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Grooming is underway!

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*International Snowmobile Safety Week
is January 16th -24th*



Inside:

***Link to trail grooming
map updated daily!***

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*Cover photo: Mid-December ride from Little Naches to the Government Meadows cabin.
Pictured: Ron & Dee Alred, Ryan Mead & Fred Pitzer. Inset: Groomer stopped at
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WSSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership valid until August 31, 2021

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TOTAL: \$ _____

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WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2020/2021

WSSA Meeting

January 11th, 2021

Online

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All Trails to Olympia Day

Capitol in Olympia

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

Visit with your State Legislators and educate them on snowmobiling.

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

WSSA Meeting

February 9th, 2021

Online

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

WSSA Winter Rendezvous

February 12th-15th, 2021

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19.

WSSA Budget Meeting

March 15th, 2021

Online

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

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

DC Fly-In

April - Date TBD

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

International Snowmobile Congress

Omaha, Nebraska

June 9th-12th, 2021

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

WSSA Summer Meeting & Campout

Blu-Shastin RV Park, Peshastin (Blewett Pass)

August 20th-22nd, 2021

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

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Leadership

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Welcome to 2021! I hope you have already decided what your New Year's resolution is. My resolution is that 2021 will be a better year than 2020. This very well might be my first resolution with promise. I am thankful for my health and the health of the rest of my family. I am also hopeful the conclusion of COVID is in sight. Please continue to keep safe and practice social distancing!

It has come to my attention some of the WSSA members may not fully understand where their membership dollars go that they faithfully send each year. First of all, thank you for your support to WSSA; every penny counts. COVID-19 and the lack of annual income from other sources has put WSSA on the spot to make tough decisions. I am going to do my best to share with you how the WSSA budget works in its simplest form. Starting with our highest priorities which is the reason why WSSA even exists. I will round numbers to keep it easy to follow. Remember, WSSA is a 100% volunteer organization with no payroll.

WSSA Financial 101: Based on 1000 in Membership (part one)

Income from Membership Dues; Families, Clubs and Businesses:

31% (of WSSA's normal annual income)

Fixed expenses connected to membership (mailing/stamps/website):

8%

Total Usable income from Membership for Budget:

23%

Highest Priority Expenses: Keep the Gates open, keep our grooming dollars and support our Clubs:

Retain our three lobbyists and their office (Contracted):	27%	(of WSSA's annual budget)
Club Grants:	7%	"
Annual lobbying event 'Olympia Day' (Legislative Travel):	3%	"
Taxes, Telephone, Printing, Insurance and Bank:	3%	"
Marketing Expenses to Promote WSSA:	2%	"

These costs, including the fixed expenses tied to membership mentioned above, account for about 50% of WSSA's normal total annual budget. (If the above costs were our total budget, we'd be over by about 44% for this year when comparing income to expenses. Doubling our membership would sure help...)

In 1992 WSSA put together the 'Washington State Snowmobile Expo'. This was designed to subsidize our income to help make up the shortfall and allow WSSA to do more for the snowmobiler and provide a great fundraiser for the clubs!

WSSA Financial 101: Based on Income from Expo (part two)

Income from WSSA Expo after all expenses are paid:

69% (of WSSA's normal annual income)

Expenses to support WSSA in other programs or needs:

Mileage reimbursement for Board Members and Chairs:	17%	(of WSSA's annual budget)
Send four representatives to International Snowmobile Congress for information and education: (Higher if held in Canada:)	7%	"
Send two to the DC Fly-In to meet with Legislators:	4%	"
Mileage reimbursement for District Reps to visit Clubs:	3%	"
Contributions to other snowmobile supporting organizations:	3%	"
Safety and Education Trailer and mileage expenses:	3%	"
Scholarship program:	2%	"
Rendezvous subsidized income and marketing:	2%	"
Equipment purchases and repairs:	2%	"
Memberships/subscriptions to other snowmobile organizations:	2%	"
Expense reimbursement for President and VP to visit Clubs:	1%	"
Annual 'Military Appreciation Ride':	1%	"
Sawyer program as needed:	1%	"

Total expenses for all other WSSA programs equals about 50% of WSSA's normal annual budget. (Note values above rounded so they don't equal 50% in this example.)

As you can see, without the additional income from EXPO, we have had to make drastic changes to our 2020-2021 Budget. In order to satisfy our commitments, we'll be pulling money from our reserve savings this year. Thanks, COVID-19. If you have additional questions on where your membership dollars go or want to know actual dollar amounts referenced above, please call me. Thanks again for your patience!

WSSA also has an account called 'Legal Action Fund' that is 100% dedicated to be used if we end up in a land use lawsuit or other action to protect snowmobiling. Thank you for your contributions to this fund. Not connected with WSSA, but organized to support our mission is the 'Snowmobile Washington Political Action Committee'. These funds are for campaign contributions to elect pro-snowmobiling legislators in Olympia. Thank you to all that support this political action committee.

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Leadership

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

International Snowmobile Congress 2021 is still a 'go until it is not' in Omaha, Nebraska, in June. Please consider attending this as it is very informational and educational.

So far, none of our members have contacted me concerning hosting ISC 2023. The deadline is approaching very quickly. If you are interested in being the Chair, please let me know soon.

In closing, Wayne Mohler has been 'building bridges' with Philippe Gosselin at Prinoth. Keep up the good work!

Walls prevent and bridges prevail!



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We have snow in the mountains, with more predicted! I hope everyone is out taking advantage as our social activities are so limited at this time. We are extremely lucky snowmobiling is a 'social distancing' type of activity. However we all still need to be safe and follow the CDC guidelines in our chosen areas.

The clubs in my area (Yakima) have not been meeting due to COVID restrictions. However, the clubs have been very active on the mountains. They have been filling the warming huts with wood, clearing the trails, mending bridges, and getting the forest in shape for the groomers.


I would like to take a moment to praise all of our groomers in the state for the work they do. Last year as I was riding throughout the state, I noticed some of the places we rode. I was leery to ride my snowmobile there and couldn't imagine driving a groomer along that side of the mountain! That groomer must have nerves of steel! WOW!

Please remember to register your snowmobiles as that is next year's grooming money. Also encourage anyone you meet out on the snow to become a member of WSSA. I carry several applications in my sled as well as in our truck. Hopefully, if we all just ask, we can up our membership.



Dee & Ron Alred on an early December ride on White Pass.
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COVID-19 Message from WSSA

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

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

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

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

Nominations for WSSA Officers are Open

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

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

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

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

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

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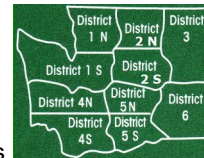
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District Reports



District 1 South

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Greetings and Happy New Year snowmobile friends!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas with friends and family; whether that was in person or virtually over the internet, and I hope you are having a fantastic New Year!

The Cascade Drift Skippers (CDS) had their third club meeting of the season Wednesday, December 16th, via Facebook Live. The meeting went very well and we had lots of viewer feedback. Tony Keys (Club President) and the board are doing a great job leading this club and are off to a great start for the season. CDS had several new members who have joined the club recently and that speaks volumes as to how many new snowmobilers are joining our sport. CDS will continue to have club meetings every second Wednesday of the month at 7pm via Facebook Live until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

The Cascade Drift Skippers are fully up and running with club rides every weekend. Bill Yager did a great job leading a club ride out of Crystal Springs Sno-Park on Saturday, December 19th, and we had a huge turnout and fantastic time snowmobiling with friends. Thank you Bill. Please check back with the CDS website calendar and CDS Facebook page for updated ride information as the season progresses. CDS is having rides every weekend and everyone is welcomed and encouraged to join a ride and hopefully the club.

Nominations for WSSA board members are due by January 15th and the voting for WSSA board positions will be done online only and votes must be in by February 7th. You must be current on your WSSA dues and have an active WSSA membership website account to vote for WSSA boards members. Voting results will be announced at the February 8th WSSA meeting because the annual WSSA Winter Rendezvous has been canceled due to COVID-19; therefore we will be having the WSSA annual general meeting instead, on Feb 8th with election announcements at that time.

