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

Questions about WSSA? Contact: Dean Meakin, President
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WSSA MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT EVENTS 2023/2024

International Snowmobile Congress June 13th-June 15th, 2024

Join us in Green Bay, WI, and visit friends... or make new friends...
from around the country and learn about snowmobiling in other
states and provinces.

Visit www.snowmobilers.org/isc for details.

WSSA Summer Meeting & Campout

August 16-18th, 2024, Blu-Shastin RV Park, Peshastin

Join us at the Blu-Shastin RV Park in Peshastin for a weekend of fun!
Friday night chili feed. Root beer floats and a duck race on Saturday.

October Zoom Meeting October 3rd, 2024

Everyone welcome! Contact WSSA President for log-in details.

November Zoom Meeting November 7th, 2024

Everyone welcome! Contact WSSA President for log-in details.

January Zoom Meeting January 2nd, 2025

Everyone welcome! Contact WSSA President for log-in details.

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March Budget Meeting

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Leadership

Dean Meakin, President dean.meakin@wssa.us • 509-220-1001



Thank you to everyone who came out to our 2024 Budget Meeting at the Lake Wenatchee Rec Club. I know it costs you a Saturday, so that is why I am so appreciative. This tells me you are a team player for our user group. Thank you to Dee Alred for being our president for the past two years. Thank you to all the officers and district reps who continued on for the cause.

A special thanks goes to Chris Shires for stepping up to the plate to be our new WSSA vice president. I know you are the best fit for this position. I will do everything I can to support you and help you in any way you need. Together, you and I will get WSSA on-track and moving forward in 2024. Leadership is always key to success. Thanks again.

We are still looking for someone to chair membership. If this is something you may be interested in, please let me know soon. We are also looking for someone to take over the Snoflyer. Matt Mead has taken care of this for WSSA for 20 years. Thank you Matt! So that said, he has promised to help and train anyone that might be interested in this board position. Please let Matt or myself know if you have an interest in volunteering for this much needed job.

We have several openings you could volunteer your time and support WSSA with your talents. I would love to get these committees filled before our summer meeting in August. Please call me and I will share with you all of our needs. Thank you in advance.

WSSA is still looking into another funding mechanism that will keep WSSA doing what it needs to do for the snowmobiler! Please help Chris Shires out by sending him any of your thoughts or ideas you may have. He still needs more volunteers on his ad hoc funding committee.

DC Fly-In 2024: The DC Fly-In sponsored by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) is happening real soon. It will start Saturday night on April 27th and will continue through April 30th. I know it is a lot of sitting and listening, however on the final day when we storm the capital and share with them everything we just learned, it is worth it. Remember, you are there for the snowmobiler! Let me know if you are interested in this event and I can get you a registration form.

ISC 2024: This 56th annual International Snowmobile Congress (ISC), on June 13th-15th in Green Bay, Wisconsin, is filling up quickly and the prices go up real soon. So, please let me know if you are interested and I can send you a registration form and details. More to follow on this.

WSSA Summer Meeting: This is a meeting/campout on August 16th-18th at Blu-Shastin RV Park. If you are planning on staying overnight in one of the camp spots, PLEASE contact Chris Shires and he can assign you a camp spot. Please do not contact the RV park as we have a block of camp sites assigned (29-41) already.

WSSA is still in the business of 'Keeping the Gates Open' for the snowmobilers in Washington State. Please volunteer your time and talents so we may have success for you.

Chris Shires, Vice President chris.shires@wssa.us • 509-521-5511



I would like start by thanking Ron Lind and Shannon Lawler for their hard work in getting a successful Winter Rendezvous in Winthrop in February. Also, many thanks to the teams of volunteers who put on the rides, and vendors who donated to a successful Bucket Run on Saturday, and let's not forget the town of Winthrop. What a great turn out! Dayton will have its work cut out to hit that high mark next season, February 7th-9th, 2025.

As I start my journey as VP, I am reminded what WSSA does for the snowmobile riders in Washington and where we are today with funding for WSSA going forward as the Snow Show was cancelled in 2023 and again for 2024. Not all is lost here; there is a committee working on a replacement show, hopefully for 2025. My goal for 2024 is to get creative (legally that is) with revenue generating ideas that will work for decades to come so your grandchildren will have access to the trails.

I plan to visit as many clubs as possible this year and share what WSSA's 'mission' is to snowmobilers. Dean Meakin pointed out last month how important it is that we are involved in understanding and participating in Washington DC, Olympia, and International Snowmobile Congress (ISC).

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Join WSSA and help support snowmobiling in Washington State!

What Does WSSA Do For YOU?

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

Leadership Continued...

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My focus will be directly with Washington snowmobilers and to take your concerns and ideas back to the WSSA board. To date I am scheduled to meet with the Sno-Jammers in Puyallup on April 3rd, the Northwest Glacier Cruisers in Burlington on April 4th, and the Cascade Drift Skippers in North Bend on April 11th. I have other dates available in April and May, so don't be shy in letting me know what works. I will have time again September - January. I will send a note to club presidents and district representatives to hopefully get on your meeting calendars.

Working together we can create an organization that can function well into the future. Join me please.

(The following is the next chapter presented by President Dean Meakin. Please see the last three previous issues for parts 1-3.)

WSSA: 'What We Do' Part Four:

We have the state of Washington divided up into ten districts and we have district representatives from each area who are the voice of all the snowmobilers in that area. They represent YOU and anything that is connected to your snowmobile needs. When they come to the WSSA board meetings, they share everything they have learned concerning your needs with everyone there. This generates discussions on how to address the needs and then bring resolution to you. If you don't feel your district is being heard by WSSA, then please consider helping your district rep convey your concerns. If you are without a district rep or you are considering stepping up to be one, please call me and we can talk about how that works. WSSA district reps are an important conduit for communication to the snowmobilers in this great state of Washington. Our district reps are also the ones you communicate with if you are applying for a WSSA Trail Grant. More to follow on grants.

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District Reports



District 1 North

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The month of March brought some pretty awesome snow to our district, maybe the best snow in the region. For all the riders who were patient and kept their sleds ready, 8-10' of snow was the reward.

The late snow also saved two great club events; the Whatcom County Snowmobile Club Spring Barbeque, and the Mount Baker Shootout hosted by the Northwest Glacier Cruisers. Thank you to the club members, supporting dealers, and snowmobilers who participated in these events. These traditions are important and strengthen our sport. Hopefully next year's snow conditions will allow all the club events to be held again.

I encourage local snowmobilers to stay engaged with news and government actions this spring and summer related to our trails and sport. There are potential significant developments on the horizon with wildlife protection (grizzlies and wolverines), forest management (Northwest Forest Plan amendment), and snowmobile funding (State Parks and Recreation). For any of these actions it will be critical to have comments and input from our members. If you are generally good at submitting comments, increase your impact by getting your friends to also submit comments. Should legal or policy action be required of WSSA, the respective committees will be looking for extra members to handle the workload and properly represent the State's snowmobile community.



