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International Snowmobile Safety Week is January 18th - 26th, 2020

(But please ride safe all season!)

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Family tradition to ride the 1st of the year! Photo submitted by Richard Ritter von Trautmann*

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WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2019/2020

WSSA Meeting Centennial Center, Cle Elum January 11th, 2020

Come get a mid-season update on WSSA projects, the grooming program, and whatever else may be going on. Meeting starts at 9am. Lunch available on site for additional cost.

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

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

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

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

WSSA Budget Meeting Location TBD March 14th, 2020

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

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

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

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

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I added this word "EL-NONE-YA" to my spellchecker tonight as I think it is appropriate for what has been going on with our snow season so far. My hope is January will bring more than we can handle! I went to the Friends of Mt. Spokane board meeting last week and talked to the crew and inquired as to how things were going up there? Their reply was "boring". I completely understand. Okay, keep the faith, snow is on the way.

So, to continue with Initiative 976, as predicted, it is now tied up in the courts and we are now waiting for that outcome. Please go and get your snowmobiles registered and support next year's program. We need patience and lots of it to get over this hurdle. As I said in my last article: 1. Keep a positive attitude. 2. Work this out as a team effort. 3. Guard our funds. 4. Be open to other funding suggestions when the smoke clears.

The next hurdle we are met with is 'RUC', Road Use Charge. This may impact us as well and affect the second part of our funding 'fuel tax'. WSSA is taking the stand to not support the transition to RUC as it will remove approximately 50% of the snowmobile account funding over time. There will be more to follow on this subject.

As you can see, the need and responsibility that WSSA officers, District Reps, Committee Chairs and most importantly the membership, be present in Olympia on January 28th, 2020, for 'All Trails to Olympia Day'. This is when we will be talking to our legislators about everything and anything connected to our funding. Only we can make a difference. The legislators want to hear from us, not our lobbyists. Please call Dee Alred and let her know you are going to be there. Thanks in advance for those that have already committed!

The Western Chapter Meeting is just around the corner. Go to www.sledwest.org/index.html and get the details. Also, don't forget the first part of the meeting is the 'ACSA Mountain Riding Area' and should be very informative and educational.

There is still time for you to make reservations to go to ISC 2020 in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. The dates are June 10th-13th, 2020. For more information please follow this link: www.snowmobilers.org/isc.

This is the third reminder to you that we, WSSA, are still trying to 'build bridges' and not 'walls' in 2020. Please talk to your Dealers, Associates and others about partnering with WSSA. There is strength in numbers! Go WSSA! Go Outdoor Recreation! We need to take lead on this.



Dean was feeling the need for speed at the 2018 International Snowmobile Congress in Nova Scotia.



Dean assured us Yamaha would deliver a lightweight 4-stroke. We just assumed it would be bigger...



State Parks Winter Rec Mascot Blake has made a new friend!

District Reports



District 2 South

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Hello sledders! Not much to report in mid-December except we are lacking in snow; but it's coming!

Up in the north area of the district the Chelan club had there Christmas party. I'm sure fun was had by all!

Same thing with the Wenatchee Apple Country Club Christmas party; it's in the bag, now just waiting to start grooming.

The Bavarian Boondockers Snowfest was a big hit again this year; biggest turn out yet!

The Lake Wenatchee Rec Club has started meetings along with groomer meetings. The Lake Wenatchee area will most likely be the first to get groomed in the district.



District 3

By Greg Figg

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As I write this article we are getting close to the start of riding season in Northeast Washington. We are one snowfall away from the trail rides being able to start. We are looking for a good winter for both trail and mountain rides this year. We hope to see many of you in our area this season. More to report in the next month!



District 4 North

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I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year and fingers crossed, we all had the chance to get out on the snow a bit. Here's a short update on what is going on in District 4 North.

Junco is planning for its annual Charity on the Snow event for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. As announced previously, the event will be January 18th-19th at the Orr Creek Sno-Park. Rides will leave the sno-park

around 9am and reconvene at the cabin for a potluck and charity auction around 4pm in the afternoon. Breakfast is served Sunday morning for those who want to camp over. For some added fun this year, we will be having a dishpan race. Junco has helped to raise over \$75,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation over the years and invites everyone to come join in this fun club event!

Since the Sno-Jammers meeting location burned out, the club moved their monthly meetings to the Roundtable Pizza in Bonney Lake. The club will hold its annual Fun Run on February 8th. Come ride the circuit while picking up your poker hand and collecting your annual T-shirt. There will also be lots of raffle prizes to give away. WSSA will be sponsoring a checkpoint this year and I will be manning the booth. Come by and say hello!

For up-to-date grooming information: R&R Grooming updates for Greenwater are routed through State Parks and will be posted on the State Parks website. Back-country Plowing and Grooming keeps its Facebook page updated for grooming information for the Orr Creek, Wakepish, Marble Mountain and Cougar Sno-Parks.

Upcoming meetings:
 Junco: First Monday of the month, 7pm at Godfather's Pizza in Spanaway.
 SnoJammers: First Wednesday of the month, 7pm at Roundtable Pizza in Bonney Lake.



District 4 South

By Mike Ainslie
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Greetings everyone in District 4 South! I'm very sorry I haven't been very active in writing articles for the Snoflyer lately; I've been battling some major health issues over the last year and, well, lets hope I'm back on top of things going into 2020...

Like everywhere else in the state of Washington, we are waiting for the snow to arrive.

I haven't been able to make it to any of the meetings for the clubs or for WSSA so far this year, but I did attend the summer Snowmobile Advisory Council meeting and I was able to once again obtain money for plowing Forest Service Road 90 from the Northwoods Fire Station to the bottom of Curly Creek Road for this year. This is a

huge help if we were to need any kind of medical aid up there and it also links Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens together.

The Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders have done a lot more work back up at our new warming shelter at the Marble Mountain Sno-Park. They did some asphaltting from where we had to increase the building footprint and it was left in gravel for last year. The asphalt will make it a lot nicer for walking around to the warming shelter. The wood shed is completely full of wood and they also striped the parking lot up there in hopes people will park so others can get in an out without major problems. The club also did a bunch of trail cleaning so the groomer can get around.

Speaking of grooming, this year we will have a completely new company doing the **Mt. St. Helens area; we'll have to wait and see how things work out up there.**

The Forest Service has done some work at the Lone Butte Sno-Park warming shelter for this year to help clean it up and they installed wooden doors on the front of the shelter, replaced broken windows and welded up the broken woodstove. I was told Silver Star Search and Rescue will now be the new sponsor of the Lone Butte warming shelter and they will be helping taking care of it.

I will start my preaching now to everyone to make sure you license your snowmobiles. Once again, the money we receive from this **year's snowmobile registration is the money** we spend next year for our trail grooming, sanitation, road plowing and law-enforcement. Once again your registration pays 100% of all of our trail grooming and all of the other things that go with our winter activities up there. **So let's all do our part to help out this sport we all love so much!**

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a happy New Year and you got all the great things you were wanting for your old or new snowmobile. **Let's all think snow snow snow!**



District 5 South

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The season is once again upon us and we have had a bit of good news. Along with the cold winter temps has come some snow. We haven't had much but you can ride the trails and play

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in some meadows if you know the stumps and rocks by name. Right now many hills are out the equation but we hope that will soon change.

As I write this on a mid-December afternoon, Matt Mead and his daughter, Ryan, who is home from college for Christmas, went for their first ride of the season and they allowed me to go with them. Twas mostly a road ride but that was good because I was with two great people.

