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OSSA'S 48TH CONVENTION REPORT

Epic Snow Conditions!

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Everyone who attended this year's convention was treated to groomed trails and deep powder to play in. We had guided rides from scenic to boondocking to advanced from Tuesday to Friday.

On Friday we had our annual OSSA member meeting in the morning and our Board Meeting in the afternoon. Our new membership platform was discussed. Several of our larger clubs have already started

the pilot program. Once fully integrated OSSA will have the ability to better communicate with all of our members as well as have online event registration. This will greatly reduce the amount of individual club volunteer hours that is currently being spent on membership and event management.

Lorien James and the Wallowa County Gamblers did an excellent job putting on the convention and arranging meals every evening at several different locations. Their Poker Run on Saturday was a huge success and Alvin from the Columbia Gorge Power Sledders won the grand prize.

On Saturday night we had the best Prime Rib you've ever tasted, along with a silent

auction with lots of goodies. After dinner an avalanche beacon was auctioned off with the proceeds being given to the family of the person who recently died in an avalanche. We were able to raise almost \$3,000 for the family.

Awards were given out for the Snowmobiler of the Year, Dealer of the Year and Recreationist of the Year. Mark Schumacher (past OSSA President) won Snowmobiler of the Year. Outlaw Motor Sports won Dealer of the Year and Ranger Claire Fernandez (Mt Hood) won Recreationist of the Year.

Submitted by

TJ Reilly, OSSA District 1 Director



Outlaw Motor Sports family receiving Dealer of the Year award.

Peggy Sez ❄️ ❄️

Peggy Spieger,
OSSA Executive Director

Thank You
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County Gamblers,
Lorien and Justin James
for hosting a
wonderful convention!

I know that everyone there had a great time. The snow was good, the food was good, the demos and displays were good, the accommodations were good, the Wallowa County Gamblers as hosts and all the locals were welcoming and gracious and the scenery was spectacular.

The donations for the OSSA raffle and the donations for the OSSA Silent Auction for our Legal Fund were over the top. We raised a record breaking \$4,559 for our legal fund from the silent auction and \$1,385 for our general fund from the raffle. We appreciate the support of our clubs, businesses and individuals supporting this effort.

We appreciate the continuing support of the manufacturers and dealers that year after year never fail to contribute monetarily and morally. Piston Bully, Prinoth and Tucker Sno-Cat are always there. Among the dealers ever present with their support are Dan's Motor

Sport, Mt Hood Polaris and Outlaw Motor Sports.

Thanks as well to all our dedicated OSSA and club members who are always willing to pitch in and help with whatever needs to be done. Please know you are appreciated. I may not have mentioned your name but we know who you are.

Recognized at the Saturday evening banquet were Winter Recreationist of the Year from the Mt Hood National Forest Claire Fernandez for her work in securing Forest Service and RTP funding to resurface the Skyline Sno-park. Snowmobile of the Year is Mark Schumacher,

OSSA Past President, for his continuing support and dedication to OSSA and the snowmobilers of Oregon. Dealer of the Year is Outlaw Motor Sports, Enterprise, recognizing the entire James Family for their dedication to the sport of snowmobiling. Our heartfelt appreciation to these dedicated people who make snowmobiling better for all of us. The evening's agenda was conducted by the talented auctioneer and Master of Ceremonies, Randall Eschler.

Kudos to each and every one of you. We are successful in our mission to preserve and enhance the sport of snowmobiling because of you.

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Panhandle Snowmobile Club

The snow is falling and the groomers are enjoying the new groomer. I included a couple pictures for you to enjoy.

Our club is getting ready for the upcoming POKER RUN. It will be on Sunday, February 16. Come to the Lion's Hall in Halfway to get your hands and raffle tickets before heading up to the sno-park. We'll start selling at 9 am.

Submitted by Mary Herold, Sec.

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Columbia Gorge Power Sledders

The snow is falling and the groomers are enjoying Greetings Brothers and Sisters of the Oregon State Snowmobile Association. Columbia Gorge Power Sledders had our annual spaghetti feed January 4th up at Billy Bob sno-park warming shelter. Not really enough fresh snow for good riding, but there was a few members that decided they would go regardless. We had a good meal and club meeting.

Everyone is looking forward to the convention up in Enterprise, where hopefully they will have normal snow levels and riding conditions, which are usually good at this time of the year. Looks like mother nature is finally going to bless us as they are forecasting over 5 feet of snow for the Cascades in the next week. Could be a lot of sore backs! Our next scheduled Club event is February 1st for our annual Poker Run up at Billy Bob. Take care. See you on the trail.



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La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers

We finally got enough snow in December to start grooming. This is the second season grooming with our new Prinoth Bison groomer. With all of the onboard computers, it has been a challenge learning how and what to do with them. We can now see on the big screen our tiller settings and make changes as snow conditions change.

Our new PosiFlex tiller is a great improvement over our old tiller. Pictured is a Prinoth Bison groomer. Over the holidays it was very busy at our Ten Mile Snow Park. We had riders from Washington, Idaho and even Southern California.

We started our weekly Tuesday rides in December. Our next general dinner meeting will be at the La Pine Moose Lodge on February 25th.

Submitted by Gary Pankey



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Mt Hood Snowmobile Club



We finally got enough snow in December to start. We had hoped to be grooming in December, but the little bit of early snow we had ended up melting and we haven't had much snow since. Most of our club members have been traveling to other destinations to find snow.



