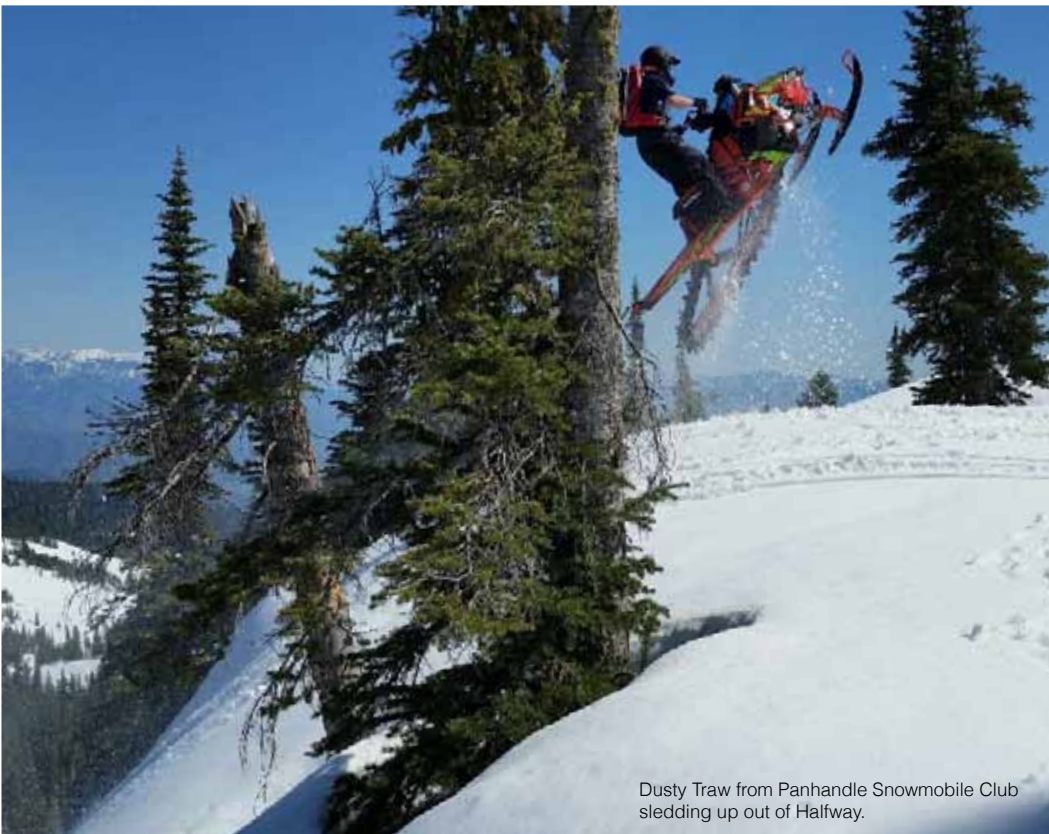


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Dusty Traw from Panhandle Snowmobile Club sledding up out of Halfway.

Peggy Sez ❄️ ❄️

Peggy Spieger,
OSSA Executive Director



Our most important focus is Safety on the Snow for everyone

Our groomer operators and our trail clearing crews have had training in the specific activities they engage in.

Our warming shelters display posters stating **Totally Committed Snowmobilers Ride -SANE—SOBER—and NOT IN THE WILDERNESS.** Another poster lists the Rules of the Road, listing twenty things we all should adhere to. This poster also lists the **SNOWMOBILE CODE**

OF ETHICS – which in a nutshell is respecting the rights of others. Most of you have seen these in this paper or in the shelters. Take a minute to review them next time you see them.

To help assure Safety on the Snow, OSSA offers snowmobile certification classes to youth and adults. OSSA Safety Instructors are certified by the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles. These volunteers conduct the classes free of charge to everyone. A list of our Safety Instructors is in this paper. They represent all areas of the state. Our Safety Chairman is John Vogel,

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We have been asked if we offer online classes or if there is any way a safety certificate can be obtained online. Some states do offer online classes but Oregon does not offer online safety classes at this time. The Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is in charge of this program, not OSSA, and we operate under their rules and guidelines. Our dedicated volunteers become safety instruc-

tors as a public service to snowmobilers and because we all want everyone to have a good experience. This is not tied to our grooming program in any way. The DMV is in charge of safety certification and any changes in the criteria must come through them. Our instructors use information and materials supplied by DMV. It is a DMV decision on weather or not to offer online service.

