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2021 OSSA Convention

JANUARY 19TH - 23RD 2021

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19	
MEDICINE LAKE RIDE	Lunch provided by KBSD
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20	
ANNIE CREEK RIDE	Lunch with Chiloquin Ridge Riders
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21	
BROWN MTN RIDE	Lunch at Fish Lake \$5 per person
DINNER THEATER	Sled style Film TBD Dinner and entry provided by KBSD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22	
PELICAN BUTTE RIDE	Lunch at Lake of The Woods Lunch and Vendors available all afternoon at LOTW
EVENING SOCIAL	Fairgrounds Convention Center
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23	
POKER RIDE AT LAKE OF THE WOODS	
MEETINGS	
BANQUET	Catered, \$5 per person

OTHER EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK:

- Sip and Shop
- Raffle Giveaway
- More to Follow...

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We are starting to see colder temperatures and some snow here in Klamath Falls and a little more in the higher elevations. I think we are all looking forward to seeing some moisture as it has been a very dry summer and fall.

We have had two work parties that were well attended by volunteers from the club. They were able to get a section of trail moved around Lake of the Woods. We had to do this as the road we usually use will be plowed this winter as Lake of the Woods Resort will be open all year long. We were also able to get the Brown Mountain warming hut fully stocked with firewood for the winter. We may still need to get some more wood up to the Big Meadow warming hut, but otherwise I think our shelters are looking good for this winter.

We are extremely excited to be hosting the 2021 OSSA convention in Klamath Falls January 19-23rd, 2021. Our convention planning committee has been working hard on this event through the summer. It looks like it will be an amazing event. We will have guided rides starting on Tuesday, January 19th and continuing through Friday, January 22nd. There will be a sled-style movie shown at the Ross Raglin Theater on Thursday evening. We will have a poker run ride at Lake of the Woods on Saturday, January 23rd, with the banquet to follow that evening at the Klamath County Fairgrounds Event Center. The banquet will be catered by Melissa's Country Kitchen, and will feature Levi LeVallee as the keynote speaker. Levi has won multiple Win-

ter X Games medals in Hillcross, Snocross, and Freestyle events. We feel very honored to have a rider with Levi's accomplishments coming to speak at our convention.

We are also extremely excited to have secured a 2020 Polaris 800 Pro RMK 155 to be given away at the convention. This will not be a raffle item, but instead will be based on participation in events at the convention. You will get an extra ticket for the sled by registering for the OSSA convention by December 1st. You will get additional tickets by attending rides and other events associated with the convention. You have to be present at the convention on Saturday night when we draw the winning ticket to win. If you are not there, we will draw another ticket.

We are releasing more details regarding the convention. Please visit the OSSA website (oregonsnow.org), the OSSA Facebook page, or the Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Facebook page for more details. You can register for the 2021 OSSA Convention in Klamath Falls on the OSSA website.

Please keep an eye on our website (www.kbsnowdrifters.org) and our Facebook page for the most updated information on club events, pictures, and the grooming report. Check out the schedule below for upcoming events. Thank you for your support, Thomas Bentley Vice President KBSD

Klamath Basin Snow Drifters Snowmobile Club



Brown Mountain warming hut



Work party

2021 Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Schedule of Events

January, 2021

12	06:00 PM	General Meeting - TBA
19	19 th to 23 rd	OSSA Convention - Klamath Falls, OR

February, 2021

9	06:00 PM	General Meeting - TBA
27	09:00 AM	Club Ride - TBA

March, 2021

6	09:00 AM	District 5 Play Day - Great Meadow
9	06:00 PM	General Meeting - TBA
13	09:00 AM	Club Ride - 4 Corners
13	03:00 PM	Steak Feed - 4 Corners

