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December President's Letter

Hello Fellow Snowmobilers,

Well, the 2022-2023 riding season has started, and in some parts of the state it has started in a big way! Snow Dance Worked!!!!

As this is our last newsletter for 2022, I look back on OSSA's 50th anniversary, I think we had a pretty good year. We started the year with a great convention hosted by Diamond Lake. Our wonderful groomer operators put down over 35,000 miles of groomed trails across the state. We also found out that one of our wonderful groomer's, Bob Keller of the LaPine Lodgepole Dodgers was named the 2022 International Snowmobile Hall of Fame Groomer of the Year. At our April Board Meeting we bought 2 new cats for Central Oregon, with one more cat bought with RTP (Recreational Trails Funds) Grant for Tollgate Trailfinders. Each of our clubs with avalanche danger took delivery of "ARE YOU BEEPING?" signs (avalanche beacon stations) across the state. Signs were purchased with another RTP Grant. We have also been lucky to bring on Chuck Ehlert as our Avalanche Safety Coordinator to help us getting training out to our snowmobile community across the state. So... as we finish celebrating our first 50 years, it looks like are off to a great start for our next 50.

Some of you might have heard, ODOT is suffering from a huge staffing shortage. What does that mean to us? It means we may not see some of our snow parks plowed as often as we have in past. It could also mean we may not see some of the back roads to our favorite snow areas plowed as often either. The last word we got from ODOT was, if you know anyone that has a CDL or someone that would like a job we will help them get a CDL. Please let these folks know how much we appreciate the job they are doing.

A special thanks goes out to all of our great sponsors of our members only membership drive. These sponsors have made it possible to buy a great new snowmobile to give away to one lucky member with enough money left over to buy some fun raffle prizes to give away at this year's convention.

And... I hope all of you are planning on joining us at the **2023 OSSA Convention in La Grande from February 7th through the 11th**. Guided rides start on the 7th with our Annual Banquet the evening of the 11th. For more information and registration go to the OSSA web site.

Dennis Jordan
President, Oregon State Snowmobile Association

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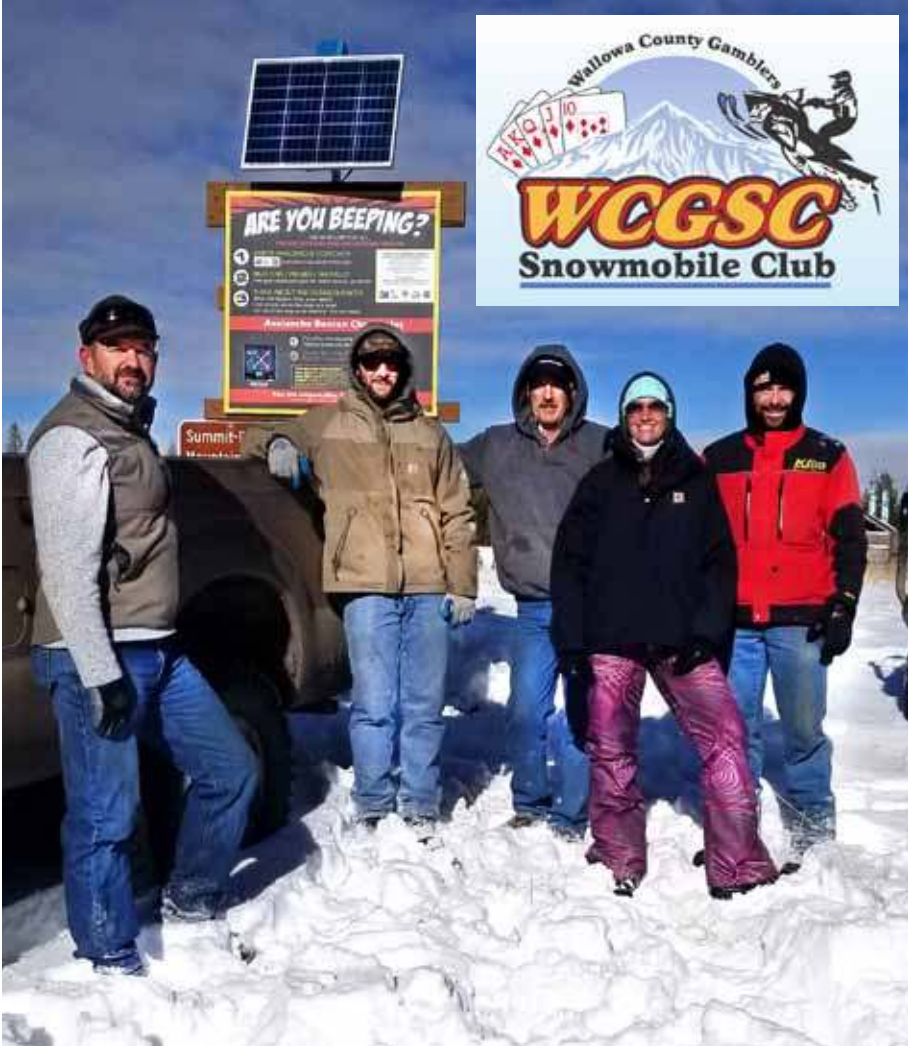
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What a great project. Gamblers were able to get their sign up at Salt Creek Summit.

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The holidays are here so snow is hopefully already landing in your favorite play area.

See you on the Mountain!



Be mindful of avalanche conditions when recreating outdoors this time of year

By Garrett Christensen on Thursday, December 29th, 2022 in Northeastern Oregon News Northeastern Oregon Top Stories



WALLOWA COUNTY - With continued rain showers and an increase in temperatures recently the Wallowa Avalanche Center reminds that this could test the snowpack in the mountains.

Those who plan to recreate the outdoors should avoid steep slopes and terrain underneath those slopes. And if it begins to rain and/or you see rollerballs or pinwheels, they say it's time to exit the mountains.

Pinwheels and rollerballs of snow indicate the snow surface is getting wet and losing strength. They form when wind pushes snow across the ground, gathering it into a hollow cylinder.