Oregon Statutes state that to operate a snowmobile a person must have a valid driver's license or a snowmobile safety certificate. Oregon does not have

minimum age but a child must be old enough to pass the test. A safety certificate or valid driver's license from any state is acceptable. Your DMV record does apply to snowmobiles as well.

If you have any questions, contact me:

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First Time Wrapping A Sled



I was looking thru weather forecasts for some good news and impatiently waiting for enough snow so I can go ridding when I received this text, "Want to help me wrap my sled?" I hesitantly jumped at the chance to go see how this is done. Hesitantly I say because I know how much these cost, and I didn't want to make a mistake on someone else's sled. But hey.... I didn't pay for it, and it's not my sled, so no worries, right?

More times than I can count, I've gone thru the different websites and built my own wrap and stared at it and dreamed of doing it myself to my sled one day. By the time I anguished and settle on the perfect choice I always say, "Wow that's expensive and looks like a lot of work" and shy away from purchasing one.

So, I joined up to "help" but what I was really thinking was to sit back, drink coffee, and watch the event unfold as everyone else wraps the sled. That didn't last long at all, didn't even get to finish my coffee and I was into it... figuring out where the next of many pieces of the

puzzle went onto the sled enjoying every minute of this wrap coming to life.

A couple things we learned thru this project it was more important to stand back and view the installation of the graphic in its entirety as artwork and not to get so hung up on lining up patterns perfectly because sometimes the edges of the sled don't cooperate. It took roughly 7 hrs with 2 people and that's after you take off the OEM stickers. Remember Take your time, stand back occasionally, to enjoy your creation and enjoy it.

If you've had the desire to buy a wrap, go for it. Just remember I recommend doing it in a warm shop with friends, laughs and I can't wait to do it again, Possibly on my own sled.

Anthony is a member of Mount Jefferson Snowmobile club, North Santiam Club, and Bohemia Club

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A red snowcat is shown clearing a snowy path in a forest. The machine is moving through deep snow, with its tracks visible. The background consists of snow-covered evergreen trees.



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Klamath Basin Snowdrifters

We had around 60 club members attend our Christmas Party on December 10th. The club provided a prime rib, a turkey, and a smoked turkey. Club members provided an excellent spread of side dishes and desserts that we all enjoyed. Club members also brought several toys that will be donated to Toys for Tots.

We have purchased 2 weed trimmers outfitted with brush blades. These have been working well for clearing the small trees and brush along the trails. We would like to thank Walter and Jacquie Haupt, Dave Loder, Ken Crutchfield, Andy Nelmes, Dan Riblett, Jim Gulrich, Steve Harper,

Leo Stubenrauch, and Caemen Buckley for their help brushing the Resort Trail. A special thank you goes to Carolyn Riblett for providing lunch. Club volunteers were able to clear 25 hazard trees on the Resort Trail and around the Lake of the Woods area. The Lake of the Woods cabin owner's association helped get the big stuff out of the trails with mechanized equipment. We were also able to work with the BLM to clear the path north of the Dead Indian/Keno Access Road to tie into the Iron Springs Trail to go over to the 37 road. We would like to thank Jameson of the BLM and to the crew of 10 folks that assisted us with saw work. This will now allow us to groom in this area again.

We had club members spend time trying to spread knowledge of our club and to recruit new members at Klamath Basin Equipment's Open House event and at their Polaris-sponsored "Back on the Snow" event. We set up a table with a power point

presentation for both events. We also used the "Back on the Snow" event to bring awareness to avalanche safety. An avalanche beacon was hidden in the showroom, and after a brief instruction, attendees were tasked to find the beacon. It sounds like this was a hit. We would like to thank Vic Ford, Stu Davis, Don Ambers, Wes French, and Dan Riblett for their participation at these events.

Last winter, we had several incidents of people taking 4x4's and other illegal vehicles on our snowmobile trails. George Gregory has found a vendor that will supply us with 20 inch x 30 inch signs to place at 20 different locations where we have had problems in the past. Hopefully, this will help stop the destruction of our trails that volunteers work so hard to maintain.

