Cascade Drift Skippers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CascadeDriftSkippers> and their club website at <https://cds.clubexpress.com/> for upcoming news, rides and events.

The WSSA summer campout/meeting was held at the Blu-Shastin RV Park near Leavenworth on August 13th-15th. The meeting was productive and it was great spending time with friends and other WSSA members.

As most of you are now aware, WSSA's Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo is happening again this year but is now on Friday and Saturday, October 14th-15th, and I hope everyone takes advantage of it by attending and visiting vendors, friends, clubs and to buy and sell as much as you can.

I'm also very happy to report WSSA is hosting the annual Winter Rendezvous in February over Presidents Day Weekend in Yakima, February 17th-20th, at the Yakima Valley Museum. Please stay tuned to the WSSA Snoflyer for more details to come soon so you can book your hotel room and Rendezvous tickets.

I attended the annual Snowmobile Advisory Committee (SMAC) summer funding meeting virtually on August 6th where a **budget was approved for this season's grooming program.** I'm happy to announce the committee recommended increasing grooming funding even though sled registrations were down slightly. Please keep registering your sleds so we can continue to provide grooming to our trails throughout Washington. Please remember even though your sled registration is only \$50.00, we actually get \$94.20 toward our snowmobile program for every sled registered. That is because we also receive a portion of the gas tax from the fuel used in our sleds. You also get a free sno-park parking pass with every snowmobile registered. Your money pays for trail grooming, sno-park snow removal, sanitation, law enforcement, education and administration, so please register your snowmobiles and snowbikes. *(And tracked ATVs/UTVs - ed.)*

Please start thinking about getting ready for this coming snowmobile season. Start ordering any of those needed parts, accessories and clothing. Along with that, please check your overall sled for needed repairs or

adjustments. Check your safety equipment such as avalanche backpacks, beacons, probes, shovels, radios, and start getting educated by taking an avalanche awareness class and even go further and take a level-1 avalanche safety class; it may save your life **or your riding partner's life!** Also start thinking about your snowmobile trailer repairs and maintenance such as wheel bearings, tire pressures, tire wear, license, and lights.

Now is also a great time to start looking at purchasing a new snowmobile, sled deck, or trailer from a local dealer as the sled inventory might be limited again this year. Stop in and see the great guys at I-90 Motorsports in Issaquah for Ski-Doo snowmobiles and all your clothing and accessories; <https://www.i-90motorsports.com/>. And please visit Clem's Enumclaw Powersports for a great selection of Polaris, Ski-doo and Arctic Cat snowmobiles; <https://www.enumclawpowersports.com/>. For you Polaris riders up north, please don't forget to pay a visit to Pierre's Polaris in Kenmore; <https://www.pierrespolaris.com/>. All of these local dealers are great people to do business with and I encourage you to stop in and see one or all of them! *(Continued on page 9)*

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This is also a good time of the year to start getting your body into better shape. With the cooler temperatures outside and days shorter, I encourage you to work on your cardio outside or in a gym and strength training to help you on those physical demanding rides you might encounter this year.

If you are not a member of a local snowmobile club or a member of WSSA, I encourage you to join both. The local snowmobile clubs have so many good things to offer fellow snowmobilers. You can join others on great group rides, make new friends and get the opportunity to volunteer your time for some great events. Joining WSSA provides you with great information and educations as to what is going on with the legal side of things and your annual dues help our legal funding so we can continue to keep the snowmobile trails and sno-parks open in Washington State when we face legal challenges. You also get access to this great Snoflyer to stay tuned in with the rest of the state and other clubs you might want to join. Please look at the end of the Club News section of this Snoflyer for a local club in your area.

Last, but not least, great news! The weather forecasters have predicted another La Nina winter pattern in the Northwest this coming winter. That means below average temperatures and above average snowfall. So get ready for a fantastic snowmobile season and I hope to see everyone out on the mountain soon.



## District 2 South

**By Matt Kensrud**  
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The start of the season is quickly sneaking up on us! I'm super excited to see everyone at the WSSA Expo. Don't forget to check the new show hours!

On to business... Not much happening in the district yet. A few clubs have had their first meetings. I will report on those in the next Snoflyer. If you have any questions, feel free to call me or e-mail me at kus-tom509@aol.com.



## District 3

**By Greg Figg**

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Greetings all! It is the final days of summer now which means fall and winter are not far away. For us snowmobilers that means happy thoughts! In August I attended the Selkirk Trailblazers Down River Days in Lone for the watercross this year. After a two-year COVID break the event returned better than ever. I was encouraged by the great turnout on the 100-degree day. It was great



**Did you know there is a watercross hosted by the Selkirk Trailblazers in Lone during Down River Days?**

to see the large number of snowmobiles taking part and the crowd that was watching.

As the WSSA District 3 Representative I am also involved in the Forest Service's Over-the-Snow Planning for the Panhandle National Forest which covers portions of Idaho and Washington. With the over-the-snow planning it will mean compromises for the snowmobile community and the vast array of other groups involved. This compromise is on Forest Service land in the spring after March 31st in bear habitat areas; snowmobile travel off-trail will be prohibited. Off-trail travel on state and private land will not change as a result of this plan. On-trail travel will still be allowed on the Forest Service land after March 31st. While this is not perfect for the snowmobile group it does continue to provide access to our favorite riding areas while minimizing the effects on the wildlife. More on this as the plan moves forward.

In other business, preparations are being made by the local clubs to get warming huts maintained and wood cut for the winter. Clubs will be busy in the next two months with this work.

As I write this, I am very excited to attend Hay Days in North Branch, Minnesota, this month (September). This is always a

spectacular event and I cannot wait to attend with 100,000 other snowmobilers from the United States and Canada. I will send Matt Mead a few pictures from Hay Days as well.

Hope you have a great fall!



## District 4 North

**By Tanner Hamlyn**  
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Greeting fellow snowmobilers! I wanted to start this off with a HUGE thank you to the Sno-Jammers and Junco snowmobile clubs. Without groups like these our trails would be in such disrepair that we wouldn't have trails.