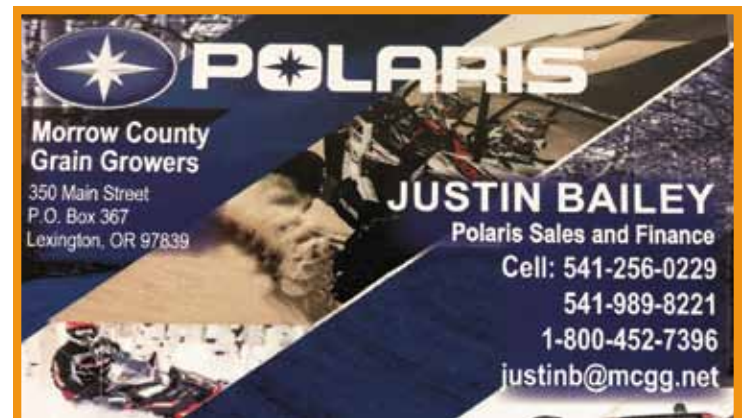
April, 2021

13	06:00 PM	Club Meeting - TBA
17	05:00 PM	Banquet - Trapper's Inn

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Rogue Snowmobile Club

This has been a hard year for many of us in the Rogue Valley. With another round of devastating closures coming up on the 18th, the Rouge club is continuing to update our schedule of events to follow current COVID-19 guidelines.

Our next upcoming event is our annual snowmobile safety class at Central Equipment on November 25th from 5PM - 7PM. Dennis Jordan will be the instructor on site. Due to current COVID guidelines, this will be a small class so please get a hold of Dennis soon. His contact info can be found on our contact us page on our website, <https://roguesnowmobilers.com/contact-us/>

We got a good snow tease on the week of 11/10 - 11/15 so hopefully the snow gods have a good snow year in plan for us. After all the wildfires that tore through the PNW this year, a good snowpack is overdue.

On other news, we have been in contact with the forest service and got approval to re-deck the Beebe Creek Bridge and fall a hazard tree. We will be cutting the timber on site. This

work party, originally set for November 21st, has been re-scheduled to Spring. More details to follow on this soon!

A few of us from the club were up at the cat shed on 11/14 and reported a foot of new snow. With any luck, this will continue. Our snow cat is all ready to go for the year and our groomers are excited to start building our trails.

Our first ride was December 13, our Annual Christmas tree ride at Thousand Springs. As always, please refer to our website <https://roguesnowmobilers.com/event-schedule/winter-event-schedule/> for the most recent changes to our event schedule. You can sign up for any of our events by visiting <https://members.roguesnowmobilers.com/rogue-snowmobile-events>

The Mt. Bailey \$3000 Poker Run at Diamond Lake is still scheduled to happen with social distancing. More details to follow.

Hope to see you all out there on the snow soon!
Greg Gulrich - Vice President Rogue Snowmobilers

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La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers

Lodgepole Dodgers has chosen Austin McKittrick as their scholarship recipient this year. Austin was a 3 sport varsity athlete and a honor roll student while attending La Pine High school. Austin volunteered his spare time to various community services. He is attending Lane Community College in Eugene. He plans to transfer to University of Oregon to pursue business and sports broadcasting.

Thank you to Dennis Wallan, Gary Pankey, Jim Kroeker, Roger Ellis, Tom Chesnut and Chuck Ehlert for helping clear brush and widen trail 65.

At this time the following are planned rides;

Jan. 2, 2021 day ride at Paulina Lake 10am
Jan. 30, 2021 day ride from Crescent lake snow park to Diamond lake for lunch and back (time to be determined)

Feb. 6, 2021 annual poker run at Paulina lake 10am-4pm

Feb. 20, 2021

day ride at Paulina lake 10am

We are also planning on having Tuesday rides at Paulina lake 10am. If anyone is interested in joining us for one of our rides please feel free, the more the merrier.

Grooming reports for Paulina lake will be available on our Facebook page (Lodgepole Dodgers Snowmobile Club) and also on our website <http://www.lapinedodgerssnow.org>. **Think snow everyone!**

Roger Ellis
 La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers
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brush cutting crew 65



brush cutting crew 65



Penny Vicari,
 Austin McKittrick,
 Roger Ellis, Kathy Wallan

Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club

We were finally able to have a work party on November 14th. Between COVID19 and the fires we have been pretty much shut out of the forest. In spite of the snow (or maybe because of the snow) we had a fun and productive work party with about 15 hardworking volunteers.

We spent the morning cutting, splitting and stocking wood in our warming shelter. Who says you can't work a log splitter with only one leg (Randy Bolin)?



Panhandle Snowmobile Club

Welcome to a new season. It's been quite the year! **IT'S SNOWING!!!!**

ACTIVITIES:

We are planning, at this time, to have our Poker Run in Feb. So, put Feb 14th on your calendars. It's President's Day weekend as always. Check availability at: Pine Valley Lodge, Halfway Motel & RV Park and Cornucopia Lodge and Airbnb.

