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***WSSA Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo & Swap Meet
is October 20th & 21st at the Puyallup Fairgrounds
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WSSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Credit Card (Visa or M/C): _____ Expiration: _____ V-Code: _____

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Contribution to Legal Action Fund (not tax deductible): \$ _____

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Mail Application and Payment to: WSSA Membership
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Cle Elum, WA 98922

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

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WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2018/2019

WSSA Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo & Swap Meet, Puyallup Fairgrounds, Puyallup

October 20th - 21st, 2018

THE kick-off to the snowmobile season in the Northwest. New and used snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs, motorcycles and other power sports equipment and everything you need to go along with them! Details at www.wssaexpo.com.

WSSA Leadership Meeting Sue Lombard Hall in Ellensburg

November 3rd, 2018

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

Spokane Winter Knights Snow Show Spokane County Fair & Expo Center

November 10th, 2018

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

Bavarian Boondockers SnowFest Fest Halle in Leavenworth

November 17th, 2018

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

WSSA Membership Meeting The Last Resort in Ronald/Roslyn

January 12th, 2019

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

All Trails to Olympia State Capitol in Olympia

February 5th, 2019

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

WSSA Winter Rendezvous Hill's Resort on Priest Lake, Idaho

February 15th-18th, 2019

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

WSSA Budget Meeting The Last Resort in Ronald/Roslyn

March 16th, 2019

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

International Snowmobile Congress Grand Rapids, Michigan

June 5th-8th, 2019

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

Visit www.wssa.us or check your latest Snoflyer for updates on these upcoming events.

Leadership

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Reports of snow have already been reported in Montana and north of the border. So, ask yourself, am I ready for this season of winter recreation, or am I just going to watch it go by from my couch, Davenport, or Chesterfield? My answer to you is NO! Get up now and at least make a checklist of what you must do in order to go out and have fun. Now go tell your friends to get ready too. By the way, the weather forecasters are seldom 100% accurate. Now repeat after me: "We will have snow this year, we will have snow this year, we will have snow this year". I will see you on the snow that we will have this year!

Please be careful out there as we had many forest fires this year. The smoke is gone, however the footprint of flames still remains. You may have additional cleanup this year on your trails. Thanks in advance for volunteering your time and talents towards making the trails ready for the 2018-19 season.

The Summer Meeting was great! The Blu-Shastin RV Park was great! The fellowship was great! It was unbelievable that all around us on Friday and the first half of Saturday the smoke stayed out of the camp. As far as I know the entire State of Washington was in the red for health. This allowed us to get most of our business done before it rolled in. Our Legal Action Fund Duck Race was a great success this year, however we suffered a high MIA count. We will recruit additional ducks for next year.

Part of the responsibility of the WSSA VP is to plan and prepare the meals for this event. It takes more than one person to pull it off. Thank you to all that put their aprons on and pitched in and helped. Thank you Matt Mead for the Friday night homemade chili feed! Thank you Karlene Meakin for your help with all the meals and your patience. A special big THANK YOU to Dee Alred, Katie Pitzer and Deanne Kingman for the cooking help! Thank you to anyone else I might have missed. Thank you to everyone that brought your favorite dishes to the Saturday evening pot luck. This was an honor and privilege for me as your VP. By the way, we consumed 10 lbs. of cod, 4 lbs. of shrimp, 7 lbs. of chicken, 3 lbs. of steak and 15 lbs. of curly fries. Yum Yum.

This is your first reminder: Next year the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from June 5th-8th, 2019. So if you would like to attend, follow this link to get started: <http://www.internationalsnowmobilecongress.com/isc2019>. There is plenty of things to do and see in Grand Rapids. Workshops will be available to help educate you on many subjects connected to the snowmobiling industry. Start saving now so you can make it out to this 51st annual ISC.

In the next Snoflyer, I will present to you the conclusion of the five part series "club growth, stability and health". I hope to see all of you this year at EXPO 2018. Until then, be safe out there.

Welcome to the 2018 WSSA Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo & Swap Meet

By Dean Meakin, Expo Chair

If all goes well, you will be reading this edition of our Snoflyer at our 27th annual Washington Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo & Swap Meet. Welcome! This year our event will be at capacity as we are the only Snowmobile Show this side of the Mississippi booked on this date. Hopefully that will continue year after year.

So, enjoy the Show and visit all the Exhibitors and Manufacturers that are present. There are plenty of new Exhibitors this year with lots of new technology available to you and the Power Sports Industry. Don't forget to check out the Swap Meet area and the Blue Lot for sure!

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

Attendees! We are ready to take care of your every need this year. Please let us know if we can help improve your Expo experience next year. We need your honest, important and valued input to make decisions concerning what is best for you on October 19th-20th, 2019. Thank you for your attendance this year. Go Attendees! Until next year, be safe and enjoy the Show this year.