The Sno-Jammers have had their hands in a lot of projects. They are finishing up the project they started last year with improving the maintenance access road going into the Government Meadows' cabin. Last year they ran out of time due to weather, but after securing a grant from Ski-Doo last year for \$5000, they will be renting trucks and equipment along with using donated equipment; they hope to get the project finally completed after 30 years. The Forest Service was able to get a pump truck in to the cabin to have the bathrooms pumped out and cleaned thanks to the current improvements to the road.

Another big project we will begin this year is a Forest Service-approved wood shed behind the cabin to keep the firewood out of the snow. They are donating all of our materials. This will be a multiple-season project.

If it wasn't for these clubs and the many like it around the state, we would not have access to our lands.

I ask you all to please consider joining your local club, wherever you ride, participate in the events they have, and the work parties they put on. These clubs are more than a year's worth of dues charged; as much as your dues go to helping this sport and your area out, your time and participation is even more valuable.

If you would like to join either of these clubs, the Juncos meet the first Monday of each month, September through April, at the Godfather's pizza in Spanaway. Social hour begins at 6pm, and the meeting starts at 7pm. The Sno-Jammers meet monthly the first Wednesday of the

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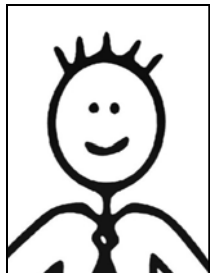
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month, September through May, at the Round Table Pizza in Puyallup. Social hour begins at 6pm, and the meeting starts at 6:30pm.



## District 5 North

**By Jason Holmes**  
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Hello from District 5N! The mornings are getting cooler as we are approaching our favorite season.

It's been a busy summer in Kittitas County. The Snomads in Easton were going to have their first meeting of the season on September 9th but it was postponed. If Easton is your favorite riding area, check out this club on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1990846504386040> and join. They are constantly on the go with events within their community and snowmobile rides during the season.

In July the WRAC (Winter Recreation Advisory Committee) funding meeting was held online. The WRAC is the advisory committee directing funding for non-motorized winter recreation. We were able to see a funding increase for snow removal/plowing for several sno-parks in Kittitas County from the WRAC budget. I'd like to thank the WRAC committee and State Parks for recognizing this need in our community.

We do not have a date set, but shortly we will be announcing the date for the first 2022/2023 Kittitas Grooming Council Meeting. Groomer funding for the 2022/2023 season has been approved and contracts are in the process of being reviewed and executed at the moment.

The Upper County Recreation Association (UCRA) spent most of the 2022 calendar year establishing by-laws and receiving its Federal tax exemption status. UCRA is a grant-funded association focusing on projects that impact outdoor recreation in Kittitas County. If you would like to follow their social media page here is the link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/920574301897777>. Currently we are working with The Nature Conservancy on opening up the Patrick Mine Road off of State Route 903 for groomer access and winter recreation only. UCRA is eagerly anticipating this road to be opened hopefully

this year. It is a significant project and we appreciate everyone's involvement in making this happen. UCRA's second project is working through the U.S. Forest Service and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to open an abandoned snowmobile trail that will connect the Blewett Pass and Mission Ridge snowmobile trail systems. This project will require many hours of trail brushing and tree cutting to clear a trail for groomer access. This access will be open to year-round motorized use, however, because the trail does approach the Ellensburg watershed, DNR will have a gate to mediate access during times of extreme mud/foul weather.

Keep your eyes open via social media to look for 'Snowmobile Day' sponsored by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA). The UCRA has applied to their grant foundation to receive funds for this event. We will have the newest snowmobile videos, beer, games, snowmobile vendors and smiling faces. The event will be held locally here in Cle Elum. More details to follow.

Thanks again from District 5N!



## District 5 South

**By Ron Lind**  
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Greetings from District 5 South! Well, it looks like we made it without a lot of fires in my area this summer. Hope everyone is having a great summer, and you are starting to do your snow dance. Hopefully with any luck we will have a great snowmobiling year.

Some of the things happening in my district include the local clubs starting to have meetings and plan events for the year.

Hope you are all getting excited for the WSSA Snow Show in Puyallup.

WSSA had its summer meeting with business as usual.

The Ski-Benders participated in Chinook Fest this summer and made money to support their many projects. They had their first meeting on September 6th at Magic's Pizza in Selah. They will be having a booth at the WSSA Snow Show in October. The club will be participating in the Trunk or Treat at Jim Sprick Park (west of Naches up Highway 410) on October 31st, handing out candy to the local kids. December 3rd will

be their annual Crab Feed with more information to come next month. They are also working on warming shelters; the club purchased a 40' container they will be cutting in half, making two warming shelters for possibly the Bald Mountain area and the White Pass area.

The Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club used their WSSA Grant money to paint the Little Bald shelter, adding a window, siding, and a concrete step. They had a good turn out in some very hot weather. Their meetings will be starting soon and they meet at Gold Creek Station.

The Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club also applied for a WSSA Grant and will be using it on one of the container shelters mentioned above. Their meeting are being held at Round Table Pizza off of 40th in Yakima.

Looks like the Yakima Grooming Counsel will start meeting in October to work on projects in the Greenwater, Chinook Pass, White Pass and Ahtanum areas. They will also be meeting at Round Table Pizza. More information to come. It looks like in the Little Naches there will not be any more winter logging. The Forest Service has been working on a Little Naches River restoration project at the 1904 sno-park; hopefully it will be all cleaned up for winter use.

Hope to see everyone at the WSSA Snow Show!



## District 6

**By Chris Shires**

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Both the Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club and Pomeroy Snowmobile Club will have events posted later this year; stay tuned!





# News

## WSSA Celebrates 50 Years

### Recognizes Longest Standing Member – Dora Wolfe



By Florence Mohler

As WSSA celebrates its 50th year, we want to recognize a member who has held membership in WSSA since its inception. Dora Wolfe became a member of WSSA when it was formed in 1972 and has held a variety of positions in the organization over the past 50 years. She has held a variety of positions in several clubs and other organizations over the years, as well. We are highlighting several of Dora's contributions in support of WSSA and snowmobiling.