Our local groomer is going out tomorrow for the first time this season; hopefully warm weather and rain won't roll in and ruin his work.

The Drift-A-Way club has had several meetings, and rides are scheduled for most Sundays and some of us will also ride on Thursdays based upon snow/trail conditions.

The Yakima Ski-Benders held their annual kick-off-to-the-season Crab Feed and once again it sold out and everyone got their fill of crab. For those that wanted an alternative there was barbecued prime rib. This year we served more crab than ever before; 1,300 pounds. Plus, we also served 100 pounds of prime rib. As always the Ski-Benders had a fabulous raffle after the meal.

The next event for them is the ever popular Poker Run on January 26th. One of the prizes for that day is a very nice reconditioned snowmobile for some lucky youngster.

Then in February the club is hosting their annual Kids' Ride and at the same place and time they will be holding their annual Scavenger Hunt. Both will be held up the Little Naches, past Whistlin' Jack's on Chinook Pass.



District 6

By Chris Shires

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The Pomeroy and Dayton clubs are ready for winter - just waiting on snow.

The Tollgate to Godman ride was held on December 14th. Snow was marginal but doable.



All Trails to Olympia

Join us in Olympia on January 28th!

By Dee Alred, All Trails Chair

We are meeting at the Double Tree by Hilton; the address is 415 Capitol Way N., in Olympia. If you'd like to make reservations or need more information regarding the hotel, call them at (360) 570-0555.

We'll start in the Capitol Room at 8am with an orientation meeting. On the table there will be maps of the Capitol campus, Dash schedules (Dash is the free shuttle bus to the campus), our issue sheets, Snoflyers, Hostess Sno Balls, and 'How to talk with your Legislator' tip sheets. (You are encouraged to read the tip sheet; this will help you in starting a conversation with your legislators.)

We'll have some time to read and understand our issue statement. If you have any questions concerning the issue, please ask. (Our lobbyists will be there to help us in any way we need.) This is the reason we are here today.

If this is your first time to Olympia, please let me know so I can arrange for someone to go with you to your appointments.

All attendees will be provided appointment cards already made out with the times of appointments with their legislators. This year those cards have GREEN highlights. (Make sure you only have a green highlighted card for your district; other green cards are for other districts/attendees.)

There will also be cards with YELLOW highlights on them and they are "drop-in" cards. These are the representatives we do not have appointments with. I would ask all attendees who have a few spare moments take a yellow highlighted card and stop in to those offices to deliver our issue sheet and answer any questions the aides may have.

Our goal on this day is to deliver our 'issue' sheets to every single representative's office in Olympia. If, at the end of the day, all the 3x5 cards are gone, then we will have delivered our issue sheets to all 149 offices!

We'll provide lunch from noon until 2pm, but if you get back late, we will still feed you!

After talking with your representative, (or aide on the drop-ins), please leave a copy of our issue statement, a pack of Sno Balls, and a Snoflyer.

After your legislator visits, please let us know how things went as we will always strive to make improvements for future visits.

If you are going to attend, please e-mail (rdalred1971@gmail.com) or call me at (509) 654-2242 with your name, phone number, street address with zipcode, and voting district if you know it. I will then be able to make appointments for you.

This is truly a fun event and I hope to see you there!



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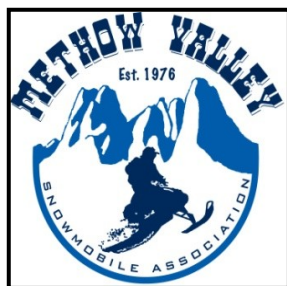
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Club News



Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Craig Stahl,
President

Hey Riders!

The North Cascades Highway has closed for the season. Now we have some riding up Highway 20 and Harts Pass. As I write this, we are still waiting for more snow so we can have scheduled rides and grooming. Remember, it is your responsibility as a rider to know where it is legal to ride.

We had a great Christmas at the 'End of the Road' celebration in Winthrop this year. The Methow Valley Snowmobile Association every year provides warming barrels throughout Winthrop. Every year there are horse carriage rides, singing and fireworks, and Santa visits town. Come visit us next Thanksgiving Weekend! Some years we have snow up high so it is a great opportunity to get your sleds out for the first time.

Think more snow!



Apple Country Snowmobile Club

By Tim Downs

New Year's greetings from your friends in the Apple Country Snowmobile Club. I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and your New Year's eve parties with family and friends went well with games, soup and the traditional raw oysters. Ugh!

Some of you younger riders may have taken a midnight snowmobile ride, but I'm afraid that's well in my past. Good memories though!

Our club's highlight was, of course, the Christmas party attended by 16 members. It was an evening in Wenatchee with little snow and Rudolf neglected to make an appearance. But we all had such a great time together with good food and stories to share.

Beaucoup volunteer hours have been spent getting our snow cats ready for the season and installing new GPS units in each.

These GPS units will keep our drivers safely on the trail, even in the worst of conditions. Thank you Mike Bratten, Cal Ander-

son and James Burts for all your volunteer hours and for keeping our trails open again this winter.

We send our condolences to the James Burts family with the passing of Jim's father, Everett Burts. Everett was a founder of our club. We recall the club members who wrestled with the early grooming equipment to make our program what it is today with three (count them... 1,2,3) working machines, creating some of the most beautifully groomed trails in our systems. This all began with Everett and those early members. There will be a memorial service for Everett Burts on February 22nd at the Wenatchee First Assembly Church in Wenatchee at 1pm.

We have events coming up! Washington State Parks is coming to our town for their bi-annual meeting, January 24th and 25th, with an Apple Country-guided ride into the Colockum on Friday. Meetings are Friday evening and Saturday. Come join us!

WSSA's Winter Rendezvous in Chelan - don't forget!

We look forward to getting out this winter to visit other snowmobile club areas. The



Groomers should be running by the time you read this Snoflyer!

Bavarian Boondockers in Leavenworth are always high on our list. If anyone is inter-



Get in touch with the Apple Country Club if you would like to ride the Wenatchee area!

ested in riding our area, weekdays or weekends, we would be very interested in taking you around.

Get out those machines and ride!



Tollgate Trail Finders

By Bob Smith,
Vice President

Hello snowmobile friends! Here are a few upcoming events:

OSSA Winter Convention

— January 14th - 18th. In Joseph, Oregon. Guided beginner to advanced rides Tuesday through Friday. Socializing (Continued on page 12)

In Memory of Everett Burts

Everett Burts, a founding member of the Apple Country Snowmobile Club and outdoor recreation enthusiast, passed away November 16. He was 88. Although cancer has taken his life, his work to support snowmobiling and access to public lands will continue to benefit riders, hunters and anyone who enjoys public land.

Everett, along with several forward thinking people established the Apple Country Snowmobile Club in 1973 to establish and preserve access to the Stemilt Basin. They established the grooming program with a Skidoo Alpine and four foot drag. It took another snowmobile to pull the hills but the system could groom downhill okay. Today, the trail system they established is 100 miles long and offers multiple access points and is smoothed with three groomers.

Everett spent thousands of hours maintaining and operating the groomers. Although he held a Doctorate and worked as a research scientist for WSU, he was not afraid to do the physical work. Growing up on a farm, he could fix or build almost anything and his work for the club saved thousands in repair costs. He used his education and intelligence to promote snowmobiling by lobbying state, local and federal legislators and agencies. He wrote countless letters, guest editorials and served as a civilian member of the Forest Service's planning committee.