Board positions up for election are:

- President (1-year term)
- Vice President (1-year term)
- Recording Secretary-(2 year term)

- Treasurer (2-year term)

Newly elected WSSA officers will take over their board positions during the March 15th meeting. Therefore if you would like to nominate someone or yourself for one of the upcoming board positions, please do so by January 15th.

Annual WSSA Awards submission deadline is February 1st! Please nominate your club or someone for any of the following WSSA Award Categories:

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

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Stay safe and I hope to see everyone out on the trail!



District 4 South

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Greetings to everyone in District 4 South!

I've not been keeping everyone up to date on what's going on over here and I apologize for that. I've been battling some very major health issues myself and I've dropped the ball on my District's duty's and I'm sorry.

But with that said we've gotten some snow over here and they've started the grooming out of Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams. We still need a lot of snow to be able to do all of the trail systems on either side, but as I write this before Christmas, the weatherman is saying we could see up to a few feet of snow in the mountains in the next three to four days. Let's all keep doing our snow dance!

I'm sorry to have to report this, but we've had our second vandalism on our warming shelter at Mt. St. Helens. It makes me very upset people can't respect other people's property and it's obvious they have no idea of the hard work that went into getting this shelter rebuilt by our snowmobile club and all of the other volunteers who came and helped out with this major project. So if you know of anyone who may have seen or who may have been involved or heard something about the damage to the shelter, please reach out to our club so we can hopefully put a stop to this crap. I can tell you one thing I do know... if something happens to this warming shelter, it will never ever be replaced.

We are not really having club meetings; there has been a few members that have held small gatherings at their homes to try to stay on top of what's happening in our areas.

On an up-beat note, if you've ever had to use the nasty restrooms at St. Helens, I'm excited to tell everyone they now have two brand new toilets up there!

I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year celebration. Please be careful out there in this crazy, crazy time we've all had so far.



District 6

By Chris Shires

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The Pomeroy and Dayton clubs are riding, although snow is limited to trail riding only, as I write this in mid-December, a little fresh snow - maybe 6-8 inches - fell overnight.

Warming shacks are stocked with wood, trails and parking lots have and are being groomed and plowed.

The annual Tollgate, Oregon, to Godman warming shack run was held on Saturday, December 12th.

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Club News



Yakima Ski-Benders

By Liz Van Amburg,
President

It is a great day for a storm to start brewing! As I write this, it's cold and we have had some mountain snow; it can now deliver the white gold!

I sure miss all the club peeps! I have had the fortune of seeing a few of you, and the misfortune! HAHAAHAHA! I am sure we all wish life would get back to normal.

My husband Mike and I finally went to our first Zoom meeting! I have to say it takes us back to the Muppet era of life! That being said, January 5th will be the first Ski-Bender all-Zoom meeting. The board and I are meeting on December 21st.

The Club will continue forward with plans for the Chilly Ride on January 16th, noon to 2pm, at the airstrip on White Pass, weather permitting. If not, they will move it up to the South Creek Tieton Sno-Park (1000 Road). There will be hot dogs, chili, coffee and hot chocolate for free; so if you are in the area, please stop by and say hi! Thank you Ron Alred and Ron Lind for co-chairing this event!

Chinook Pass Snowfest Fun Run, January 31st. Registration starts at 9am. Loop opens at 10am. Little Naches Sno-Park. Hands are \$6 each or five for \$25. All hands must be turned in by 2pm. Cash prizes! Adults: \$150 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd and \$50 for 3rd. Kids 12 and under: \$25 for 1st through 4th. Other prizes will be available! There will be a snack bar available! Come have fun, or if you would like to volunteer, please call Ronna Younie at (509) 698-5619 (home) or (509) 952-8298 (cell). Thank you Ronna and Paul Younie for co-chairing this event!

Kids Ride, February 27th. Registration begins online soon! Leesha Fuller and Audeena Smith are working to get everyone signed up early this year. Look for more info to be posted on the Ski-Benders Facebook page. We will keep the details coming, but **wanted to get the 'save the date' out there!** Kids Ride will be at the Little Naches Sno-Park again this year. Thank you, Lesha Fuller, Donny Wolfe, and Jeff and Audeena Smith for helping to chair this event!

I want to say thank you to all of our snowmobile community for the private donations to make these events happen. I be-

lieve we are growing our sport through our kids! Also, thank you to all the parents who buy the sleds, gear and licenses to take their kids to these events. We sometimes forget how much work it can be to show up ready to ride! Last but not least, thank you to all the volunteers who join clubs and put in the time to make these events possible.



Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Tina Shields,
Secretary

Our permit for the new warming hut has been approved and it will be called the Baker Memorial Hut. Thanks to Stack Design, E & E Lumber, S & S Roofing, Ryan Ostrom, Darin Hipskind, JR Larson, Randy Glaze and Troy Burgess for doing all the work so far. We will have small work parties soon to com-



The 'Baker Memorial Hut' will be sitting on the mountain soon!



plete it. We hope to get it up to its spot this season.

We had a great first ride at Anderson Watson; the snow wasn't great but we had a great day getting together with the sledfam.

We have been doing outdoor meetings due to the COVID restrictions. We are planning rides and will evaluate conditions as we move forward.

We have some special Michael Brown Original calendars for pre-order on the website. Our annual raffle is for a North Cascade Sled Deck, and there is the Luke Rohde Tribute Wrap raffle for Avalanche Scholarships; both are up and running on the website. Buy tickets there for both raffles and pre-order your Michael Brown Calendar. Tune in to our Facebook page for up-to-date conditions and ride schedules or

www.northwestglaciercruisers.com

Think Snow!



Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

By Marilyn Mylius,
Vice President

Hi all! Winter is here! We have started

to groom some areas in the Lake Wenatchee area. The Meadow Creek and Snowcone areas that usually get the best accumulations of snow have been groomed a few times. Still waiting for more snow in other areas including the Entiat Ridge area and Mad River Sno-Park.

If you would like to receive our daily e-mailed grooming report, please send your request to mmylus@nwi.net. I report daily the weather conditions and any grooming updates to a growing list of folks!

I'd like to thank State Parks for their continued excellent care and dedication to the grooming program!



Tollgate Trail Finders

By Brandon Christensen,
President

Hi snowmobile friends! With Christmas and the New Year holiday behind us, it is appropriate to reflect on how blessed we really are.

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(Continued from page 12) We are blessed to live in a free county, blessed to live in a beautiful area where we can enjoy the mountains and nature's bounty. We are also blessed to have the support of the Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA) and our many volunteers who help with such things as work parties, setting up signage, splitting firewood, brushing, and of course grooming our trails. We have an amazing all volunteer team operating both Tucker Sno-Cats to ensure our trails are groomed and smooth as possible. With the season at Tollgate fully in winter mode we have recently been blessed with fresh SNOW! At the time of writing this in mid-December, it continues to come down with much more predicted in the forecast. How beautiful and calming it is to sit and watch the snow fall. So peaceful and refreshing watching the flakes make their way down.



Amazing sunset on December 12th.
Photo credit Brandon Christensen

Bluewood Ride

Our annual ride to Bluewood is in the books. Vice president Dewayne Harvill, board member Glenn Warren, longtime club member Brent (aka rabbit) Mehlenbacher and myself led the group of 17 sleds and a snowbike. A couple inches of new snow and the fact our Groomer Chairman Jess Thompson groomed to the Tiger Canyon turnoff made the trip much more enjoyable. The early season ruts from 4x4s are the norm

once you get past Bone Springs. Fighting those ruts can be a workout. A quick stop at Chapman Bone Springs Warming Shelter

Seventeen riders made the trek from Tollgate to the Godman Shelter on the Bluewood side. Freezing fog on the trip over didn't dampen spirits.



was made to allow everyone to thaw out their goggles. Even those with heated goggles couldn't keep the

freezing fog from developing ice on them. Side-hilling around the Milkshakes wasn't as bad as we anticipated. A few inches of soft snow was welcomed by all as it makes side-hilling a bit easier. The Milkshakes is a steep area that drops into the Mill Creek Watershed. The terrain is steep enough that snow constantly sluffs and avalanches eventually shut

off the trail completely. Once we got to the Griffin Peak turnoff we noticed the Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club had groomed all the way to the Godman Warming Shelter. Due to the grooming on both ends we made great time and even beat Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club Vice President Jeremy Nichols to Godman. Glenn Warren grabbed the barbecue and got it warmed up so it was ready for Jeremy once he arrived with supplies. Jeremy threw the patties on the grill

and made sure everyone was fed. The burgers were amazing! A warm meal after 48 miles of riding really hit the spot. Every year there seems to be at least one mechanical issue that rears its head. This year was no different. About three miles from Godman, Cody Smith's track on his Polaris AXYS decided to come off the bogey wheels. Luckily we were able to get it back together pretty quickly. On the way back to Tollgate, the fog lifted and the sun even came out. We arrived back at Chapman

Bone Springs Warming Shelter and got a head count to make sure everyone made it back. A few of us decided to take the scenic route back since the sun was starting to break through the clouds. We were amazed to see how smooth the Skyline Trail was. Even more amazing were the incredible views of the South Fork of the Walla Walla River. The sun hitting the other side of the canyon meant breathtaking views on the way back. Thanks to the grooming teams from both the Trail Finders and Blue Mountain Snowmobile Clubs, and Jeremy Nichols for cooking the burgers. Everyone had a blast!