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Man Rescued on Harney County Forest Service Road 41



By Mindy Gould (Harney County Snowmobile Club Member)
on Thursday, December 29th, 2022 in Eastern/Southeast Oregon News Eastern/Southeast Oregon Top Stories

Harney County County-At approximately 7:00am on Friday December 23, 2022 the Oregon State Police and the Harney County Sheriff's Office responded to Harney County Forest Service Road 41 for a report that an adult male was stranded and possibly suffering from hypothermia.

Due to impassable roads, **the Harney County Snowmobile Club responded and rescued the man.** Harney Emergency Medical Service was on scene to provide medial assistance.

Recent winter storms have brought early snow accumulation to the Malheur National Forest. In many areas, road and trail grooming has started earlier than in the recent past. With this news come notification that certain roads and trails will be blocked off by snow berms and will no longer be accessible to wheeled vehicles. Be aware that areas blocked off by a snow berm are not to be traveled on, except by Over Snow Vehicles. Respecting these restrictions will help maintain groomed surfaces for winter recreation opportunities.

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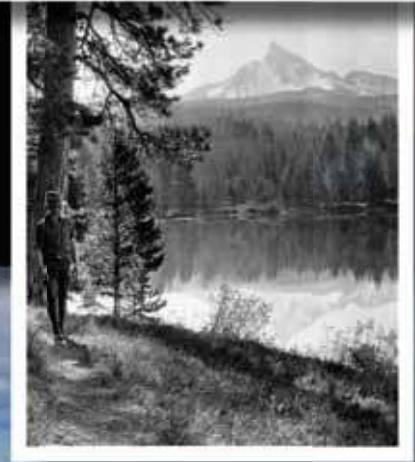
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2023

2023 OSSA CONVENTION

Hosted by the La Grande Sno Drifters!

February 7-11, 2023



Location: **National Guard Armory** 404 12th St. La Grande, OR 97850



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- **The Lodge at Hot Lake Springs,**

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- **RV Camping:**

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Registration Dinner Options:

Wednesday, Feb 8th Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner - \$16
Provided by the American Legion, Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm,
Location: 301 Fir Street, La Grande, OR; Menu: Chicken Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, & Roll - No host full bar available

Thursday, Feb 9th Street Taco Dinner - \$11.50
Provided by Raul's Taqueria, Time: 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm,
Location: La Grande Armory, 404 12th St, La Grande, OR;
Menu: Two street tacos with choice of taco toppings, rice, beans, and chips - No host beer/wine bar available

Friday, Feb 10th Pizza Night
Provided by PistenBully, Prinoth, and Tucker Sno-Cat®, Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Cost: Free, Location: La Grande Armory, 404 12th Street, La Grande, OR - No host beer/wine bar available

Saturday, Feb 11th - Prime Rib Dinner \$24
Provided by Tap That Growlers, Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
Location: La Grande Armory, 404 12th Street, La Grande, OR;
Menu: Prime Rib, Scalloped Potatoes, Caesar/Bacon Salad, Fruit Salad, Roll, and Dessert - No host beer/wine bar available

Saturday, Feb 11th - Chicken Dinner \$15
Provided by Tap That Growlers, Time: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm,
Location: La Grande Armory, 404 12th Street, La Grande, OR;
Menu: Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Caesar/Bacon Salad, Fruit Salad, Roll, and Dessert - No host beer/wine bar available

Remember to mention OSSA Convention to get *any* discount offered by motel.

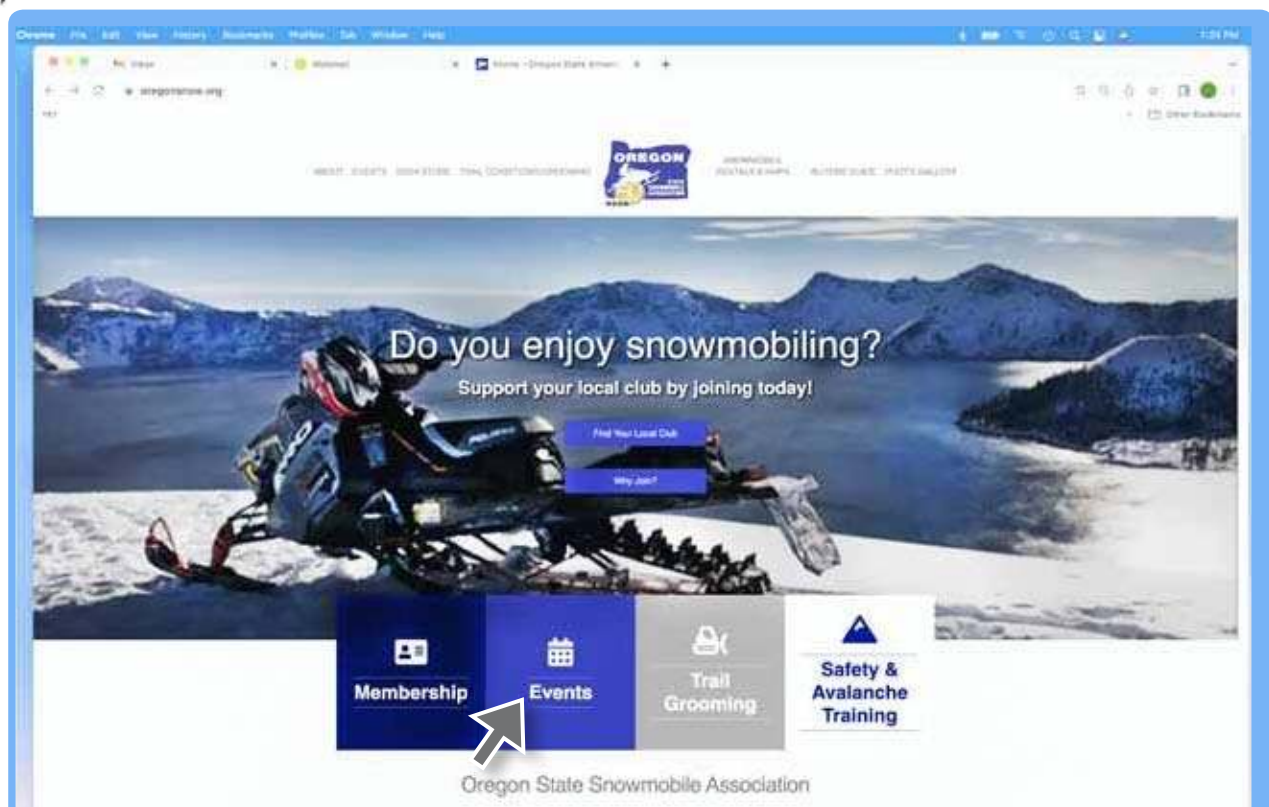
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2023 OSSA CONVENTION

Hosted by the La Grande Sno Drifters!