Even when he stopped riding, he was a source of quiet wisdom and inexhaustible knowledge.

A memorial service is scheduled for February 22nd, 1pm, at Wenatchee First Assembly. 1520 Mc Kittrick St. in Wenatchee. If you wish to remember him, a page is open at Heritage Memorial Chapel website www.heritagememorialchapel.com/book-of-memories/4030984/Burts-Everett/index.php



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every evening; poker night after dinner Thursday; pizza night on Friday; delicious banquet on Saturday. Poker Run on Saturday. Book early as rooms are limited in the Joseph/Enterprise area. Registration due December 21st. Check out www.oregonsnow.org/convention.

WSSA Winter Rendezvous – February 14th - 17th. Campbell's Resort on Lake Chelan. Join in for four days of fun in Chelan. Experienced off-trail riding groups as well as family-friendly trail rides. WSSA and the local clubs will set up rides you'll LOVE! Dinner on Friday and Saturday as well as some type of entertainment. Plenty to do in Chelan and a casino is nearby if you want to take a break from sledding. Visit www.facebook.com/events/635621110307351.

McCall Winter Getaway. The club is planning a winter getaway to McCall Idaho in mid February. This was a great success last year and it included UTVs as well as snowmobiles. Plan to attend; it should be a great time as McCall is a beautiful winter wonderland.

The Tollgate Trail Finders (TTF) are looking forward to another great season of snowmobiling. Come and be a part of our TTF snowmobile club and enjoy the weekend rides that usually originate at our clubhouse Saturdays around 9am.

Think snow and have a great year of sledding!

Your friends from the Tollgate Trail Finders Snowmobile Club.



Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

By Marilyn Mylius, Vice President

Upcoming events at the LWRC:
January 25th - Club Ride - Includes lunch on the trail. Not a member? Show up to ride with us and join!

February 15th - Annual Poker Ride - Buy hands at the clubhouse from 8-10am, prize monies split between two highest hands and lowest hand. Lunch available for purchase at the clubhouse after the ride. For info, call (509) 679-5517.

Both events are subject to change depending on SNOW! Check updates on Facebook.



Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Jessica Ronhaar

Northwest Glacier Cruisers happenings:
Youth Snowmobile Day - February 8th at Ploeg's Place warming hut - Fun youth activities and Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) basic avalanche talks; this is a great day to bring the family out and have some fun. Lunch is provided.

All Day Avalanche Practice Day with NWAC - February 9th at Ploeg's Place warming hut - Lunch will be provided.

Mt. Baker Ladies Ride - February 28th - March 1st - Lodge is full but day riders are welcome to join the fun - RSVP to the Facebook group public page.

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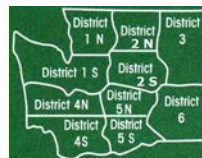
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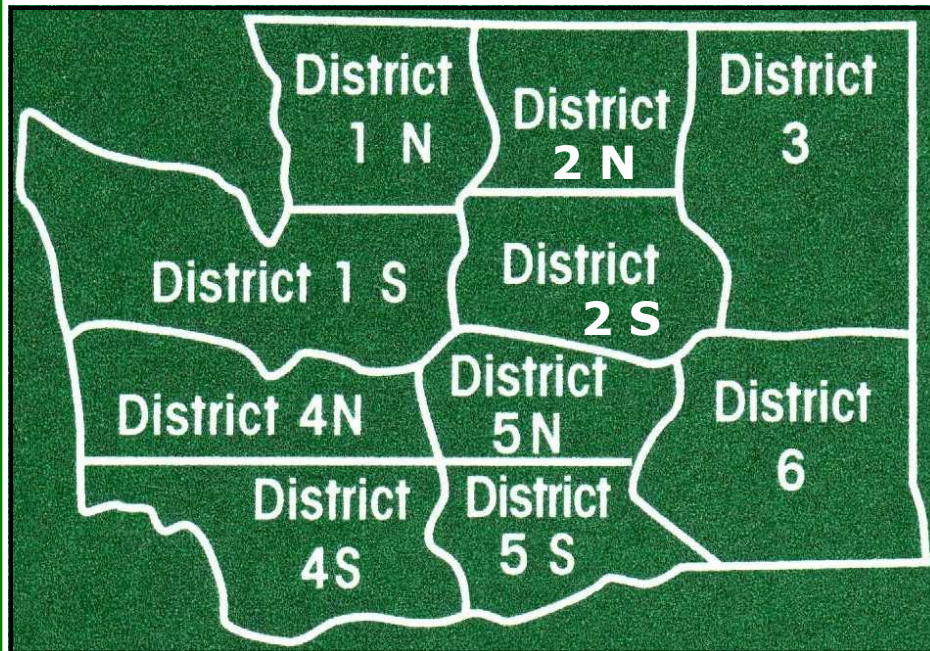
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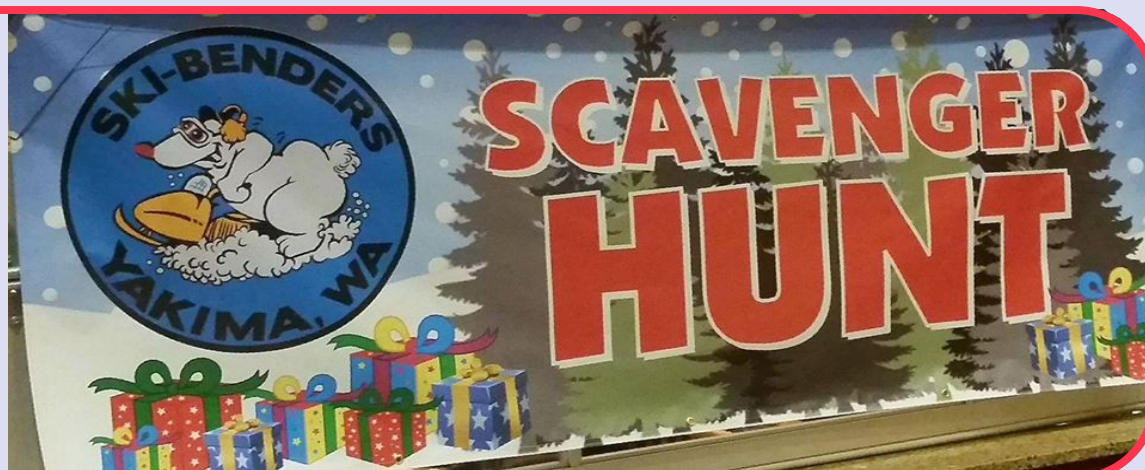
Join us on January 26 For our Chinook Pass Snow Fest. Participate in our Bucket Run, stand around a hot fire, enjoy lunch served up in the Little Naches Sno-Park, and maybe even walk away with one of the many raffle prizes available. Details on our Facebook Event Page at www.facebook.com/events/513198542574953.



Our Kids' Ride is scheduled for February 29th at the Little Naches Sno-Park. Riding available for kids of all ages and abilities, toddlers to teens! Professional riders on hand to lead rides and perform for the kids. Avalanche safety and trail etiquette a prime focus. A tasty lunch will be catered for participating families. Camp for the weekend! Details on our Facebook Event Page at www.facebook.com/events/2626625574027359.



The Ski-Benders' Scavenger Hunt will be held in conjunction with the Little Kids' Ride at the Little Naches Sno-Park on Chinook Pass. Find one of our hidden plates and be entered for a cash drawing. Raffle tickets available for all with a chance to win other great prizes. Lunch available! Details on our Facebook Event Page at www.facebook.com/events/484186338799879.