2018 WASHINGTON SNOWMOBILE & POWER SPORTS EXPO AND SWAP MEET

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Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Sunday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

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2018 WSSA Snowmobile & Power Sports Expo Exhibitors

509 Films	33	Kiperts Trailer Sales	49	RSRacecraft	215
Amsoil Lubricants	127	Kittitas County SAR	246	SeeYellowstone.com	227
Apache Camping Ctr	Outside	Larson Powersports	T15	Selkirk Snowbike	59
Arctic Cat	Arctic Cat	LLUMEN8 Lighting	T35	Seven Devils Lodge	71
Backcountry Access	13	Luft Trailer Sales, Inc	T1	Sharkbite MotorSports	25
Bavarian Boondockers	21	Luft Trailer Sales, Inc	T30	SK Northwest/	
Bickford Trailers	T2	Moto-Trax	61	Polaris of Portland	53
Boulder Creek Enterprises	41	Mountain Addiction	137	Ski-Doo (BRP)	Ski-Doo
Boulder Creek Enterprises	99	Mountain Fit Hoods	73	Sled Slut	29
Camso	132	Mountain Tek Performance	63	SlyDog c/o Ride Cascade	121
Cascade Drift Skippers	30	Mountain Village Resort	228	Sno-Dirt Productions	17
Cazzmo Inc.	72	Mt. Baker Moto-Sports/		Sno-Jammers	32
Clem's Enumclaw		Arctic Cat	113	Spot LLC	6
Powersports	177	Munster Innovations Inc.	198	SRCC	22
Conconully Chamber of		Nekkr	124	Sure Load, LLC	28
Commerce	123	Northwest Avalanche Center	260	Thunderstruck Films	125
Dan Gardiner Films	195	Northwest Glacier Cruisers	11	TracPac Trailers	T39
Diamond Lake Resort	72	Off-Road Vixens	135	Trailer Wholesale	T8
EWS MotorSports	65	Ortovox	245	Truck Boss NW	T13
Full Throttle	19	Pacific Northwest Vintage		University of Idaho	4
Gizmo Enterprises	524	Snowmobile Club	233	U.S. Forest Service	230
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I-90 Motorsports	89	Commerce	9	WSSA	1
I-90 Motorsports	511	Pro Caliber Motorsports		WSSA Rendezvous	28
IceAge Performance	129	Vancouver	77	WSSA Safety Trailer	260
Jet Chevrolet	T25	Rescue Tape NW	20	Yakima Ski-Benders	225
JLB Investments	75	Ride Finesse	203	Yamaha	165
JMC Motorsports, LLC	143	Ride Rassmussen Style	231	ZBroz Racing	213

Youth Snowmobile Safety Class at Expo

The Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program and the Washington State Snowmobile Association are sponsoring a free Youth Snowmobile Safety Class presented by the Chelan County Sheriff's office at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on October 20th. The safety class is open to children ages 12 to 16. Adults are welcome to sit in as well.



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

Students need to arrive at 8:45am. The class begins promptly at 9am.

Blue Lot Swap

Free to browse, \$40* to sell.

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

EXPO GIVEAWAYS! Grand prize is a Marlon Pro 8' black aluminum expandable sled deck with accessories, retail value \$4199. (New this year—do not need to be present to win!) Over \$1,000 in Expo gift certificates — can be used with any Expo exhibitor during show!

District Reports



District 2 South

By Matt Kensrud
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Well, here we go! The weather is changing, harvest in the valley is getting close to finishing and I can't wait for snow! Things happening in the district:

The Wenatchee Apple Country Snowmobile Club has sent in their land-use proposal to the Stemilt Partnership. The next meeting is October 28th at 6:30pm at Godfather's Pizza in Wenatchee.

The Bavarian Boondockers are prepping for snow shows. Their first meeting was on October 4th at Kristall's restaurant in Leavenworth.

The Lake Wenatchee Rec. Club has had the fire fighters camped out for the duration of the Cougar Creek fire.

The Lake Chelan club has BIG NEWS! They have elected a new President, Mr. Devon Griffin. Devon grew up in the Manson, Lake Chelan Valley area. A little background on this 24 year old shredder; Devon's first sled was an Indy 500 Polaris and now he rides a 2017 800 Polaris AXYS wearing the badge of POLARIS AMBASSADOR here in Washington! He is also sponsored by Motorfist gear, GoPro and EVL Nutrition. Devon's main goals as president are to increase club sizes and involvement by reaching out to the younger generation, and also working hand in hand with existing club members. If you have any questions for Devon, you can e-mail him at devongriffin64@gmail.com.

See you at WSSA Expo and Swap Meet!



District 3

By Greg Figg
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Well it is the end of September as I write this column and the trees are now turning fall colors in Eastern Washington. I was part of the Winter Knights Snowmobile Club contingent that attended Hay Days in North Branch, Minnesota, this year. It was my fourth trip back. We had a very successful trip back as we were able to

land some new vendors for our local snow show.

As part of my summer, I attend the Sel-



lone's Down River Days features a sled water cross. It's all good unless you sink!

kirk Trailblazers' Water Cross at Down River Days in Lone Washington. The snowmobile water cross once again was very successful with a large crowd in attendance. Always fun to see sleds on the water and the occasional sled sinking!

Our club has been taking advantage of social media, especially Instagram, to share information and build membership. So far this has been highly successful in bringing younger folks to the club.

I would encourage everyone to attend the WSSA Winter Rendezvous in Priest Lake, Idaho, at Hill's Resort next February. It is over President's Day weekend which is the 15th-18th. Give Hill's a call at (208) 443-2251 to reserve a room quickly as they are going fast. More to follow on this!



District 4 North

By Craig Miller
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Greetings snowmobilers! Well, here it comes. Winter is fast approaching so I took a few hours to open my trailer and go through my gear bag, look the sled over and give it a start. It lives in its enclosed trailer plugged into a battery maintainer. All looked great and the Polaris AXYS 155 fired right up and idled smoothly. I also gave the trailer a good look too in order to be sure it's ready to travel in the snowy mountains.