February 7-11, 2023



2023 OSSA Convention Information

A registration check-in table will be set up for attendees starting Tuesday evening at the Armory and during each evening event thereafter. You can also call 541-910-0626 to get their packet.

Downtown shop-n-hop Wednesday thru Saturday for the non-snowmobilers or those who take a day off from riding. Provided game cards (in your registration packet) will get punched/stamped at participating merchants. Turn completed card in at the registration table Sat eve for a chance at a prize basket.

We can provide secure parking for snowmobile trailers.
It has been confirmed that we can provide secured parking for snowmobile trailers. We have two fenced in fields of 3.5 acres. These are behind a club members home, and the fields will be plowed. There is only one way in and out. There will be someone watching the comings and goings. **Please call 541-910-0626** for more information and to **reserve your spot**.

Evening Socials – On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday there will be hosted dinners. Saturday evening will be the banquet dinner and entertainment, snowmobile give away drawing, a silent auction and raffle this will be held at the La Grande Armory. Social hour 5-6 pm with dinner at 6pm. Choice of Prime Rib or Chicken this dinner is being catered by Tap That Growlers. Please **pre-register** for this dinner on the Oregon State Snowmobile Association web site under events “convention registration”.

Guided Rides in our area – Beginning Tuesday through Friday we will have guided rides in our riding areas that will break into 3 different types of groups. **Please pre-register for the type of ride you want each day.** This will help us in getting enough guides for each group.

- Extreme – Mostly off trail and boondocking – Beacons, shovels, probes, and radios are required.
 - Intermediate – Combination of trail and off trail riding.
 - Trail – This group will ride trail and any off trail will be wide open flat meadow type areas
- * Unless noted the daily schedule and meeting place(s) for each group TBA later in January.*

Guided rides out of our riding area -please pre-register for these rides

- Halfway extreme ride on Wednesday – limit to 12
 - Tollgate extreme ride on Friday – limit to 10
- * At this time, lunches will not be provided on any of the rides please bring your own lunch..*

Pre-register for all guided rides on the Oregon State Snowmobile Association web site under events “rides, AVY classes & courses”.

Avalanche Training

Tuesday evening – Avalanche Awareness class taught by Wallowa Avalanche Center. Snacks provided. Held at the La Grande Armory, 630-8pm. No cost **pre-register** for this class on the Oregon State Snowmobile Association web site under events, “rides, AVY classes & courses”.

Wednesday day – Motorized Companion Rescue Course – Taught by Wallowa Avalanche Center. Cost for this course and need to **preregister on the Wallowa Avalanche Center web site** {[HYPERLINK “https://wallowaavalanchecenter.org/classes-events/motorized-companion-rescue-course-feb-9-2023-2-2/”](https://wallowaavalanchecenter.org/classes-events/motorized-companion-rescue-course-feb-9-2023-2-2/)}

Meetings

Saturday day – OSSA General Meeting held at the La Grande Armory 9am-2pm with lunch break.

There will be a no host beer/wine bar set up on Thursday, Friday and Saturday during the dinner times. Wednesday dinner at the Legion will have their full bar accessible.

There will be local vendors set up Friday & Saturday at the La Grande Armory

Sweatshirts, ¼ zip, long sleeve tees and hats are available ending date to order is January 4, 2023 pre-sale link is on the Oregon State Snowmobile Association web site under events, “convention merchandise”.

OSSA member **Jared Broadwater** from the Rogue Snowmobilers Club rescues stranded truck drivers in snow storm

NEWS10

Stranger rescues truck drivers stuck in snowstorm on Highway 230

by Ambar Rodriguez | Friday, December 2nd 2022



DIAMOND LAKE, Ore. — A 31-year-old truck driver is sharing his story of a stranger who helped him get out of a very dangerous situation while traveling on Highway 230 during a snowstorm.

Paul Baker lives in Boise, Idaho, and drives a 53-foot flatbed truck throughout the Pacific Northwest. He said the actions of the man saved his life and allowed him to go home to his family.

"We were there for about three to four hours, around 10 p.m. We see the hero Jared, he came over coming up the hill, he had a pretty beefed up duly Duramax truck and he had a lot of lights on it, he was hauling two snowmobiles he had just come from snowmobiling in the boonies by himself," Baker said.

The stranger who helped Baker and another man who was stuck is named Jared Broadwater.

Baker explained if it was not for Broadwater's actions, he believes he would not be alive to see his family again.

"It was like an angel descending over the hill seeing all the lights and stuff," he said.

"He just pulled me straight to the peak of the hill, where I could get more momentum, he did it so easy, he went back for the other guy, he did it like he knew what he was doing, very professional and very humble guy, it was a great experience without that I still might have been stuck who knows."



Jared Broadwater at Diamond Lake Resort 2022

News10 reached out to Broadwater, but he said he's currently on the mountain and would speak to us after enjoying time in the snow.

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Hello everyone!

Greg here from the Rogue Snowmobilers,

We were very blessed down here in Southern Oregon to have a great series of snowstorms come through at the beginning of December, laying down a good 4-5ft of fresh powder for our annual Christmas tree ride & Chili feed hosed by the Bristow's. This was one of the most fun and deepest Christmas tree ride I think we've had in a long time. See below for some of the good times we had during the event (thanks Ted Boster for taking some great pics!)

I write you all just before the big holiday break. The Rogue club will be doing a series of no-host holiday rides over the next two weeks. Nothing concrete has been mentioned for a location yet but stay tuned to our Facebook page for more info. The club will be up at Thousand Springs over new years weekend. As with prior years, make sure you park nice and close to your neighbors to ensure everyone has room to park.

We've also started grooming down here in our area and have already racked up 25+ hours of grooming for the season. Our grooming crew is doing our best to build up a solid trail base for the rest of the season. All we need now is another couple of good snowstorms and we'll be set for a great year.