District 2 North

By Richard Stahl
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Well snowmobilers, as I write this we are definitely in spring riding mode. As we get our snow storms you have to get right out there because the snow changes very quickly. Avalanches are at a premium; all these are signs we have shifted to spring.

Talking with the Tree Benders in Republic, it sounds like it has been a very short sea-

son. What they did have, they made the most of. Last I had heard some were chasing snow north to Canada.

As I write this the Butte Busters are going to have their end-of-year ride. If Dolly and I weren't going to Lake Wenatchee this weekend for our WSSA meeting we would probably join them on this ride. The schedule was breakfast in the morning at Conconully, ride out of Kerr Sno-Park, then back home for pizza. The bonus is they are probably going

to have some pretty good snow up on top. What a year for them; they went from freezing temperatures for the outhouse races to a final club ride on a 50-degree bluebird day.

I am not sure the Bonaparte and Tri-Rivers snowmobile clubs have fared as well. They have had to do some traveling to get riding in. I did see some of them at the Bucket Run during the WSSA Rendezvous weekend.

Here in the Methow we

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District Reports *Continued...*

(Continued from page 6) have been very lucky with our riding. All year it has been all about not letting the mud or dirt sno-parks discourage you. At the high elevations it has been very good at times. The Forest Service has been working very hard in the Methow moving barriers to accommodate all winter recreationist so they can get to the snow as it recedes.

Again, just some more proof of all our small communities working together and having resilience to make the most of what Mother Nature has given us.



District 6

By Chris Shires

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The snow has been much better the past few weeks in the Blues, especially riding out of Dayton. Not sure how long it will last as temps are climbing into the low 70s.

The Blue Mountain Snowmobile club of Dayton has new officers for the '24-'25 season.

- Jake McNeil - President
- Sierra Smith - Vice President
- Courtney McNeil - Recording Secretary.
- LaRhonda McCauley - WSSA District 6 Rep.

The Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club had their Bucket Run on March 2nd and had another great turnout and great snow. (see pictures).

Both the Mt. Misery Snow Drifters of Pomeroy and the Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club have been cooking burgers at their re-

spective warming huts during the winter and plan to continue as long as there is snow and the trails are accessible.

The Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club will be hosting the 2025 WSSA Winter Rendezvous in Dayton next February 7th-9th. Mark your calendars.



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WSSA Awards

WSSA presented our annual awards on February 10th during the Winter Rendezvous in Winthrop. WSSA congratulates every award winner! We appreciate their commitment and contributions to snowmobiling in Washington State!



Snowmobiler of the Year

Craig Stahl (Tied)



Snowmobiler of the Year

Jason Holmes (Tied)



Snowmobile Couple of the Year

Jeff and Audeena Smith (Tied)



Snowmobile Family of the Year

The Beaman Family, Stephanie, Andy, Braxton & Ryker



Snowmobile Couple of the Year

Richard & Dolly Stahl (Tied)



Snowmobile Club President of the Year

Josh Simpson, Junco Snowmobile Club



Snowmobile Club of the Year

Yakima Ski-Benders



Trail Groomer of the Year

Tim Penelerick (Tied)



Trail Groomer of the Year

Bill & Billy Burgess (Tied)

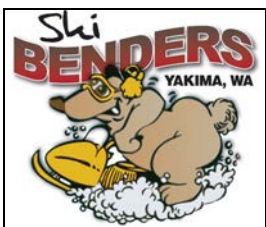


Snowmobile Dealer of the Year

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Club News



Yakima Ski-Benders

By Liz Van Amburg,
President

Greetings! This past month has had ups and downs; let's start with the ups!

I asked Audeena Smith to do a write up for this year's Kids Ride:

"This year we had 78 kids ages six months to 17 years old attend the event. The snow was thin but thanks to the R&R Grooming team we had smooth trails and an amazing circle track for the kids. This year was bittersweet as we watched two kids who have attended for years attend their last ride as 'kids'. We would like to wish Rylee Reinkens and Alyssa Harris the best of luck in all their future adventures. I honestly was worried with the lack of snow we would struggle with getting donations this year. I was shocked when I called and everyone said 'YES!' From

our local snowmobile businesses (Apple State - Yakima, Premier Powersports - Yakima, Ride Now - Tri-Cities, and JMC Motorsports - Pasco) to our brand manufacturers (FXR Racing, Fly Racing, Pure Adrenaline,

BCA, and SuperATV) they donated all sorts of snowmobile gear (helmets, socks, balaclavas, beanies, hats, boots, monosuits, bibs, coats, avalanche safety gear, and more). We also had some

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Obligatory group shot after a fun day of riding, food and prizes!



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The youngsters who ride the small sleds around Lost Meadow are affectionately known as the 'littles'.



The 'littles' who have been to the meadow before knew to line up their sleds!



The Northwest Glacier Cruisers Yeti made an appearance!



Brandy and Alyssa have been to every Kids Ride; Alyssa will be a volunteer helping next year.

amazing community businesses (MMD Sales, Parsons Earth Shelter, MJ Auto Transport, Harvest Auto, Tri-City Orthopedics, Wild West Electric, 3 Cities Design, Coca Cola of Yakima, Franz Bakery of Yakima, (Cont. on page 14)



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(Continued from page 13) **Ray's Retail Meats and Northwest Glacier Cruisers** step up and donate to help pay for the shirts, food, drinks, etc. We had three snowmobiles donated this year thanks to Dave and Gina Desmarias, and Doug and Tracy Nelson. Bob the wood guy kept us all warm thanks to his wood donation. If you have attended a Kids Ride event you know the cookies Tara Mize and Robbin Simmons make every year are amazing! (Hint: take some for the ride, and after the ride too). There were so many volunteers who helped make this event happen I need to thank and there just isn't enough paper to name you all. This year we had Robert Purcell and his dad (Tyler) attend our event for the first time. They traveled from Post Falls, ID, (261 miles one way), just for our event. Other families travel from Asotin and Sedro Wooley to attend. Every year we learn from the experience and keep building this event. Next year we are going to be adding even more by including our Yakima Ski-Benders kids in on the event planning board. We know if we want the next generation to be a part of our club we need to instill those values while they are young. Plus, who really knows what the kids want... Kids! We hope to see you all out for the Kids Ride on February 22nd, 2025. Save the Date! Ride Safe!"

Thank you Jeff and Audeena for hosting the Kids Ride again this year! You both are amazing!

I would like to give a huge shout out to Matt Mead for hosting another successful Military Ride! I heard it was awesome!

I made a sign with some help from Mark Tharp in regards to getting more sleds licensed. Dee Alred took them to the last WSSA meeting to hand out; if you are interested I can have more printed. It would be helpful to keep them all the same so they are recognized easily. The cost is approximately \$75 each plus shipping or we can make other arrangements to get it to you. You can contact me at 509-225-6681.

This past club meeting we had our elections. I'm continuing as president, Ron Lind is vice president, Stephanie Beaman continues as treasurer, Marty Lentsch continues as secretary, and Christa Degnan, Dee Alred and Heather Rockwell are members at large. Thank you to all of you for your dedication to the Ski-Benders.