Snowmobile clubs are having their first meeting and groomers are finishing the pre-season maintenance on their equipment. I am planning a few days riding the North Mt. St. Helens/Mt. Adams areas on my dual sport motorcycle soon to visit our sno-parks.

I want to be sure the huts are good to go and assess anything that needs to be fixed prior to the snow flying. I also want to assess the conditions of the trails for anything that may have happened over the summer.

The Farmer's Almanac says the coming winter is going to be longer and colder than usual, so hopefully we will have a banner snowpack. Sadly, we were down around 4,500 snowmobile registrations from the prior year so money will not be as available to run the program. This year's funding comes from last year's registrations. It proves out the reason we always beg you all to license your sleds, riding or not.

The Snowmobile Advisory Committee, or SMAC to State Parks Winter Recreation, met in Yakima in mid-July. The committee worked tirelessly to study the requests for funding submitted and to sift through those requests to ensure the money we have is spent the best possible way for a solid Snowmobile Program this coming season. It is a very interesting process and you should consider coming to see it sometime. Thanks and well done SMAC volunteers! You know who you are.

At the SMAC Meeting, I presented the Wakepish Sno-Park for the third year in a row, to seal the deal on re-establishing our grooming on that trail system. This is the final year we were required to submit the request for the new funding. It was approved again this third and final year and will now become a permanent part of the program as long as we continue to fill out the routine annual grooming funding request. These requests must be turned in to Winter Recreation by June 1st for all areas and sno-parks requesting a share of the available program funds.

So, next up is the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet at the Washington State Fairgrounds, October 20th and 21st. Take advantage of the best prices and selections on sleds, gear and accessories. It's also a fun day to catch up with all your riding friends after the long hot summer. I'll see you there!

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District Reports

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District 4 South

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Greetings everyone in District 4 South! Wow, what an off-season we have had here in the district. We have some of the greatest news to share with everyone in District 4S and the people who like to ride at Mt. St. Helens. I would like to tell everyone we have a NEW WARMING SHELTER at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park! Yes, you heard me right, after eight LONG years of hard work and lots and lots of patience and working with the Forest Service, it's finally here! And let me be the first one to say it's a very beautiful building we have up there.

Myself and others in our club have been up there no less than two to three days a week, helping with everything we can to get this shelter done on time for this upcoming year. There's still lots to get done on the inside... so if you want to come and help us, please feel free to contact me and I can fill you in on our next work party going on up there. And YES, we can use all the HELP WE CAN GET! We have to build a wood room and finish the inside walls and install a ceiling and install our wood stove and chimney. Plus we have lots and lots of wood yet to get cut and split and put in our wood room all before the snow flies up there.

Now with the second most exciting news! I wrote a funding application for plowing Forest Service Road 90 from the Northwoods Fire Station and EMS to the bottom of Curly Creek Road. I'm very excited to say I was successful at getting this funding for plowing the road. On September 15th we had a work party of over 45 volunteers from our snowmobile community show up to help brush back this three and a half mile section of road. We had the Mt. Adams Ranger District and CPI Plowing who brought over 15 guys plus they even catered lunch for everyone that helped out with this project. We had members from the Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders and some people who weren't even snowmobilers show up to give us a helping hand on this project. This was a major undertaking to get done in one day and let me be the first one to say a huge THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED out with this project.

And yes, we did it in one day; it was truly an amazing job that was done. We started at 8:30am and we finished the section of road at 4:30pm. No one was injured whatsoever. There were a lot of alders hanging over the roadway and you know what happens to them once they get snow on them; yes, they hang down and break off. With this being done on the 90 Road, we will be able to gain access to the Lone Butte Sno-Park coming up **though Cougar; that's a huge time saver and a major advantage if there's ever any need for medical attention up there at any of the sno-parks.** Now the North Woods Fire Station and EMS can respond to them in less than 20 minutes.

Please remember the plowing of Curly Creek Road is not a top priority road to be plowed when a lot of snow is received in the Wind River area. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions as to whether the road would be open or not before you travel up there.

With all this exciting news for everyone, I sure hope you all have already registered your snowmobiles for the new year. Registration was down for last year. Remember, **the money we get for this year's registration is the money we use next year for the grooming of our trails and the plowing of the roads and lots more.** We need this money so we can all enjoy this great sport we all love so much.

Please remember the upcoming WSSA Snow Show and Swap Meet; it will be here before you know it. The show is October 20th - 21st. Please come and check it out. Lots of good treasures up there for everyone in the family to enjoy.

So with all that great news, let's all think SNOW! Hope you've all had a great summer and I will see you all soon.



District 5 South

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I really enjoyed the August WSSA campout at Blu-Shastin where some of the finest sledders congregate at the end of each summer.

Mike Ainslie couldn't join us do to smoke from a number of forest fires. His district report was forwarded and we all found out the new warming hut which will replace the

previous warming hut that burned several years ago is in the final stages of being completed with the roof on and it should be ready for use this winter. It has been a long, costly and frustrating struggle for Mike to get this new warming hut but he stuck with it. Congratulations for a job well done!

Here in District 5 South, clubs are holding their first meetings and putting together plans for various rides and other events. Sledders are also getting ready to brush a number of trails.