All I can hope is this 3rd year La-Lina keeps producing the above average snow we've gotten so far and keeps it up for the rest of the season.

Happy New Year and see you all on the snow in 2023.

Greg Gulrich , Vice President – Rogue Snowmobilers
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January	2023	
1	New Years Day	
3	General Club Meeting, 6:00 pm	Rogue Regency/Hybrid
10	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	ZOOM
16	MLK Day	
TBA	Snow Bike Races	Diamond Lake Resort
February	2023	
7	General Club Meeting & Pie Auction, 6:00pm	Rogue Regency/Hybrid
7-11	OSSA Convention	La Grande, Oregon
11-12	Mt. Bailey \$3000 Poker Run	Diamond Lake Resort
14	Valentines Day	
20	Presidents Day	
21	Board Meeting 6:00 pm	ZOOM





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If you wish to join a local club, please contact your local club directly. Local club membership automatically includes a membership in OSSA. Thank you for your support!

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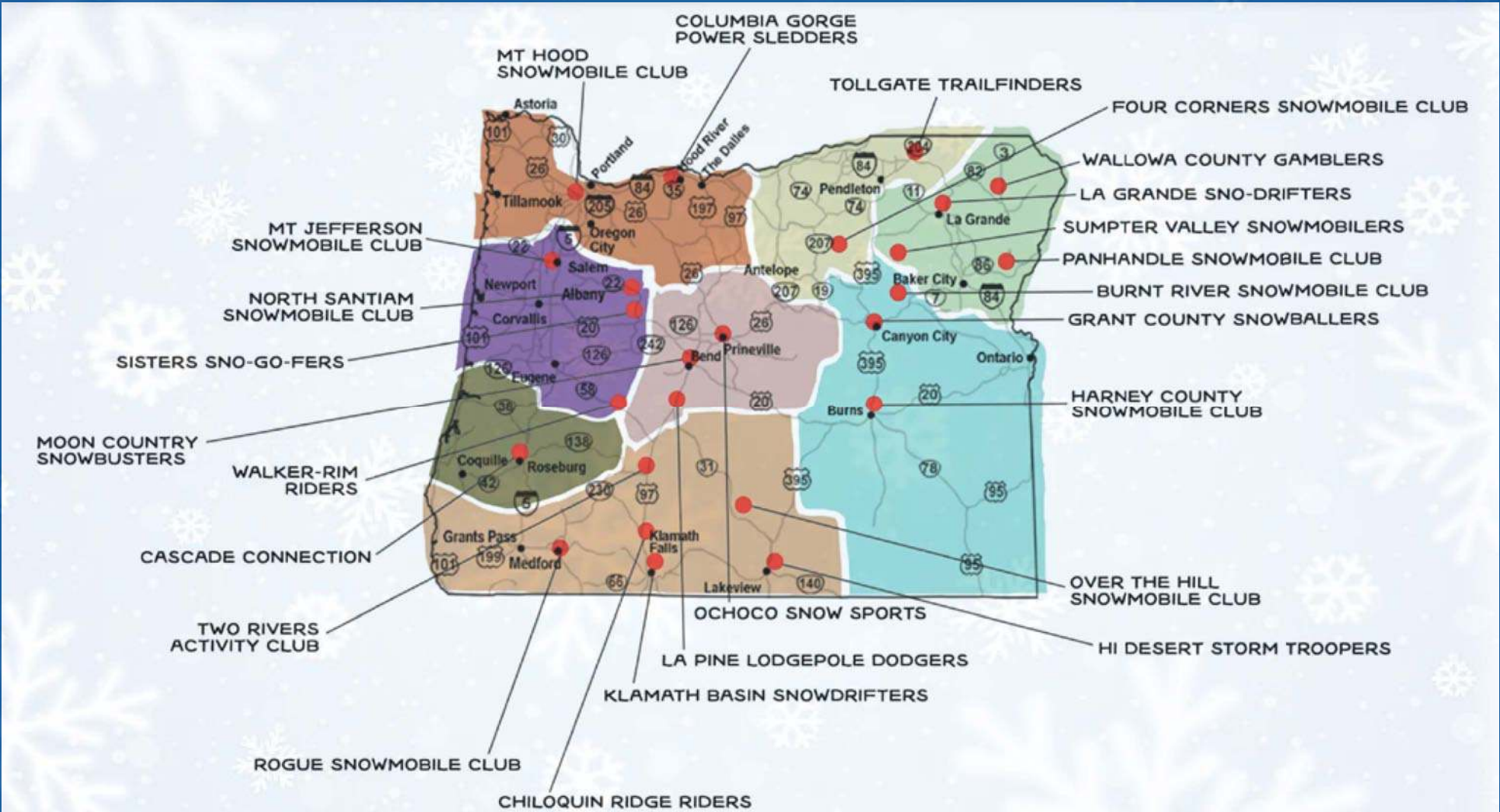
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Volunteer hours and miles Are Vital to OSSA

What is a snowmobile club volunteer?

By Lisa Mahoney, OSSA Executive Director

A snowmobile club volunteer is a special person who dedicates their time, energy, and sometimes money to benefit not only their snowmobile club but others. This person is involved, helpful, charitable, selfless and always humble. Much of the time, the public has no idea what our volunteers do. So, let us share just a few things that they do.

They voluntarily maintain over 31,500 miles of multi-use trail each year. These trails benefit not only snowmobilers but cross-country skiers, snow bikers, snow-shoers, and dog sledders. In the spring and fall, volunteers are busy cleaning trails and putting up trail markers to get ready for the next season. They cut wood and fill the shelters for all to use. They build bridges, shelters, re-roof existing grooming sheds, and do their own maintenance on their sno-cats. They voluntarily teach snowmobile safety classes and avalanche safety classes. They donate to charitable organizations such as Candlelighters, Wounded Warriors, Hospice, and Meals on Wheels just to name a few.

Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization. We could go on and on about all that they do. *So, we want to humbly thank each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication to our wonderful organization.*

Volunteer hours/miles = \$\$\$\$. More \$\$\$\$ = the more we can provide for snowmobiling!

Use this form to track your volunteer hours and miles. Please turn in the form monthly.

You can mail to OSSA, PO Box 6255, Bend, OR 97708; email to lmahoney@oregonsnow.org; or fax to (458) 202-1193.