Save the date - July 18th, Trent and Christa will be hosting the Volunteer Party. If you volunteered for the Yakima Ski-Benders this past year you are invited. We will have more details on our Facebook page

as we work them out. If you want to come contact Liz or Christa.

Save the date - May 4th, we will be cleaning up Jim Sprick park on Chinook Pass. Volunteer hours count; bring your tractors, shovels, rakes, leaf blowers and a lunch! Start time is 9am.

Chinook Fest is June 6th-9th. This is one of the Ski-Benders fundraisers. We run all the beverage gardens. If you would like to volunteer, contact me at 509-225-6681. If you buy tickets, come say 'hi!' to us so we know fellow snowmobilers are attending!

The downs... Our side of the Cascades lost our first, to my knowledge, snowmobiler to an avalanche on March 1st. The following was posted by Paula Hiatt on behalf of the Ski-Benders on our Facebook page: "A heartfelt thanks to the Yakima County Sheriff's Office, Yakima Search and Rescue, the groomer and countless others who helped in the recovery. Condolences to the family." Thanks Paula.

Let this be a reminder to have at the very least a radio, transceiver, shovel and probe with you at all times. There are so many places you can get avalanche training. Ski-Benders are looking into getting a class set up in Yakima with the Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC).

The next reminder about safety and being prepared... **We had one of our own, who is** an avid snowmobiler, get separated from his riding group and ended up with a broken starter. No one knew where he was located. He had changed the cooling on his sled and did not get all his safety equipment put back together and loaded. He was found by a fellow Ski-Bender at 10pm that night. He was safe and very lucky. Search and Rescue and fellow Ski-Benders spent hours looking for him. Thank you to all who answered the call. Enjoy what is left of winter!



Lake Wenatchee Rec Club

**By Marilyn Mylius,
Vice President**

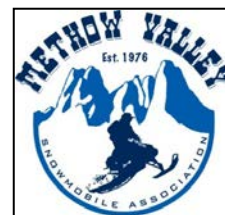
Winter is definitely on its last hurrah now. As I write this in mid-March, our trails are still in fairly good shape with exceptions of the trails with southern exposure and lower elevations. The grooming has ended on the Entiat Ridge routes due to lack of snow in most of that area, including sno-park accessibility. The Lake We-

natchee routes were groomed in the past week and they are hoping to groom a couple more times before the end of March.

Our Snowmobile Geocache Challenge ended on the 17th; thanks to all who participated in that event! It's always a fun event that lasts most of the season.

We hosted the WSSA budget meeting at the Rec Club in March; nice to see all those really hard working folks who are so dedicated to our snowmobile program!

Hoping you all have a great summer and see you next year on the trails!



Methow Valley Snowmobile Association

**By Evie Johnson,
Secretary**

Bust out your best goggle tan because spring sledding is here! If you achieved access from the lower groomed trails in March, **I'm sure you were not disappointed with the powder to be found at higher elevations.** There were plenty of friendly turns, side-hills, and donuts to be had! Personally, I noticed the dramatic difference in conditions on the way back down rather than up. **At higher elevations we were in true 'winter' conditions and the riding was tops.** Dropping back down brought worsening trail coverage and conditions as the day went on and over-heating sleds.

The advisory board of Okanogan County agreed to the funds from the Washington State Winter Recreation department to go toward plowing of Harts Pass. The road is plowed up to Cache Creek where there is a small turnaround area to park at. Please note the map in regard to the Wilderness boundary areas that exist at Harts Pass. It is very important to not cross into these Wilderness areas as they are closed to motorists. Also, check the Northwest Avalanche Center avalanche forecast before you go because spring avalanche dangers do exist.

The mobile huts at Sweetgrass Butte and Starvation Pass are still in place, however they will be locked up soon as well as the other huts. If you would like to use these huts, please contact us via Facebook messenger to see if they are still unlocked and available for use. Again, thank you so much for your donations toward the huts this year. We are stoked to keep them going for years to come!

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With March conditions rapidly melting away trail access, this may be the end of the season. We hope you made it to the Methow for some riding!



Cascade Drift Skippers

By Gregg Atkins,
Secretary

Hello Washington sled-ders! As we approach the final weeks of the '23-'24 winter, this is a time to reflect on what went well and what we could improve upon for next year.

We had a very slow start to the season due to El Nino conditions proving all the forecasters correct; above average temps and lower snow totals. Regardless, the historically low snow conditions did not prevent us from enjoying our sport and that was true for the Drift Skippers as well.

The WSSA Rendezvous event in Winthrop was a resounding success, and the conditions on and above Hwy 20 did not disappoint even though the snow remained below the average.

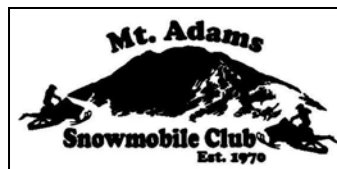
The Sno Jammer's Fun Run was a blast as well, and record crowds showed up at Crystal Springs for this annual event.

As El Nino wore out its welcome, we finally got the snow we patiently waited for in late February and early March. This was a welcome relief and we got after it!

Some of us travelled out of state to find the deep powder; most of us took advantage of the much-improved conditions in our home base in the I-90 corridor.

The Drift Skippers have had three consecutive monthly club meetings on the snow just as we planned. Each one offered a different theme, and we adjusted the schedule to allow a good day of riding with the actual club meeting occurring during an extended lunch. The March club meeting coincided with our annual Steak Ride - a great tradition that began many years ago by a few of our elder statesmen and will continue into the foreseeable future. The on-snow club meetings were largely a success and will likely continue next season with additional planning to incorporate new ideas and themes to appeal to more club members who ordinarily could not make the mid-week standard club meetings. As we look ahead to close out our season, we hope to have a few more weekends of riding, but the spring

heat has arrived, and unseasonably warm temps are creating dangerous avalanche conditions as the snowpack melts out from the bottom up. Be careful and check the avy conditions diligently if you will try to get a few more rides in.



Mt. Adams Snowmobile Club

By Duane Warren

April greetings all! As I write this, we are a few days away from our first annual kids/family ride and barbecue. Fingers crossed if we don't get fresh snow, we at least get nice weather.

It's been a growing and learning season for our organization. I am very thankful for the officers and dedicated volunteers who have stepped up this year. We have become a great team, we have put together some good events, and we are working on a lot of different things going forward. It's pretty amazing for only coming together in December of 2023.

By the time this comes out, our only planned event is a general meeting on April 28th at 2pm at Backwoods Brewing in Carson, WA.

Pray for more snow and an extended season.



Drift-A-Way Snowmobile Club

By Matt Mead,
Secretary

Sometimes things don't go exactly as planned... but it doesn't help when you put an event together at the last minute. I'm talking about the recent Drift-A-Way Trail-Side Hot Dog Feed and Camping Trip.

A text to the riding group on a Monday asked if anyone was interested in a trail-side hot dog feed the next weekend. The answer was, yes, and how about camping too? So it was decided we'd camp at Cold Creek and do a trail-side cookout on Saturday. But Mother Nature wasn't consulted and rain was in the forecast.