Grooming Report - Jess Thompson TTF Grooming Chairman

"We have not done much grooming recently (mid to late December) due to the inversion as the temperatures down low were in the 20's but in the mid-upper 30's at night and 40's in the day on the mountain. We have lost another 2-3 inches of snow at the groomer shed and it is now about 10 inches deep. In the shade on the trails, it is deeper than that, but we are still short on snow to do much. I did make it to the store and to Morning Creek Sno-Park but was in the dirt a few times. I groomed Jubilee 64 Road out to Bone Springs double wide, as the snow in the higher elevations is so much deeper once you get past Baldy. I did make it to Tiger Junction and back from Bone Springs for the Bluewood ride. Even with two feet of snow out in that country, I still caught a stump on the edge of the road with the blade of the snowcat, and caught a few rocks in the bank before I got to Tiger Junction. We still need a lot more snow, especially around Tollgate where we are really short. I did activate the

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Rest In Peace Bernie Chapman

(Pulled from the Tollgate Trail Finders Facebook page shortly before this issue was published.)

The Tollgate Trail Finders has lost one of its longtime members and volunteers. Bernie 'Chappy' Chapman went to his heavenly home on December 17th. He was instrumental in the construction of the Chapman Bone Springs Warming Shelter which was named after him. His work also helped build the Ruckel Shelter, the groomer shed and the TTF clubhouse. He and his wife Mary Louise enjoyed the last 34 years living at their cabin at Tollgate. Here is a pic of him helping stack firewood at Bone Springs the summer of 2019.

Chappy will truly be missed.



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snow line at the groomer shed and left a message. Weather forecast says there is more snow on the way, but not a lot. Hopefully we will get more than they say. **THINK SNOW!**"

District 8 Director - OSSA

'Buckshot' Leonard Carter wants to run again for District Director for District 8 with



Buckshot Carter operating the 2020 Tucker Sno-Cat.

OSSA, he has asked for our support. Thanks Buckshot!

Western Chapter snowmobile Associations Scholarship- Lisa Mahoney - Executive Director, OSSA

As long as funds are available, annually, The Western Chapter of Snowmobile Associations Inc. will be offering a scholarship to either a graduating high school senior or a person currently enrolled in college. The funding for this scholarship comes from the financial support of the Member Associations and donations received throughout the year. This scholarship is available to both the United States and the Canadian snowmobilers involved in Associations/Federation who are members in good standing with the Western Chapter of Snowmobile Associations Inc.

The previous winners of this scholarship have been from Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, and Saskatchewan. For a copy of the application please email brandon@christensenusa.com.

Changes to Tollgate Trail Finders (TTF) Meetings

By direction of Governor Brown and the area Health District, we have modified how our monthly membership/board meetings will work. Since we are limited to the number of people we can have in our clubhouse we will have hybrid meetings for the next few months or until restrictions ease up.

The plan is to have our board and executive team attend in person and sit at least six feet apart with masks. We will broadcast the meeting live on Microsoft Teams to the membership. A week ahead of the meeting, we will share the link to log in to the meeting. Those wanting to attend the meeting can simply log in with the link from their PC or mobile device. By now most of us are well versed in logging into remote meetings. If you have not done it yet and need help, let us know or reach out to one of our kids in remote learning for school. They are pros by now.

Upcoming Events

- January 2nd - TTF Membership Meeting, Microsoft Teams link available soon.
- January 19th-23rd - OSSA Convention, Klamath Falls, OR.
- February 6th - TTF Membership Meeting, Microsoft Teams link available soon.
- February 26th-27th - Wallowa Avalanche Center Training - Tollgate.
- TBD - Kids Ride led by Kolby Christensen.
- TBD - Skills Day.



Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

By Craig Stahl, President

Hello snowmobilers! Hello riders across the state!

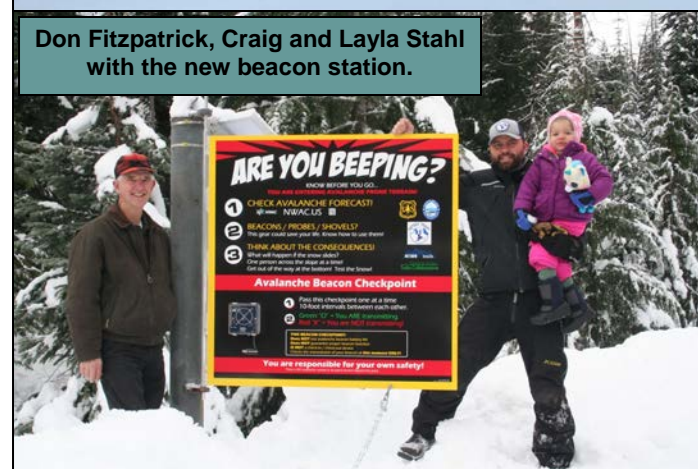
I am happy to hear snowmobile sales are on a rise this season. That means more registered sleds to help support our trail systems.

Come join us up here in the Methow because we are in full swing this season. Huts are doing great, new members are joining the Methow Valley Snowmobile Association (MVSA) and the trails are in great shape thanks to Mountain Trails Grooming. We can't have food on our weekly rides due to the Coronavirus, but we are social distancing while we ride our trails. Only makes sense right? Haha!

Our joint Starvation Hut with Tri-Rivers is now open and it has received it's final finishing touches recently. Come check it out!



Sweetgrass hut at Banker Pass, on November 16th.



Don Fitzpatrick, Craig and Layla Stahl with the new beacon station.



Evie Johnson on Her Ski-Doo.

MVSA headed up the project to install a avalanche beacon check station up at our new sno-park at Silverstar. It works great, thanks to our engineer, Don Fitzpatrick. There are lots of exciting things happening here in the Methow.

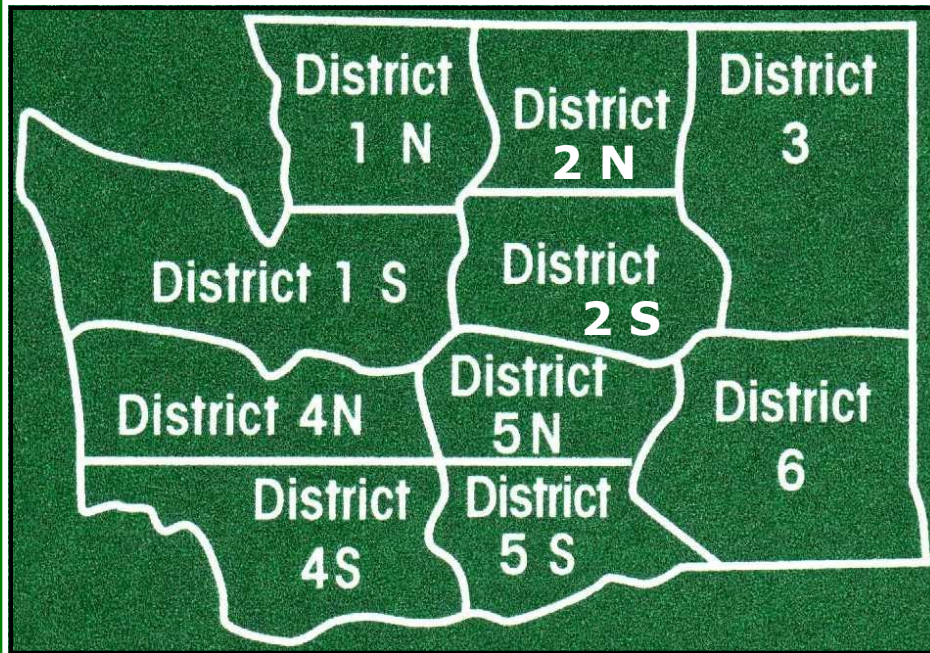
That is all for now, I hope to see you out in the snow!

