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Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

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Wallowa County Gamblers Snowmobile Club

Well, now that the holidays are behind us and we are all well feed and happy, time to get out on those sleds and RIDE !!!!!

We spent December, clearing trails, pulling posts, cutting down trees and putting up signage and clearing the parking lot out from early November snow to prepare for all the snow we are going to get this season. We are happy that we have such a great winter rec family to divide all the work amongst..... Gamblers snowmobilers, Nordic Ski Club, Search and Rescue, Wallowa Avalanche Center and the Forest Service. With combined efforts we accomplish a lot to make for a fantastic winter season here in Wallowa County.

Wow, what a weekend..we held our annual poker run with an amazing 717 hands sold. It was an absolute fantastic turnout with riders coming from all over the state and a few others. It was a gorgeous day, good snow, great riding and time well spent with family and friends. We had 5 winners, with Ben Silva being the 1st place winner out of Milton Freewater. We added a lucky chip to each stop to bust the fun. That was an exciting addition, got people engaged and excited at each stop. As we look forward into the rest of the season we look forward to more snow, more snow, more snow, great fun with family friends and making more memories.

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La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers

Lodgepole Dodgers have had several club rides at Paulina Lake, both on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The snow has been good and the rides have been fun. Groomers have been out making sure the trails are ready for everyone's enjoyment. Unfortunately some of the trails need more snow before we can groom them again. Thank you to all the groomers for all the hours they volunteer to make riding for all of us more enjoyable.

La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers will be having there annual Poker Run on Saturday February 6, 2021. Event will be at Paulina Lake 10 mile snow park from 10am - 3pm. We will have prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Also will have prizes for worst hand and luck of draw hand. Hot dogs & chips will be available. Masks will be required and we will be following all COVID-19 guidelines to ensure everyone's safety.

**La Pine Lodgepole
Dodgers voted
Dennis Wallan
as our 2019-2020
Snowmobiler
of the year.**



Dennis volunteered some long nights and hours doing grooming so everyone could enjoy the trails at Paulina Lake. He also led many of our club trail rides. Thank you Dennis for all the hard work and long hours you have put in.



The wet heavy snow took down many trees on trail 65. Thanks to Bob Keller, Mike Rhodes, Gary Pankey and Rusty Hoar for volunteering their time to clear all the trees to make the trail rideable again.

We has teamed up with the Best Western Newberry Station hotel in La Pine. They will be offering a special rate of \$80 a night for a standard queen room. You will need to mention Lodgepole Dodgers Poker Run when making your reservations to get the special rate.

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We also have Tuesday rides at Paulina Lake 10 mile snow park. We leave there from in front of the warming shelter at 10am. Please follow us on Facebook at Lodgepole Dodgers to find out updates on scheduled rides, grooming reports for Paulina Lake and any other club information.

Roger Ellis



POKER RUN

**La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers Snowmobile
Annual Poker Run**

**\$5 per hand
1st, 2nd & 3rd Place
Worst hand
Luck of draw hand**

**Saturday February 6, 2021
10am – 3pm
Paulina Lake 10 mile snow park**

**Hot Dogs & Chips will be available
(donations accepted)**

**Masks will be required*

Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club

We have been busy putting out the trail information signs and also our "DO NOT ENTER" signs at all our trailheads.



Covid19 and poor snow conditions continue to be a challenge for our club. The good news is that we currently have around 125 family memberships in spite of this.

With the lack of snow on Mt Hood many of our members have been traveling to Mt Jefferson and Mt Bachelor.

I took my grandsons to Mt Jefferson on New Years Eve and had a great time. The Mt Jefferson club does a fantastic job grooming the trails.

Our club has been sponsoring online Zoom safety classes. Because it's online we have been getting people from all over the state signing up.

We've had a public Facebook page for many years, but just recently created a private "members only" page so that our members can find other members to ride with. We will also be publishing our Grooming Reports on the "members only" page.

Our new membership program "Growthzone" has been working great. The email program makes it very easy to send timely club updates to our members.

- TJ Reilly
Mt Hood Snowmobile Club president



Rogue Snowmobilers

Greeting everyone! Greg here from the Rogue Club. Just wanted to let you all know what the Rogue club has been up to and what we got planned.

Our big event is just around the corner – the Mt. Bailey 3000. This is **THE** poker run that so many people across our region talk about. It is set for February 13-14th at Diamond Lake Resort. Please refer to our club's website for a sign-up link to pre-register.

This year's event will be a little different to previous years due to COVID-19 guidelines but that won't stop us from making it happen safely. All meals will be packaged individually. And starting this year we have a new feature – a snow bike course setup just for our new friends on the snow. Come on up to **Diamond lake** that weekend and have your chance of winning one of our \$500 grand prizes.

Normally around this time of the year, we are getting ready for our annual pie auction for Candlelighters. Due to the virus, we are instead offering a donation link on our website as a safer alternative. The Rogue club has been supporting Southern Oregon Candlelighters for years and have been one of their largest donors over the years. Please consider donating to help their cause.