The Yakima Ski-Benders have already held a major yearly fundraising event at the Chinook Fest which will fund several of their over-the-snow events as well as donations to charitable groups such as Yakima County Search and Rescue and Susan G. Komen Cancer Research. Their next major event will be the Annual Crab Feed on December 8th at the Pomona Gun Club. This event is their kick-off to the season and is always a lot of fun.



District 6

By Gary Simmons
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Hello fellow snowmobilers! I hope the summer treated you well. We have been lucky this year in our mountains during fire season. I'm thankful we haven't been hit as bad as in years past. I even believe there was a dusting of that white stuff on the upper mountain tops last week.

For news from the local clubs, Pomeroy has nothing new to report at this time. They are just ready and waiting for the weather to change and the snow to fly. No fall meeting date has yet been set.

Pretty much the same for the Dayton club. The wood is stocked and they too are anxious for the snow to come. Their first meeting is set for October 18th, however, it may be postponed since it is so close to the Snow Swap in Puyallup.

I hope to see you all at the WSSA Expo and Swap Meet in Puyallup at the Fairgrounds on October 20th and 21st.

In the meantime, make sure your sleds are serviced and ready for the upcoming season. Time is flying and it will be here before we know it.

Think snow!

Let it Snow!

Club News

SnoMads Snowmobile Club

By Shannon Lawler, Interim Secretary

Exciting things are happening with our club. We elected a new Board and adopted new by-laws and are starting out the new 2018-2019 snowmobile season with a great outlook.

We will be having our Snowmobile Kick-off Party at the Parkside Café (formally the Turtle) in Easton on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 24th at 6pm.

We are also planning our ride to Whistlin' Jacks on January 25th and 26th.

Our famous Snowmobile Golf Tournament is scheduled for February 23rd at the Silver Ridge Ranch in Easton.

Of course we will see everyone at the WSSA Snow Show at the Puyallup Fairgrounds on October 20th and 21st, and the WSSA Winter Rendezvous in Priest Lake on the 15th through 18th of February.

Stay tuned for more exciting news from the SnoMads.



Junco Snowmobile Club

By, Craig Miller, Vice President

The Junco's recently held our first meeting of the season. It was so great to catch up with everyone and hear all the adventures they were involved in over the summer.

There was a lot to discuss. Planning was started for the annual fundraiser for Make-A-Wish known as Charity On The Snow. This is three days of guided rides, a charity auction, food and fun. It will be held at the Orr Creek Sno-Park once again. It is a huge sno-park with tons of room for your campers and motorhomes, trailers and etc. The large warming hut is heated by a massive barrel stove and serves as a social gathering area for everyone. That will happen January 18th, 19th, and 20th. More details will follow in the upcoming issues of the Snoflyer.

Junco will be managing the Blue Lot Swap Meet and parking area again this year at the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo/ Swap Meet. We took this on last year at the request of the Expo managers to lighten their workload. It takes a tremendous number of volunteer people and organization to pull off such a show so the club stepped up to assist.

We are told the rules we have to enforce for the swap meet. **We don't make the rules. Don't scream at us. There are a couple of rules that are most often broken.** A swap meet vendor must keep their wares confined to their trailer or very close to their trailer. **We need to give vehicles the ability to drive past. So please don't** spread your wares past the ramp of your trailer and into the driving lane. Make sense? Basically, keep the road in front of your display open. If your merchandise is spilling into the road, pull it back so a full size vehicle like a fire apparatus or medic unit can drive by. You can make your display as wide as you need.

Secondly, the Blue Lot is not a tailgate party. **No open consumption of alcohol is allowed. We won't be searching coolers or analyzing the liquid in your red Solo cup.** So, please no open consumption. We have to watch for it and we will contact violators.

Lastly, Junco collects donations for the free event parking in the Blue Lot during Expo. We are the people who greet you at the gate to the lot. We are wearing reflective vests. We are all unpaid volunteers. The donations go to the WSSA Legal Action Fund. WSSA is constantly involved in efforts to fight issues and groups that hate snowmobilers using the woods that they seem to think they own. **That costs a lot of cash as lawyers don't come cheap. Please, put an extra \$20 or so in your wallet to give to the Junco member who greets you upon arrival.** Think of it this way, if you total up the cost of you pickup truck, sleds, licensing, insurance, gear, trailer, fuel, lodging, and etc., you should donate a few more bucks to ensure access to your favorite trails in order to be able to use all that stuff.

Of 27,000-estimated snowmobile riders in Washington, only about 1,200 belong to the only organization that represents the sport in Olympia, the courtrooms and the Nation. If you are not a member of WSSA, you are freeloading on the coattails of a small few who fight a constant running gun battle to keep the trails open to motorized riders. **Join WSSA. It's the best \$25 you'll spend this season as pertains to snowmobiling. I'll see you in the Blue Lot.**



Bavarian Boondockers

By Matt Kensrud, President

Fall colors blanket the mountains surrounding Leavenworth as the transition starts into winter! Things the club has going on:

The warming hut committee is gearing up to finish the warming hut **and also build a wood shed on the club's leased property near Sugerloaf mountain;** we will post the dates on Facebook if anyone wants to help.

Coming up are the snow shows; the club will have a booth at the WSSA Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet. We are working out the details for SNOWFEST 7 in Leavenworth, being held November 17th.

The club meets monthly at Kristall's Restaurant during the season; if you have any questions, e-mail info@bavarianboondockers.com.