Dora held the position of Secretary-Treasurer for four years, Treasurer for three years and Membership Chair for 12 years. She also served as the District Chair for District 5 North for several terms and chaired the WSSA Convention Committee in 1980 and co-chaired the committee when the convention was held in Ellensburg in 1995. She served on the committee that developed the state's snowmobile registration program in 1970 – two years before WSSA was formally chartered! Other activities include serving on the Expo Committee for several years where she coordinated the Expo prize drawings and she served as the Treasurer of the Snomobile WA Political Action Committee for 15 years, making sure the required reports were submitted to the Public Disclosure Commission. Dora was certified as a snowmobile safety instructor in 1977 and taught many snowmobile safety classes over the years. She has actively supported grooming program improvements throughout the years and was instrumental in getting the French Cabin Sno-Park established.

In addition to the WSSA activities, Dora was active in several snowmobile clubs. She was a charter member of the Cascade Drift Skippers and held membership and served in several offices with the Cle Elum Ridge Ryders, Snomads, Polar Bears (now in hibernation) and Yakima Ski-Benders. In 2000, Dora was named WSSA's Snowmobiler of the Year and was recognized by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) as the ACSA Snowmobiler of the Year, competing with her peers across the nation.

Dora currently resides in the Spokane area. As snowmobilers, we extend our appreciation to Dora for her commitment to snowmobiling for the past 50 plus years!



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# Notes



## Westside WSSA Ride

**January 21st, 2023 - Glacier, Washington**

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*Meet and ride with WSSA leadership and other WSSA members!*

*Create connections with riders up and down the West Cascades. Planned as an annual event alternating in north and south riding areas.*

*Have an opportunity to ask questions, contribute ideas, and participate in the growth of WSSA and the future of snowmobiling.*

*Learn a new riding area, ride leaders available.*

*Learn about some of the snowmobile access challenges faced in different riding areas and participate in securing the right to ride.*

*Cookout provided on the snow.*

*Discounted lodging available at Home2Suites Bellingham Airport and Hampton Inn Bellingham Airport.*

*Further details to be announced at a later date.*

**Hotel Booking links for WSSA ride rates:**

**Home2Suites**

<https://tinyurl.com/5n8jvv76>



**Hampton Inn**

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7yr3dj>





# Notes

## Know before you go - Trespassing edition

**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 the trespassing issue.

Trespassing on private land is more prevalent in the Midwest and Northeast than in the West as there is more public land in the West, but regardless, all snowmobilers need to respect private land as the use of it is a privilege and not a right. If you trespass on private land you add to the reason we lose trails and other riding areas.

When you see a No Trespassing sign, do not go there; respect the landowner's right to keep anyone he wishes off his land.

In the words of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, "Know Where To Go Or There Will Be No Where To Go!"

### ALWAYS ASK FIRST!



**STAY ON THE TRAIL UNLESS YOU KNOW  
OFF-TRAIL RIDING IS LEGAL.**

Visit [snowmobileinfo.org](http://snowmobileinfo.org) for responsible snowmobiling.

## KNOW BEFORE YOU GO - Avalance edition

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

The ISTC and the 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](http://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 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 ACSA website [www.snowmobilers.org](http://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.

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## Club News



### Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club

By Roxanne Brittain,  
President

Hello all! As summer is winding down and winter is just around the corner it's time to start thinking about getting the sleds out and ready to ride.

The Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club was finally able to use our WSSA Grant we were awarded just before COVID hit. The Little



### Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club

By Kurt Hensley,  
President

The Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club is looking for a great year of snowmobiling in North Central Washington (NCW). We are hoping to expand our membership and want to welcome anyone to come join us and we will show them some awesome snowmobile areas.

Looking forward to some fresh snow after our heat spell this summer.

Anyone wanting some fun in NCW contact us!

our Association members and others to volunteer their time and skills in maintaining and constructing these huts. Posts with information of where and when to help will be on our blog [mvsnowmobile.blogspot.com](http://mvsnowmobile.blogspot.com).



### Bavarian Boondockers

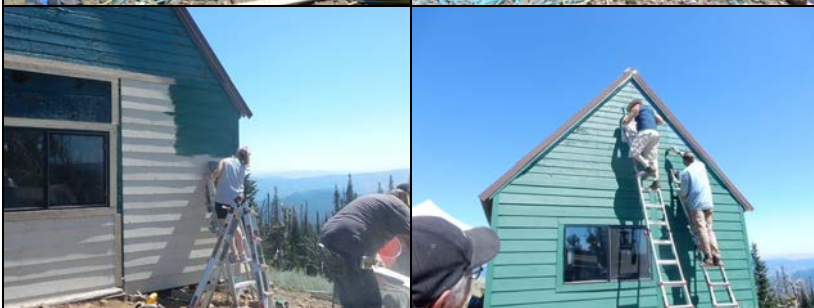
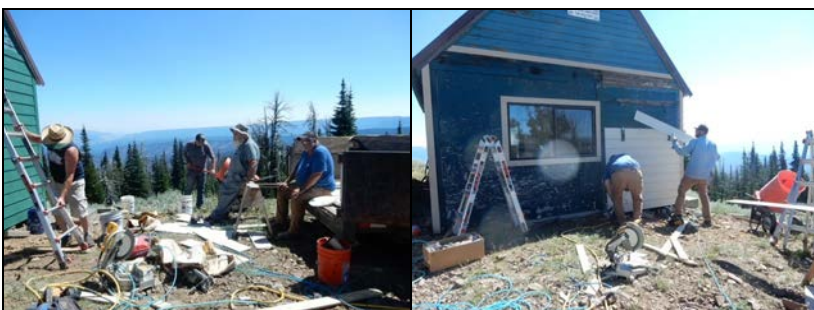
By Matt Kensrud,  
President

Hope everyone's

summer was good. The Boondockers had their first meeting on September 7th to start planning for the WSSA Expo in October and of course 'Snowfest 10'! It's going to be a great show!

We will be posting rides and events via Facebook and club member e-mails.

Hope to see you at the snow shows!



The Chinook Pass Snowmobile Club has upgraded the Little Bald warming hut yet again! This time with some new siding, paint and adding a new concrete step.



Bald Warming Hut has some new siding on the west side, new paint and a much needed step. At noon, my husband Roger and I provided hamburgers and Costco dogs for everyone at the work party.

Our club meetings are set to kick-off in October. Think snow y'all!



### Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Evie Johnson,  
Secretary

We hope everyone enjoyed some 'hot pow' this summer; it was another toasty one in the Methow Valley. So far, we haven't experienced the wildfire drama of last year and we are all taking lots of deep breaths of clean mountain air.

Our association was awarded a grant from the Washington State Parks Winter Recreation program to help manage the warming

huts here in Okanogan County. This fall we will be staining the Sweetgrass hut and doing other necessary maintenance including fixing the door of the Black Pine hut which was vandalized last year. We are also looking into building an additional hut; the location for this hut is to be determined. We rely on



### Winter Knights

By Al McCarty,  
President

I just finished eating a delicious meal at one of my regular restaurants along the sales path I follow for work. I've always enjoyed eating out, picking from a menu and being served, and have gotten to know many of the servers at these establishments since I travel a regular route and dine with them often. It's certainly nice to see familiar faces while I'm out on the road alone. Even though they don't actually eat with me, at least I'm greeted warmly and looked after while there. I very much look forward to these meal stops.

The enthusiasm of eating and sharing of food within a community assuredly goes way back in time to the clan days when hunter gatherers combed the wild and often risked their lives to bring home the next meal. Thankfully, I've never had to risk my life to provide for myself or for my family and friends, but the gathering around a meal remains just as important as it did so many years ago. It's a chance to share something fundamentally rooted in each of us as we pass the serving plate or flip a barbecued burger onto a waiting bun. For that relatively brief time, we are all in it together and centered around the commonality we all share of feeding our body and minds.

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(Continued from page 14) In our club, we take this sentiment to heart by trying to provide some type of a meal at most of our gatherings, whether it be a board or general meeting, or a club ride. The meals don't have to be fancy, just meaningful. We are fortunate to be partnered with a culinary skills school that educates young budding chefs and servers. We hold our monthly meetings at their facility and are never disappointed with the offerings and community they provide us. As a show of gratitude for their service, we initiated a donation program to help the students purchase the expensive shoes and clothing needed for their education. It's a true partnership, one we relish deeply.

On club rides, there's often a portable barbecue that comes out after the ride and it is quickly heaping with burgers and dogs. There's something special about having a barbecue meal after a ride. Oh... and don't forget the cookies! It gives everyone a chance to share their day's experiences and to begin formulating the stories they'll be telling until the next ride. At one ride last season we were fortunate to invite a local sheriff's deputy to join us. She was both pleased and surprised at our generosity. In the end, everyone leaves with a full belly and a warmed heart. That seems like an awesome way to build community.

Lately, life seems to be tough on a lot of us and I think it's super important to take whatever opportunity possible to lighten our loads, even if it's just for a few moments. Food makes me smile, as I witness it doing to others as well, and I'm hoping to continue providing that opportunity for smiles at every chance I get. Whether I'm dining out or in, with friends or alone, I'll try my best to remember the importance of the meal and seek ways to share that experience. I can't think of any better way to strengthen our community.



## Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club

By  
Christina Hamlyn

With snowmobile season quickly approaching, clubs around the area have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming season. Without the hard work and dedication from clubs, their members, and local volunteers, the roads, trails, and warming

huts would be overgrown, in poor shape, or without wood to stay warm when those frigid temperatures set in. I would like to take this time to RECOGNIZE and THANK all the volunteers who spend countless hours every year donating their time and resources to help make this sport the most fun winter activity in the state.

Your support speaks volumes, and we APPRECIATE YOU ALL!

With that being said, the Sno-Jammers have worked extra hard getting the Greenwater area ready for riders. In July, club president, Tanner Hamlyn, and Greenwater grooming coordinator, Glenn Markovits, re-



Glenn Markovits & Tanner Hamlyn fixing the gate leading to Government Meadows.

placed the hinge on the gate going into the cabin. The gate can open and close without any effort now. On September 10th the club hosted our annual Forest Service Road 70 Clean-Up and Campout work party. We spent all day picking up trash from Highway 410 to the Government Meadows cabin, approximately 21 miles! The amount of trash collected was impressive! Just a friendly reminder, if you PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT. And on September 17th, many volunteers came together to finish our maintenance access road project that began last year. The club rented many large machines and hauled in several more tons of rock to get the job done! It was critical that we finish this project so we can get a pump truck into the outhouses behind the cabin before the snow falls. The \$5,000 Ski-Doo grant the club was awarded helped us complete this project - THANK YOU SKI-DOO!

This past summer the Sno-Jammers also hosted several AWESOME events. We



Racing to the finish line!



Adult-Day Go-Karting event.

kicked off the summer with an adult's day out go-karting event which was a blast!

Everyone really enjoyed themselves and we are already making plans for



Rafting the Yakima River.

next year's event. Our annual rafting trip took place in mid-August which had



Members enjoying popcorn and a movie.



Sno-Jammers' outdoor movie night.

a great turn out. Our last summer event was our family outdoor movie night which was a hit! We watched a great movie,

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Family Fun!



## Club News *Continued...*

(Continued from page 15) practiced our knot tying and beacon skills, and took on a competitive game of cornhole. THANK YOU to Rick Hein and Mark Loftis for hosting our summer events.

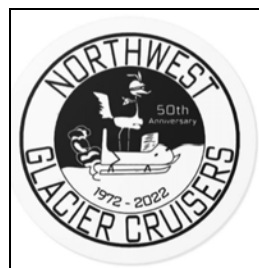
Up next is the 30th Annual WSSA Expo and I know you are all just itching to get your hands on the latest and greatest sleds and gear. Are you ready for a challenge?! While you are walking around getting ready to spend \$500-\$1,000 on a new monosuit, take a minute to think about how our sport stays alive. Do our trails stay open because you are wearing a new high-vis jacket or riding the fastest sled on the mountain? NO. It is because of WSSA and the clubs in this state whose members fight to keep our sport alive and thriving every year. So, the next time you pass by one of the booths of a club sponsoring your favorite riding area, stop and think how they are the ones making a difference in this sport and what you can do to help. Better yet, I challenge you to become a member of a club and WSSA, and get actively involved so we all can continue

to enjoy this sport for years to come.