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Want to Volunteer?

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

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Tri-Rivers Snowmobile Club

By Kurt Hensley,
President

The Tri-Rivers Snowmobile club is waiting for more snow in the mountains as we are still having to stay on roads.

We are going up with the Methow club to open our warming hut and finish up last minute things for the snow season. We hope to have and hang our banner and put applications and things in the hut.

We are sorry to have to cancel our Chili Feed on January 20th because of the virus. We still might have club rides, however!

Hope we all have a great season and better 2021.



Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club

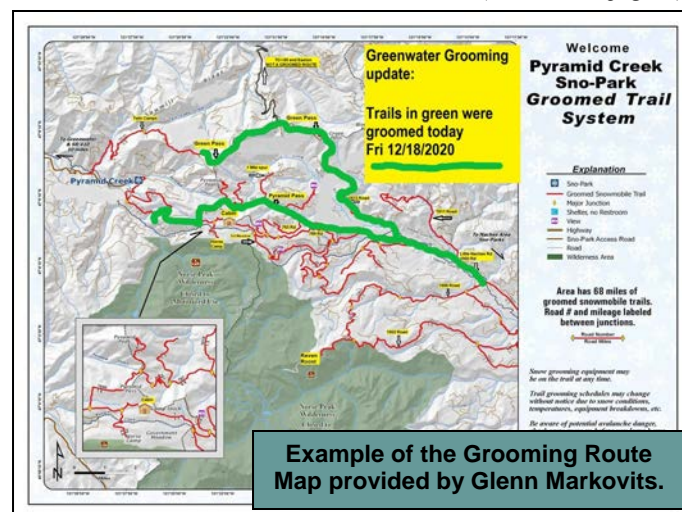
By Chris Sutton,
President

Tis finally the season for snowmobiling; we hope you all had a safe holiday and a braapy New Year!

Our season has officially begun and so has our grooming. Thanks to the hard work put in by our Grooming Coordinator, Glenn Markovits, we have up-to-date grooming route maps again this year on our Facebook and website for all to see. The Sno-Jammers have also decided to sponsor the Snowmobile WA app this year! These two tools combined will give you easy access to valuable information for planning your next perfect ride! We suggest you download and use the Snowmobile WA app if you have not already... Very use-

ful stuff; thank you to Jennifer Hackett for creating such a great app too!

The Sno-Jammers, like many other clubs, have got a flood of new members and followers this season! We also know new and used sled sales are up this year and we expect a lot of 'new' riders on the mountains. We Encourage ANYONE who is new to snowmobiling, or just new to our (Continued on page 17)



Example of the Grooming Route Map provided by Glenn Markovits.

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(Continued from page 16) area, to join a club and get involved with learning how to ride safely on the mountain! Please do not hesitate to

Go to <https://shop.djimprints.com/sno-jammers/shop/home>. We cannot wait to see people out wearing their club swag with pride!

Our public 50/50 Raffle was a HUGE success with our total sales reaching over \$4000! We are so grateful for EVERYONE who played, and we would not have been able to do it if not for all our generous sponsors! Our Grand Prize winner walked away with OVER \$2,000 just in time for Christmas! Thanks to Whistlin' Jack's Lodge, our First Prize winner got a free one-night stay in a bungalow with a private hot tub, worth \$249! We were also able to give away a TON of \$100 gift cards to the Old Cannery Furniture Warehouse, \$25 gift cards to Clem's Enumclaw Powersports, and \$25 gift cards to Gold Creek Station, thanks to their offer to 'up the ante' every time we reached another milestone amount! We hope everyone who played takes an opportunity to thank these sponsors and support their businesses. We also have plans for another raffle, so stay tuned for details if you missed out on the fun last time!

A big THANK YOU to Jennifer Hamlyn for hosting our food drive this season! She faithfully gathered and delivered food donations for Nourish Pierce County, a local food bank. The club really appreciates her efforts in organizing this event for us.

We were EXTREMELY lucky with a dangerous tree we had flagged near our bathrooms at Government Meadows. A windstorm brought it down within inches of our newest bathroom without even a scratch! We had a few loyal and dedicated member rush up and

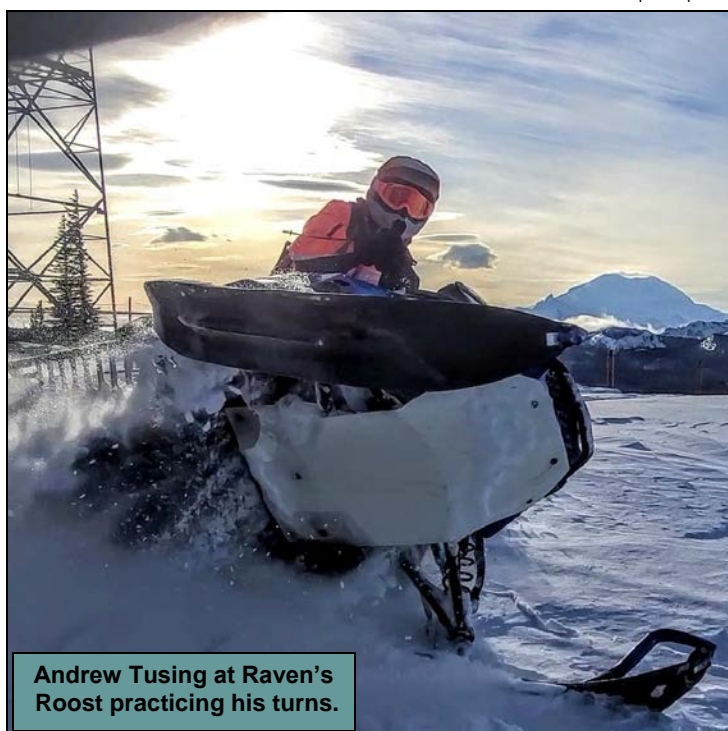
clear it out of the way for our groomer. Luckily it was also within feet of the cabin and will be harvested next year for fire-wood. Thank you to everyone who

helped with the removal of the tree!

We have posted quite a few events to our calendar and more are being discussed and



Close call with our bathroom at Government Meadows!

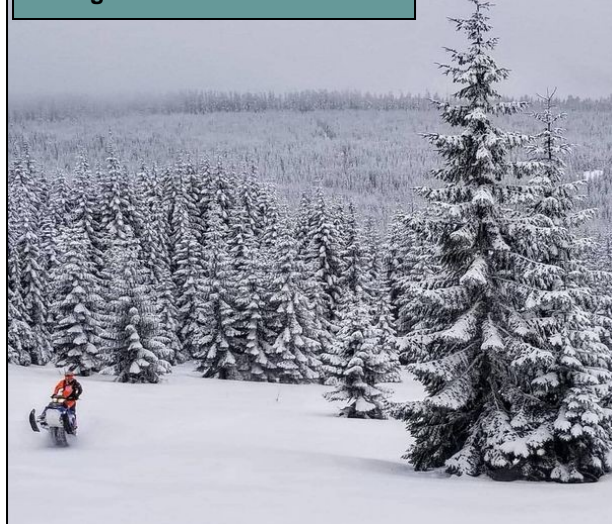


Andrew Tusing at Raven's Roost practicing his turns.

reach out to any one of our outgoing members for more info on how to sign up. We ALL want to see EVERYONE make it home safely and be able to share amazing stories about your adventures!

The launch of our club clothing website made a lot of people incredibly happy; members were posting photos in their new swag as soon as it arrived! Thanks to the dedication of Christina Markovits and Darin at DJ Imprints in Federal Way for making many people's wishes come true this Christmas! They had a great selection of items from beanies to jackets to hoodies, and great prices for Black Friday. Some embroidered items are still available if you missed out.