Apple Country Snowmobile Club

By Tim Downs

Greetings to all from the Apple Country Snowmobile Club in Wenatchee. I'm finding retirement to be extremely enjoyable, however writing newsletters sometimes interrupts that, as well as answering the phone.

As we look forward to the snow season, I guess I have some chores to do. Wax up the Gold Wing, put Sta-Bil in it, and take my **last tour for the fall. And the dual sport. And the grandkid's motor-**ized toys. Winterize the travel trailer and put it away clean, and look at my pictures to revitalize my enjoyment of the summer.

Now for the good news. Apple Country's snow groomers (machines and people) are ready to roll. Our first official club meeting is right around the corner in October. Our new officers are excited beyond measure to step into their new rolls, old rolls, pizza

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Pacific Logging LLC	8425 123 rd Ave NE	Lake Stevens	WA	98258		425-508-9150
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Cascade Auto Parts	1320 US Hwy 2	Leavenworth	WA	98826	www.napaonline.com/wa/leavenworth	509-548-7319
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Leavenworth Snowmobile Rentals	15361 Hwy 2	Leavenworth	WA	98826	www.leavenworthsnowmobilerentals.com	509-763-0333
Mountain Springs Lodge	19115 Chiwawa Loop Rd	Leavenworth	WA	98826	www.mtsprings.com	509-763-2713
Pacific Mountain Services	22745 Brown Rd	Leavenworth	WA	98826		509-670-6665
Loon Lake Marina	41080 Marina Rd	Loon Lake	WA	99148		509-233-2303
Lynwood Motoplex	17900 Hwy 99	Lynnwood	WA	98046	www.motoplex.net	425-774-0505
Smokey Point Cycle Barn	15202 Smokey Point Blvd	Marysville	WA	98271	www.smokeypointcyclebarn.com	360-530-7800
WHAC Corporation HVAC	PO Box 1401	Marysville	WA	98270		360-653-4262

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Levi's Auto Parts	500 E 3rd Ave	Moses Lake	WA	98837		509-765-4567
Moses Lake Collision Repair Inc	1006 W Marina Dr	Moses Lake	WA	98837		509-764-8001
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WA State Parks Winter Rec Program	1111 Israel Rd SW	Olympia	WA	98504	www.state.parks.wa.us	360-902-8595
Mac's Tire of Omak	631 Okoma Dr.	Omak	WA	98841		
Pateros Trading/Rivers Restaurant	245 Lakeshore Dr	Pateros	WA	98846	www.howardsontheriver.com	509-923-2200
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Repin Construction LLC	PO Box 541	Roslyn	WA	98941		509-649-3323
The Last Resort	14254 Salmon LaSac Rd-Ronald	Roslyn	WA	98941	www.thelastresortwa.com	509-649-2222
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Hank's Harvest Foods	412 E Methow Hwy	Twisp	WA	98856		509-997-7711
Twisp NAPA Auto Parts	214 S Methow Valley Hwy	Twisp	WA	98856	www.napaonline.com	509-997-2461
Independent Trailer & Equip Co	1602 Rudkin Rd	Union Gap	WA	98901	www.itec-inc.com	509-452-3672
Procaliber Motorsports	P.O. Box 1679	Vancouver	WA	98668	www.procalibervancouver.com	866-796-5020
G & G Automotive Machine	34 S Palouse	Walla Walla	WA	99362		509-525-2890
Wenatchee Power Sports	3031 G.S. Center Rd	Wenatchee	WA	98801	www.wenpow.com	509-665-6686
Radcomp Technologies	136 N Main St	White Salmon	WA	98672	www.gorad.com	509-493-2221
Cowlitz Motorsports	PO Box 846	Winlock	WA	98596		360-520-3911
Three Fingered Jacks	176 Riverside Ave	Winthrop	WA	98862	www.3fingeredjacks.com	509-996-2411
Winthrop Inn Motel	960 Hwy 20	Winthrop	WA	98856	www.winthropinn.com	509-996-2217
Ride Motorsports	19035 Woodinville-Snohomish Rd	Woodinville	WA	98072	www.ridemotorsports.com	425-487-3881
Nob Hill Auto Wrecking	2609 West Birchfield Rd	Yakima	WA	98901	www.nobhillautowrecking.com	509-452-2803
Owen's Yamaha-Suzuki-Polaris	1707 N 1st St	Yakima	WA	98901	www.owenscycleinc.com	509-575-1916
Premier Power Sports	1504 Fruitvale Blvd	Yakima	WA	98902	www.premierpowersportswa.com	509-965-9889
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Cheap Thrills Rentals	303 N Third St	McCall	ID	83638	www.cheapthrillsrentals.com	208-634-7472
Elkins on Priest Lake	404 Elkins Rd	Nordman	ID	83848	www.elkinsresort.com	208-443-2432
Hill's Resort	4777 W Lakeshore Rd	Priest Lake	ID	83856	www.hillsresort.com	208-443-2551
Mountain Village Resort	Jct Hwy 21 & 75	Stanley	ID	83278	www.mountainvillage.com	800-843-5475
SK Northwest/Polaris of Portland	250 SE Division Pl	Portland	OR	97292	www.sknorthwest.com	503-238-2510

Club News

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rolls... eating and talking about snowmobiling are two of the things we do best.

This summer, our club members participated in a trash pick up in the Colockum, public meetings with the Forest Service, and to a particular member of our club I would like to say "thank you Mr. President Jim Burts."