The Sno-Jammers will have a booth displayed with some fun activities for the whole family, so don't forget to stop by!

Friendly reminder, our club meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month from September to May at the Round Table Pizza in Puyallup. Due to venue time changes, our meetings have to start earlier than before. Social time starts at 6pm and the meeting at 6:30pm. Our next meeting will be November 2nd. I encourage you all to join us to see what we are all about.

Join a club. Make a difference.  
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### Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Tina Shields,  
Secretary

Our first meeting was on September 8th and we set some dates

and figured out the raffle for this year. Details to come shortly!

We are again doing an Off-Road Vixens 'meet and greet' at the WSSA Expo. See you at the show!

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## Club News *Continued...*



### **Yakima Ski- Benders**

**By Liz  
Van  
Amburg,  
President**

Greetings!

The Ski-Benders had our first club meeting on September 6th and it was very well attended. We had new faces as well as old around the room and via Zoom. Our board was voted in with no changes. Liz Van Amburg - President; Heather Rockwell - Vice President; Charlie Hiatt - Treasurer; Shannon Lawler - Secretary; and Ron Lind, Dee Alred and Sid Hagemeyer as Members at Large. Congratulations all and I look forward to working with you! We have some new committee chairs this year. Chad and Jolene Vesey are chairing the Crab Feed set for December 3rd, as well as Jeff and Audeena Smith chairing this season's Kids Ride set for February 25th.

Morgan Haney will be at the WSSA Expo opening with our Ski-Benders booth and Jeff and Audeena Smith will be there for the closing. Stop by and say 'hi' and take a picture of the 'save the dates' banner!

I would like to reach out to all the snowmobilers in our area to come join us at a meeting at Magic's Pizza in Selah. We have them on the first Tuesday of each month September through May. The new start time is 5:30pm for the dinner social and the meeting starts at 6:30pm. Please get involved to keep our mountains open to the public; remember it takes a village. Club membership is \$5 per single or \$10 for a family. If you would like to be a member but can't attend meetings, please mail a check to YSB at P.O. Box 10537, Yakima, WA 98909.

Dates are set for our events,

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all we need now is an epic snow storm! Hope to see you all out on the snow.



### **Junco Snow- mobile Club**

**By  
Chris  
Sutton**

We hope you are getting your sleds, trailers, and gear ready for the coming snow! Routine sled maintenance is the key to avoiding breakdowns and downtime due to repairs during the season. If you have not already dusted off your machines

**We bet you can smell this picture!**



and started going down your pre-season checklist, now is the time... Don't be the guy waiting for parts to show up when the snow decides to fall!

If you are reading this at the WSSA Snow Show, you've probably already met one of us in the 'Blue Lot' asking for donations to the WSSA Legal Action Fund. We proudly manage the swap meet and parking every year because, without the Legal Fund we wouldn't have the resources to protect our right to ride! This year we have a booth inside the snow show and some new club clothing to show off, so come on down and meet

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## **Come ride the eastern slopes of the Cascades with the Yakima Ski-Benders!**

Join us for the following events:

### **Annual Crab & Ribs Feed December 3rd 2022 - Gleeed**

No snow yet, but a fun night of food, raffles and a bonfire! Limited tickets available; contact Liz Van Amburg at (509) 759-5179 to get yours.



### **Chinook Pass Snowfest Poker Ride January 28th 2023 - Little Naches on Chinook Pass**



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### **WSSA's Winter Rendezvous February 17th-20th 2023 - Yakima**

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### **Kids' Ride**

#### **February 25th 2023 - Little Naches on Chinook Pass**



Young riders are our future! Bring out the kids, any age, they will have a blast! Supervised loop track set up for Kitty Kats and small displacement sleds. Rides for the less experienced youngsters

and challenging rides for the older kids. A great meal served in the afternoon. Camp for the weekend!

### **Chinook Fest**

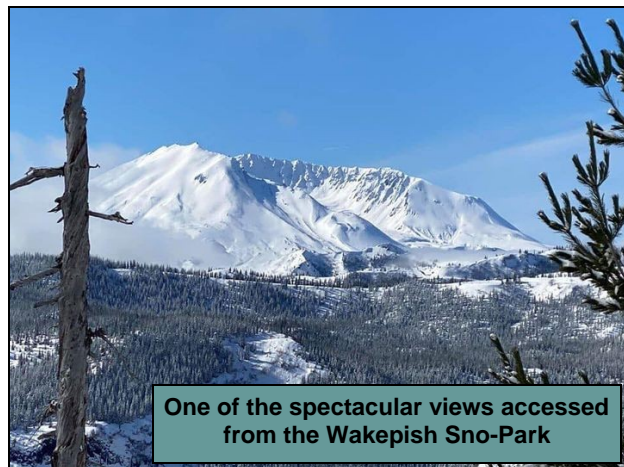
**June 8th-11th 2023 - Jim Sprick Park on Chinook Pass**  
A spectacular music festival in the mountains! The Yakima Ski-Benders host the bar and this is a great fundraiser to help support our in-season activities.



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us, sign-up, and support the sport!

On January 14th-15th we are hosting our Annual Event called '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



One of the spectacular views accessed from the Wakepish Sno-Park

we have been donating 100% of the money raised from this event directly to Make-A-Wish, Alaska and Washington! Last year

alone we raised just over \$12,000 with a record turn-out, bringing our total to over \$100,000 raised for Make-A-Wish! This wouldn't have been possible without the VERY generous donation of a Kayo 70cc Kids Quad from Paulson's Motorsports! We are excited to be doing our 'Sleds on Fire' raffle again this year, as well as a few new ideas to get the crowd 'fired up' with us, as Clem would say! We depend on donations from our community for this event and don't keep a single penny for ourselves, unlike some other clubs. If you would like to donate items for our auction, or money to our cause, please contact me at (253) 224-8806 or snowkingsutton79@gmail.com.

We are very pleased to have Back Country Plowing & Grooming looking after our roads and trails again this season! They are very

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ambitious, expanding their territory and improving their equipment every year. They now have three snowplows and eight snowcats in their line-up and manage most, if not all, of the Southwest Cascades now, including the following sno-parks: Wakepish, Orr Creek, Marble Mountain, Johnson Creek, Skate Creek, Lone Butte, Atkisson, Flattop, and more! They are an irreplaceable asset to our club and always bring their whole crew and families to our events. We are grateful to have such a passionate groomer and look forward to working with them for many more years to come.