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Luke Rohde Memorial Ride - March 14th - Raffle for a wrap and Avalanche Scholarships too.

Mt. Baker Shoot Out - March 21st.

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers took first place in the Mount Vernon lighted Christmas Parade again this year!

Our Christmas Party was a huge success with 96 members and their families attending.



**Yakima
Ski-Benders**

**By Liz Van Amberg,
President**

Greeting's from Yakima! As I write this, I think it has been foggy for the past month. The weather forecast is calling for one to three feet of snow later this week! Old man winter needs to

wake up now!

The Yakima Ski-Benders hosted their annual Crab Feed on December 14th. The event was chaired by Ron and Dee Alred. We fed 319 people in 30 minutes. Thank you to all the volunteers who set up, cooked, cleaned up and did everything in between. Countless hours go into the prep of this event and it was awesome! People tell me all the time this is their favorite crab feed of the season. We had a huge raffle and would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who donated. The numbers are not in yet, but it appears we did very well!

Seth Ahlbrecht took home the coveted 5-star award for all his work as Ski-Bender's president, secretary, starting the Scavenger Hunt and his huge number of miles he rides every season. Congratulations Seth; well deserved!

The next event the Ski-Benders host is the Chinook Pass Snowfest. This event will be chaired by Paul and Ronna Younie! It will be held on Sunday, January 26th, starting in

the Little Naches Sno Park. We always have a huge turnout for this one! There will be tons of prizes for the best poker hands and Joe Labernik has bought and fixed up another sled to give away. I love how enthusiastic our club members are!

Looking forward to 2020!



**Bavarian
Boondockers**

**By Matt Kensrud,
President**

Great news, the club had its biggest Snowfest yet! Over 800 people through the door!

The club member roster is 135 strong! We will be holding a membership/movie night at Kristall's restaurant. Don't forget to check the website for club rides and upcoming events.

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Here's an update on our area; the Sugarloaf Mountain road from the Eagle Creek side will be getting plowed beyond January 1st. Our local logging company is working in the Indian Creek area so be prepared! Please ride safe.

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail bavarianboondockers@gmail.com.



Winter Knights

By Greg Figg,
President

Well, we are ready for winter, at least we think we are. The firewood is in and the warming huts are ready to go.

The snow has started falling in Northeast Washington and our riding is getting underway for the season. In fact some of the Winter Knights reported two feet of blower powder on the trails out of our neighboring Priest Lake Idaho on December 14th.

We are planning on a very busy riding season with club rides, the vintage races, and the WSSA Winter Rendezvous.

Winter Knights members enjoying an early season ride at Priest Lake.



Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

By Kevin Hancock,
Webmaster

I think we are just like the rest of the snowmobile community; waiting for the snow to get deep enough to get out. We are putting the final touches to the sleds we want to ride this season. Once they are ready we will have them on our trailers waiting for the first sledding event.

Late this fall before the first snow, we finished placing the directional signs that guide groups from the Taneum Sno-Park between Cle Elum and Ellensburg to Whistlin' Jack Lodge and back. The last several years our group has placed the signs for folks to



Prepping the classics for the winter season of rides and shows!

make the 140 mile round trip to the lodge and back. Please let us know if you used them, and pass any suggestions in a quick e-mail to pnwvsc@gmail.com, or on our Facebook page 'Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club'.

There will be a lot more to write about after our first event. Our riding and shows will take off for the rest of the season. Until then we will just have to content ourselves readying the ones we want to get out when the season is finally here.



The PNWVSC annually places signs to guide riders between the Taneum Sno-Park between Ellensburg and Cle Elum over to Whistlin' Jack Lodge on Chinook Pass.

Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club



Dust off your vintage and classic iron and come ride with the PNWVSC!

We have a full year of rides, fun days, sled shows, overnight trips, BBQ's, agility trials, and more planned. All rider ages and skill levels are welcome.

Check out our website (www.pnwvsc.org) and Facebook page for more details, or send us an email (pnwvsc@gmail.com).

Be Bold. Ride Old!



News



Teaching the ways of the trails - Developing responsible youth riders

**Contact: Gretchen A. Monette, All Seasons Communications,
(586) 752-6381, gmonette@allseasonscommunications.com**

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) and the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) encourages snowmobiling among families, including youth riders.

"Snowmobiling is a great activity to do together as a family," said Scott Herzog, ACSA President. "It's very important to have all family members, especially kids, well-prepared and knowledgeable about safe snowmobiling."

Here are some guidelines from ACSA on developing responsible youth riders:

Right ride—Accidents can happen when children aren't riding a properly-sized snowmobile. Multiple manufacturers produce smaller vehicles with additional safety features including a high visibility whip flag for notification, easy to adjust governor to control the top speed and acceleration of the vehicle, kid-friendly controls and a removable ignition key.

Right gear—Before you let your child get on a snowmobile, make sure they are wearing properly fitting snowmobile gear that have no dangling scarves, laces or straps. It's particularly important that their helmets are properly sized. A helmet is the most important piece of safety equipment your kids will wear this snowmobiling season, so don't skimp on this necessary item.

Right education—Most states allow for independent snowmobile riders as young as age 10, but these young riders must complete snowmobile education safety and training classes (in a classroom or online) prior to receiving an operating license. Many manufacturers also have safety and training videos online as well. To find more information on youth riding or a schedule of snowmobile education classes, visit snowmobileinfo.org.

Right speed—Take it slow for the first few rides over various conditions for the novice rider to get used to handling a sled. Never over-ride your lights with a new rider (or anytime!), as it is unsafe and not a good lesson to impart.

"When a new rider, no matter the age, has a great first experience on a snowmobile, they will be fans of the sport for a long time," said Herzog.

The Safe Riders! Snowmobile Safety Awareness website www.snowmobileinfo.org provides essential and detailed materials pertaining to snowmobile safety in an easy-to-understand format.

For information on snowmobile associations and clubs, visit www.snowmobilers.org.

Notes

Upper Yakima Basin Recreation Survey

The survey is here:

www.gis.cwu.edu/geog/ecrp

It is imperative for all snowmobilers who ride in the Central Cascades to participate in this survey. The results will guide future recreation opportunities in the project area. (Failure to participate could result in lost riding areas in the future.)

Here is the blurb from the survey website:

"Welcome to the East Cascades Recreation Partnership (ECRP).

Land managers in Kittitas and Yakima County want to know more about where you recreate and the natural resources you value. This survey will inform recreation and restoration project planning between land management agencies, collaboratives, and partner groups.

The survey will ask you to identify places that are important to you, and will take about 5-10 minutes to complete depending on the number of places you map. You must be 18 years or older to participate. Your decision to participate is strictly voluntary. You are free to answer all, some, or none of the questions. Your responses are completely confidential and anonymous and you may stop the survey at any point.

If you have questions about this survey, please contact: Ethan Lockwood, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust, (509) 862-9123, ethan.lockwood@mtsgreenway.org or Jennifer Lipton, PhD at CWU-Ellensburg, (509) 963-1164, jennifer.lipton@cwu.edu. If you have questions about your rights as a participant, you may also contact the CWU Human Protections Administrator at (509) 963-3115.

The Upper Yakima Basin runs from the Stuart Range to the North, the Yakama Indian Reservation to the South, the Cascade Crest to the West, and the western extents of the cities of Ellensburg and Yakima to the East. If you recreate in or value this area, please tell us about the places that are important to you using the Upper Yakima Basin Survey.