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 November, we are currently at 56 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.

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday January 14th. We are working on securing a location, and will inform everyone via email and Facebook. 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

2020 Schedule of Events

January, 2020

14	06:00 PM	General Meeting - TBA
14	14 th to 18 th	OSSA Convention - Joseph, Oregon
25	09:00 AM	Club Ride - Annie Creek

February, 2020

11	06:00 PM	General Meeting - TBA
29	09:00 AM 03:00 PM	Club Ride - 4 Corners Steak Feed - 4 Corners

March, 2020

3	06:00 PM	Club Meeting/Potluck - TBA
7	09:00 AM	District 5 Play Day - Annie Creek
8	09:00 AM	District 5 Play Day - Annie Creek

April, 2020

14	06:00 PM	Club Meeting - TBA
18	05:00 PM	Banquet - Trapper's Inn



Mt Jefferson Snowmobile Club

The snow is falling here on the Santiam Pass, and we couldn't be happier to see the fresh powder. A few brave souls made it up to Ray Benson Sno-Park in late November to get the first season's ride on the 18 inches of snow that fell the week before. Fortunately, everyone made it out with all of their A-arms still intact.

On November 20th, MJSC held our [annual Movie Night fundraiser at Northern Lights Theatre & Pub in Salem](#). We had an amazing turn out and a great time was had by all. A Big thank you to the event MC, Tony "Tomato" Kuenzi, and all others who helped organize the event. Many local businesses and fellow snowmobilers donated lots of great raffle prizes, ranging from Hotdoggers to Fishing trips, and even a few jars of delicious locally grown Honey. We would like to say thank you to

all of these wonderful sponsors who helped make the event happen: Boondockers, Northern Lights Theater & Pub, SK Northwest, Pape Machinery (Salem), Dan's Motorsports, Flat-O Products, Nancy Jo's Burgers and Fries, Power Motorsports, Industrial Welding Supply (Salem), Les Schwab Tires (Mission St Salem), Walery's Pizza, Diamond Lake Resort, Beilke Family Farm, Maps Credit Union, Salem Hydraulics, DSG, Reel Addiction Fishing, McGuire Bearing (Salem), Certified Performance, Sportsman's Warehouse (Salem), Olive Garden (Lancaster Dr Salem), Pietro's Pizza, The Garden Shed, Cycle Gear (Salem), State Farm (Christian Sammons Ins. Agency), Cycle Country, Thunderstuck Films, Allen and Marie Wagnier, Ron and Mina McLaughry, Susan Lowen, and Jamie and Sandy Hollenbeak. Thank you all for making this the most successful movie night fundraiser yet!

Our club is looking forward to another great year of club rides and events, especially our Wounded Warrior Ride in March, where we take a few of the

bravest men and women in our country out for a day of snowmobiling. Other clubs rides throughout the year are always a blast as well. Be sure to check the Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club Facebook page for an updated list of all the club rides for the upcoming winter. If you'd like to get more information about club rides or events, don't be afraid to stop in at our monthly club meeting. We meet at Pietro's Pizza in Salem on the third Wednesday of Every month through April at 7:00 p.m. All are Welcome.

We also want to thank Santa for making a special visit to our December Club Meeting. The kiddos were definitely excited to see him.

We hope to see you all out on the snow, and as a few parting words, I just want everyone to remember, **When in doubt, Throttle out!**

- by Ray Benson
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Panhandle Snowmobile Club

We finally got the new Tucker-Sno-Cat. It's certainly a beautiful piece of equipment. The groomer guys are very excited. Shown with the cat are Denny Farwell, Jason Harriman, Duane Miles, Ron Still and Ronnie Still.

Whitey Bloom, Mike Herold and Butch Michaelsen got the snow pole put up just in time. The pole is up at Fish Lake and we now have about 1 & half feet of snow.

We had the pleasure of having the OSSA President, Dennis Johnson attend our meeting this past Tuesday. It was great to hear from him and all that is going on with OSSA. We are hoping the electronic program being tried out works well. It would make staying in contact and up with things a lot easier.

Also at our meeting were Jeff & Sara from Cornucopia Lodge. Dinners & lunch will be available if you call ahead.