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 lots 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 (Continued on page 20)



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Kid's play at Orr Creek Sno-Park.

(Continued from page 18) 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 email address on the check!

You can also follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/Junco-Snowmobile-Club-693699857309032](https://www.facebook.com/Junco-Snowmobile-Club-693699857309032) for more information about our club, our rides, and our 'Charity on the Snow' event!



**Drift-A-Way  
Snowmobile  
Club**

**By Matt Mead,  
Secretary**

The late snow hanging well into June is long gone and it turned into a hot and dusty summer here in Central Washington. But that hasn't kept members down; several have been up in the mountains Jeeping and riding side-by-sides, searching for new winter riding areas.

Club meetings will likely start in October, probably before this Snoflyer reaches you. But mark your calendar for November, tentatively planned for November 7th at Round Table Pizza in Yakima. If you are seeking a small, low-key family club, one that rides weekdays and weekends, check us out! (If you aren't on our e-mail list, please double check meeting times/locations with myself or club president Jim Kingman.)

It's also worth noting our club members are truly 'in the know' when it comes to Washington snowmobiling with members holding five board positions in the Washington State Snowmobile Association. If you have a question, we likely have the right answer!

Our first mid-week ride is scheduled for

the week of November 14th-18th, assuming we have a big dump of snow moving the hunters to lower elevations. Hey, we can dream, right?!

**Make New Friends,  
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Snowmobile Club**



Drift-A-Way members enjoy the mountains in the summer too!

# WSSA – Snow Show EVENTS

**Sled Wraps / Sled Performance / Navigation  
Avalanche Safety / Meet & Greet / Sled Summit**

## Snow Show Event Room

**Friday 10/14**

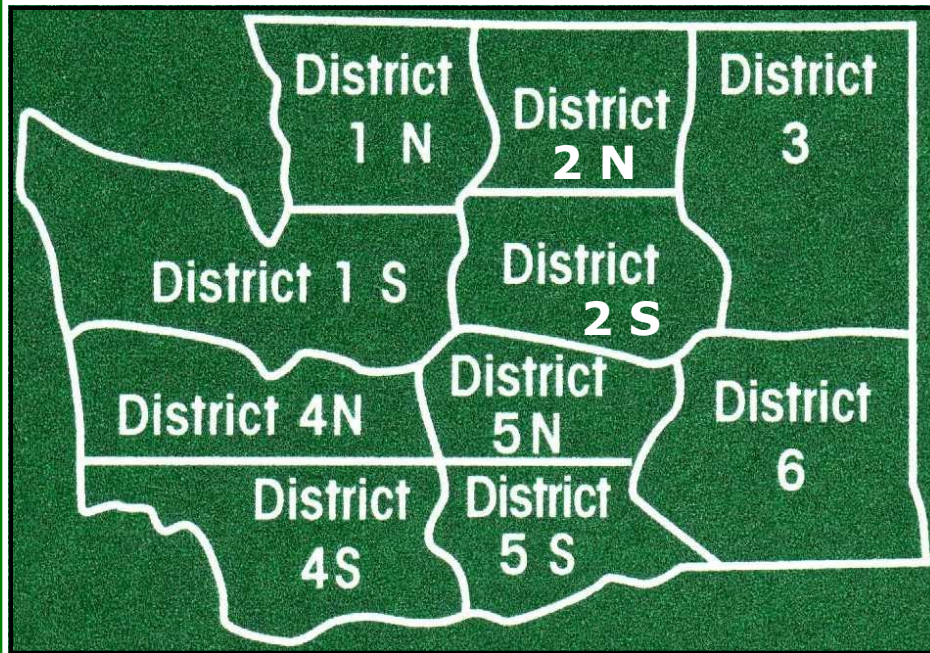
<b>7pm</b>	<b>Sled Performance Tips with Ride Finesse</b>
<b>8pm</b>	<b>Sled Wrap Tips &amp; Tricks with Dynamic Designs</b>

**Saturday 10/15**

<b>10am</b>	<b>Out of State Trip Planning with Jon Ferrian</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>WA Mapping / Resources with Washington Hometown</b>
<b>1pm</b>	<b>Off-Road Vixen's Ladies Meet and Greet</b>
<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Avalanche Trivia / Backcountry Prizes–Elevated Backcountry</b>
<b>4pm</b>	<b>NWAC Sled Summit – Club Leaders and more!</b>



# Snowmobile Clubs



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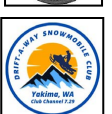
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# Membership

## Membership Matters

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

Membership renewals are well underway. Notices were sent in August and again in September using both e-mail and the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). The USPS renewal notice mailing includes those members who did not renew last year. And, of course you can renew your membership, or join WSSA, at the Washington Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet, in Puyallup on Friday

and Saturday, October 14th-15th. Hope to see you all there! As a reminder, family/individual members can print your membership cards from the WSSA website. For those without e-mail, we will continue to mail the membership cards as in the past.

Remember to renew your membership right away, and ask a friend to join too. There is strength in numbers and we will be having many challenges to keep our riding areas open. Thank you to all who have already renewed. Your membership matters!



## WSSA's Associate Partnership Program

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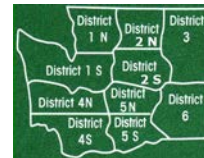
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# State Parks Update



## State Parks Winter Recreation Program

By Corey Tolar, Winter Recreation Program Manager



### Meet The New Winter Recreation Program Manager

Many of you have probably heard a new permanent Winter Recreation Program Manager has been appointed. If you have attended any of the summer budget meetings the last four years, then you have most likely seen me present the budget to the board. With that being said, let me introduce myself formally. My name is Corey Tolar, and I am the new Winter Recreation Program Manager. I am not new to winter recreation as I have worked closely with the winter recreation team over the past four-plus years with all things budget related. Prior to working at State Parks, I served for 28 years in the military retiring from Joint Base Lewis McChord in 2018. Needless to say, I have traveled through most of the country and a few overseas locations as well. As I am writing this article it dawned on me I started and ended my military career in Washington State, first as a young Marine at Bangor Naval Base and then as a not-so-young Soldier at Joint Base Lewis McChord. I guess you can say I was meant to be here, and I look forward to the winter season ahead and the challenges I am sure it will bring. If you are out and about this season you may just see me at one of the sno-parks or on the trail. Be sure to stop by and say hello.