We drove to the end of Eagle Creek Rd., Leavenworth, the other day and saw the Bavarian Boonockers' warming hut, sitting in a pasture and ready to go. Good job Matt and team.

Be sure to invite your friends to join your clubs and we'll see you soon. Oh, yeah! Still have to stack the hay in the barn.



Sno-Jammers

By Brian Schindler, President

Back for another season, are you getting your gear prepped and ready yet? We've already had our second club meeting this year and getting into our annual fall events.

Forest Road 70 Cleanup - We held our annual road cleanup event at the Pyramid Sno-Park on September 22nd, and even though Mother Nature decided to 'help' us clean the road with a shower or two, we managed to pick up almost 50 bags of trash from the 70 Road. Thanks to everyone who showed up and helped out. Still looking for a weekend where the people and weather align to stock the cabin with firewood for the winter season; check out our club website for information if you want to help out.

WSSA Snow Show - Stop by and visit with us at our club booth at the show, we would love to talk with you. We will have prizes and treats for the kids, and information about our annual Fun Run in February.

Annual Fun Run - Make sure to plan to attend our Fun Run this season on Saturday, February 9th. It is run out of the cabin at Government Meadows, where we will have food and drinks. Cash prizes for top hands, and tons of raffle prizes! Bring out the family for a great afternoon!

Club meetings - We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at Round Table Pizza on South Hill in Puyallup. Social hour starts at 6pm with the meeting starting at 7pm. Everyone is welcome, stop by and check us out.



Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Don Fitzpatrick, Jr., Secretary

This winter could hold some surprises for our club. We have had some serious fires in two of our main snowmobiling areas and the

Forest Service has not yet had time to evaluate (Continued on page 13)

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and determine the consequences yet. On the one hand, we may not get our annual permit to take our portable warming hut up to Sweetgrass Butte. They are worried about hazard trees and whatever else they worry about. On the other hand, we may be able to put it someplace else.

Also, on that other hand, the fires and the roads and fire breaks built to fight the fire, just may have opened up some access to new areas, and some new slopes to explore.

Our first meeting will be on October 16th. The place is to be determined. If you are not a local and want to come, just call President Craig at (509) 881-9945 and he can tell you where it is.

The fires are now under control. The smoke is gone. We are anxious for snow and another great season. Plan on attending our annual Bucket Run in February, and our Christmas dinner for everyone.



Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

By Kevin Hancock

Since our last show in June at the Cool Desert Nights in Richland, our members are busy getting ready for the next show, Wings and Wheels in East Wenatchee on October 6th. The show is at the Eastmount Community Park and the event includes a car show and a swap meet, our antique and vintage snowmobiles, and an airplane display. After you've seen it all you might want to head to Red Apple Flyers Field to fly model planes! There are model airplane events with demonstrations and special events which includes a jet plane flight, a Miss Veedol Trans-Pacific reenactment, a 3-D aerobatic demonstration, and an opportunity to try flying radio-controlled aircraft.

On Sunday, October 7th, our group has plans to go to Chelan to see their Mahogany and Merlot boat and wine festival. They will have vintage hydroplane exhibitions, shopping for food, crafts, jewelry, produce and more in the Vendor Village, a Waterfront Beer and Wine Garden, Winery Shuttle Buses, and hydroplane pit tours!

Next we are a part of the largest snowmobile exposition and swap meet in the western US of A! The Washington State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) Expo and Swap Meet in Puyallup, October 20th

WSSA TRAIL GRANTS

I will be mailing out Trail Grant Applications in the next month to all club presidents. If you have any changes to your club presidents since the last Snoflyer, please let me know as soon as possible at rbfos-sil@gmail.com. I will need a name and mailing address for them.

-Roxanne Brittain, Trail Grant Chair



and 21st. This is our 19th year! We've come a long way since those early days displaying outside next to the entrance in the rain.

We will exhibit our antique and vintage snowmobiles, memorabilia, snowmobile suits, patches, banners, and helmets. Items we collect with our projects and items for people to enjoy. We ask everyone to stop in and vote for their favorite snowmobile. We will award two prizes for the most votes. Help us decide what you the snowmobiling public thinks is the best antique or vintage sleds, and the most popular.



WSSA Scholarship 2019

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

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

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

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

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

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

Safety with Jon

By Jon Ferrian — wssasafety101@gmail.com



Hello Washington Sledders!

It is now October and the Snow Show in Puyallup and another month closer to winter! While you are at the Snow Show, be sure to stop by and talk with us at the WSSA Safety and Northwest Avalanche Center booths!

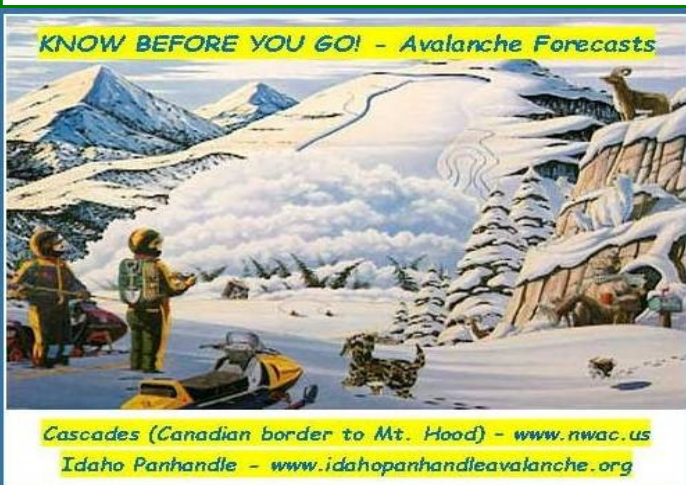
This season at the snow show we have several big things in store for you!