Thank you so much for all that you do for snowmobiling!

Sincerely, Lisa Mahoney OSSA Executive Director



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TRAC

Two Rivers Activity Club

December 5, 2022

TRAC members would like to start this article with a great big THANK YOU to OSSA for their commitment and support of our local grooming program. OSSA made their first private land purchase, within the Two Rivers Subdivision, to house a future Grooming Shed. TRAC members moved the groomer and fuel storage tank up to this property last weekend. All future grooming activities will be based from this location, centrally located to the area's rider base. Another big Thank You goes out to Two Rivers General Store, a new business to this area. They have opened their facility to host our club meetings, trainings and start of each club ride. Nothing like a warm wood stove and food to draw people in. All of this has generated a lot of excitement in this community for the snowmobile season!

Mother Nature has been so kind as to deliver plenty of snow, on time this year! On Saturday and Sunday (Dec. 3rd & 4th) TRAC was able to breakout the groomer and provide training to 4 new volunteer operators, while getting over 77 miles of trails groomed. I'm happy to report all 4 volunteers did an outstanding job of running the groomer, and are still interested in doing more, yahoo!

A special Thank You to TJ Reilly, OSSA's Vice President, for delivering In-Person Snowmobile Safety Training for 9 young riders of our club. These kids were excited and ready to take on the world. Thanks again TJ!

As Club President I am no stranger to the hard work and dedication that it takes to build and maintain an organization like TRAC. For me there are numerous rewards that make it all worthwhile, here are a few 1) Seeing others stepping up to work beside you to get the task(s) done; 2) Watching as the community's interest grows and people get involved. 3) Seeing the younger generations, especially the pre-teens, taking interest in our sport and wanting to be involved, and 4) Encountering snowmobilers, while running the groomer, and getting the Waves of Appreciation (knowing you've helped others have a great experience today!).

Looking forward to an Awesome Season of snowmobiling! Come join us!!!

Ken Makinson, Club President



TRAC
Two Rivers Activity Club
2022-23 Club Ride Schedule



Saturday February 4th @ 9:30 am meet at Two Rivers General Store. Ride to Odell Lake Lodge and Resort, round trip. Lunch is on your own. Club Meeting to be held at the Odell Lake Lodge at approximately 12 pm.

Saturday March 4th @ 9:30 am meet at Two Rivers General Store. Ride to Miller Lake, round trip. Stop at the Ponderosa Restaurant in Chemult for lunch during the return trip, (lunch is on your own). Club Meeting to be held at Two Rivers General Store @ 4 pm.

Saturday April 1st @ 9:30 am meet at Two Rivers General Store. Ride to be determined. Club Meeting to be held at Two Rivers General Store @ 4 pm.





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On 3 Dec 2022 the Annual Joint LCSO and MJSC SAR training day started with new deep snow, blue skies and energetic individuals to find two simulated missing skiers in the Ray Benson Snow Park area.

The training day consisted of Eight LSCO SAR team members, Eleven MJSC SAR team members, 2MCSO SAR members, 3 USFS staff, Fifteen LCSO SAR Cadets (High School Age students) and two volunteers from the Nordic XC Club.



After years of basic training with radios, maps, communication skills and improving coordination the group expanded this year to practice “finding” lost individuals.

Earlier in the day two manaquens dressed for the cold were hidden in the Snow Play area, only a few members knew where they were placed. The LCSO SAR team arrived and set up a Incident Command Center in the newly developed area in the MJSC training room inside the Groomer Shed, with a newly installed high powered antenna on top of the building and recently purchased long antennas for the hand held radios we obtained for communications.

Seven small teams were assigned separate areas to do a “grid” search to look for the victims. Clues were found and the area was narrowed down to a specific area, teams began to arrive and continued the search.



All the teams including the use of a LCSO SAR drone, a new MJSC SAR XC Skier and the Cadets from the LCSO arrived along with the seven MJSC SAR teams to sweep the area to find the simulated victims. The LCSO SAR Cadets packaged one victim for transport to Base. MJSC SAR transported the victim using a transport sled.

New skills where learned by all, some weak areas identified, team building between different agencies improved the coordination of a general search.

- Kelly Fough



Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

A few Pictures from Gary Olson and Kathy Reedy's group when we had our first snow in November.



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See upcoming events for a disclaimer

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022-2023 SNOWMOBILE SEASON

Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)

Our meetings are every 3rd Thursday's of each month. Potlucks start at 6:00 PM and our meetings start at 7:00 PM in case you just wanted to attend the meeting. Please be sure to bring your own table service and drinks to potluck. Dates and times are subject to change so please check the schedule each month.

These are the dates for our next meetings.

- * **Thursday December 15, 2022 Gift Exchange**
- * Thursday January 19, 2023
- * Thursday February 16, 2023
- * Thursday March 16, 2023
- * Thursday April 20, 2023

Our November Meeting had 24 members attend. Next meeting will be our Christmas Dinner and gift exchange (\$15 amount) with a short meeting. It's always a fun time for all. We hope you can make it. We have a little snow in Sumpter but need a lot more before we can groom. It's been so cold that it should be a good start for a base anyway. Jim Sheller and Wes Christensen went out to open up a few gates and did a little trail clean up. Just waiting on snow.
So far this season we have a total of 54 family members that have joined our club.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Poker Run will be on Feb. 18, 2022. Won't know about Vintage Races, still too early to tell. Dates will be announced later if we can have them. Snowballers in Grant County would be the ones to schedule them.

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Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

Bobby Merritt and Jeff with group



Gary Olson & Kathy Reedy group up cracker creek Sunday Dec 4th





We are so thankful for all the early snow we have on Mt Hood. If you haven't ridden Mt Hood, we believe we have the best groomed trails in the state. We are currently grooming 5 days a week.

Our club sponsored 3 snowmobile safety classes. We did 2 classes on December 3rd. We did a morning class at the Ski Doo Dealer in Portland (SK Northwest) and an evening class at Crescent Oregon. The following Tuesday we did a class for adults at Portland State University. We are also sponsoring a Zoom Kids Snowmobile Safety Class for those people who are unable to take a class from their local snowmobile Club. It will be on Wednesday January 4th at 6:30 pm. Email TReilly@OregonSnow.org to reserve your spot.