### Staff Update

The job posting for the Administrative Assistant 3 position was posted September 7th and closes October 3rd. The intent is to have the position filled in November so hopefully the staff can be at full strength once again. The winter recreation staff was busy working behind the scenes this past year and I would like to personally thank them for all the hard work they did. The program would not be able to move forward without them.

### Snowmobile Registrations

As you can see by the chart below, snowmobile registrations are currently down 694 from last year. We need everyone to register their snowmobile and be sure to pass the word around. Remember, when you register your snowmobile you get a free sno-park permit.

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the State Parks Winter Recreation Page at  
<https://www.parks.wa.gov/130/Winter-recreation>  
for  
Sno-Park Info,  
Mobile Friendly Maps,  
Updated Grooming Map,  
and Other Useful Information

### Snowmobile Registrations

	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY 21-22 Difference
July	149	145	134	148	166	151	186	147	(39)
August	531	676	782	2,307	222	249	1,291	636	(655)
September	2,968	3,145	2,946	1,682	2,974	3,220	3,418		
October	1,662	2,139	2,489	1,882	3,357	3,189	2,274		
November	3,129	3,362	4,360	2,960	2,372	5,009	2,860		
December	11,575	13,170	6,973	8,320	6,726	7,229	7,681		
January	3,528	3,196	3,358	3,433	4,514	3,295	3,337		
February	1,164	1,513	1,166	1,602	1,293	1,541	1,072		
March	298	686	674	958	355	636	449		
April	82	181	175	258	89	219	153		
May	32	93	93	90	135	108	116		
June	30	84	71	83	126	179	92		
Total:	25,148	28,390	23,221	23,723	22,329	25,025	22,929	783	(694)

### 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](http://www.parks.state.wa.us/winter), e-mail [win-ter@parks.wa.gov](mailto:win-ter@parks.wa.gov) or call (360) 902-8684.

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# ACSA E-News

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## Prescribed Burns

The U.S. Forest Service is resuming its practice of intentionally lighting fires to clear brush and small trees from forested areas nationwide after a three-month hiatus to review the risks of runaway wildfires under increasingly severe climate conditions, the agency recently announced.

The prescribed fire program was put on hold in late May in the midst of a devastating wildfire sparked by the federal government near Las Vegas, New Mexico, that burned across more than 500 square miles through remote communities in the southern reaches of the Rocky Mountains.

Forest Service Chief Randy Moore said prescribed burns will require new safeguards such as same-day authorization to keep pace with evolving weather and ground conditions.

## Will BLM Headquarters Be Allowed to Move To D.C.?

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) may have to slow down its plan to move headquarters employees back to Washington D.C. by the end of next year.

The National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) chapter, representing BLM's headquarters staffers, formally notified the BLM this week that federal labor statutes require the agency to negotiate with the union over the terms and conditions of the plan outlined this week by BLM Director Tracy Stone-Manning to move dozens of headquarters employees back to the District of Columbia.

This week the BLM Director sent an e-mail to HQ staffers for all non-supervisory employees to move back to D.C. by September, 2023.

"There's nothing about the director's e-mail yesterday that has been bargained or even informally discussed with the union," Panchita Paulete, NTEU Chapter 341's interim president, said in an interview.

BLM headquarters staffers voted in May to join the union, and the NTEU formally certified it as a chapter of the union on June 6th. It comprises 200 non-supervisory headquarters employees, most of whom are currently located outside of Washington and would be directly affected by Stone-Manning's relocation plan, Paulete said.

## Changes at Patagonia

Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia, announced recently he is giving away the outdoor-apparel company, which is reportedly valued at about \$3 billion — an unorthodox move aimed at combating the climate crisis.

In a letter published on the company's website, Chouinard wrote ownership of the company has been transferred to a trust that was "created to protect the company's values" as well as a nonprofit organization "dedicated to fighting the environmental crisis and defending nature."

In Chouinard's letter he states, "100% of the company's voting stock transfers to the Patagonia Purpose Trust, created to protect the company's values; and 100% of the non-voting stock had been given to the Holdfast Collective, a nonprofit dedicated to fighting the environmental crisis and defending nature. The funding will come from Patagonia: Each year, the money we make after reinvesting in the business will be distributed as a dividend to help fight the crisis."

## Did You Know?

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR) has introduced two bills intended to mitigate the effects of wildfire smoke. The Smoke-Ready Communities Act and the Smoke Planning and Research Act received a hearing in front of the Environment and Public Works committee.

Dr. Cassandra Moseley, a professor in the Institute for a Sustainable Environment, spoke to the committee, saying "Wildfire smoke is rapidly increasing public health risk, affecting not only rural communities that are located near these fires, but increasingly in major urban centers hundreds or even thousands of miles away. Households and individuals need to be prepared to act quickly when smoke arrives, and yet many lack the information about the practical steps they can take to keep themselves safe."

A U.S. company best known for shipping wood pellets to energy producers in Europe has reached a deal to turn some of its forest products into aviation fuel.

Enviva Inc. said its agreement with Alder Fuels will send as much as 750,000 metric tons of forest thinnings and other material to a new production facility to be built in the Southeast beginning in 2024.

The arrangement provides an additional outlet for lower-value material taken from commercial logging operations and forest management projects, which supporters of a more intensive approach say is critical to making such forest work cost-effective.

Major U.S. airlines have pledged to reach net-zero emissions by 2050, and the Biden administration has set a goal of producing 35 billion gallons of sustainable aviation fuel by then. Congress further promoted the fuel in the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act with a production tax credit.

However, some environmental groups question the carbon benefits of converting woody biomass to energy, questioning emitting more carbon pollution than fossil fuels per unit energy, and net emissions persist for decades to centuries.

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg joined Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer recently to announce a \$105 million federal grant to remove a freeway, replacing it with a surface street as part of an urban renewal project.