Our Poker Run is only a month and ½ away. We are looking forward to seeing you here during President's Day weekend.

PANHANDLE SNOWMOBILE CLUB ANNUAL POKER RUN

FEBRUARY 16, 2019
(PRESIDENT'S DAY WEEKEND)

\$5 PER HAND

1ST PLACE: \$1600
2ND PLACE: \$1000
3RD PLACE: \$800
4TH PLACE: \$400
5TH PLACE: \$200

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SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY!!!



Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club

We are excited about the upcoming snow season! We had an early snow the last week of November and many of our members have been out enjoying the trails.

On December 1st we had our annual Pray for Snow Potluck which was very well attended. Several of our members spent the morning putting out our "Do Not Enter" signs at 8 of our trail-head locations.

This has greatly reduced (not eliminated) wheeled vehicle traffic on our trails.

We are very excited to have several new members who are enthusiastic about getting involved. They even showed up to our last "Before the Snow Work Party".

We are hopeful that by the time of the printing this newsletter we will have enough snow to start grooming and scheduling club rides. We have our Wounded Warrior Ride scheduled for Sunday February 23rd.



La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers

Another month has gone by and we finally got a little snow Thanksgiving, but hasn't been enough snow to do any grooming yet. There has been enough snow on Trail one for Bob Keller to take Gary Tingey and Dennis Wallan out for training. There has only been one or two snowmobilers out as not enough adequate snow.

The Paulina Lake Resort opened for the season the latter part of December. There will be a club ride Saturday, January 11th starting at 10am at the Ten Mile Snow Park. Details will be available on our website lapinedodgerssnow.org There will be our usual Tuesday rides starting at 10am at the Ten Mile Snow Park. The January dinner meeting at the La Pine Moose Lodge will be on January 28th at 6pm.

On February 1st we will have our annual poker run at the Ten Mile Snow Park starting at 10am. It will be \$5 each hand and will close at 3pm. All income goes back into payouts for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Hamburgers, hotdogs and chili will be available for a donation. Its always a fun day so hope to see you there.

Submitted by Gary Pankey



Walker Rim Snowmobile Club

The 19/20 Season is finally upon us! We started the season with a kickoff party at the Mohawk Restaurant in Crescent. This is the 2nd year at the Mohawk and I think we will be going back again! The service is awesome and the food does not disappoint. December 14th we had our annual Christmas Dinner and white elephant gift exchange. There is a lot of excitement in the air about the upcoming year!

The next BIG ride, will be the Elk Lake ride on February 8th. This is also a good ride for families and beginners, but it is long at almost 80 miles round trip. During the season we will be having more advanced rides for people that would like to attend, snow permitting.

The club has been busy this year getting trails ready and the shelters stocked with wood. The WRR trails are in good condition and we expect some excellent riding this year. The club will be hosting the annual Sport Hill Athletic Crescent Challenge ski race and also the annual Candlelighters event.

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SAFETY and AVALANCHE gear will be required for these rides. For up to date information please see our Facebook page "Walker rim Snowmobile club" and Website "<http://www.walkerimriders.com/>" for current details during the season. The season is off to a start and we hope to see as many people as we can!

Alex Wickersham, WRR President

Saturday, February 8th	Elk Lake Ride	Junction Sno-Park Warming Hut	9:00 AM
Saturday, February 8th	Board Meeting	Crescent Lake Fire Hall	6:30 PM
Friday, February 14th	Valentines Day	HOLIDAY	
Saturday, February 15th	roguesnowmobilers.com	Diamond Lake - Poker Run	TBA
Monday, February 17th	Presidents Day	HOLIDAY	
Sunday, February 23rd	Candlelighters Event	Junction Sno-Park Warming Hut	All Day
Sunday, March 1st	Crescent Lake Challenge	Crescent Lake Sno-park	8:00 AM
Friday, March 13th - 15th	Facebook "Cascade Ladies Ride"	Junction Sno-Park Warming Hut	TBA

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Tollgate Trailfinders Snowmobile Club



Happy New Year Snowmobile Friends

It's hard to believe it's a new decade.... 2020... but wow here we are!! We start this new decade with a brand-new 2020 Tucker Snocat to groom the many miles of trails around Tollgate. We have a membership of over 120 Members and a good balance in the bank to keep the lights turned on. We are starting the new year with our club by-laws brought up to date and voted in by our membership. Bob Carrell worked tirelessly updating the by-laws as well as getting our club's IRS tax status updated as nonprofit. Many thanks Mr. Carrell. The club is working to update our website and make it more user friendly. Board member Jeff Wagner is working with Walla Walla Community College computer science department to bring it up to date and into the new decade. Hopefully we will be able to take membership payments electronically soon.