We had our first club ride on Sunday December 11th. We had 22 riders including adults, kids and first time riders so we stayed on the trail.



Even with that, we still had people getting stuck when they ventured just slightly off the road. TJ is demonstrating how to use a Snowmobile Jack when you are hopelessly stuck.



We have our annual Sled Dog Races scheduled for January 28th & 29th at Frog Lake Sno-Park. This is a great even to come and watch. These dogs LOVE to run!



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La Grande Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club



We are getting snow! Yay!

La Grande Sno Drifters had their annual chili cook off. We had 6 pots of yummy homemade chili to judge. Christine made corn bread to go with it and Krista made 2 desserts. Ryan won by one vote with his smokey meat chili. We also collected non perishable food and toys to donate to the local drives.



La Grande Sno Drifters had a groomers meeting on Wednesday December 7th. Corey reviewed the how's and what nots of the groomer and truck. He reviewed some new functions with all in attendance. He thanked the returning groomers and welcomed three new groomer operators!



Corey and Kelly took the groomer out for a “let’s make sure everything is working “ short 15 mile run Thursday Dec 8th Beautiful evening for grooming. Dave and Kelly groomed part of the Ladd trail system on Friday Dec 9th They went from the parking lot to 4 corners and back. Pretty day to be out. Definitely drifting in places.



La Grande Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club



Another great club event is the **Play Day at Bakers Cabin on Mt. Emily, set for January 28th**. This is a potluck style ride, so bring a side dish and your family and enjoy a beautiful day on the mountain.

The 2023 Annual Last Chance Poker Run will be a RIDE ONLY this season.

With much planning and preparation for the 2023 OSSA Convention in La Grande we decided this would be best to not spread our few members who are helping thin.

If you would like to help in some way, anyway at all, for the convention please reach out to an officer ASAP!

There will be some good food, drinks, rides and activities during the convention and we are looking forward to it!

Thanks, Amber Schlegel



Grooming report December 13th, Allen and Dan groomed from snow park at the Catherine Creek Summit to West Eagle. They dropped off essentials (matches, newspapers) at the warming shelter. Shoveled snow out of the outhouse to make it accessible. Shoveled the entryway into the warming shelter to make it accessible. Then groomed to West Eagle. Snow level was around 36 inches at the warming shelter. Snow level at West Eagle was about 4 feet! Shoveled out the rest room there and groomed back to Catherine Creek Summit!

Harney County Snowmobile Club



This has been a great year for our club. We work hard every day to provide cleared well marked trails and our volunteers work hard grooming trails, helping at community events and enjoying the snow.

In August we volunteered at the annual Skull Bicycle race held in Harney County. It was one of the rainiest days Harney County has ever experienced and the day did not goes as planned but we enjoyed meeting the other volunteers and the riders.



November was a great month. We held our first Bunco Night at our local Elks Lodge. We had 40 players sign up. The Elks Lodge had food and drinks for purchase and the club provided prizes for each game. It was so much fun and so successful that the Elks have asked if we would consider holding a bunco night at least once a month.

Groomer Chairman, Warren Whitney,



December also brings the annual Christmas parade of lights on 12/10/22 and of course we have a float. We spent the Friday before the parade wrapping lights, sooo many lights, around every inch of a 22' trailer. Its always so fun to see what we can come up with as a group and get everyone involved.



We have received a couple of great sponsors this year. Ed Staub and Sons who has generously donate fuel for our groomers and also a cash donation to OSSA for the snowmobile drawing.



Also, our local radio station, KZHC, owned by the Elkhorn Media Group, has donated free radio advertising for the club. Our President, Ryan Delange, recorded an ad that is running on both 92.7 and 99.1 Harney County Radio.



We have really been doing well on memberships. We have a flyer with a QR code that is super easy for people to scan. Once scanned it takes them directly to the membership site. We also give a koozie with our logo to each new member.

In closing, we would like to say how happy we are to live in an area with so much opportunity. Opportunity to snowmobile, camp and play but also to help our community and volunteer for projects or events that aren't even related to snow or winter recreation. Who knows, maybe we will broaden their horizons as much as they have broadened ours.

Happy Holidays!

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Snowmobiler Hand Signals

Approved ACSA Snowmobiling Hand Signals

Hand signals are easy to use and can be a very reliable way to communicate while riding a snowmobile. They can be vital to safe snowmobile riding, so always make clear, very deliberate signals with your left arm that can be seen by other drivers behind you or on approaching sleds.

Stop



Left arm is raised from the shoulder and extended straight up over the head with palm of hand flat. Note that some riders may indicate the STOP signal by extending their right arm instead of their left since the left hand is used for braking; therefore watch for and be prepared to stop for either signal.

Left Turn



Left arm extended straight out from the shoulder to point in the direction of the turn.

Right Turn



Bend your left arm at the elbow to shoulder height; with your hand pointing straight up and your palm flat, your arm should make a right angle.

Oncoming Sleds



Guide your snowmobile to the right while pointing to the right side of trail over your head, signaling to riders behind you that they should make sure they are riding on the right half of the trail and are yielding to on-coming traffic.

Slowing



Left arm extended out and down from the side of the body with a downward flapping motion of hand to signal warning or caution.

Sleds Following



Left arm is raised with elbow bent; with thumb pointing backward in hitchhiking motion, move arm forward to backward over your shoulder to advise approaching riders there are other sleds behind you in your group. Note that many riders may instead raise a number of spread fingers to indicate how many sleds are following in their group (if five or more, simply hold all five fingers up with fingers spread, or flash multiples of five). If traffic is heavy or if you're riding in the middle of a large group that is spaced fairly close together (next sled is clearly visible directly behind your sled), it is best to keep both hands on the handlebars and concentrate on driving your own snowmobile versus worrying about this signal since it should be quite obvious that other sleds are following.

Last Sled in Line



Left arm is raised at shoulder height, elbow bent and forearm vertical with hand clenched in a fist; important signal used to advise approaching riders that you are the last sled in your group.



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The Snow Is Piling Up, So Get Ready For A Good Snowmobiling Year!