Our club's Director at Large, Todd Call spent an entire day doing a ride-a-long with a local Clackamas County Sheriff in the Mt Hood Area. Todd was able to educate the sheriff about the challenges that our club faces with wheeled vehicles on our snowmobile trails. A week later law enforcement officers arrested a guy who had driven onto our snowmobile trail and his car had broken down. It turned out that this guy had illegal drugs and weapons and also had felony warrants on him. This is a good reminder to not be confrontive with trespassers as you never know how dangerous they might be.

Our club has hosted 3 Snowmobile Safety Classes in December which were very well attended by not only young people but also beginner snowmobilers. Now all we need is more snow!



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Klamath Basin Snowdrifters

I am very excited that we are now starting to see the snow pile up in the mountains. We have close to 8 inches at my home in Merrill, and I am sure the mountains got a lot more. We had a nice ride at Medicine Lake on January 12th, but there was only around 3 feet of snow there with a few inches of fresh snow. After looking at pictures on our Facebook page, I think this past storm hit the areas to the north of us harder. I saw several pictures of very deep trenches in fresh snow. While we may not enjoy shoveling this snow at our homes, I think everyone is excited to get out and play in it.

We had our January meeting at Willy's Pizzeria last night, which was a smaller group than normal as some club members are up in Joseph at the OSSA convention. We were fortunate though to have two guests at the meeting. Dave Maurer, who is the president of our local 4x4 club, spoke to us about some of the things they try to do as a club. This included how they plan their runs, as well as other projects they are working on. He assured us that all of their club members are very careful about where they are driving to make sure they are not in an area that is off-limits to them.

Our second guest was Bryan Boatman who is a Forest Service employee and is fairly new to our area. He wanted to attend one of our meetings to learn about our club and continue to build the relationship between our club and the Freemont-Winema National Forest. He is open to us contacting him with concerns we have, and he expressed that he would enjoy going for a ride in our groomer sometime this winter.

Mike Redd helped fill in on the groomer's report as Dan had already left town to attend the OSSA convention. Mike said the snow was piling up fast around the Lake of the Woods area. He also wanted to encourage any club member that would like to go for a ride in the groomer to contact one of the groomer operators, or Dan Riblett who is the grooming chairman. This would be a great way for club members to see what the groomer does and enjoy the scenery from a heated cab. There are two seats in our groomers, so there would be room for one passenger to ride along with one of the groomer operators.



February, 2020

11	06:00 PM	General Meeting – Sizzler's
29	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Club Ride - 4 Corners Steak Feed - 4 Corners

March, 2020

3	06:00 PM	Club Meeting/Postluck - TBA
7	09:00 AM	District 5 Play Day – Great Meadow
8	09:00 AM	District 5 Play Day – Great Meadow

Last winter, we had several incidents of people taking 4x4s and other illegal vehicles on our snowmobile trails. We now have 20 inch x 30 inch signs to place at 20 different locations where we have had problems in the past. George Gregory may be looking for club members to help place these signs now that there is adequate snow. Keep an eye on Facebook or for an email regarding this.

We were very excited to finish last year with **88 family memberships. Our goal this year is to reach 100 family memberships.** As of the end of December, we were at 70 family memberships for the 2019-2020 season. Please remember to send in your membership application and work on getting more snowmobilers to join the OSSA and our club.

We have some changes to our schedule of events in the next few months. The first is that the District 5 Play Day has tentatively been moved from Annie Creek to the Great Meadow near Lake of the Woods. This is because the Klamath County Search & Rescue will be using Annie Creek that weekend for their annual snow training. We are also considering moving the Steak Feed and club ride from February 29th to March 14th. Several of the club members who organize this event have conflicts on February 29th. We will discuss this more when President Riblett gets back from the convention and let everyone know what we decide.

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday February 11th. We will work on securing the meeting room at Sizzler's for this meeting. If it is not available, we will pick a different location and will notify everyone via email and our Facebook page. We will meet at 6 p.m. for dinner, and the meeting will start at 7 p.m.

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



April, 2020

14	06:00 PM	Club Meeting - TBA
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WOW.....just WOW!!!! I don't know about you but we had a great month of January. Thank you to everyone who came, rode, eat, laughed and just had a great time at the 2020 Convention here in Wallowa County. We sure enjoyed having each and every one of you here. It was a crazy, fun filled week with a lot of events, good food, good company, great riding and great snow. We are still buzzing about it here and are sure you are still telling your friends stories. We would love to see all your photos, you can either tag us or email them in and we can post on our Gamblers page. We hope that you all are back out on the snow and having a great winter cuz WE ARE!!!!!! See you next time.





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Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)

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* Saturday February 15, 2020 Poker Run

* Saturday March 14, 2020

* Saturday April 11, 2020

Poker Run on February 15th will start selling tickets and raffle tickets for prizes at 7:30am till 2:30pm at the Community Center (AKA School House). Early sales will begin on Friday evening from 6pm to 8pm. Also, this year we are having a Vintage Antique Snowmobile Races on Sat. February 15th from 10am to 4ish in the meadow at fair ground and on Simonson's property.

This year we have an added treat of Vintage/Antique sled races. They start at 10am to 4pm and will be at fair ground and on Simonson's property. Come join us for all the fun.

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