Three campers arrived on Friday afternoon and set up camp. It sprinkled a bit. As we sat around the fire that evening, the rain came in pretty hard and we retired. We had a late-arriver around 11pm and it was wet.

Saturday morning around 8am it wasn't raining so we built a fire again; a couple of other riders drove up for the day to join us. And then the rain returned. Nobody wanted to ride in the rain, but watching the weather radar app, it did look like the rain would stop around 11am. And it did!

So it was decided we'd ride. But we also decided to skip the trail-side hot dogs and just return to camp to eat. And we did. After 2pm. The rain at sno-park level was snow up above and we actually had a fun ride in a few inches of fresh snow!

Our day riders left that evening after dinner and we picked up an additional camper.

The weather on Sunday was reasonable and we enjoyed another ride.

So, maybe the weekend didn't go exactly as planned, but with a great group of friends it didn't really matter.



Drift-A-Way campout - It rained!



But it fell as snow in the higher elevations!



Justin, Justin, Justin... So close!

With grooming done for the season and the snow melting fast, Drift-A-Way members are wrapping up their on-the-snow activities.

But more fun is planned by way of a spring sno-park clean-up and camping trip, and a summer ATV/UTV camping trip. If you are interested in getting to know our group, contact President Jim Kingman or myself; our contact info is on the WSSA Contacts page in this Snoflyer.

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Mt. St. Helens Trac Riders

By Julie Frazier

Please check out the letter and pics included! (Continued on page 17)

The Mt. St. Helen's Trac Riders hosted the Washington State Blind School on March 7th for their annual field trip to enjoy the snow and the joys of snowmobiling on Mt. St. Helen's.

We have so many people and sponsors to thank for this event. First and foremost, we want to thank Back Country Plowing and Grooming for literally making it happen. Grooming funds had been exhausted, but their team came out the day before the event anyway at their own expense, and blew the road out, plowed the parking lot and groomed the trail. We are so appreciative of Lee & Kim Olive and Travis Martinek for this generous dedication to the event and the area we all love to access!

It was a picture-perfect day on Mt. St. Helen's. 30 volunteers took time off work and showed up to set up, cook, ride with the students, play in the snow, and so much more. Thanks to David Looney for making the 3-hour trip and staying overnight to participate! Your extra sled was needed and thank you to Ron Endicott as well for hauling all the extra sleds and tracked quads out from Sherwood OR, it helped to make sure the parents and staff could join also in the fun!

Thanks to Brian Goodman for spending the night up at Marble, and for shoveling through 10 feet of snow to get the generator service plugs out and accessible. We appreciate you starting a fire in the shelter and getting it ready for the day! We also really appreciate Jason and Lisa Hawkins for coming all the way from the Oregon Coast, cooking all day and being part of the event, your family has always loved and supported!

Thank you to the staff of the National Forest Service for coming out early in the day and making sure that the restrooms were clean and the pathway to them was shoveled out for the students.

We love those two members from Volcano Mountain Rescue Team who joined us this year! Thank you to Chief Bryce Shirley for sending Steve Collett and Paul Pepper out to participate and be on hand in case of any emergencies.

There are so many of you to thank! To share the love of the sport of snowmobiling with students that would otherwise have no access to this beautiful mountain is a special thing, and we are grateful for each and every one of you!

And finally, thank you to the Washington State School for the Blind, for trusting us with your students and staff, and for the opportunity to experience their joy when we took them out on our snowmobiles.

Dan Frazier

President of the Mt. St. Helen's Trac Riders

District 4 South Representative



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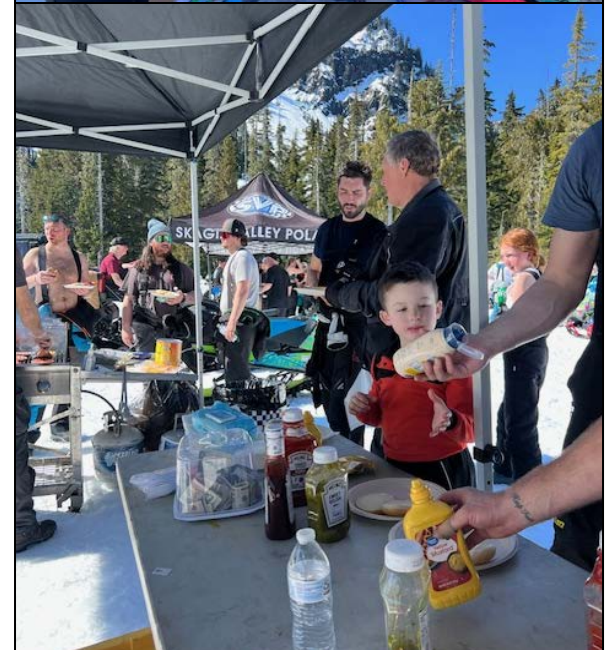


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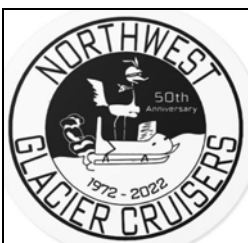
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Another successful Blind School Ride. Thanks to all the amazing helpers!



It was unknown if this event would even occur this season due to Mother Nature, but in the end it was the perfect day!



Northwest Glacier Cruisers

By Jessica Ronhaar

After a season of uncertainty of the Shootout happening, Shootout 2024 had a great turnout, lots of sun and fantastic raffle prizes. We had a large crowd for burgers and hotdogs on the mountain and some of the most beautiful views in the Pacific Northwest. We want to thank everyone who purchased raffle tickets, donated, and attended the event.

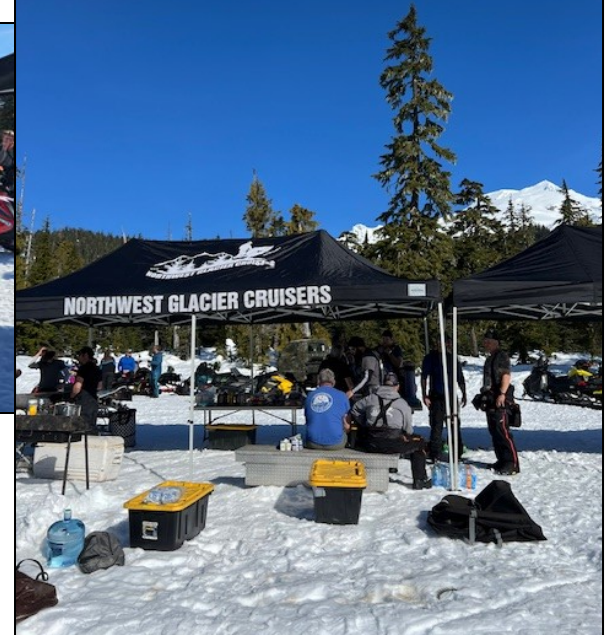
Through Luke Rohde raffle ticket sales we were able to give away one AAIRE Avalanche scholarship and continue to bring awareness



for the need for avalanche awareness and training. We want to thank Corey and Rich Rohde for coming for such an important event.

Shootout takes so many people to make this event happen and we are so grateful after so many years we are

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Planning has already begun for Shootout 2025. Mark your calendar!



able to continue to share the joy of our sport with so many. We are already looking forward to next year.