The club members have been busy filling the wood shed, picking up litter between Halfway & Richland, decorating downtown Halfway for the holidays, and attending our annual Christmas Dinner. *We have meetings the 2nd Tuesday of the month*, so join us if you are in town. There is always a wonderful potluck at 6:30 pm and the meeting is at 7 pm.

Our annual Poker Run is in just a couple months. We are working on nice new spinners. Remember to get your hotel reservations if you haven't already done so. There are motels in both Halfway & Richland and AirBnBs. Check the Hells Canyon Chamber of commerce Facebook page. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again this year.

News from the Wilder side of Oregon. . . .
PANHANDLE SNOWMOBILE CLUB
2022-2023 SCHEDULE

Our meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month. We start with a potluck at 6:30 pm and the regular meeting starts at 7 pm.

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| October 11 | **meeting |
| | **Road cleanupTBA |
| November 8 | **meeting |
| December 13 | **meeting |
| January 10 | **meeting |
| February 14 | **meeting |
| February 19 | **POKER RUN |
| March 14 | **meeting |
| April 11 | **meeting |
| | **Road cleanup TBA |

We will post other events as they come up. See our Facebook page for the Panhandle Snowmobile Club.



Panhandle Snowmobile Club
48090 Cornucopia Hwy
Halfway, OR 97834

Panhandle Snowmobile Club

Poker Run

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023
Halfway, Oregon

\$4000 Payout



\$5 hand - no limit
Payout to 5 places
Poker Run approx. 25 miles

Sign in: 9am-12 Halfway Lions Hall
Pay out: 6pm Halfway Lions Hall
Raffle items: 6pm Halfway Lions Hall



1st place - \$1600
2nd place - \$1000
3rd place - \$800
4th place - \$400
5th place - \$200

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Bonfires at each stop
Snow park permits required

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Pelican Butte



Schedule of Events

January 2023	Saturday, 1/7/23: Club Ride & Chili Feed @ 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. – Great Meadow Snopark Tuesday, 1/10/23: General meeting @ 6 p.m. – Mazatlan Grill
February 2023	Tuesday – Saturday, 2/7/23 – 2/11/23: OSSA Convention – La Grande, OR Tuesday, 2/21/23: General Meeting @ 6 p.m. – TBA Saturday, 2/25/23: Club Ride @ 9 a.m. & Steak Feed @ 3 p.m. – Location TBA
March 2023	Saturday, 3/11/23: Club Ride @ 9 a.m. – TBA Tuesday, 3/14/23: General Meeting @ 6 p.m. – TBA
April 2023	Tuesday, 4/11/23: General Meeting @ 6 p.m. – TBA Saturday, 4/22/23: End of Year Banquet @ 5 p.m. – Trapper's Inn

Club volunteers were very busy this year working on getting the trails and groomers ready for the season.

Thank You to Mike & Kristi Redd, Larry Redd, & Dan Riblett for removing rocks, branches, and logs from the trail up to Pelican Butte. *Thank You* to Andy Nelms, Jim Goossen, Chris Boivin, and Dan Riblett for removing 17 large stumps and a bunch of large rocks from the Summit Trail. *Thank You* to our volunteers who were also able to repair the stove pipe and stock the Brown Mountain shelter with firewood for the season. The Big Meadow shelter has firewood.

We had an excellent time at our club Christmas party on Tuesday, December 13th at the Hope Community Center. We had over 70 people attend the Christmas party.

Thank you to everyone who brought a gift that will be delivered to local children in need this Christmas. I would also like to thank everyone who put money into the jar for the Klamath & Lake County Food Bank. We raised \$400 for the food bank! Melissa's Country Kitchen did an excellent job catering the event again for us. Thank you to Monica Miller, who with the help of her granddaughters set up the venue. We were very fortunate that Santa dropped by the party. A huge thank you to Dave and Monica Miller of Dave's Motorsports for helping him deliver gifts to all of the children who were in attendance.

The 2023 OSSA convention will be held February 7-11th in La Grande, OR. The OSSA is excited to be giving away an 850 skidoo with a 165" track at the convention.

You cannot buy tickets for the sled. You earn tickets based on participation. The earlier you renew your OSSA & club membership, the more tickets you get. You also get tickets for participating in the OSSA convention. There are other ways to earn tickets for the raffle. Please look at the OSSA website for more information (oregonsnow.org).

Our next club event will be our first club ride of the year and our chili feed on Saturday, January 7th.

We will plan to meet and ride from the Great Meadow Snopark at 9 a.m. Plan to be back from your ride to eat chili at the groomer shed at 3 p.m.

We are excited to announce that Luke Youngberg will be at our Steak Feed & club ride in February to provide a backcountry riding clinic to club members.

Luke has agreed to have clinics on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (February 24-26th). Clinics will be limited to 6 riders each day so that he can give a lot of one-on-one instruction. We will finalize the price and get a sign up out to club members soon.

We are very pleased to report that our club reached 103 family memberships by the end of the season last year.

We have reached 85 paid memberships as of December 19th. Please work on getting your dues paid for this season.

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.

Thank you for your support,

Thomas Bentley - Vice President KBSD



Toys that club members brought to our Christmas party to be donated to local children this Christmas.

Wallowa Avalanche Center

2023 Avalanche Courses

Companion Rescue

- Jan 9 Joseph
- Jan 20 Halfway
- Feb 9 Catherine Creek (OSSA)

AIARE Level 1
Jan 15-16 Halfway

AIARE Level 2
Jan 21-22 Halfway





Motorized Companion Rescue Course

Feb. 9, 2023
Catherine Creek SnoPark





Taught by the Wallowa Avalanche Center
for the OSSA 2023



To register scan the QR Code or visit
www.wallowaavalanchecenter.org

Code: OSSA2023 at Checkout


We are Open to Mid-March for Winter Season



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- **Fridays:** 10am to 8pm serving lunch all day.
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(Saturday night we serve our Famous Prime Rib Dinner.)
- **Sundays** 10am to 5pm Lunch served all day.

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Take Your Brick Snowmobiling?

Submitted by: Jack Reynolds of The Lodgepole Dodgers

Who else remembers the brick phone?
What is a brick phone, you ask?