South Korean battery maker LG Energy Solution and Japanese automaker Honda announced a \$4.4 billion joint venture in the United States to produce batteries for Honda EVs in the North American market.

## In Case You Missed This....

With California's energy grid unable to meet demand, four emergency gas-powered generators were called on to ease the strain on the state's power grid.

Recently, the California Independent System Operator, which manages the state's electricity flow, put out a statement in which Elliot Mainzer, president and chief executive of the California Independent System Operator, said demand reduction was essential.

"We need a reduction in energy use that is two or three times greater than what we've seen so far as this historic heat wave continues to intensify," he said.

"The grid does not currently have the capability to add millions of battery electric or even fuel-cell electric vehicles today," he said, according to CBS.

General Motors shut down pickup plants this week. A Missouri plant that builds midsize pickups and big vans was closed along with other plants that make small and midsize SUVs.

"These recent scheduling adjustments are being driven by the continued parts shortages caused by semiconductor supply constraints from international markets experiencing Covid-19-related restrictions," GM said in a statement.

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# WSSA Winter Rendezvous Yakima February 17th - 20th

## Guided Rides

Friday-Sunday

Information / Sign up @ Check-in

Different rides for:  
extreme/family trail/easy off-trail



## Rendezvous Pricing

Dinners

Friday and Saturday Night at the  
Yakima Valley Museum  
Friday \$30/Saturday \$30  
Includes Entry to Museum

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Yakima, WA  
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### Registration Form

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night Dinner \$30 (Under 7 Free) #Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Banquet \$30 (Under 7 Free) #Adults \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 = Sub Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment: Check or Credit Card (Visa/Master Card only)

Make payment out to WSSA and mail form to:

Fred Pitzer Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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# Matt's Misc.

**Guess what?** WSSA will be printing and mailing several Snoflyer issues this season! The first one is this one (October) you are reading. We also plan to print and mail December, January and February issues as well. Many of our members have indicated they want a printed Snoflyer, and we are hoping our members will help get Snoflyers into the hands of non-members as well.

The main reason the Snoflyer went almost completely digital was one of costs. It costs quite a bit to have the issues printed and then mailed out. In the glory days, finding advertisers for the Snoflyer was pretty easy and ad revenue would cover the costs. It's a lot tougher today and income doesn't fully cover production, so WSSA did a little budget rearranging to cover the difference.

**A housekeeping issue with this change...** Some of you will receive a mailed Snoflyer and absolutely don't want one, while others may really want one, but don't get one. The reason is due to our membership database which includes a column for the Snoflyer indicating 'digital only'. If this isn't marked the way you want, I can manually change it for you and will be happy to do so. Send me an e-mail or text and let me

know. Hopefully any errors we see with this issue will be resolved for the December issue.

## Snoflyers in warming huts!

This is my goal this season. I'm hoping to partner with the clubs and ask them to cover Snoflyer mailing costs from the printer, and handling delivery to the many warming shelters around the state.

The clubs could help decide how many issues they'd like for each shelter and work with their members to figure who's going to get them there.

This would be for the January and February issue for sure, and maybe December, depending on how the clubs feel about it and the weather outlook.

A resourceful club might even put a sticker on the front of the Snoflyer saying something like "Brought to you by the XX Snowmobile Club. Check page xx for the latest club news."

And for the naysayers who say they will just be used for fire-starting material. That's fine; at least it will pass through someone's hands first! (And most clubs have a good stock of fire starting material on hand already.)

**Win a BCA rescue package!** Feeling a bit rusty in your avalanche education? BCA is offering an online quiz to get you thinking about avalanche safety and rescue. Best part is you are automatically entered in a drawing for a Tracker 3 Rescue Package including beacon, shovel and a probe. What have you got to lose? Check out their September 9th posting on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/BackcountryAccess>.

**Taiga electric snowmobile service support.** This is one problem with direct-to-consumer sales; where do you get it serviced or repaired? Taiga recently sent out an announcement stating "We are thrilled to announce the growth of our Taiga Service Providers network, dedicated to supplementing the Taiga experience, from in-store product pick-up to lifetime servicing and repair support". Three locations were announced, including Grégoire Sport in Quebec, and Parkway Yamaha and Gordon Bay Marine in Ontario. That looks to be it. (Gonna have to hoof it a ways if you are an 'early adopter'!) I did see on their website where they are actively seeking more providers so the number should grow quickly.

**By Matt Mead,  
Publicity Secretary**



## Taiga Quebec

**loop.** A couple of trailside charging stations have been installed in Quebec, allowing for 150 mile trail loops on your new Taiga. Not sure how this appeals

to eastern riders who do more miles than this before lunch. It's kind of funny really. Electric snowmobiles might be better suited for western riders who rarely do 100 miles a day and are home for overnight charging. The future looks interesting for sure! Check out Taiga's blog here: <https://www.taigamotors.com/blog/electrifying-snowmobile-trails-of-quebec>

**I'd hate to be in charge at Polaris right now...** Hey, it happens to the best of us, but having 230,000 snowmobiles recalled on your watch for fire danger isn't a good thing. With degraded fuel and extended storage, '21-'23 MATRYX, '15-'22 AXYS, and certain '13-'14 Pro-Ride models may catch fire due to electrostatic discharge igniting fuel vapors inside the tank. Polaris says park 'em til they can fix 'em. (Wonder how many will ride them anyway?...)

**But it gets worse...** In late August, '22 Patriot Boost models were recalled for a bad clutch bolt that may break and create a projectile risk. At least the number affected is only about 3,300.



**New Arctic Cat chassis!** Shown at Hay Days and promised to be lighter and stronger with a focus on mass centralization. Easier to service is claimed too! The new 'Catalyst' chassis will be here in 2024... but only offered with 600cc engines in the first year. (This seems to annoy diehard Car owners.)

**BRP/Ski-Doo riding high!** They just posted the best revenue numbers in their history, a net income of \$237.7 million in the second quarter, a 12% increase from a year ago. Supply chain-easing and massive demand since 2020 are the largest contributors. (If they don't bring back a [real] 600 Summit, they lose my future dollars.)

**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](mailto:snoflyer@wssa.us).




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