The Northwest Glacier Cruisers are planning events over the summer including a campout and other fun times to keep our club connected over the off season. Watch our website and social media accounts for updated information.

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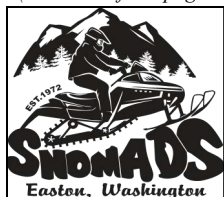
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Snomads

By Franny Castrilli,
President

Like most, the Snomads got a late start to the riding season due to lack of snow. But ever since the snow started flying the Snomads have kept busy! We've been happy to be able to have hosted events or joined in other club's activities every weekend since.

We kicked off the season with our annual overnight trip to Whistlin' Jack's back on January 27th.

Some more highlights from our season so far include the WSSA Rendezvous in Winthrop where we had the opportunity to meet so many great people from other clubs.

Thanks to WSSA, Ron Lind and Shannon Lawler for putting on a great Rendezvous, and special thanks to Craig Stahl for leading us on his ride - he showed us some great territory, and it was enjoyed by all.

In February, we had our 8th annual 'Girl's Ride' out of the Easton Reload Sno-Park which had a great turnout of 26 riders including both genders. With the fellas sporting pink tutus, as is tradition of course! And we even had a snowmobiling

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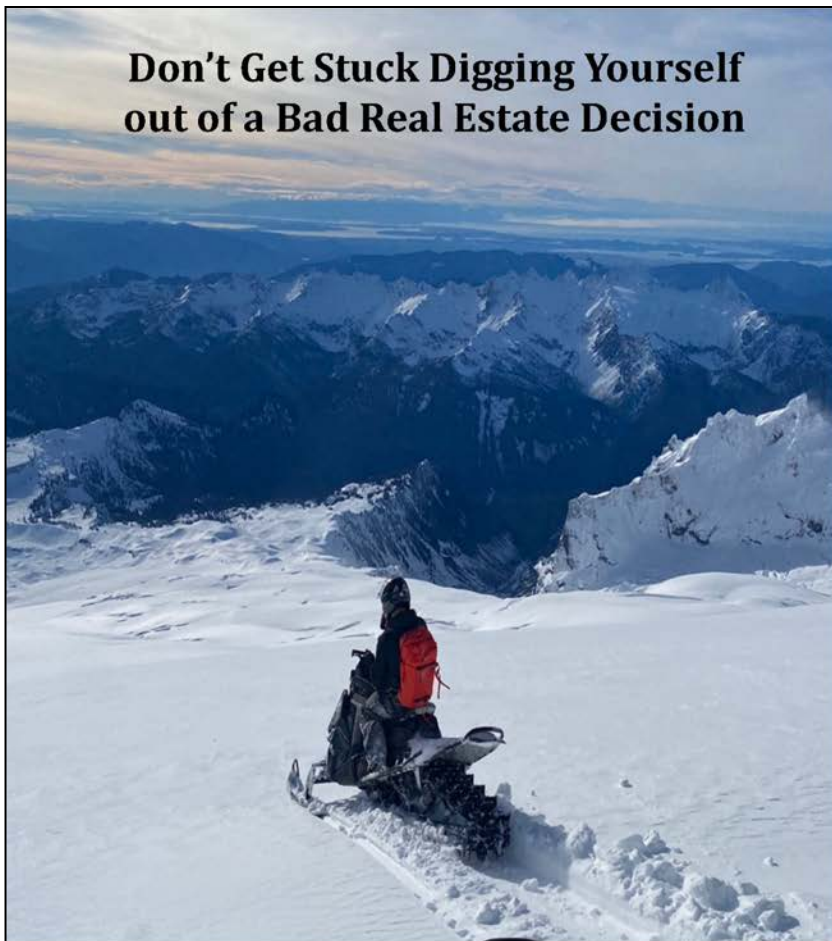
A great turnout for the Girl's Ride. Yes, the guys are wearing pink tutus...



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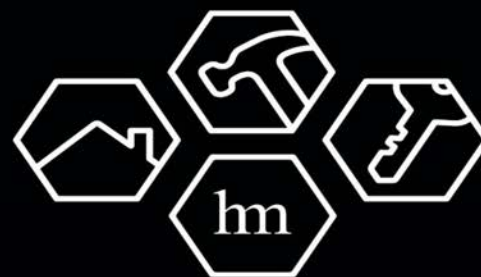
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Yep, Girl's Ride!



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dog! We finished off the day with a barbecue, testing out our recently renovated ski-mounted grill.

Another great ride was on March 2nd, where 24 of us met at Blewett and managed to track our way through wind drifts and blow-ins to reach some beautiful untouched bowls

and meadows.

Most recently the club traveled to the Ahtanum area where we stayed the weekend and got to enjoy three days of riding in beautiful sunny weather.

I've been thrilled to have such amazing turnout and participation in our club rides so

far this year. Going forward we aim to keep riding as long as the snow allows and we are hopeful we will continue to be able to chase the snow into April. Fingers crossed!

If anyone would like to join in on the fun, our meetings are the first Friday of every month, at 7pm at the Easton School library. Fam-

ily-friendly and all skill levels welcome! Make sure to follow our Facebook page and group of the same name, 'Snomads of Easton', for more information on upcoming rides and events.

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A fun ride on Blewett Pass!



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Junco Snowmobile Club

By Jennifer Haines,
Secretary

March has been a busy month for us. We had the pleasure of meeting a dynamic woman, Penni Maples, at our monthly meeting. Penni was one of the founding members of Make-A-Wish Alaska and Washington. She had us laughing and crying sharing children's wish stories. We gained insight on how Charity on the Snow has benefited Make-A-Wish, and we are very thankful to our sponsors and attendees for their support over the past 25 years.

Our second annual Ladies Ride was March 8th at the Last Resort in Ronald. This event was a big success! There were 28 ladies on our ride and several other club members be-

hind the scenes helping with this event. We raised \$1,340 for Aspen Victim Advocacy Services. Thank you to our volunteers and sponsors including The Last Resort, FXR, Fly Racing, Offroad Vixens, High Cascades, DSG, Mrs. Mountain Man Studio, Snap on Tools, Deanne Dietz, and Clem's Powersports. A huge thank you to Dayna Emery and Sarah Simpson for your hard work putting together this awesome event and to Aspen for your help in Kittitas County and beyond.

Congratulations to Josh Simpson as he was awarded WSSA President of the year for a second year in a row. Josh has done an incredible job leading and supporting our club and its members.

Follow us on Facebook or check out our new website ridewithjunco.com for more details.

Our meetings are the first Monday monthly at Round Table Pizza, 7921 S. Hosmer St., in Tacoma; or attend via Zoom.



Sno-Jammers Snowmobile Club

By Christina Hamlyn,
Vice President

The Sno-Jammers had a successful season once again! We are grateful for all the new members and families who joined our club this year, and we are excited to have you all be a part of the club again next season! I would also like to give a huge shout out to all of our dedicated members who hosted rides, attended work parties, and joined us at all of our fun events and rides this year - THANK YOU!