The Naches Ranger District on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest is particularly interested in hearing from those who recreate in the Little Naches Watershed. If you are familiar with this area, please tell us specifically where you recreate in this area using the Little Naches Watershed Survey."

The survey is open through January. Please don't delay. Take the survey!

Safety with Jon

SHUT UP AND LISTEN!!

By Jon Ferrian — wssasafety101@gmail.com

How many times in our lives have we heard this phrase and or have said this phrase?

More times than not, it is the best advice we could ever receive. If we can set our pride aside and do a better job of listening and learning verses thinking we already know it all, then we are much farther ahead in life. On one of my recent Facebook Live episodes, I was interviewing Dan Adams from Next Level Riding Clinics and he said what I have heard many times before from many professional instructors, "if a client comes to my clinic and checks their ego at the door and opens their mind up to the idea that they are not already a 'really good rider', then in most cases the client can learn and improve their riding skills much faster".

Whether we are learning riding skills at Dan Adam's Next Level Riding Clinic or if we are learning safety related topics from other riders or other resources around us, we likely all would benefit from the advice to "SHUT UP AND LISTEN". You can always decide later if you want to put any of the advice or training to use, but if you don't allow yourself to learn something in the first place because your not open to it, you no longer have the option to apply it.

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#LiveLARGE

Jon Ferrian LIVE



With all of the extra time Jon had this month not writing a real safety article, he spent four days riding in Revelstoke British Columbia over Thanksgiving weekend.

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Safety with Jon

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This month's safety message is about opening up your mind and heart to learn from everyone around you.

Who will you learn from?

- Your friends?
- Your spouse?
- Your Kids?
- The Police?
- Search and Rescue?
- A book?
- A monthly WSSA safety article?

As my father once taught me: You can learn something from everyone; sometimes you learn what to do and sometimes you learn what NOT to do!

Bottom line is that you can only learn if you SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

Who you learn from is up to you, and I am hopeful that each month when I take some time to write a message around safety that someone out there has an open mind and heart to absorb what is shared from everyone around them including myself. If you have something to share with me, please feel free to reach out to me directly and I am happy to also SHUT UP AND LISTEN to you and help share your story!

See you on the snow!

#LiveLARGE

Jon didn't waste this bluebird day in Revelstoke over Thanksgiving Weekend!



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!

From the International Snowmobile Tourism Council (ISTC) & And the International Snowmobile Media Council (ISMC)

Your life matters! 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 and click on the state you are going to ride in.

You can look at the avalanche statistics from last season on the ACSA website www.snowmobilers.org.

They were compiled by Mike Duffy, one of the top avalanche experts in the U.S.

Also on the ACSA website is Snowmobile Education and Safety.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO, and live to ride another day.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO! - Avalanche Forecasts



Cascades (Canadian border to Mt. Hood) - www.nwac.us

Idaho Panhandle - www.idahopanhandleavalanche.org

WA/OR Blues - www.wallowaavalanchecenter.org/forecast/blues



Notes

To WSSA Snowmobile Clubs:

This coming February at WSSA's Rendezvous at Campbell's Resort in Chelan, we will continue with the tradition of the past eighteen years of a silent and live auction benefitting the Legal Action Fund. These auctions have been a huge success; last year we raised \$5,005. We would like to see more clubs participate to help strengthen our funding to protect our access to public lands. The short live auction is for our big ticket items and this has become a big hit with the audience. The auctions will take place at the banquet on Saturday night, February 15th. The dates for Rendezvous 2020 are over President's Day weekend: Friday, February 14th through Monday, February 17th. There will be scheduled guided rides Friday through Sunday and short business meetings on Friday and Saturday nights.

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

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

Sincerely,

Ron Alred
WSSA Auction Chairman
rdalred1971@gmail.com
(509) 965-8305



Membership

Membership Matters

By Wayne & Florence Mohler,
Membership Co-Chairs

The second (and final) renewal notices were sent in late December. Your membership will become inactive if you haven't renewed by the end of December. Please renew right away. Dues are \$25 for Individual/Families and for Clubs. The dues for Associate members (Dealers and Businesses) are \$50. For clubs that collect WSSA dues from your members, please forward the WSSA portion of the dues right away. If your club has a new President, please provide the updated contact information.

As a quick reminder, the following offices are up for election in 2020: President, Vice President, Publicity Secretary, and Membership Secretary. The President and Vice President positions are one-year terms and the Publicity Secretary and Membership Secretary are for two years. Nominations will close January 15th and the slate of officers will be posted on the WSSA website shortly thereafter.

Anyone interested in serving in one of these positions should contact Jim Kingman, Nominations Chair, at jim.kingman@wssa.us for more information. Members will vote electronically and the results will be announced at Winter Rendezvous (Campbell's Resort, Chelan) on February 15th, 2020. When the time comes to cast your ballot, go to www.wssa.us and log in with your username and password. A 'Vote' button will be prominently displayed on the home page.

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

Interested in a chance to earn the WSSA Scholarship in 2020?

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 \$2,000.00 grant, and will be given to the winner regardless of other grants or scholarships the student may also receive. You can find the requirements at www.wssa.us under the 'Scholarship' menu item on the left margin.



WSSA Awards - Get your submissions in!

Every year WSSA presents awards to dedicated individuals in Washington's snowmobile community. The categories include 'Snowmobiler/Snowmobile Couple of the Year', 'Snowmobile Club President of the Year', 'Snowmobile Club of the Year', 'Snowmobile Dealer of the Year', and 'Snowmobile Groomer of the Year'.

Details and submission forms can be found at www.wssa.us under the 'Awards' tab on the left menu. Let's recognize these hardworking individuals!

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ISMA Update

Plan to take a vacation snowmobiling!

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

I recently attended an Outdoor Recreation Economy planning event and learned that Americans, when surveyed, say they love to take vacations. They also say vacations are important to them – and yet more than 54% of all North American employees with vacation time leave a considerable amount of their vacation time unused! As a matter of fact, up to 25% of the employees interviewed, reported they did not take even half of their allowed time off. These unused vacation days carry a significant economic impact and since individuals don't recreate enough, it impacts on their productivity, creativity, and can damage an employee's personal well-being and relationships with family and friends.

Knowing all of the above, why not use some of your vacation time to take a snowmobiling vacation? There are many beautiful snowmobile trails and riding areas available to all of us and they are maintained by our friends across this land. We will have great snow conditions in many locations so it's a great time to plan a short trip.

Throughout the winter, I often snowmobile on the weekends – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, when most people are out riding. Once in awhile I am able to take somebody snowmobiling on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday – mid-week – and what an enjoyable time it is! The trails and riding areas are much less crowded and I can easily get a seat at my favorite restaurant for breakfast in the morning.

In our culture, we have hyper-connectivity which sociologists call 'work martyrdom.' Individuals who take their vacation time have greater happiness at work and at home. Individuals who take their time off to go snowmobiling have even more fun and

help support a great outdoor recreation activity that supports rural America.

The key to taking vacation time, according to the experts, is to plan for it. Studies show that 75% of the people who plan a vacation actually take it! The most effective remedy for us who want to use our vacation days is to plan for them. People who plan their vacation tend to take longer vacations and enjoy themselves more while people who do not plan for vacations take significantly fewer days – from zero days to three days at the maximum. There are some great trails and riding areas out there, and it makes sense to me to bring some family and friends along to build memories.