MEETINGS:

Our meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month with a potluck at 6:30 pm and the meeting at 7 pm.

The club is putting in for grants to enlarge the Clear Creek Snow park and possibly the turnaround area on Carson Road.

TRAILS:

The road from Schneider Meadow to Cornucopia will be groomed this year. But since it is private property, we ask you stay on the trail. This way we can keep it open. I would like to encourage everyone to get their dues paid.

Submitted by Mary Herold, Sec./Treas.

Chiloquin Ridge Riders

Hello all,
 We are getting closer and closer to being able to get out on the sleds. We've been out running the mower and it had been running good. The fuel shed is just about finished up. We are planning to have a few work party days if we don't get snowed out before. We have some side hillers that attach to the cleats of the cat that we received that need to be installed. Depending on restrictions,

Along with enjoying the winter season, we are also getting ready and excited for convention. Hope to see you all there.

Sincerely,

Jacob McCarty
 Chiloquin Ridge Riders President



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Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club

Trails Cluttered with Downed Trees

What a mess! Several of the trails at Ray Benson Sno-Park were devastated by the Labor Day Fires and winds. MJSC volunteers worked feverishly on November 1st to get the trails opened up for the groomer before the snow starts to fall. Well... the snow fell before the November 14th work party. Due to the amount of snow, the volunteers were only able to cut a few trees in certain areas but at least they had a blast riding their snowmobiles in between short bursts of work. Trails that didn't get cleared will need several feet of snow to cover up the downed trees before the groomer can safely pass, and we are well on our way. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked on the trails and to those that conducted groomer maintenance.



L-R; Jim Brister, James Benson and Christian Sammons



Charles L. Fobert: Mar 10,1952 - Dec 23, 2019

In Memory of Charles (Chuck) L. Fobert

December marks the one-year anniversary of Charles L. Fobert's passing on Dec 23, 2019. Upon his passing, his family requested memorial donations be made in Chuck's name to Mt Jefferson Snowmobile Club. A total of \$1150 was donated to MJSC in his memory. He may no longer be with us but his memory will always be with those he touched. I want to thank his wife, of 41 years, Mary Anne Fobert for having the memorial donations go to the sport he loved doing with his family-snowmobiling. Every year around Christmas and New Year's, you would find Chuck and his family camping and snowmobiling at Ray Benson Sno-Park. We all missed seeing his smiling face last year and we will continue to miss him on the mountain and are thankful for the wonderful memories.

Snowmobiler Profile

Olivia is one of our younger snowmobilers. At age 7, she has been on several snowmobiling trips throughout the years with family and friends. Her trips include places such as Whistler, Revelstoke, Halfway, Shasta and of course the OSSA Convention locations. In Whistler, she has ridden in the company of Geoff Kyle and visited amazing ice caves. Olivia enjoys the thrill of riding (two-up) with her dad because she loves boondocking and side hilling with him, even when it means getting covered in pow. She has been snowmobiling since 2015 and is ready to ride her 120 Arctic Cat this season. When not snowmobiling, Olivia enjoys gymnastics, swimming, riding ATVs and her dirt bike. She aspires to be President of the Mt Jefferson Snowmobile Club one day, like her mom, and a groomer, like her dad.



Olivia riding with her dad (Christian-MJSC Grooming Chair).



Olivia finally getting to ride solo on her 120 Arctic Cat at Ray Benson Sno-Park



Olivia getting pointers from her Dad (Christian) at Ray Benson Sno-Park

The Mt Jefferson Snowmobile Club Board wants to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas. May the New Year bring us together, and may our world find a measure of peace not seen during this past year.

As we celebrated Christmas during the December Club Meeting, not even COVID-19 could stop Santa Claus from making a special visit. Santa made time in his busy schedule to greet and hand out goodies to all the children that attended. Since the meeting was at Ray Benson Sno-Park, Santa couldn't resist taking a ride in our red Pisten Bully (instead of his sleigh), while his reindeer enjoyed some rest and relaxation. If on Christmas Eve you hear "BRAAP-BRAAP-BRAAP" instead of "HO-HO-HO", you'll know that he enjoyed his time on the Mountain.