You may have already heard, but the Sno-Jammers had their 34th Annual Fun Run on March 2nd and it was a HUGE success. We had one goal in mind this year and that was to offer an opportunity to bring the snowmo-

bile community together which turned out way better than we ever expected. The new location was a hit and everyone is excited to have it back at Crystal Springs next year. This was officially the biggest on-the-snow snowmobile event Washington has ever seen! We had over 500 people join us for the day who came from all over the state and out of state (as far as MAINE!). We were fortunate to have local businesses, non-profits, the U.S. Forest Service, the Northwest Avalanche Center, and other clubs all come out and support our club and event. Seeing

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The Juncos held a successful Ladies Ride on March 8th at The Last Resort.



Juncos presented a big check to the Make-A-Wish Foundation!



President Josh Simpson accepting his second WSSA Club President of the Year award!



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everyone in our community come together and enjoying a fun day on the snow made the hard work all worth it! It would not have been possible without all of our sponsors and donors who contributed to our event in many ways including helping us give away over \$30,000 in prizes - THANK YOU! A special shout out goes to Nick Whitman and the Land Tek crew (including groomer Frank) who worked tirelessly for days to get the trails and sno-park in the best condition possible. It was such a refreshing experience to work with a crew who were just as excited for the event as we were. Land Tek, you were a pleasure to

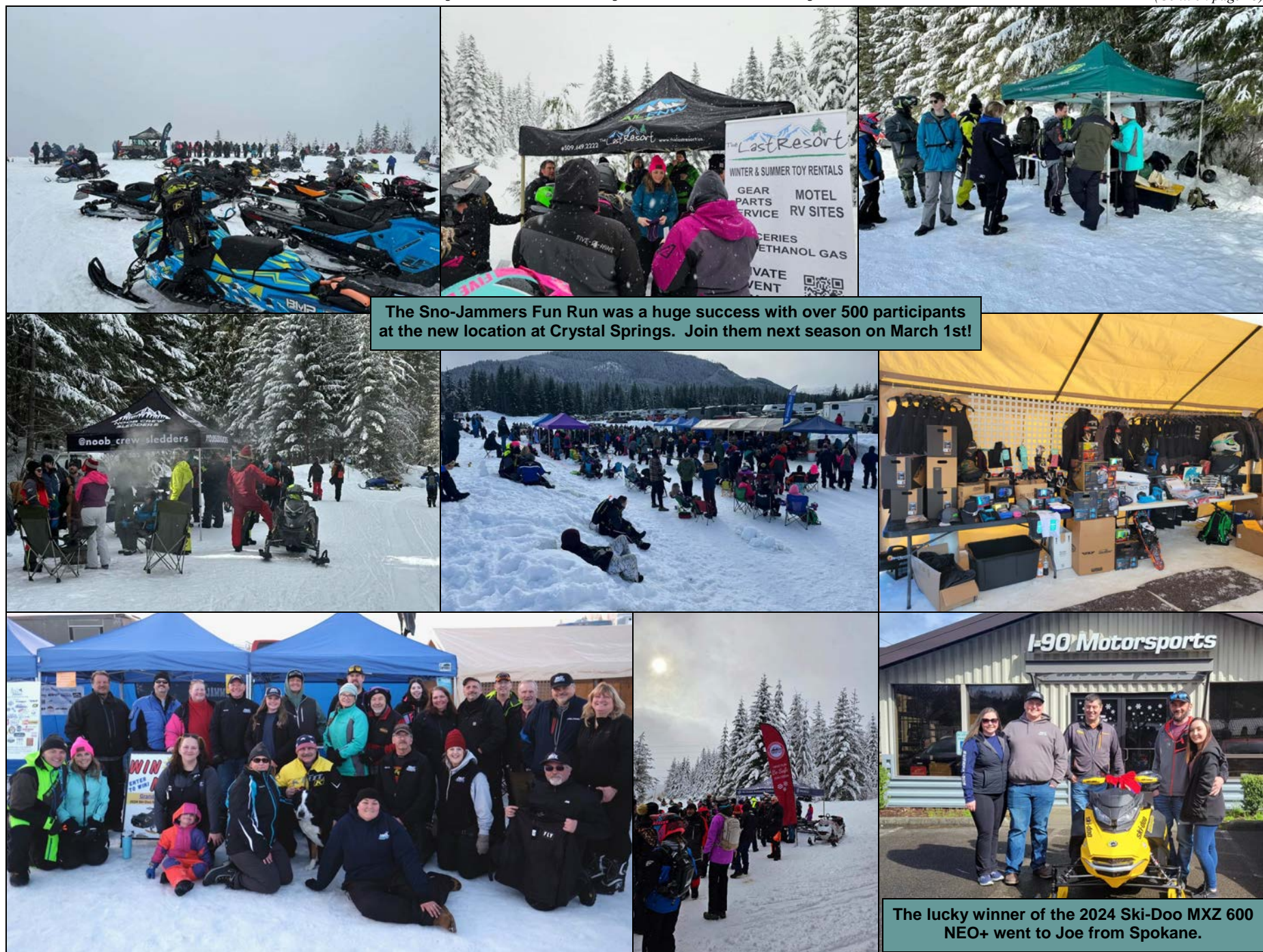
work with - THANK YOU! And finally, a huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our club volunteers who truly made this event a success! An event this large takes a lot of behind-the-scenes work and planning all year long, so give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back! To the snowmobile community, thank you for your support year after year and we hope to see you all again on March 1st, 2025, for our 35th Annual Fun Run!

The lucky winner of the 2024 Ski-Doo MXZ 600 NEO+ went to Joe from Spokane. He was ecstatic that he won and was so happy to be able to give the sled to his 10-year-old son. They are a Ski-Doo family,

so it fits right in! And I already saw his son was out ripping around on his new sled before the season came to an end. Congrats, Joe!

The Sno-Jammers continued to stay busy throughout the month of March with many club-hosted rides across the state. Clem Tuchscherer hosted a kid's ride at Greenwater and Bill Yager hosted a sled recovery training ride at Crystal Springs - all of which were very fun and provided opportunities for us to meet new members and enjoy our sport together.

On April 3rd we will have our next club meeting where we will vote for the 2024/2025 Board of Directors. (Cont. on page 23)



The Sno-Jammers Fun Run was a huge success with over 500 participants at the new location at Crystal Springs. Join them next season on March 1st!

The lucky winner of the 2024 Ski-Doo MXZ 600 NEO+ went to Joe from Spokane.

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We will be recapping the Fun Run and discussing some upcoming spring/summer events we have planned. New to the sport? Come join us! Everyone is welcome! Social hour will begin at 6pm at the Round Table Pizza in Puyallup and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm. The Sno-Jammers will continue to have club meetings through May and then take a break for the summer. The first meeting of the 2024/2025 season will be on September 4th at the Round Table Pizza in Puyallup at 6:30pm.