At the Outdoor Recreation Planning seminar, I learned that most bosses support individuals who take their vacations. The boss knows when you take a vacation you come back happier and you are more efficient while you are working.

For the rest of this snowmobiling season, it's important that we all try to change our habits and take a few additional days off for snowmobiling! You can start by reviewing your calendar and put down some definite dates to take that snowmobile vacation. Holidays are a great time of year for snowmobiling and it should be relatively easy to take an extra day before or after the holiday to take a longer snowmobiling vacation.

It is never too early to start planning your next snowmobile vacation. Block some days on your calendar and plan to go snowmobiling. As many of us know, there is not snow everywhere, but certainly snow can be readily available after a short drive.

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Please call (800) 784-WSSA (9772) with tourism questions or updates to this listing.

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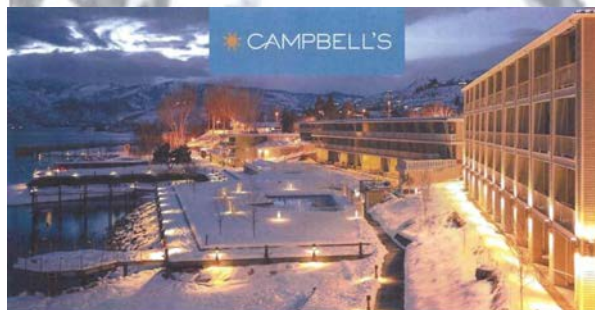
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WSSA Rendezvous 2020

February 14th-17th

We are getting ready for Winter Rendezvous this year at Campbell's Resort in Lake Chelan on February 14th-17th. We are planning to have trail/off trail rides and mountain rides all days. We are working on finalizing a movie premiere for Friday night as well. Campbell's is great place and we are looking forward to having a good time.

Please register online at www.wssa.us or complete and mail the registration form below. Book your room at Campbell's before they are gone; contact info and special rate code can be found at left.

Registration Form

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Children Names/Ages _____

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State Parks Update

By Pamela McConkey, Winter Recreation Program Manager

Snow:

At this writing we are finally getting some snow in the mountains and a couple of groomers are getting out and grooming the trails. Although this has been a late start for some areas, other areas are still waiting.

Contracts:

Getting the budgets finalized and contracts out the door has been keeping staff busy with Snow Shows in between. This year only a few contracts went out to bid, but with that we have a new contractor in the southeast corner of the state; Ski Bluewood will now have the grooming contract for the Touchet Corral area and Pete’s Excavation is the new snow removal contractor. Another change will take place in the Mt. St. Helens area with Backcountry Plowing and Grooming being awarded that trail grooming contract. The other contracts that went out to bid were for the non-motorized program.

Fantastic Snow Shows:

What a great year of snow shows! Following the WSSA Snowmobile Expo and Power Sports show we moved on to the Spokane Winter Knights show. I don’t know the exact gate numbers, but from our vantage point, it sure appears to be steadily growing each year. Great vendors, enthusiastic snowmobilers and the very hard-working Spokane Winter Knights have this show dialed in! If you haven’t made the trip to Spokane, you should put it on your to-do list next year. Then it was off to the Bavarian Boondockers Snow Fest in Leavenworth. This show too is continuing to grow with great deals from vendors, and raffle ticket prizes. This show offers opportunities to purchase gear, sleds, learn about avalanche safety, renew your WSSA membership, speak with members of the local clubs (and join if you like) and speak with your Winter Recreation Program staff. We had the opportunity to have our mascot, Blake, with us at each of the shows this year and found him to be just as popular with the adults as he was with the Children. (Thank you to our man inside!)



More to come:

I’m anticipating another busy winter for staff. You can watch for us at Grooming Council and club meetings and out on the trails and in the sno-parks. We work on bulletin boards, putting up maps and information, meet with as many area Grooming Councils and clubs as we can. Of course we can’t be at every meeting every time, but we do our best to make contact across the state to hear your concerns, what is working, what can be improved and to provide the latest updates on current events. We have been answering questions about how to register snowbikes so that they are legal on the trails and make sure you get your sno-park permit with your registration. I-976 (\$30 tabs) is something we are keeping a close eye on and will answer any questions we can about the impacts on your winter program as the courts move through the current lawsuits. GPS units are once again being placed on all the snow grooming equipment and can be accessed by the grooming contractor and the grooming coordinator. This year we will roll out a new statewide trail grooming map. A pilot program with GPS grooming data will be overlaid in some areas and will allow the public to see where trail grooming is occurring. The overlays will not be available statewide; however, we are making great strides to get it out there for your use. Watch to see more areas coming on line as the season progresses.

New Snowmobile Brochure:

We have updated the snowmobile brochure and they are now available for distribution. If you or your club is interested in obtaining some of these new brochures, please contact our office through e-mail at winter@parks.wa.gov.

You can also get the Winter Recreation Program Kids’ Activity Book for your children, to give away at club events, your local schools, etc. The



book is appropriate for ages 4 to 10 (and anyone who is still a kids as heart). These books come with stickers and colored pencils.

Trail Grooming Standards:

You may know there are standards for grooming, and I thought you might be interested in seeing what some of them are.

Here’s a glimpse of our grooming standards:

Trail grooming will be accomplished in accordance with the following standards. Trails shall be:

- a) Groomed only after there is an average of twelve (12) to eighteen (18) inches of base snowfall at the trailhead, or within reasonable distance from the trailhead, with consistent snow depths of

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Snowmobile Registrations							
	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY 19-20 Difference
July	166	149	145	134	148	166	18
August	1,142	531	676	782	2,307	222	(2,085)
September	3,546	2,968	3,145	2,946	1,682	2,974	1,292
October	2,544	1,662	2,139	2,489	1,882	3,357	1,475
November	2,870	3,129	3,362	4,360	2,960	2,372	(588)
December	6,656	11,575	13,170	6,973	8,320		
January	2,741	3,528	3,196	3,358	3,433		
February	381	1,164	1,513	1,166	1,602		
March	68	298	686	674	958		
April	42	82	181	175	258		
May	22	32	93	93	90		
June	23	30	84	71	83		
Total:	20,201	25,148	28,390	23,221	23,723	9,091	112

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State Parks Update

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twelve (12) to eighteen (18) inches through out the groomed trail system, when feasible.

b) Snowmobile trails shall be groomed to achieve at least a ten (10) foot wide finished surface.

c) Groomed before and after heavy use periods (e.g. weekends, holidays, special events, etc.), unless systems are only groomed once a week.

d) Groomed to eliminate significantly developed moguls or other irregular snow surfaces.

e) Groomed with no berm or ridges in the trail.

f) Cleared of snowdrifts and downed trees to provide a smooth trail surface.

g) Groomed so all curves are formed to provide safe and comfortable travel.

h) Groomed in rain only when there is a forecast of a cold front moving in within 24 hours.

i) Posted with signs according to the landowner signing guidelines. For example, signs shall warn of man-made hazards such as berms or other known obstacles.

j) Trails shall not be groomed during avalanche conditions, heavy winds or blue ice conditions.

Vandalism = dollars:

Recently over a weekend, vandals knocked over five Sani-Cans at the Gold Creek Sno-Park.... Seriously? Because of this, services will be limited and delayed until the outhouses can be up righted and the areas can be cleaned.