Wyatt with Santa (2018)



Olivia with Santa (2018)

Moon Country Snowbusters

Greeting from Moon Country Snowbusters!

Our Elk Lake Annual Christmas party was a succes!!! We had snow, chili, bonfires, and a great weekend supporting Elk Lake Lodge. In the spirit of giving Moon Country donated over \$550.00 to the charity Everychild Central Oregon and we also donated 17 pairs of pajamas to help Foster kids during the transition from DHS to a foster home.

Moon Country is gearing up for a New Years Eve Poker run at Wanoga Snow Park. I hope all who are reading this attended, if not make sure and put it on the calendar for next year.

Keep checking our website and Facebook for more details on upcoming events. Without the ability to do in person events we are working hard to keep people informed, but checking our social media posts will help. We hope everyone enjoyed time with their families during the holidays and got to get out there and **Braaaap!**

Meet our members-

This month we would like to Highlight the Walls family-

The Walls help the club out with many things, like the website, They donated a stereo system for the Wanoga warming shelter and even installed it.



Name: Keith, Carinne, and Kinsley Walls
Age: 37 / 31 / 1 on Dec 5th !!
Hometown/current: Bend (we have both have lived here most of our lives. Profession: Keith-Logistics Coordinator / Carinne-Dental hygienist / Kinsley-Stunt double. Years riding: 6 years. What kind of sled do you have? Currently a '13 Pro Mountain or Trail: Mountain, Trees. Other Activities: Basketball, sports
How long have you been a member: 5 years
Other things you want people to know: prior to becoming a member and also previously involved with the board I had no idea how much our snowmobile clubs put into maintaining trails and the back country. And that's not just for snowmobiles this includes all users of that: cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding etc.

Submitted by Kristi DeMoisy
Moon Country Snowbusters Treasurer

Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

Find us on Facebook
(<https://www.facebook.com/sumptersnowmobileclub>)

Dates and times are subject to change so please check the schedule each month.

- *Saturday January 9, 2021
- *Saturday February 6, 2021
- *Saturday March 13, 2021
- *Saturday April 10, 2021

These are the potential dates for our meetings but not set in stone.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The Vintage Races are still being discussed on when will be a good time to have them so stay turned.

Our New Years Eve Chili feed will have to be decided as it gets closer to the end of December.

Grooming Report

Trails are looking good. Hasn't snowed like this, this early in many years. Hope the snow keeps up.

Comments

We have started to take membership dues starting September 1, 2020 and to those of you who would like to join the club during the 2020-2021 season, it's \$45.00 with \$35.00 going to OSSA and \$10.00 for club dues please contact me (Jane Leatherman) at svbmssc-secytreas@oulook.com or call me 208-739-3498 and I will get an application out to you. Thank You for your support.

We really need participation from young and old. At stake are our rights to use public lands. Your dues help fund the lobbies that continue the fight to retain the use of public lands for snowmobilers, atv's or if your just driving around in the woods.

Photos at Anthony Lake



Grant County Snowballers

Hello from the east side of Oregon!

Here it is December already and we're finally getting some weather in the mountains around Grant County. Snow is starting to get some depth so maybe we won't be bouncing off of stumps.

The Grant County Snowballers just recieved a new Prinoth Bison and so far the machine is a beast. The crew has been putting in miles trying to get as much groomed as possible for everyone's enjoyment.

The club has planned our 2nd annual Summit Cross Country Shootout. Tentatively scheduled for February 6th 2021. This year the course has been re-vamped which promises to be more exhilarating for racers and spectators alike.

As far as club events we have quite a few fun days and club rides planned for the next couple of months. So if you're in the area give us a shout and we'd love to show you around.

So if you're in the area come and join us in our little slice of God's country. Grant County.

See ya in the mountains.
Tim Nodine



District 6 News

Picture of the new sign installed by the Burnt River Club officers at Blue Mtn. Sno- park. From left Luke Keller, Jim Mendiola, Ric Schoorl and his daughter.



photo taken at the Idlewild sno-park. L to R. Dan Jenkins Harney County Sheriff, Ryan DeLange President of the Harney County Snowmobile Club, Tim R. Holly Director District 6, Joshua Giles, Emigrant Creek District Ranger.



Finished the groomer shed with the new door, at Idlewild sno- park for the Harney County Snowmobile club. The club is very excited to have a place for there groomer this winter.