Birthday wheelie for Andrew Tusing at Government Meadows.



added every day! Some of our members are even hosting out-of-state rides to Montana, Idaho, Lake Tahoe, as well as many other in-state rides at various sno-parks throughout Washington; not just Greenwater! Jeff Rinck is our Ride Coordinator this season and he is doing a great job filling our calendar with fun and educational events for all skill levels. Let us know if you would like to participate in any of them or would like to add any of your own.

Please note: We have changed the 'tentative' date for our 31st annual Fun Run to March 6th! Please make sure to update your calendars and watch for more details! Also, do not forget to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1302044879815501/> or on our web-

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Daniel Lane camping at Crystal Springs Sno-Park.

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site at <http://www.snojammers.org/> for all of our club ride info and updates!



Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

By Kevin Hancock, Webmaster

The health requirements due to the pandemic is continuing to force us to adapt how we meet this season. One of our annual events with associates in Montana was cancelled because it was not in compliance with the state's health guidelines. Then another annual event in Washington was cancelled due to a turn in the weather. But the winter is just arriving so there will be more opportunities to meet and enjoy our old machines.

Some of our members are getting out in Washington and Montana. And plans are still in the works for the winter and early spring. We will post what rides our members are doing on Facebook and our website.

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Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club

By Matt Mead

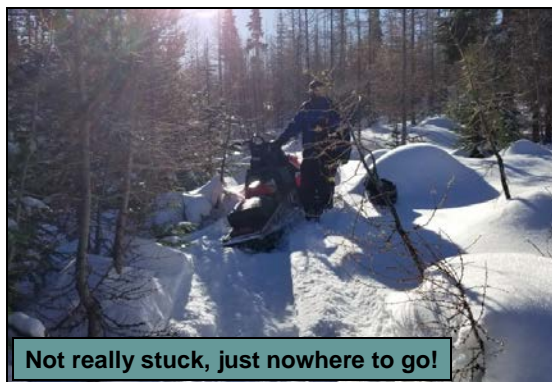
Riding in November was a treat! Sure the Jeeps and side-by-sides were still out and about, but this wasn't much of an issue mid-week and if we rode right after a fresh snow, the ruts were manageable. The best snow we found was up on the south side of Rimrock Lake and we made 'first tracks' on a few occasions. December was less inspiring with little new snow and then frozen conditions. Rain at high elevations wasn't great either. We did sneak in a couple of rides before Christmas though!

When conditions were poorest, a couple of members took a road trip, sans sleds, to check out sno-parks in the Randle area. While more than double our usual trek to local sno-parks, the opportunity to ride the north sides of St. Helens and Adams is alluring!

The official club activities... meetings... are still on hold. Hope for a change in January... When we do start meeting again, we hope to be back at Round Table Pizza in Yakima on the first Monday of the month.

Members will continue to ride. With the late December snow and grooming picking up, we hope to ride our other familiar haunts on Chinook Pass, White Pass and the Ahtanum.

Want to join in for some mid-week low-stress boondocking or family-friendly weekend rides? Please contact President Jim Kingman or myself. (Our contact info is listed in the WSSA Board section in this Snoflyer.)



Not really stuck, just nowhere to go!



Stuck and throwing snowballs at the photographer. Not nice!



Fresh snow heading up to Raven's Roost in mid-December!



Checking out the Wakepish Sno-Park.

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Annual WSSA Awards

Submission deadline is February 1st, 2021!

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

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

Categories

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

Nominate them today!

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

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State Parks Update

By Pamela McConkey, Winter Recreation Program Manager

BRING ON THE SNOW!

What a great way to start off the winter! Snow in November and continuing into December and hopefully throughout the 2020/2021 winter season. This is a great time to remind your friends who like to venture into the mountains in their Jeeps, cars, trucks, ATVs and UTVs that the wheeled-vehicle season is over, and the trails are closed to all wheeled vehicles.

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

Winter Recreation Grooming Map: Pilot Project Public Release

As you read this, your Washington State Parks Winter Recreation Program has released a public Winter Trails Grooming Map. It displays data received from GPS receivers located on snowcats statewide. Every

morning around 6am new data will display the last seven days of grooming in different colors. Colors depict: groomed today, groomed yesterday, groomed day before yesterday, and groomed with # of days since grooming (see legend included in this article – note legend colors have not been finalized and may have changed as you read this for better clarity). The map example included here shows snowmobile trail grooming on the north side of Mt. St. Helens out of Johnson and Orr Creek Sno-Parks by Back Country Plowing and Grooming. It highlights in green what was groomed yesterday and in orange what was groomed five days ago. This winter is a pilot project, and we will use this season to make adjustments and improve its usefulness and reliability for future winters. Check it out; we would love to hear from you! Jason Goldstein of the Winter Recreation Program, Parks GIS Department, plus a volunteer programmer, Mr. Jeffrey Holden (predominantly a skier), collaborated for the benefit for all winter recreationists statewide. **We don't have GPS receivers on all** statewide equipment just yet. We also only collect GPS data every five minutes and only if satellite reception is good. (Valleys and tree cover often limit reception intervals



longer than five minutes). You will see **some trails may show gaps; that's okay, assume its most likely groomed between the gaps, but a GPS data point did not fall within the time interval.** We have tried to balance the cost of providing this service, with usability, and our workflow with leasing equipment will allows us to make technological improvements as we progress into the future.

We encourage users to report back to us via e-mail at winter@parks.wa.gov and let us know how we can make this product even better.

Eventually this information will be posted on our Interactive 'Winter Recreation Map' found down on the left hand side of our main Winter Recreation Page at <https://parks.state.wa.us/130/Winter-recreation>. For now, the beta version of the grooming map is separate and can be found here: <https://wa-stateparks.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?web-map=8203a133191e4b3ba1bb081e939881f4>

We Can't Say it Enough! Register Your Snowmobile!

If you didn't register your snowmobile last year, you are partially responsible for the 10% cut in snowmobile trail grooming this year and the 6% cut to Snow Removal and Education and Enforcement.

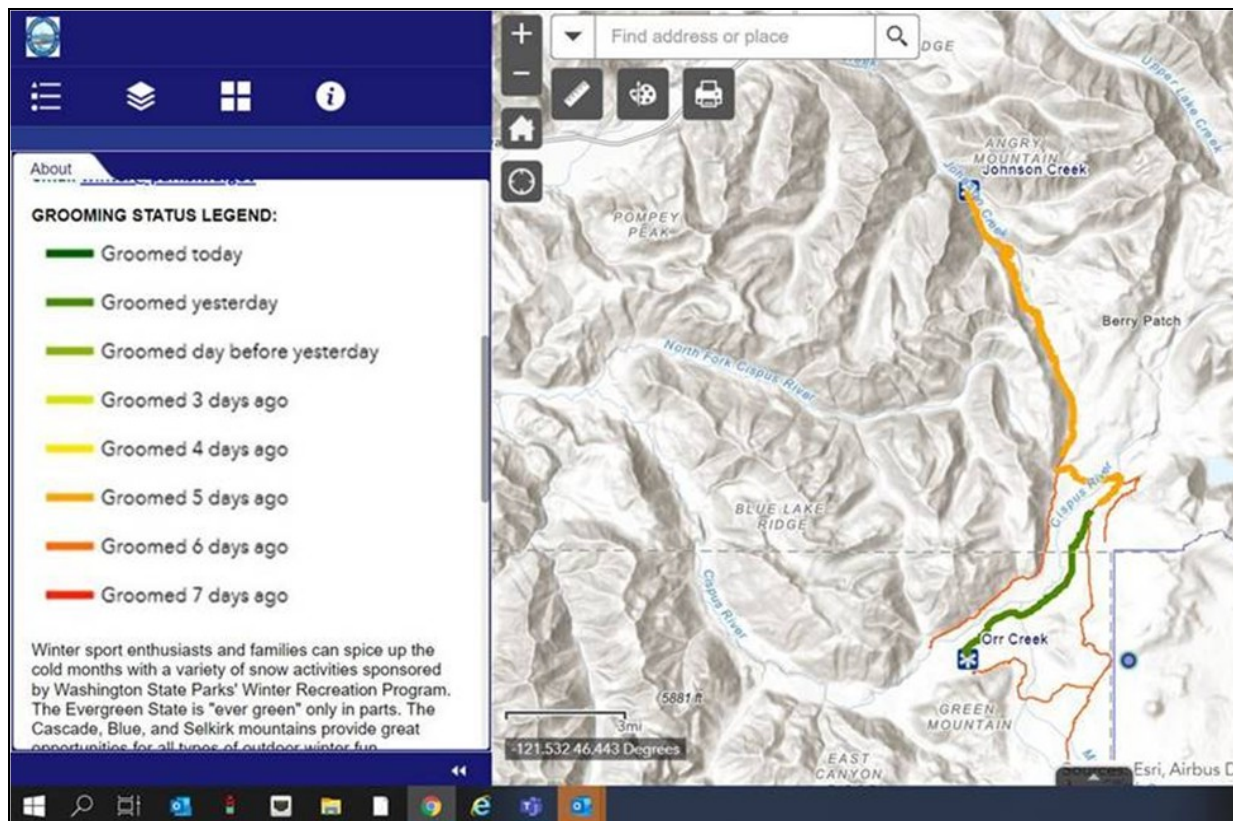
You register your snowmobile between August 2020 and June 2021, and you receive a Sno-Park Permit at no extra cost.