I would like to remind everyone we are a diverse, family-friendly club who welcomes EVERYONE to join us. Clubs help keep our sport alive which is why it is important to be part of a club that positively impacts our sport and community year-round. We encourage you to join us! Be sure to follow us on Facebook or check out our website at www.snojammers.org for updates on all of our events throughout the year. #SupportTheSport

Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

By LaRhonda McCauley, President

Greetings snowmobile enthusiasts! As we stand on the cusp of spring, with Dayton experiencing a balmy 73 degrees, it's evident winter's grip is loosening. Yet, our mountains still boast an impressive 80" at the summit; there may indeed be a few more days left for those eager to hit the trails before winter fully gives way to spring

Exciting Updates:

WSSA District 6 Appointment: It is with great pride I announce my appointment as the next District 6 representative for WSSA. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Chris Shires, our outgoing rep, who now assumes the role of Vice President of WSSA. Chris, your dedication to our community is commendable, and we thank you for your service.

Bucket Run Success: A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2024 Bucket Run! From attendees to volunteers and sponsors, your support made it possible to raise over \$2,000 for local charities. Despite braving chilly conditions, your enthusiasm

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The Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club had a great turnout at their annual Bucket Run!



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and generosity shone through, making a positive impact on our community.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the following sponsors for their unwavering support: •JMC Motorsports, •RideNow Power-sports of Tri-Cities, •Mac's Cycle, •Guy's Outdoor Motorsports, •Supreme Power Sports LLC Lewiston, •Fiesta En Jalisco Dayton, •Chief Spring's Fire and Irons Brew Pub, •Locally Nourished, •Moose Creek Café and Bakery Dayton, •Dayton General Hospital, •My Dad's Place Restaurant and Bar, •Seneca, •PNW Metal & Wrenches, •Steve Riggins-Bly, •Jerry Elder, •Chris Shires, •Jones Truck & Im-plement (JTI), •Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

Trail Maintenance Appreciation:

A special acknowledgment to Pete Paolino for his dedication to keeping our trails groomed, even in less-than-ideal conditions this season. With a decline in snowmobile registrations and state mo-torized budgets, we anticipate fewer funds for grooming next year. Your continued support and understanding are invaluable as we navigate these challenges.

2024 Ladies Ride Calendar: Look for me in the July edition of the 2024 Ladies Ride Calendar! Follow us on Facebook with #ladiesridecalendar as we empower women in snowmobiling and celebrate their passion for adventure.

Final Meeting and Godman Workday: Our last meeting of the season is on Thursday, March 21st. Join us as we wrap up the sea-son with the Godman workday, where members come together to prepare the shelter for the next season. Additionally, we're apply-ing for a WSSA grant to assist with much-needed trail clearing on the 700 trail.

WSSA Rendezvous in Dayton: Save the date! The WSSA Rendezvous is coming to Dayton. Make your reservations now at the Best Western and join us for a fantastic snowmobiling gathering next year.

As we bid adieu to another exhilarating season, let's cherish the memories made on the trails and eagerly anticipate the adventures that lie ahead. From all of us at the Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club, happy trails!

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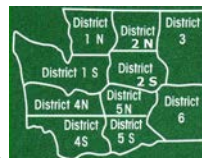
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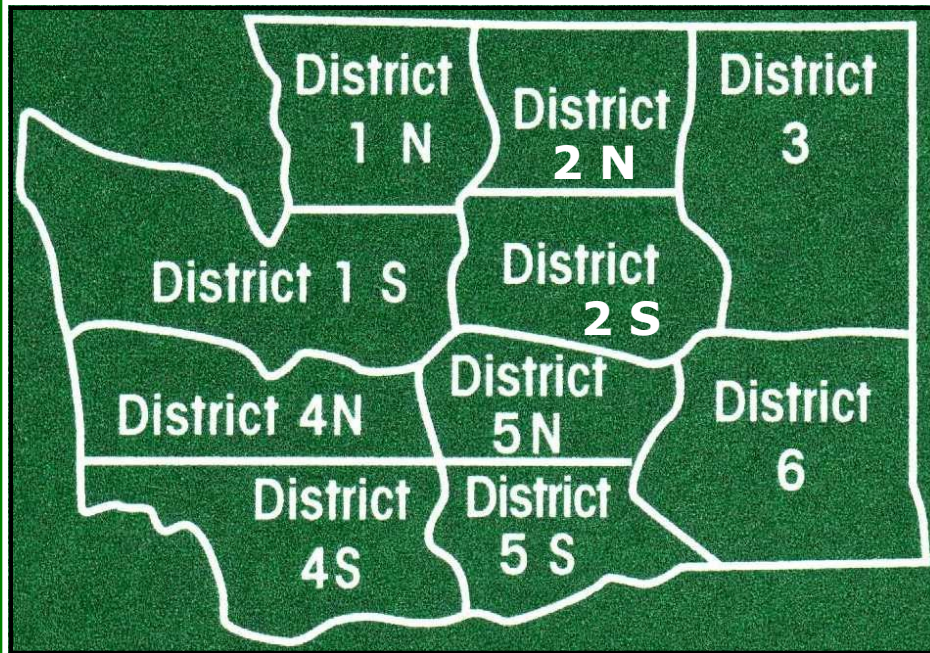
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Woody's 11th Golf Outing - June 7th

International Engineering & Manufacturing, Inc. (Woody's) has announced the details of their Charity Golf Outing. For the 11th year, Woody's will continue the tradition of giving back to the organizations and groups that are upholding the trail systems - calling it Traction For Trails!

All funds raised from the event will be presented at the 56th International Snowmobile Congress in Green Bay.

Last year the event raised \$20,000! The goal this year is to surpass the total amount raised in the previous year!

Join in the fun - get a team together and help support Traction For Trails! Details and to register: https://www.woodystraction.com/golf/#gform_wrapper_17

International Snowmobile Media Council C.J. Ramstad Memorial Scholarship

The International Snowmobile Media Council (ISMC) invites all states who hold their own scholarship award program to submit their single best winning applicant for consideration by May 15th, 2024. Judging will be done by the ISMC Scholarship Committee and the winner will be awarded a \$500 scholarship. The winner of the C.J. Ramstad Memorial Scholarship will be announced at the 2024 International Snowmobile Congress in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in June.

Applicant must be a member in good standing of their state/provincial snowmobile association. Only one winning entry from each state may be submitted, and the ISMC Scholarship application must be completed in full.

Please include the essay that was required of them when they won the state scholarship, along with a photo of the applicant.

The application can be found here: <https://snowmobilers.org/snowmobile-news.aspx>

International Snowmobile Congress -- Are You Registered?

The International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, June 13th-15th. There will be snowmobile business meetings, keynote speakers, breakout sessions, a groomer display/reception, an off-site dinner with entertainment and an awards dinner; along with conversations with snowmobilers from across the U.S. and Canada -- and lots of fun!

Check out the ISC Facebook page to follow the fun and to be sure your registration is in order, click here: <https://www.facebook.com/snowmobilecongress>

The Cost of "Climate Friendly Technology"

The Hill reports, "The cost of the Inflation Reduction Act's energy and climate provisions is now expected to be significantly higher than previously projected, at least partially because of greater-than-anticipated investment in climate-friendly technology."

The story continued:

"The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) revised its projections this week, greatly increasing how much it believes the law's energy tax credit-related provisions will cost..."