Our Christmas tree ride in December was a great success. We had more snow this year in December than quite a few in recent years so a bunch of us were able to get out on the snow and enjoy the trails.

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>

Hope to see you all out there on the snow soon!

We need a few more people doing snow dances after this recent band of rain came through! Help us out so we can ride long into the spring this year.

Greg Gulrich – Vice President Rogue Snowmobilers

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Panhandle Snowmobile Club

NEWS FROM THE PANHANDLE SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Submitted by Mary Herold, Sec.

Snowmobilers have been in town and enjoying the 8+ft at Fish Lake and access from Cornucopia to Schneider Meadow. More snow is on the way. Please check out the Panhandle Snowmobile Club Facebook page for info and pictures.

We hope to see lots of you at our Annual Poker Run in Halfway. We will have a safe and fun day. We hope everyone will follow our procedures so we can have a safe Poker Run according to Covid19 rules. We hope restaurants can be open for indoor dining, but you never know. They will have takeout except for breakfast.

This year the Poker Run is in memory of Denny Oliver, who worked tirelessly for years making the Poker Run a success. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

PANHANDLE SNOWMOBILE CLUB POKER RUN & RAFFLE In Memory of Denny Oliver

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Columbia Gorge Power Sledders

Greetings Brothers and Sisters of the Oregon State Snowmobile Association. It has been a slow start to our snowmobile season so far, not even enough snow for us to take out our new Tucker snowcat, and break it....in. Ha! There is enough snow in our area to get out and ride, but it's like you have to deal with constant early-season conditions.

We are having a hard time trying to keep the four-wheel drives off of our sparsely covered snowmobile trails. We have some new signs deployed, hopefully that will help. That being said, talking about people operating Motor Vehicles where they shouldn't, we as snowmobilers need to only ride where it's legal. With a low snow year, it's easy to be tempted to go into restricted areas, private property, Wilderness areas, ECT, ECT, to find some good riding. The implications and consequences it has for you individually as well as all of us can be very severe. Just don't do it! There is lots of good riding where it is legal for us to ride, and we do not have to jeopardize the areas that are open to us, as well as First Responders, your fellow snowmobilers that would have to risk their personal safety if there was an incident, or accident. Enough said.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Bernie Chapman in Tollgate. My son in law Craig Martin said this about him, and I think he said it well "He was one of the few men that I've met in my life that I reflect back on. Not just simply what he has accomplished in his life, it's what he continued to do up to the end. He's part of a generation that I feel very privileged to have met. He will surely be missed by many!". Be safe, Pray for more snow! Take care, See you on the trail.

CGPS
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**La Grande
Sno Drifters**

We are off to a great start, lots of snow in the mountains and have already groomed at Ladd Canyon, Mt. Emily, and Catherine Creek once if not multiple times. For our **Poker Run** this year, which will be held on **March 6th up Catherine Creek**, we have planned a drive through dinner and tickets WILL need to be pre purchased (\$25) before February 19th. You can email lgsnodrifters@gmail.com to find out more details and information on the poker run and dinner.

We had a companion rescue training through the Wallowa County Avalanche center and learned critical information and had a great day on the snow, we would like to do more of this in the future, along with placing orders through Back Country Access for rescue gear, be on the lookout for information about both of those going out.



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Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

by Jane Leatherman

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Gary Olson at Greenhorn

Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)

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

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

- * **Saturday February 6, 2021 Since Poker Run will be on the 13th**
- * **Saturday March 13, 2021**
- * **Saturday April 10, 2021**

JANUARY MEETING UPDATES

Our meeting January 8th had 11 members that attended. We discussed the Vintage Race activities that was going to happen on the 9th.

UPCOMING POKER RUN 2021

Poker Run is happening February 13, 2021 (President's Day Weekend). It will be a little different this year. We will only have cash prizes **NO MERCHANT DONATIONS** because we will not have an awards ceremony due to covid restrictions. Also, the merchants have been hit hard from closures, we wanted to let them off a year. The club made a motion to put in another \$1000 for the winners, so there will be 42 place winners. From \$800 down to \$50 is the lowest total of \$4000 payout. Hope you can all come out and join us. **Registration** will be at **Groomer Shed** this year. Due to Covid, we need to practice social distancing and the Groomer shed has more room for that.

Grooming Report

Groomer has been out on the trails and has groomed over 300 miles so far. Warm weather conditions makes it a little soft to groom so they have to be selective on when they can go out. Trails are looking good so come on up, spend the night and eat at our restaurants. Go to sumpteroregon.com for more information on lodging and restaurants.

Vintage Race

The Vintage Race we had on January 9th had a little bit of a slow start but was a beautiful day for it and turned out great. Had a good turnout of racers and spectators for kind of a short notice to advertise due to we weren't sure if we could have it due to Covid restrictions. This will be an annually thing and should get bigger and bigger. Hope you will be able to come next year.