(You then enjoy the coming winter season without any worry of a citation for not being registered and having a sno-park permit.)

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

The gas tax formula is applied: Take 135 gallons, determined to be the average yearly fuel usage per snowmobile, times the number of registered snowmobiles during the calendar year under determination, times a fuel tax rate of \$0.349 cents per gallon of motor vehicle fuel (minus 3% to DOL).

So, for your one snow- (Continued on page 21)



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(Continued from page 20) mobile, you have provided approximately \$94.20 to the dedicated Snowmobile Account.

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

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

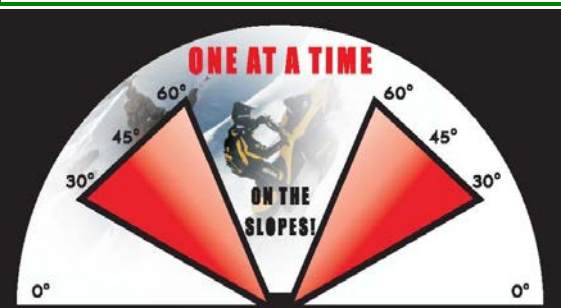
Your snowmobile registration funds YOUR program.

Sno-Park Permit Fees to Increase in Fall 2021!

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

Snowmobile Registrations								
	FY2015	FY2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY 20-21 Difference
July	166	149	145	134	148	166	151	(15)
August	1,142	531	676	782	2,307	222	249	27
September	3,546	2,968	3,145	2,946	1,682	2,974	3,220	246
October	2,544	1,662	2,139	2,489	1,882	3,357	3,189	(168)
November	2,870	3,129	3,362	4,360	2,960	2,372	5,009	2,637
December	6,656	11,575	13,170	6,973	8,320	6,726		
January	2,741	3,528	3,196	3,358	3,433	4,514		
February	381	1,164	1,513	1,166	1,602	1,293		
March	68	298	686	674	958	355		
April	42	82	181	175	258	89		
May	22	32	93	93	90	135		
June	23	30	84	71	83	126		
Total:	20,201	25,148	28,390	23,221	23,723	22,329	11,818	2,727

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Membership

Membership Matters

By Wayne & Florence Mohler,
Membership Co-Chairs

As of early December, a feature has been added on our website that allows you to access and print or save your membership card to your cell phone. When you log in, go to your profile and you will see an icon with Print Membership Card. Additional instruction for printing the card is also provided. This feature is active for the Family - Individual memberships, and certificates will continue to be mailed to clubs and associate members.

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

As a quick reminder, the following offices are up for election in 2021: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. The President and Vice President positions are one-year terms and the Recording Secretary and Treasurer are two-year terms. Nominations 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 (January 16th through February 7th) and the results will be announced on February 8th during the annual meeting, which will be a virtual meeting this year. To vote, go to www.wssa.us and log in with your username and password. A 'Vote' button will be prominently displayed on the home page.

Final renewal notices were mailed in mid-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.

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



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**Contact: Christine Jourdain, Executive Director,
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New Leadership at Polaris

Polaris just named Michael Speetzen, to serve as interim Chief Executive Officer. Speetzen was previously the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Speetzen has been with Polaris since 2015.

Bob Mack, Polaris' Senior Vice President of Corporate Development and Strategy and Puresident of Global Adjacent Markets and Boats, has been appointed interim Chief Financial Officer. Mack joined Polaris in 2016.

John Wiehoff, the company's Lead Independent Director, has been appointed Chair of the Board. Wiehoff has served as a member of the Polaris Board of Directors since 2007 and as Lead Independent Director since 2013.

Each of these appointments will be effective January 1st.

In Case You Missed This....

Biden Administration: Recently Brenda Mallory was picked to head the Council on Environmental Quality. Her role will include helping to guide federal environmental permitting as the incoming administration gears up to build massive infrastructure projects across the United States.

Many observers see this nomination as a sign that Biden will prioritize redoing the National Environmental Policy Act rules — not only to undo President Trump's recent changes but also to boost requirements on issues like climate change.

Wilderness Areas to Allow Bikes?

Sen. Mike Lee (R-UT) introduced 'The Human-Powered Travel in Wilderness Areas Act', which seeks to remove the blanket ban of bicycles in Wilderness areas.

Currently the Wilderness Act prohibits roads, permanent structures or use of any motorized or mechanized machines in its lands, but allows hiking, camping and horseback riding.

Rangers must monitor the land on foot or horseback and use hand saws instead of chainsaws to clear trails. There are 757 Wilderness areas encompassing nearly 110 million acres of federally-owned land in 44 states and Puerto Rico — roughly 5% of the land in the United States.

Silent Auction

Thanks to each and every one of you that participated in the Silent Auction that recently ended. If you took the time to look, and bid, we appreciate you! And to all of the winning bidders -- we appreciate you and your contributions!

Thank you!

No Trespassing Poster Contest

Get us your poster by January 15! As a trespass refresher - here are some tools available:

A 30-second trespass Video PSA is here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5R79aBTZHw&feature=youtu.be>

A 30-second trespass Audio PSA is here: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/2kf71ZfkaOc>

Cash Calendars!

The 2021 Calendars are here and \$20 each! 365 chances to win

Contact your state association or the ACSA office for your calendar.

Polaris Snowmobile President Talks Sales in Pandemic

The President of Polaris, Chris Wolf, sat down and talked with Yahoo Finance and discussed snowmobiles sales during this pandemic.

You can listen to this interview here: <https://finance.yahoo.com/video/polaris-snowmobiles-president-pandemic-accelerating-164036660.html>

Change in Leadership at Arctic Cat

Recently Craig Kennedy, Arctic Cat VP, announced his departure. He also announced longtime Arctic Cat employee Troy Halvorson, will assume the role of leadership.

Halvorson has been serving as Director of Operations, which means he's responsible for production of all snow and dirt products.

For more on the story, including Kennedy's letter, visit [http://www.arcticinsider.com/Article/Arctic-Cat-VP-Craig-Kennedy-Announces-Departure?](http://www.arcticinsider.com/Article/Arctic-Cat-VP-Craig-Kennedy-Announces-Departure?fbclid=IwAR1nCvIerrSds7hIdyVCCa5Giyb8E6CD-FxLW_mSi-67eRRLzyJqO8VL2j4)
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Wolverine Status Challenged

Conservation groups recently filed a pair of lawsuits challenging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to deny federal Endangered Species Act protections for the wolverine.

The lawsuits argue wolverines, a snow-dependent species with only 300 individuals living in the Lower 48, face threats in the face of a warming climate, reduced snowpack and population isolation, and that the federal government downplayed those threats in its October decision to deny protections for the species.

Those suing include the usual suspects, Defenders of Wildlife, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, WildEarth Guardians, Alliance for the Wild Rockies as well as others.

New ESA Narrows Habitat Protection

Recently the Trump administration narrowed habitat protections for endangered species, finalizing its second major rollback to the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The latest rule narrows the definition of habitat to areas that can currently support a species, a move environmentalists say ignores the changing climate or efforts that could be made to modify a landscape.