Other forms of vandalism that cost money is stealing or shooting up signs. Last year we had a custom-made sign for the Bonapart Sno-Park made, nearly \$500, it didn't make it a month and someone stole it... This year, no custom sign; I won't waste the program money for someone to decorate their garage. Each sign designed, purchased and installed are for your information, your safety and to identify your area of recreation for the sport you love. Each time signs are stolen or shot up, it take money out of your dedicated funded program and takes money out of other areas, trail grooming, snow removal and yes sanitation.

I know most of you reading this are appalled vandals are destroying your services for no other reason than some short term thrill. Please report vandalism at (360) 902-8684 or if you see it happen, take a photo, get the license plate and e-mail it to us so legal action can be taken. Send e-mail to winter@parks.wa.gov.

I for one have zero tolerance for this type of behavior.

Partners:

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The Yakima County Groomer Council surprised Pamela with a birthday cake when she visited the meeting in early December.





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

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

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

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

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

All aluminum expandable sled deck
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(Buying raffle tickets in support of the Legal Action Fund are in no way tax deductible.)

ACSA E-News

**Contact: Christine Jourdain, Executive Director,
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Volunteers Needed

Recruiting new volunteers seems to be a challenge among all groups these days. It has become an every day challenge in the snowmobile community. The older volunteers keep on coming out for work days, but just can't get as much done as they used to be able to do on a daily basis. The new volunteers... well, they're hard to find and it's even harder to get them to come out and spend a day doing storm clean up, brushing trails or installing a bridge.

Kevin Bielke is the editor of SnowTech and is also a longtime snowmobiler. He has written many spot-on editorials over the years and the current edition is no exception.

You can read the SnowTech editorial at www.snowtechmagazine.com/why-the-trails-werent-open.

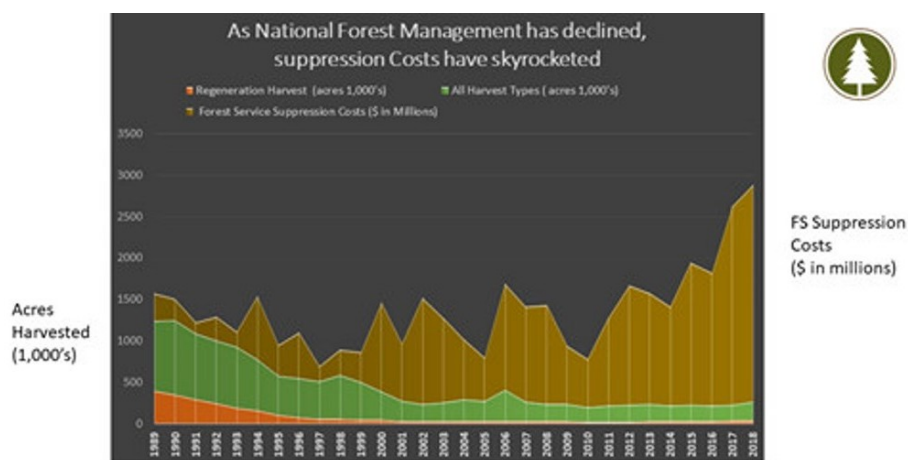
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Director Confirmed

Recently the U.S. Senate confirmed Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a bipartisan vote.

Before being confirmed by the Senate, Ms. Skipwith served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks at the Department of the Interior where she was responsible for overseeing the management of the lands and waters within the National Park Service and the National Wildlife Refuge System, many of which provide critical recreation access for sportsmen.

Fire Suppression Costs Escalated as Timber Harvesting Decreased

As National Forest Management has declined, suppression costs have skyrocketed as shown in this graph. The graph starts with 1989 and goes through 2018. (Orange indicates Regeneration Harvest/Green indicates all Harvest Types/Brown indicates Forest Service Suppression Costs.)



Get Snow Smart!

ACSA is working to get the word out! We've started releasing our press releases for the riding season. The first release, promoting youth riding, is available at www.snowmobilers.org/docs/Responsible-youth-riding-December-2019.pdf.

Use this in your local newspapers, with your local radio stations as well as on club websites, Facebook posts, etc.

Teaching the ways of the trails - developing responsible youth riders - it's our future - it's our responsibility!



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

Snow Storms Call for Snowmobiles to the Rescue!

A recent snow storm in northern Minnesota called for the snowmobile to be used over 30 times in one day for medical emergencies. According to the Battalion Chief, "the snowmobile saves time and energy".



2020 Cash Calendars

Don't forget to get your 2020 ACSA Cash Calendars! First drawing is February 14th, 2020. 366 Prizes * minimum \$20.00!

Get your Cash Calendar from your State Snowmobile Association or the ACSA Office!

Special Prize Drawing for all calendar buyers that have their stubs in by the first drawing!

Budget Passes

After months of delay, the House and Senate have sent a budget to the President. The agreement raises the debt ceiling and increases defense and non-defense spending.

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) also got a boost. Off-road motorized recreation (including snowmobiles) generates nearly \$300 million in annual revenue for the highway trust fund with approximately 33% of the revenue returned to the states for the RTP.

In an effort to return a more equitable share of these resources for recreational trails, Congress has directed the Federal Highway Administration to conduct a study to identify how much money is contributed to the Highway Trust Fund by non-highway motorized recreation. This will provide a clearer picture of how much gas tax revenue is generated by motorized recreation.

Professional Snowmobiler Has Transformed Prosthetics

More than 10 years ago, Mike Schulz was racing snowmobiles in Minnesota when he hit a hole and was thrown off. In order to survive, the physicians amputated his leg just above his knee.

A snowmobiler at heart, once he had a prosthetic, he felt the draw to ride a snowmobile again. He felt the thrill in riding the snow. Then he heard about the X Games for amputees and paraplegics and realized the need for a specialized high-impact prosthetic that would allow him to participate in extreme sports.

In 2010 he founded BioDapt which manufactures high-performance prosthetics. He has also won several gold medals in multiple sports.

Here's to never giving up your love to ride!

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Cheers to Mike Schulz and his motivation and love to ride!

Department of Interior Regions

Recently the Department of Interior revamped their Regions. This map shows the new Districts.

12 Interior Region Names Based on Watersheds



Endangered Species

The rate of listing new endangered and threatened species has slowed under the Trump administration. According to the Center for Biological Diversity, President Trump has finalized 21 species for federal protections during his time in office. That compares to Obama with 71 species, George W. Bush listed 25 and President George H.W. Bush that listed 146.

The Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), which handles the listings, says a priority of the Trump administration is to stop listings from occurring in the first place, arguing the endangered species list alone is not an accurate indicator of federal action being taken for species protection.

Gavin Shire, FWS chief of public affairs said, "There's an emphasis on looking at species in decline and stopping them from ever getting on the endangered species list."

In Case You Missed It...

In Utah, snowmobilers working on the trails rescued puppies they found. The puppies were living in a car-cass when they were discovered.



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



Trespassing Poster Design Challenge

#Know Where To Go

#Know Where to Go.....Or There Will be No Where to Go!!

Trespassing is the #1 complaint against snowmobilers

Trespassing is the leading cause of lost Snowmobile access!

We are looking for trespassing poster ideas from you. You know the issue. You know the behavior of fellow riders.

We have designed the Challenge to bring awareness to riders.



GIVE US YOUR BEST IDEAS!

The Poster Challenge is open to all original Trespass Ideas and Designs. No Copyrighted Information is allowed.

Post Challenge is open to ALL Ages! Submit your original poster design by January 15, 2020.