- WSSA Safety Trailer with Avalanche Education DVDs playing
- 2018 Ski-doo 850 that was involved in the Teanaway Avalanche last March
- NWAC Instructor Jeff Hamblen will be on hand to answer questions
- NWAC Executive director Scott Schell
- Sign up for Avalanche classes for this season
- Come and watch the NWAC Pro Panel Discussion with Pro Riders
 - Bret Rasmussen – Ride Rasmussen Style
 - Dave Norona – Skidoo Backcountry Ambassador
 - Duncan Lee – Pro Rider and Avalanche Educator
 - Brandy Floyd – Pro Backcountry Snowbiker and Sledder
 - Stephanie Santeford – Pro Backcountry Rider – Avy Class Assistant
 - Jim Phelan – Thunderstruck Films - Pro Rider
 - NWAC Representative

As usual we will have an incredibly busy weekend at the snow show so be sure to swing by and say high to the WSSA Safety and NWAC teams in our booth. We are happy to talk with you about Avalanche Training, Equipment, Safe Riding and much more!

You can also connect with me on Facebook where I regularly share updates on Sledding Safety and Avalanche Awareness information. Each and every Sunday night at 7pm I do a Facebook Live show that I use to help educate snowmobilers about everything from sledding to avalanche safety.

See you all out on the snow soon!



State Parks Update

By Pamela McConkey, Winter Recreation Program Manager



We are getting ready for snow!

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

The Snowmobile Advisory Committee (SMAC) met in July in Yakima and worked through and recommended a budget for the 2018/2019 winter season. Although snowmobile registrations were down nearly 5,000 sleds, the budget, through savings from the prior winter and some very important Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grants, we were able to keep the system intact with no budget cuts.

If you want to make sure we don't face reduced grooming, snow removal and sanitation services in the future, please make sure you register you sleds this year. Remember, your registered sled this season is funding for next season (2019/2020).

2018/2019 Winter Forecast

Which forecast do you depend on? If you follow and plan for NOAA's (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration), you will find this information interesting, although depressing. NOAA is calling for warmer and dryer than normal for the Pacific Northwest. If you follow the Farmer's Almanac, then you are in for a very different story. Below is what was recently published in the USA Today:

Hold onto your wool caps: we may be in for a brutal winter.

Unlike other news stories [predicting a warm, wet winter](#), the Farmers' Almanac predicts a "colder-than-normal" season, stretching from the Continental Divide to the Appalachians.

"Contrary to the stories storming the web, our time-tested, long-range formula is pointing toward a very long, cold, and snow-filled winter," said editor Peter Geiger in a statement on the company's website.

The popular forecaster said frigid conditions are expected in mid-February across the New England, Great Lakes, Ohio Valley and the Midwest.

Above-normal snowfall is predicted for the Great Lakes, Midwest, New England and Pacific Northwest, they said.

Stormy conditions are expected to hang around through the official start of spring.

Snowmobile Registrations

Check the chart; off to a positive start.

Snowmobile Registrations						
	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY 18-19 Difference
July	166	149	145	134	148	14
August	1,142	531	676	782	2,307	1,525
September	3,546	2,968	3,145	2,946		
October	2,544	1,662	2,139	2,489		
November	2,870	3,129	3,362	4,360		
December	6,656	11,575	13,170	6,973		
January	2,741	3,528	3,196	3,358		
February	381	1,164	1,513	1,166		
March	68	298	686	674		
April	42	82	181	175		
May	22	32	93	93		
June	23	30	84	71		
Total:	20,201	25,148	28,390	23,221		1,539

Snowmobile Program Mascots

The Winter Recreation Program mascots, Matilda and Blake, both snowshoe hares, continue working for us through outreach and educational programs. We have materials (such as coloring and activity books, lapel pins and stickers) to help teach young riders about snowmobile safety. If you have any ideas for new materials for youth that will encourage them to be safe while having fun out on the snow, send us your ideas.



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Membership

It's Time to Renew Your WSSA Membership!

By Wayne & Florence Mohler,
Membership Co-Chairs

Memberships for 2018-19 have been coming in pretty steady. With the notices having been out only a few weeks we've already received over 450 renewals. The WSSA membership year is September 1st through August 31st of the following year. We really appreciate the early renewals as it saves the additional expense of sending reminders. You should have received your renewal notice by now, either by e-mail or through USPS, but if not, please use the membership application in the Snoflyer, or go to our website www.wssa.us under the membership tab and do the renewal (or join as a new member). Don't let the lack of a renewal notice stop you from renewing or joining.

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

With the Washington Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo and Swap Meet in Puyallup coming up on October 21st and 22nd, you can stop at the WSSA booth and join or renew your WSSA membership. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

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

WSSA Legal Action Fund Auction — Seeking donations!

To WSSA snowmobile clubs and other interested parties:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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Matt's Misc.

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary

And I'm back! Again. Not by choice. Don't ask. The bottom line is if you support an organization, you step up... or back up... when asked. Hopefully this is short term and somebody new wants to take over this amazing position.