Environmentalists argue the government must be able to step in to protect land that could support an animal in the future, by protecting forests, for example, that in a few decades would have enough old growth trees to house spotted owls that currently dwell elsewhere.

The new rule would only allow habitat that 'currently or periodically' houses a species.

Around Washington...

Secretary of Agriculture: Tom Vilsack, who served in this position from 2009-17 under Obama, will reprise that role, placing him at the head of the U.S. Forest Service.

Secretary of Transportation: It looks like Pete Buttigieg will be nominated as Transportation Secretary. Buttigieg's

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landing spot comes as a surprise to many given his thin transportation policy resume. Buttigieg was the mayor of South Bend, IN.

Secretary of Energy: Jennifer Granholm appears to be the choice to run the Energy Department and will be tasked with developing the technologies needed to fulfill Biden's pledge to move the country off fossil fuels. Canadian-born Granholm served two terms as Michigan Governor before moving on to teach at the University of California-Berkley.

Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ): Brenda Mallory will be nominated to lead the CEQ, a White House role that will be important for Biden's efforts on environmental justice and climate change. She served as CEQ general counsel under Obama, and has worked on environmental issues for 30+ years. She currently works at the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Secretary of Interior: Congresswoman Deb Haaland (D-NM) looks to be the next Secretary of the Interior. If confirmed, she will be the first Native American to serve in that position. The Department of Interior is home to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Haaland is

an enrolled citizen of the Pueblo of Laguna Native American tribe and serves on the House Natural Resources Committee.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Michael Regan, currently the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), appears to be the nominee for EPA Administrator. He has been at NC

DEQ since 2017 and previously worked at EPA. If confirmed, Regan would be the first black man to lead the agency.

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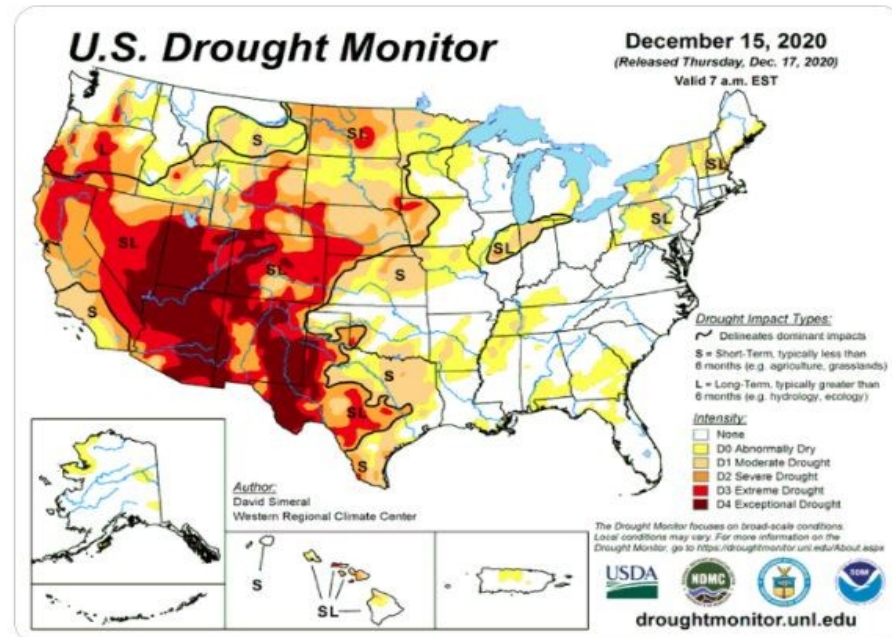
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U.S. #Drought Monitor 12-17-20: Drought covers about 41.2% of the U.S. and Puerto Rico, and over 84.1 M people live in areas experiencing drought. Some modest improvements in drought conditions were reported in parts of the Southwest, Great Plains South, Midwest and Northeast.



U.S. Forest Service Proposed Changes to Prevent Wildfires

The U.S. Forest Service seeks public input on two proposed directives that would address safety and reliability for powerline operations on National Forests. The proposed directives would implement provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill and amendments made in 2018 to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The proposed directives also align with plans to make National Forests and Grasslands healthier and more productive.

The proposed changes would provide consistent direction for the Forest Service when coordinating with utilities in managing vegetation, including removing dead and dying trees that pose a fire risk to powerline structures, and streamlining reviews/approvals for vegetation management and maintenance.

The 30-day public comment period for the proposed directives end on January 11th, 2021.

For more information on these proposed directives, visit the Forest Service website here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/regulations-policies>

Covid Stimulus Could Include Wildfire

Congressman Joe Neguse (D-CO) and Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) sent their colleagues a letter requesting funds for wildfire risk mitigation and recovery efforts be included in the next COVID-19 relief package.

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



"No Trespassing" Poster Design Challenge

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

Trespassing = Lost Riding!

We need ideas from YOU!

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

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

GIVE US YOUR BEST IDEAS!



2020 Poster Winner

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

Poster Challenge is open to ALL Ages. Submit your original poster design by **January 15, 2021.**

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

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 ideas/submittals. Prize Winners will be notified by **February 5, 2021.**



**** Submit your Poster 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.

ISMA Update**Take a
Friend
Snowmobiling****Contact: Ed Klim, President, ISMA, (517) 339-7788****ISMA****International
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The Go Snowmobiling/Take a Friend Snowmobiling campaign has been supported by the snowmobile community over the years. Snowmobile clubs and associations across North America have taken military personnel snowmobiling, coordinated enlightenment rides with land managers, and often just have fun organizing snowmobile rides with friends and family. The trails and riding areas in many parts of North America are amazing and offer great opportunities to take friends snowmobiling.

The Take a Friend Snowmobiling rides highlight the 'wow-factor' and the pure enjoyment people have when they first ride a snowmobile. First-time snowmobilers can't quit talking about how much fun the ride was. When you take a friend snowmobiling, remember this may very well be their first time on a snowmobile. Chances are your normal ride would seem like a marathon to an uninitiated friend. Let your friend enjoy that first day of snowmobiling. Again, enjoy the ride, make it relatively short, make it simple, and remember it is always a good idea to feed your guests.

The Go Snowmobiling/Take a Friend Snowmobiling campaign is also joined with the Safe Riders! campaign. We have a 13-chapter Safe Riders video series that can be found on our website at: <http://www.snowmobile.org/snowmobile-videos.html>.

The chapters are a great tool when introducing a friend to snowmobiling and will help make the ride more enjoyable for everyone.

You should also visit and 'Like' our Facebook page before participating in a Go Snowmobiling campaign event. Our Facebook page is www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling. When looking at the page you will notice many snowmobilers are posting pictures and their experiences on the page. We have thousands of Friends who visit regularly and it is common for snowmobilers to send out informative posts that are forwarded to hundreds and thousands of snowmobile enthusiasts worldwide. There is a short general survey on our Facebook page,

so when you visit the page, consider answering a few simple survey questions. We are constantly surveying snowmobile customers to see how we can better serve you and how we can help you enjoy your snowmobiling activity.

When you consider putting together a Take a Friend Snowmobiling ride, just remember individuals who don't own a snowmobile have a high interest in going snowmobiling. People you know, who don't snowmobile, want to snowmobile. They also want to go snowmobiling for the same reasons you do:

- To enjoy the scenery.
- To get outdoors to have fun with family and friends.
- To go to unique places they can't reach any other way to see amazing sights.
- To have fun in the winter outdoors and be able to go home tired and be ready for a good night's sleep.

So please, go out and have fun, take a friend snowmobiling, and enjoy this wonderful winter. The link to the 'Take a Friend Snowmobiling Campaign Action Manual' is: <http://www.snowmobile.org/docs/2021-take-a-friend-snowmobiling.pdf>. Please review it and share it with others.

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Matt's Misc.

Win a four-place sled trailer! The fine print is you'll have to make a trip to Massachusetts to pick it up. And it really is more of a three-place trailer for us long-trackers. But hey, SAM, the Snowmobile Association of Massachusetts, is raffling off a nice trailer and tickets are \$10 each. Oh, wait, there is also a cash option! \$5,000 cash! Money raised supports SAM. Drawing is April 8th. So what are you waiting for?! <https://www.sledmass.com/raffle>

Tracked ATV/UTV legislation update.