One of the factors the agency cited is a greater number of people expected to claim tax credits for electric vehicles, as proposed environmental regulations push the market in that direction and the Treasury Department issues flexible guidance for the credits. turing and wind and solar power development."

In total, the CBO says the law's energy provisions will cost \$428 billion more than originally projected.

Timber Supply Shortage

Recently on Capitol Hill the American Forest Resource Council urged the Pacific Northwest's Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC to address challenges the region's forest and wood products sector that supports more than 150,000 private sector jobs in Oregon and Washington.

This industry provides critical infrastructure for the Federal government to improve forest health, reduce wildfire risks on Federal lands, and help meet growing demand for carbon friendly wood products. Western Oregon has experienced the closure or curtailment of three

wood product mills since the beginning of the year, and additional closures and curtailments in the Pacific Northwest are likely to occur.

The common thread is a diminishing timber supply to the region's wood products manufacturers.

The three Western Oregon mills that announced closures or curtailments purchase and rely on public timber to operate and sustain workforces. Killed labor is gone. They don't come back.

Meanwhile, lumber prices have slowly been inching up.



EVs

Hertz CEO resigns after EV push goes bust. Hertz, one of the four largest car rental companies in the world, is replacing its CEO after the company reversed its bet on electric vehicle (EV) rentals over increasing costs.

Scherr's resignation comes as the car rental company struggles with the higher repair costs and low demand for EV rentals.

In January, Hertz announced in financial filings that it had made the 'strategic decision' to sell approximately 20,000 EVs from its U.S. fleet, or about one-third of its global EV fleet, and to instead invest in gas-powered cars.

Polaris Government and Defense Launches New 2025 Military Snowmobiles

Two new military snowmobiles have been launched from Polaris Government and Defense: the 2025 Military 650 Titan 155, and 2025 Military 850 Pro RMK 155, built off the industry-leading technology and ride-enhancing upgrades of the 2025 Polaris Snowmobile lineup.

Warfighters worldwide rely on Polaris Government and Defense to provide off-road, light tactical vehicles for the most austere conditions. Polaris militarized snowmobiles, or over-snow reconnaissance vehicles (OSRVs), are a critical component of the off-road arsenal for winter warfare.

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

Matt's Misc.

By Matt Mead,
Publicity Secretary

WSSA Publicity Secretary and Membership Secretary positions remain unfilled. As this issue is wrapped up, these two board member positions are empty. That means no Snoflyer next fall and nobody to process WSSA memberships. On the positive side, Chris Shires, the old District 6 rep, has stepped up and assumed the WSSA vice president position. Good job Chris!

Jason Goldstein moving to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Many of you know Jason from the State Parks Winter Recreation Program. He has been in the #2 positions for many years. Jason has worked hard for the Program and is the reason we have georeferenced PDF trail maps to use in apps like Avenza. (He is actually the person who put me on to Avenza, a free app I still use when playing in the mountains.) Jason is also whiz with a drone, and you can see his work on the sno-parks pages where he has aerial pics of most of the sno-parks in the state. Jason also has a YouTube channel with some great videos showing off the outdoors in the Pacific Northwest and beyond. (His channel is PNW Xplored.) And did I mention he is a snowbiker? He bought one a couple of seasons ago. Good luck with your new role with the DNR Jason!

Avalanche death in our backyard. Sadly, in early March, there was an avalanche fatality in the Ahtanum, west of Yakima. While I didn't personally know the victim, a couple of my riding friends did. Reports indicate the pair riding together weren't prepared for an avalanche or avalanche recovery. The person caught was buried about four-feet under, which would have been a tough save for a single rescuer. I'm not aware of an avalanche death in our area in the 22 years I've lived here, but it just shows it can happen anywhere. And if you study the terrain in the Ahtanum, it isn't hard to see we've been pretty

lucky. There are a lot of bowls with differing orientations and varying degrees of steepness. It's important to check the avalanche forecasts before every ride and understand it. Avoid avalanche terrain whenever possible. And if you are playing on the hills, remember one-at-a-time, don't go up to help you stuck buddy, and don't congregate below in the potential runout zone. The Northwest Avalanche Center (NWAC) has a report on this accident which can be viewed here: <https://files.nwac.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/24094533/Final-20240301-Darland-Mt.docx.pdf>

Snowboarder fell through cornice on St. Helens; died. There is a report pending on this incident on the NWAC page. Reports on the news indicate a cornice gave way and the victim fell 1,200 feet. On the NWAC site, there is mention of an avalanche being triggered from the cornice breaking away. At this time I'm not sure if the person died from the fall, or from getting buried in the avalanche. But regardless, STAY AWAY FROM THE EDGE until you can determine if there is solid earth underneath you!

Three snowbikers dead after avalanche in Quebec's Chic-Choc Mountains. I'm not trying to be danger-focused in this edition of Matt's Misc., but I found this article interesting. The reason is because people living in the East think avalanches are only a problem out West. To be fair, I didn't even know Quebec HAD mountains! Or snowbikers! In this event, there were four riders and three were caught, buried and died. The one survivor was actually off to the side, videoing. (I didn't see any reports indicating there is video of the avalanche occurring though.) Quebec does have an avalanche forecasting center, although it appears this area isn't directly covered. Conditions were considered 'moderate' in the region. While there was no mention of avalanche gear being carried, I think it is safe to assume there were no transceivers or probes with the riders.

Boy killed while parking snowmobile in family's Maine garage. This is just heartbreaking. An 11-year-old boy crashed a snowmobile and was killed while attempting to park in his family's garage. The boy, who was not wear-

ing a helmet, sped across a field and crashed into a corner of the garage. Emergency medical technicians attempted life-saving measures, but the boy was pronounced dead. Just a dumb accident. Parents: I caution you to keep your kids on appropriately sized/powered machines. I cringe every time I see little kids riding bigger machines. Contrary to what you believe, they don't have the skills and experience you think they do. Don't let this happen to your family.

Tracked Tesla Cybertruck! If you have ever seen Heavy D Sparks and SparksMotors on YouTube, you probably aren't surprised his crew has already 'tracked' one. It's still a work in progress



and there have been many parts broken, modified and replaced to get it to where it is. While not legal on the trails here in WA, it is a cool ride for sure! Check out the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BfQ0yW0pk8&t=277s>

2025 Final Edition Yamahas. And there is even a mountain Sidewinder turbo in the lineup! If you were a snowmobile manufacturer getting out of the business, how would you go about it? I think the smart money is this way! Call 'em 'Final Editions' and stress the 'collectability' of them going forward. While most laugh at Yamahas in the West with their poor mountain-focused product design and availability, people in the Midwest and East are truly going to miss these long-term reliable four-strokes. Yamaha will likely move these machines out the door quickly. I'll miss them a bit. The last one I owned was a '94 V-Max 600 ST. I was riding trails in New England at the time and it was a great sled. And I'll never forget my '91 Phazer ST! You can check out the 2025 lineup on YouTube here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tHeexv_IAA

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WSSA's Associate Partnership Program

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

Are you next? Add your business name here!



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