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

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 ideas and designs. Prize Winners will be notified by February 4, 2020.



Submit designs to: info@snowmobilers.org

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



Matt's Misc.

By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary



Tracked ATVs/UTVs legislation - where are we today? The draft legislation has been written with the assistance of the State's Code Reviser's Office and approved by the WSSA Board. You can view a copy of the draft here: www.wssa.us/docs.ashx?id=578631. As of late December, we are in the process of finding legislators to sponsor it.


I (and WSSA) realize not all snowmobilers support this legislative effort; I've talked to a few of you. And I'll also acknowledge legalizing tracked ATVs/UTVs will change our sport, but the WSSA Board, along with the members of State Park's Snowmobile Advisory Committee, believe the impacts will be more positive than negative. There will be a learning curve. That being said, many of the negative comments I've heard are over-stated. Some of the input was in regards to wheeled ATVs/UTVs on snowmobile trails which is comparing apples to oranges. Other comments were talking about bad behavior of the ATV/UTV operators; but I'd argue we have plenty of snowmobilers who fall into the same category and peer pressure (and occasionally law enforcement) will be needed to straighten people out. I don't believe ATV/UTV operators as a group are any more reckless and lawless than snowmobilers. (In fact, many of us dabble in both camps...) So to those of you opposed, try keeping an open mind and evaluate the impact on true facts. I think you'll find we can all get along just fine. You might want to talk to the folks in the Tollgate Trail Finders club in Northeast Oregon, one of our WSSA-member clubs. They have been ATV/UTV-friendly for a couple of season now.

Update on funding challenges facing our Snowmobile Program. Last month I detailed a couple of items that have significant potential impact on our Snowmobile Program. The two items included the passage of I-976, and the Road Usage Charge (RUC) the State has been investigating.

I-976 continues to be hashed out in court and currently is on hold. While the new lower fee was supposed to go in effect in December, a filed injunction has it on hold and this won't be resolved until it is hashed out in front of the State Supreme Court. If it was implemented as proposed, what is the effect on our Snowmobile Program? Our Membership Co-Chair, Wayne Mohler, put pencil to paper and came up with some figures to give us an idea of the impact. For the current 2019/20 season, the estimated impact is \$0; the reason is these registration dollars have already been collected (last season) at the \$50 rate. For the 2020/2021 season, the

estimate is a funding deficit of less than \$100,000; this is because registration renewals were dated in October, before the initiative was to take effect. Only 'new' registrations (new or used sleds purchased in December and beyond) would be at the \$30 rate. (Wayne estimated a total of 23-25,000 total registrations with only 5,000 of those being

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(Continued from page 28) 'new'.) The big hit would come in the 2021/22 season and beyond when all the registrations (renewed during the 2020/21 season and beyond) would be at the \$30 rate and result in an approximate \$450,000 hit to the program. To put it in perspective, if 25,000 snowmobiles register today at \$50, our program for next year has about \$2.36M; take \$450,000 and it drops to \$1.91M. (Remember, your \$50 registration nets about \$94.50 with the gas tax inclusion.) Clear as mud? Bottom line, whether you support the initiative or not, if it goes into effect and takes sled registrations back to \$30, our program will decrease a significant amount.

But what about the RUC? Good news here for the Snowmobile Program! In mid-December, the Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) adopted recommendations that would result in a gradual adoption of RUC. First, they pushed full adoption of the plan down the road 10 years **at a minimum, and maybe "decades"**. The program will ramp up very slowly, starting with requiring vehicles in the state-owned vehicle fleet to pay a road usage charge in lieu of the gas tax. The commission also recommended applying a road usage charge to electric vehicle owners who pay no gas tax and hybrid vehicle owners who pay little gas tax. This gives the State lots of breathing room to figure out issues like privacy, enforcement, and how it will work across state lines. For now, our snowmobile fuel tax (and rebate) isn't going away, and we aren't going to see new fees (taxes) in the form of a RUC in the foreseeable future.

Posted radio channels – a good idea!

While sifting through my daily snowmobile-related Google Alerts I came across an article highlighting British Columbia's Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club. They have recently begun posting a standardized radio frequency at cabins and trailheads. The idea is that in times of emergencies, both rescuers and those being rescued will know which channel to use to communicate. This came about after a rescue last season was aided when a lost snowmobiler's family told the Search and Rescue crew what channel to monitor. So here is the challenge: Let's have clubs and grooming councils in Washington work together and have every trailhead and warming hut signed with a rescue frequency by the end of the season!

ACSA Raffle Calendars. You may have read about them in the ACSA E-News on a previous page. For \$20 you can buy a cal-

endar and win some great cash prizes. The minimum prize will pay for your calendar! If you win, your name goes back in and you could win again; what a deal! If you are interested in obtaining one, please contact Florence Mohler, our Membership Co-Chair; she has all the info. I buy one every year and have won a couple of times! (Where does the \$20 go? It helps fund the American Council of Snowmobile Associations and related organizations.)

Community fixes 80-year-old snowmobiler's sled. As an 80-year-old Native slept in his house, vandals in Norman Wells, located in Canada's Northwest Territory, attacked his sled outside and caused hundreds of dollars in damage. The owner, Edward Oudzi, discovered a broken windshield and other damage the next morning. During the winter, this machine was his only mode of transportation, used for to get around town and to hunt. But just hours after he reported the vandalism to the Canadian Mounties, community members mobilized and raised nearly \$500 to help repair the elder's snowmobile and buy him new parts. Jamie Kearsey, a local waitress who has served Oudzi many times, noted the community was shocked this had happened and she began asking staff and customers for donations. Right away other community members had his sled in a workshop and were making temporary repairs until new parts could be obtained for a permanent fix. Jamie noted the residents of Norman Wells were one big family and they always take care of their own. It didn't hurt that Edward is a funny, humble guy, popular in town. We always like a happy ending!

Also from the ACSA E-News... Was the mention of a SnowTech editorial titled 'Why the trails weren't open'. (If you missed it, you can read it here: www.snowtechmagazine.com/why-the-trails-werent-open.) The gist of the message is the old guard is winding down and we need younger snowmobilers to step up and help out. The focus was mainly on doing trail maintenance, but it applies to all aspects of volunteerism in the snowmobile world. What I found most interesting though were the comments left on the article. Lots of excuses as to why the posters 'couldn't' help. I was happy to see some of these guys were being called out for making excuses. Volunteering can sometimes be difficult for real. But I challenge everyone, myself included, to really think about why they choose not to help out their local club when the call for as-

sistance goes out. Is there really a good reason, or is it a convenient excuse?

And to the clubs, there were a couple of comments mentioning the difficulty of getting involved, specifically in not feeling included and/or not valuing the help offered. If a new member joins, club leadership and the members in general need to go out of their way to talk to these folks when they come to a meeting. Be welcoming! Club are often 'cliquish' and may not realize it, but when a new person walks in and groups are all talking amongst themselves and don't reach out, he isn't likely to return.

And from the 'we won't claim him as a snowmobiler' file. Recently the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were looking for a robbery suspect who was armed with a gun and machete. After coming out of the ATB Financial Bank in Alberta with an undisclosed amount of money, he rode away on a snowmobile. The teller told police the robber was very polite... but aren't all Canadians?... Nobody was injured in the incident and the thief was last seen on Alix Lake. Be on the lookout for a five-foot-seven brown-eyed man wearing a dark jacket, a grey hat, a black scarf around his mouth, dark pants and snow boots...

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

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