And things are a bit different with this issue... Our previous publisher called it quits at the end of last season; it's a tough business selling advertising for print media. After a few months of searching for a new publisher to sell advertising and do the layout work and coming up empty, WSSA decided a new game plan was in order. At the Summer Meeting, we voted to go online-only and do the 'publishing' (basically the layout work) in house. The bottom line is we have no real costs as an online-only media; no print costs, no ship costs; just many volunteer hours. But this added a new dimension to the Publicity Secretary position. This will be the third issue I've done the layout on. (And it may show, but hey, it is a 'learn as you go' type of thing!)

Online only? Some of you may be saying "then why am I reading this in a printed copy?". WSSA did decide it was important to have a print edition of the October issue to hand out at Expo; this is one of our better opportunities to connect with non-members. So WSSA decided they would pay out of pocket to print a couple of thousand copies. Hopefully this will also reach our members who didn't get the word via e-mail or social media.

Celebrate our advertisers! As it turns out, WSSA won't have to cover the cost of this Snoflyer out of pocket. We developed a new pricing strategy for ads that reflects our low-cost online-only Snoflyer. We have offered up full-season rates that are tough to pass up and a few have stepped up and taken advantage. We are hoping more advertisers will join in for the rest of the season. Come on WSSA Associate members, help us spread our message and elevate your successful business! E-mail me for ad rates or check the WSSA website (under the Snoflyer tab).

Will we ever print again? Yes! But it may not be until October of next year for the 2019 Expo and Swap Meet. However, WSSA wants to go back to print and we are looking for ways to get it done without busting our budget. I'm hoping if we sell more advertising this season, we may be able to cover the costs of another issue or two and mail out to members. Who knows, you may open your mailbox later this season and find a new Snoflyer edition. Time will tell.

2019 Iron Dog race is a go! Maybe you didn't know it was even an issue. Earlier in the year they were having problems finding sponsorship (money) and an energetic board. They are currently lacking an executive director, and the budget is thin, but they voted unanimously

to hold the race. Enthusiastic racers, and optimism that more sponsors will step forward, is all it took. The 2,000-mile Alaskan race from Big Lake to Nome to Fairbanks costs about \$425,000 a year and will be funded by entry fees and sponsors. The race previously had the Alaska National Guard as its title sponsor, but that ended in 2016. Sadly, no snowmobile manufacturers sponsor the race, although some do support individual teams. Interestingly, Iditarod Race Director Mark Nordman supports the event.



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Both races use the famed Iditarod Trail, and the snowmobile racers sometimes help clear the trail for the dog mushers. The Iron Dog began in 1984 as a 1,000-mile race from Big Lake to Nome.

value-creation opportunity for Polaris.” Polaris claims WSI will continue to support outside customers after the acquisition. So there you have it.

Winter Rendezvous 2019

Feb. 15th -18th



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And from the “now I’ve seen everything” file.

How about a 1989 Cadillac Brougham limo snowmobile? It gained the media’s attention when it



came up for sale on Craigslist for \$6,000 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Built for a movie, the body was plopped onto a Bombardier SV250. It actually isn’t a complete hack job; the wheel wells on the Caddy have been sheeted over and finished off. It’s powered by a small-block Chevy and you have to love the loooong chrome side-pipes. It is steered by skis... so technically it qualifies for a snowmobile registration here in Washington! Check the video on YouTube:

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No additional gas tax money for Montana snowmobilers. A couple of bills were before the state’s Environmental Quality Council that would have allowed for snowmobilers and other off-highway vehicle users to benefit from more of the fuel tax they pay to fill the tanks of their toys. As you are aware, we enjoy this benefit in Washington, although we still don’t get the full amount either. The bills were not acted on so didn’t move out of committee this year, but it would have increased the snowmobilers’ take from \$775,000 to \$1.2 million. On record for opposing this increase are the League of Montana Cities and Towns, the Montana Infrastructure Coalition and the Montana Contractors Association; all don’t want money diverted from road and bridge projects. I’m not sure how they justify keeping the tax revenue raised from fuel not used in road-going vehicles... but I’ve said the same about our own legislators here in Washington...

Over Snow Travel Management planning. The Winter Wildlands Alliance is licking their chops! They see an upcoming opportunity to strip land away from snowmobilers. They recently posted a video on their website about this topic. You can find it here at www.vimeo.com/196802513. The video lays out a good case and they sound like they want to work together. Maybe, but in watching their past actions and attempts, they have demonstrated they want motorized recreation eliminated from public lands. In the end, I suspect we’ll see changes in our local Forests. What is going to be important though is for snowmobilers to show up with information on the areas they currently ride and why they want to continue riding there. If we don’t, we’ll likely lose access. Do you want to be limited to groomed trail riding only?

Polaris buying WSI. Who is WSI? They started out as Washington Scientific Industries in the late 1950s. They are a company that has been supplying parts for Polaris for about 20 years. They specialize in machining complex, high precision parts for various industries including automotive, aerospace, and defense. Polaris’ Executive Vice President Ken Pucel was quoted: “By bringing precision-manufacturing capability in house, the acquisition of WSI Industries supports our long-term supply-chain strategy and is an exciting



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WSSA Legal Action Fund Raffle

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As you wander around the WSSA Expo and Swap Meet, don’t forget to swing by the WSSA booth and pick up a raffle ticket or two. The tickets are \$5 each... but 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!

Any tickets not sold at Expo will then be available at the Spokane Snow Show and the Leavenworth SnowFest. If any tickets remain after all three shows, you will have a chance to buy them from a WSSA board member.

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!

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