We're still doing the snow dance and it might be working. At the time of our January newsletter (1-8-2020) we have around two feet of snow at our club house. The Milkshakes Snotel site currently reports 45". NOAA Weather for the Tollgate area predicts snow every day for the next week and cold temps as well. This should allow the groomers to get started this week. The trails have gotten rough due to a lack of snow that didn't allow the Groomers to run. Once the Grooming Department gets a chance to catch up, the trail riding should be good and non-rocky meadows in the higher elevations should be ok for boondocking **but be careful of obstacles that may be lurking below the snow cover.**

The TTF is looking forward to another great season of snowmobiling. The grooming team is ready to rock and roll when the snow arrives. Come and be a part of our TTF Snowmobile club and enjoy the weekend rides that usually originate at our club house around 9:00 am.



Bluewood Ride

Brandon Christensen and Glenn Warren led the 95-mile round trip ride to Godman warming shelter. There were more than a few sore muscles the following day from the long ride but fun was had by all. Huge thanks to the Blue Mountain Snowmobile club for cooking some amazing burgers for our crew, it was much appreciated.



Poker Drawing and Holiday Party

We had a phenomenal turnout for the Poker Drawing-Chili Feed and Holiday Party on the Dec 28th. There were several thousand dollars in cash and prizes given away at the party. Many thanks to all that donated the cash and prizes for the event. We especially want to mention our corporate sponsors, Big D Powersports and Rentals, Hollis Zschokke State Farm Insurance, Goss Family Jewelers, Don Johnson Polaris, Desert Pump and Irrigation and RC Adventure Footwear. Our club was able to raise well over \$2500 from the event!

WSSA - Winter Rendezvous

- Feb 14th thru Feb 17th
• Campbells Resort on Lake Chelan
Join us for four days of fun in Chelan. Experienced off-trail riding groups as well as family-friendly trail rides. WSSA and the local clubs will set up rides you'll LOVE! Dinner on Friday and Saturday as well as some type of entertainment. Plenty to do in Chelan and a casino is nearby if you want to take a break from sledding. Join us!

McCall Winter Getaway

The Club is planning a winter getaway to McCall Idaho in mid-February. This was a great success last year and it included UTVs as well as snowmobiles. Plan to attend it should be a great time as McCall is a beautiful winter wonderland. Watch www.tollgatetrailfinders.org or our Facebook page for the latest updates.

Think Snow and have a great year of sledding
Your friends from the
Tollgate Trail Finders Snowmobile Club.

Brandon Christensen - TTF President
Bob Smith TTF - Vice President

Moon Country Snowbusters Snowmobile Club

Happy New Year from Moon Country Snowbusters! We all had a blast at our 2nd Annual Elk Lake Christmas Party. The Grinch even showed up!

January and February start the busy season of racing in the vintage snowmobile arena. [Check out our website to get the event dates and more details.](#) Moon Country will be hosting a Bingo night at the Wanoga shelter in February and hopefully the snow has hit and we can have a couple group rides.

Recently **Adventure Medical Group** has joined our club and they are offering 10% off CPR and Wilderness First Aide classed to Moon Country Snowbuster members. Please Contact them directly for more information I <https://www.advmedics.com/> 541-639-9993

MEET THE MEMBERS

Dan and Kay Larwin have enjoyed living in Central Oregon and participating in all the outdoor activities it has to offer. Besides snowmobiling, they also Alpine and Nordic ski, snowboard, water ski, ride quads, mountain bike, hike, and go fishing in the High Cascade lakes. They also enjoy archery and rifle hunt in Eastern Oregon, go crabbing at the Oregon Coast, and enjoy salmon and halibut fishing in Alaska every year. Their black lab Ruger is a willing accomplice in all of their excursions.

- Kristi DeMoisy
Moon Country Snowbusters Treasurer



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