Well, it was the predecessor to the “flip phone”, you do remember what a flip phone is don’t you? The brick phone was one of the first popular versions of a cell phone and it got its name because, well, its shape and weight was very similar to a brick. OK, now another question to those that remember the old brick phone ... how many of you guessed, back then, that brick was the beginning of your ability to carry a camera with you everywhere you went? Did any of you have any inkling, back then, that that brick would lead to having Google in your pocket, 24/7? **And who in their right mind would have thought that the old brick phone was on the cutting edge of equipping you with a GPS when you went out in the woods on your snowmobile?** What’s that you say ... some of you are not using your cell phone for GPS when you’re out in the woods? If that’s you, be sure to finish reading this article because this app will give you great peace of mind while you’re out recreating in the woods and may even save your life.

Let’s start off with a few terms. An App is a software program that’s designed to perform a specific function for the user. There are thousands and thousands of apps designed for your phone and they are available at the Google Play store for Android phones or The App Store for Apple phones. A geo-referenced map is an electronic map that looks very much like a paper map but it has the ability to show your location on that map if your current physical location is within that map’s boundary. And to make that geo-referenced map even handier, your location on that electronic map moves around on the map as you move around the universe. An “overlay” on a geo-referenced map is like highlighting a route on a paper map with a yellow magic marker. The overlay is separate from the electronic map and can

be used on multiple electronic maps and shared so that others can highlight that very same route on their map with your overlay. In the app that I am about to tell you about, an overlay is called a “layer” and layers can be turned on and off and each layer can be assigned a unique color and line weight.

The App that I want to tell you about is called Avenza and it works on both Apple and Android phones and tablets. Within the app there is a “store” where you can acquire geo-referenced maps for just about any location. Some of the maps have a fee but many of the available geo-referenced maps at the Avenza store are free. **Most likely, the current paper map of your “home” snowmobiling area is available at the Avenza store for free.** And most likely, the geo-referenced map of the National Forest that you are going to visit this winter is also available at the Avenza Store for free (think La Grande area maps for January convention). Once you have found the map(s) you want and have downloaded them from the Avenza store to your phone or tablet, you no longer need cell service for these maps to show your location on the map. Your location on Avenza’s geo-referenced map is shown as a colored dot and as you move about the trail system, so does your colored dot.

Avenza gives you the option to record your track as an overlay or layer. In other words, you can keep an electronic record of your travels and save it for later use. Your recorded track can be shared so that others can overlay your track on their geo-referenced map. You may have seen some of these recorded tracks on Facebook as many of the clubs are using a recorded track on Avenza to show where the groomer went last night. You can use these saved tracks to overlay onto different geo-referenced maps of the same area that you have saved on your device. Let’s say you use one of your downloaded maps for snowmobiling and another downloaded map for hunting but both maps are of the same area. Let’s say you go hunting and you vaguely remember snowmobiling in that exact same area last winter. Let’s say you dig up that “saved track” from

the day you were there snowmobiling and overlay that track onto your hunting map. Bingo! You have your answer of having been snowmobiling in that area.

Avenza gives you the ability to overlay multiple saved tracks on the same geo-referenced map with each saved track having a unique color. Let’s say you meet a buddy at the bar on your way home from sledding and you find out that he was riding in the same area you were. You share tracks, color your track red and his track blue and overlay both tracks onto the electronic map of the area. Bingo! You see where the red and blue tracks crossed and where you just missed seeing each other out on the trails.

Here’s another great use for that saved track. You plan a SxS ride with some friends, each in their own SxS. It’s a dry and dusty ride and nobody wants to eat dust from the rider in front of them so you’re going to leave a three minute gap between riders. You share a saved track as your planned route with all the drivers and they overlay that track onto their own geo-referenced maps. Bingo! Nobody’s getting lost, nobody’s waiting for the guy behind them and, best of all, nobody is eating dust.

With Avenza, you don’t have to travel a route to record it

... you can trace your planned route on the electronic map and save that tracing as a saved track. This would allow you to plan your ride and visually see your current location on the map as you travel over the planned route or deviate from that planned route. Let’s say that you plan a route on the electronic map and when you try to ride that route you find an impassable section due to a fallen tree. You then see an alternate road on the map that will bypass the closed section and reconnect with your planned route farther down the line. Bingo! You still know where you are and you still know where you’re going.

You can also set “way points” on your maps and save and share those way points. Way points could be points of interest that you want to make sure you see or meeting points that

you want your group to regroup at. With Avenza you can draw and measure on your electronic maps and you find locations by entering GPS coordinates.

Learning to use Avenza is pretty straight forward but the map store can be difficult to find stuff in. Sometimes it’s easier to get the geo-referenced maps from other sources such as the Forest Service or BLM websites and sometimes it’s easier to find what you need in the map store if your buddy has given you the exact name of the map you are looking for. If you struggle with the app, there is undoubtedly a member in your snowmobile club that can give you a hand. Maybe that person could even give an evening class on how to use Avenza and how to find the maps you need.

So that brings us to the next question that I have for you fellow boomers that knew what a brick phone is. **What do you suppose our grandkids will be using their phones for 30 years from now?**





MYELLE & DUSTIN JAMES HAVING HOLIDAY FUN!



TIME FOR A QUICK NAP :)



Oregon State Snowmobile Association OSSA Membership

We encourage everyone to join their local snowmobile club which automatically includes an Oregon State Snowmobile Association membership.

You can be a member of OSSA without joining a local club. However, please consider joining the clubs where you ride in Oregon. These clubs groom and maintain the trails that you enjoy riding on.

If you live in another state or for some other reason don't want to join a local snowmobile club you are welcome to become an **OSSA only Member**.

Who Can Join?

Anyone who enjoys the outdoors can be a member including cross country skiers, snow shoers, dog sledgers, snow bikers and of course snowmobilers.

Why should I join?

Our mission is to protect and enhance the sport of snowmobiling. We work closely with the Forest Service and BLM to keep areas open, resolve conflicts, and to provide the quality snowmobiling that Oregon is famous for. We work with local, state, and federal legislators to protect the rights of all snowmobilers. We fight any damaging legislation, and we support legislation that helps our sport. We coordinate with industry, national and international snowmobile groups to share knowledge, provide mutual support, and protect the sport we all love so dearly.

If you would like to become a new member of a club or OSSA and enter for a chance to win a brand new snowmobile, (copy and paste in your browser) www.oregonsnow.org/membership/