Tim R. Holly
Director District 6





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Hello Snowmobilers!

Old Man Winter is dumping in the mountains! This may be the year for some of the best riding in years! Check out our website for upcoming events. Our clubs have lots of fun and excitement planned!

Elections for OSSA Board positions for Vice President, Membership Directors (District Directors) 1 & 8, and also Grooming Directors (Directors at Large) 1 & 2, and 4. The Board voted to rename District Directors to Membership Directors and Directors at Large to Grooming Directors. Membership Directors are the liaison between OSSA and the clubs in the District. They help clubs with membership and other club functions. Grooming Directors oversee grooming operations in their District. They are the supervisors for the clubs in the respective Districts. Election of Membership Directors will be held at 9AM Saturday, January 23, 2021 at the General Membership meeting. Election of Grooming Directors will be at the Board meeting Saturday afternoon.

We would like our clubs to bring raffle prizes to the convention for the OSSA raffle and bring an item for our Legal Fund Silent Auction. If you are unable to attend, contact your Membership Director and he will take your donations to the convention for you. Please include name of the donor so they can be recognized.

If you would like to nominate a candidate for Snowmobiler of the Year, Dealer of the Year, or Winter Recreationist of the Year please send an outline of their qualifications to me no later than December 31, 2020. Snowmobiler of the Year is someone who has made a significant contribution to our sport for at least ten years. This can also be a couple. Dealer of the year is a dealer who promotes OSSA and its clubs as well as the sport of snowmobiling through customer contact and support of local clubs. Winter Recreationist of the Year is a person who through their profession supports snowmobile activities and works with the clubs to promote snowmobile opportunities. All entries will be distributed to the OSSA Board of Directors.

Our membership year is September 1st through August 31st. If you have not paid your dues, please pay them now. OSSA and your local clubs appreciate your support. We work to keep you on the snow.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. May it be filled with laughter, love, and LOTS OF SNOW!

Lisa Mahoney
OSSA Executive Director

Trivia Question:

Peggy Spieger used to announce the grooming report on KICE radio station in Bend. What name did she go by? Answer located somewhere in this paper!

- A. Polaris Peggy
- B. Sparkle Spieger
- C. Snowball Sally
- D. Eager Spieger

Wallowa County Gamblers Snowmobile Club

It's all about that base, bout that base. Well we have kicked off the snow season, we have been almost a steady snow fall for weeks. We have many reports from hunters about snowfall up high and it looks encouraging, let it snow, let it snow!!! The club is busy clearing trails and assuring our cat can effectively and safely groom our trails for all to use. We have had work parties, wood cutting, shed staining, trail clearing. Memberships are rolling in and we are getting excited.

We are hosting our annual Poker Run January 16th and Kids Play Day March 13th at Salt Creek Summit. Not sure you heard, but Wallowa Avalanche Center will be offering some motorized avalanche classes and there are scholarships available. Check out their website www.wallowaavalanchecenter.org for details and how to apply for scholarship.





Poker Run

January 16th, 2021

\$1500 GUARANTEED PURSE

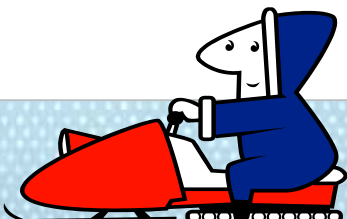
HANDS are \$5 each

SOLD - Friday at Outlaw Motor Sports 8am-5:30pm SOLD - Saturday at Salt Creek Parking Lot at 8am-11am

Run Begins at 9am at Salt Creek Summit Snow Park

Hands returned by 5pm at Salt Creek Parking Lot
WINNINGS WILL BE MAILED

Questions call Outlaw Motor Sports 541-426-3491 or Lorien James 208-310-1727


Tollgate Trail Finders

CLUB UPDATE
by Brandon Christensen – TTF President

Hi Snowmobile Friends!

With Christmas just last week and the New Year quickly approaching it is appropriate to reflect on how blessed we really are. 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 OSSA and our many volunteers that 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, 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.

May each of you be blessed this Christmas Season with health, safety and quality family time. I hope each of you can reflect on the true meaning of Christmas this year and be able to share it with your families. May you experience true joy and light.