The news reported back in November, based on a call with Representative Fey, Chair of the House Transportation Committee, doesn't appear quite as bad as we move into January. The word out of the House Transportation Committee then was they wouldn't take up any non-essential type legislation this new session. I recently had a conference call with Representative Lovick where we asked him to Prime Sponsor our legislation in the House and while he declined to do so, he was very interested in supporting us. **At issue was Representative Fey's comments** to not take up any new legislation; Representative Lovick confirmed this was still the **Committee Leader's position.** But what was different is the Committee has stated they will take up any legislation sent over from the Senate, so if our bill passes the Senate and goes to the House, they will address it. This was not the message conveyed back in November!

So where do we sit on the Senate side? We are ready to rock! We have the bill pre-filed and Senator Warnick, a fellow snowmobiler, is our Prime Sponsor. She is fully on board.

If you'll recall, last year we cleared the Senate with our bill and it stalled in the House. If we can do the same this year, we have Representative Lovick's promise he will work to shepherd it through the House. And with a longer session in '21, this gives us more time and a better shot than we had in '20. **No guarantees, but we feel better about this than we did two months ago.**

Ever hear of Amie Engerbretson? I hadn't; apparently I'm not up on professional skiers and 'lifestyle' icons. My loss! Amie has a YouTube video combining skiing and snowmobiling and it is pretty good. I've never skied (backcountry or otherwise) and likely won't be starting now, but I do enjoy watching professionals in their element. Check it out here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8znmGvDmVUo&feature=emb_logo

Riding with Levi LaVallee?

The opportunity has passed to ride with this world famous X Game medalist, but the Oregon State Snowmobile Association was able to



offer this to OSSA members who signed up to attend their annual convention. Spots were limited to about 18 riders on a first come/first serve sign-up. The ride will be on January 22nd in an undisclosed location in Southern Oregon.

Taiga Motors update. I received an e-mail update from the company the other day and they are going to have 2021 models on the snow this winter. Sounds like mostly in ski resorts, which makes sense since this environment is perfect for setting up an infrastructure for charging the machines. The company also plans to conduct extensive deep powder testing in Whistler and Revelstoke to demonstrate their machine's ability to perform in the toughest conditions.

I subscribed to Taiga's YouTube channel and in doing so, found a couple of interesting videos you may want to check out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAYICbZAFpQ> and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zwDtMvqNilo>.

Yukon-King: A new machine with new ideas. That's the title of the article written by Kevin Bamerick, a freelancer who writes about vintage snowmobiles. An interesting read of a snowmobile brand lasting about three years, starting out under Moorehead Plastics in Minnesota and soon changed to



By Matt Mead, Publicity Secretary



Silverline, named after the company's line of boats. During the short stint, the company went snowmobile racing and was successful, but it takes more than winning to sell sleds. After a couple of unsuccessful attempts to sell the company, they were discontinued and the Silverline boat line was sold to Arctic Enterprises. What made the article interesting to me was talk about local Yukon-King dealers; back then just about anyone could sell a line of sleds! You can read the article here: https://www.nny360.com/artsandlife/localhistory/yukon-king-a-new-machine-with-new-ideas/article_9483d57b-7788-5f88-b7df-8259dd659ec1.html.

Another interesting find are a couple of pics of an in-depth article from an in-house publication at Atlas, the plant that built the snowmobiles. Neat details on the actual build process. You can check them out here: <http://www.silverlineboats.org/snow.htm>

Covered snowmobile bridge. Only in New England, right?! A Vermont club has



built what they believe is the only covered bridge dedicated to a snowmobile trail. Pretty cool. They claim it is big enough for the groomer to cross too.

Mountain bike to snowbike? Why not?



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Matt's Misc.

(Continued from page 26) As the owner of a fat-tired e-bike, it caught my attention! Envodrive has made a kit to convert a traditional mountain bike to a pedal-assist (electric) snowbike. Like a normal snowbike conversion, the front wheel is replaced with a ski and the rear tire replaced with a track assembly. This track assembly has an electric motor built in and the kit also includes a battery pack. At a bit over \$2,000, I don't expect they will sell a ton of these, but it would make for a cool conversion. Just remember, if you convert your bike, you'll need to register it as a snowmobile to ride the trails here in Washington! Check out a video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ricQHziwyl&feature=emb_logo.

A tribute to 'Gentleman Bob'. Polaris racing legend Bob Eastman recently passed and a great tribute video of the man and his life was posted to YouTube. Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FrsE1EA8V6A>



Record fines for snowmobilers riding in caribou-protected area. You probably have already guessed this is in British Columbia. The government up there is serious and leveled fines totaling \$9,500 for two riders caught in a protected zone. One was fined \$5,500 and the other \$4,000. Happened back in March of 2019... wheels of justice spin slowly I guess... and it occurred near Quesnel Lake. The two tried to evade but were eventually caught; one fine was higher due to the operator "obstructing a conservation officer and operating a snowmobile in a reckless manner".

Snowmobiler killed on I-787 in New York. Darwin Award contender here. Not only was the 40-year-old riding on an interstate during a crippling snowstorm, at 2:30am, but he died because he ran into the back of a tractor-trailer. Seems like an easily avoidable situation. On a couple of different levels.

RIP Bernie Chapman of Tollgate. I borrowed a post from the Tollgate Trail Find-

ers Facebook page and included it in the **Club News** section, and I'm sure you'll read more in the Tollgate Trail Finders submission for next month. A legend in the Tollgate snowmobile community, Bernie Chapman passed away in mid-December at nearly 96 years of age. I only met Bernie once, but the memory has always stuck with me.

Back in the 90s, I was home on leave snowmobiling with my folks and we met Bernie and his wife on the trail near their place. They invited us over and we spent some time checking out their 'cabin'. They lived back in the forest away from the highway and the only access in the winter was by way of snowmobile. What a place; I had never seen an off-grid home as nice as theirs! And although we'd never met before, they treated us like long-lost friends! Fast forward more than 20 years, our family now settled in Washington, and imagine my surprise to not only learn the Chapmans were still around, but still living the life back in the Tollgate woods!

Rest in peace Bernie; your lifestyle inspired me then as it does now.

International Snowmobile Safety Week - January 16th-24th. I'm sorry, this one still rubs me the wrong way. I appreciate the idea of putting snowmobile safety in the front of everyone's mind, I just find it odd we pick a week to dwell on it every January. I've said it before and I'll say it again. Let's keep safety at the forefront, not just the week of January 16th to the 24th, but every day and with every ride! Ride safe and ride smart; your family wants you to return safely from every snowy adventure.

Are you ever too old to try snowmobiling? Ira Miller seems game for anything



and recently took his first ride... at 103 year old! Maybe what is just as fascinating is he lives in West Virginia and that is where the ride occurred! Ira remains active and mows his own yard and apparently hauls the kids around on his tractor and UTV. There is a bit of video of the event... and I was a bit nervous watching it... having seen too many

people get scared when they hit the throttle and just freeze and try and hang on. Ira seemed to do okay though. Check out the video here: <https://www.wdtv.com/2020/12/25/103-year-old-man-rides-snowmobile-for-the-first-time/>

Up-to-date grooming map! You should have seen this in the State Parks article. If you only take one thing away from this Snoflyer, this should be it! Right NOW, go here: [https://wa-stateparks.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?](https://wa-stateparks.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?web-map=8203a133191e4b3ba1bb081e939881f4)

Snowmobile/Snowbike use restriction Washington Pass area along Highway 20. This closure order popped up just as this Snoflyer was going to 'print'. WSSA has no more info than you do right now. WSSA and State Parks Winter Recreation staff are trying to find out more details right now and we should have more information to share soon. In the mean time, please check the closure order out here: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd870163.pdf



AmsOil engine warranty? I was recently speaking to a friend of mine who is also an AmsOil dealer, and he told me of a new program AmsOil is offering. It's called 'Runs on Freedom' and is a limited snowmobile engine warranty. It covers repairs for two years or 5,000 miles, whichever occurs first, on current-model-year or newer sleds that use AmsOil Interceptor synthetic two-stroke oils exclusively. Pretty damn good deal! AmsOil's literature says "don't let the powersports manufacturers bully you into buying their brand of oil".

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