Bluewood Ride

Our annual ride to Bluewood is in the books. Club President, Brandon Christensen, Vice President, Dewayne Harvill, Board Member Glenn Warren and long-time Club Member Brent Mehlenbacher (aka Rabbit) led the group of 17 sleds and a snowbike. A couple inches of new snow and the fact that 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 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.

Sidehilling around the Milkshakes wasn’t as bad as we anticipated. A few inches of soft snow was welcomed by all as it makes sidehilling 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 that 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 Snow-

mobile Club Vice President, Jeremy Nichols to Godman.

Glenn Warren grabbed the BBQ 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 3 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 TTF and Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club and Jeremy Nichols for cooking the burgers. Everyone had a blast!



Upcoming Events

January 2
TTF Membership Mtg, Microsoft Teams link available soon.

January 19-23
OSSA Convention, Klamath Falls, OR

February 6
TTF Membership Mtg, Microsoft Teams link available soon.

February 26-27
Wallowa Avalanche Center Training – Tollgate, Oregon

TBD –
Kids Ride led by Kolby Christensen

TBD – Skills Day

Spread The Joy!

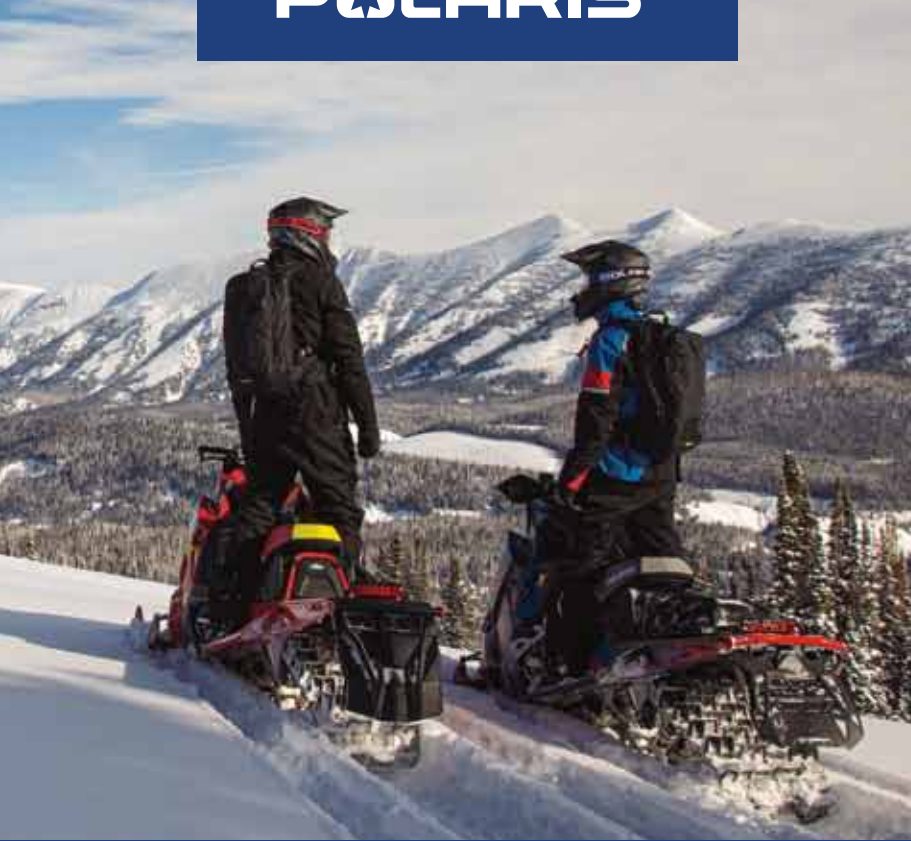
Our world is facing an unprecedented amount of craziness. Now more than ever we need to spread the Joy and Light of the Christmas Season. Time to reconnect with family, friends and loved ones. Time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. Fill our homes and hearts with love and service. For many of us, getting to the mountains is a way to clear our minds and recenter ourselves. Make time to introduce someone to snowmobiling. It could make a difference in their life.

Thank you,

Your friends from the Tollgate Trail Finders Snowmobile Club
Brandon Christensen TTF President



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Polaris recommends that all riders take a safety training course. Do not attempt maneuvers beyond your capability. Always wear a helmet and other safety apparel. Never drink and ride.