Whether you have a snowmobile or not this is done so that you can participate in the poker run!! No prizes will be given as there will be no raffle...but...we have 42 cash prizes ranging from 800.00-50.00



Sign-ins to get poker cards will be done Friday evening from 6:00- 8:00 pm & Saturday 8:00-12:00pm as all cards MUST be turned in by 2:00pm

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Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club

Winter is definitely off to a great start. Despite COVID guidelines and not being able to enter the warming shelter at Ray Benson Snow-Park, we are still seeing record numbers of people out enjoying the snow on the Santiam Pass, (socially distanced of course). From first time snowmobilers, to skiers and sledders, it would appear that America has re-discovered outdoor recreation during the Global Pandemic. It has been a full time, 7 day a week job to keep the trails groomed and in good order due to such heavy use this winter, and our groomers have been doing a spectacular job, recording over 850 miles in the groomer since mid-November. *Way to go Guys!*

We have also seen a bit of a spike in membership this winter, with 91 families as of December 30th. I decided to personally call a few of the new, first time club members to talk to them about why they joined the club or decided to take up snowmobiling. After an hour or so with several people on the phone I could see a common trend with all the new members as to why they decided to join. They all had appreciation for the great up-keep of our facility and the wonderful people they had met while spending time there.

As we get deeper into winter, I only expect the number of people at the snow park every weekend to grow, which is a good thing in my opinion. Though snowmobiling may still seem like a bit of a "hot button" issue amongst some people in the state, I'm sure all of us would disagree, and the more people we can get into the sport, the more our voices can be heard.

So I ask everyone reading this to do one thing this winter. Take someone new out for a day of snowmobiling.

Whether it be a friend, family member, neighbor or even a co-worker, the more people we can get involved in the sport, the better.

We hope to see you all on the mountain, and remember, **"When in doubt, THROTTLE OUT!"**





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Tollgate Trail Finders

CLUB UPDATE
by Brandon Christensen – TTF President

Hi Snowmobile Friends,

Happy New Year! The past few weeks mother nature has certainly blessed Tollgate with significant snowfall. Enough snow to cover most of the hidden hazards that can wreak havoc to A-arms and skis. Our friends in other parts of the country have not been so fortunate. We are not totally out of the woods yet as recent rain has put a damper on our spirits and excitement for the coming weekend. Pray for snow!!

Cross Country Skiers

There are more folks enjoying Tollgate than ever. Recently, on a group ride to Ruckel Warming Shelter we noticed more cross-country skiers than we have ever seen. Be aware that some of the trails between Andies Prairie and High Ridge Lookout are popular for Cross Country Skiers. Horseshoe Prairie is nearby and is a designated area for skiers. When approaching skiers, slow down and wave or stop and say hello. There is plenty of great snow for all of us to enjoy.

Bernie “Chappy” Chapman (Dec. 23, 1924 – Dec 17, 2020)



The Tollgate Trailfinders has lost one of its longtime members and volunteers. Bernie "Chappy" Chapman went to his heavenly home on Dec 17th. He was instrumental in the construction of the Chapman Bone Springs Warming Shelter which was named after him. His work also helped build the Ruckel Warming Shelter, the groomer shed and the TTF Clubhouse. He and his wife Mary Louise enjoyed the last 34 years living at their cabin at Tollgate. They celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in August. Chappy served in the Navy during WWII on the USS Hornet CV-12 Aircraft Carrier. Duane Miles from Halfway, Oregon recalls, “Back in the 80’s, the Tollgate

Trailfinders Club was coming to Halfway. We had a big dump of snow that day. Our local club went to meet them, me included. We could not make it to the top of the hill. We went back to the local watering hole to lick our wounds. A little after dark, I headed home and looked up on the hill to see a line of snowmobile lights coming toward Halfway. I turned around and went back and told our club members, they’re coming off the hill. They had to go outside to prove me wrong. Lo and behold, they came riding into town. Who was leading the group? Yep, it was Bernie! He had broke trail from Catherine Creek on his sled. It had been Bernie modified. He had that big old grin on his face. I'll never forget that day.” Bernie attended our work party at Bone Springs in 2019 to fill the shelter with firewood. When he was asked if he would like to sit down, he said “no, I’m here to work.” His eagerness to lead and help should be an example for all of us. Bernie will truly be missed.



Chappy at Bone Springs Stocking Firewood 2019

Search & Rescue by Dottie and Bob Carrell

From time-to-time Search and Rescue will call on the snowmobile clubs to assist in a rescue. The first time that happened to us was when Bob was President of the Tollgate Trailfinders. Umatilla County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue had done a presentation at a snowmobile club meeting, so Sergeant Johnson had our number. One frightfully cold evening we got the call to find and rescue a couple who had gotten stuck in very deep snow. Bob made phone calls after he was contacted by Sergeant Johnson and within 15 minutes, he had 6 club riders willing to meet up on Baldy. The team then had to use radio and texting communications to get the stuck couple’s location. With the slimmest of clues, such as; maybe Mottet Creek, and there is an outhouse were they are, the



Carrell Polar Ranger UTV and Life Flight Helicopter on Jan 10, 2021

Trailfinders proceeded in freezing fog. The outhouse was the clue that worked for our club and they were off to Mottet Campground northwest of Jubilee Lake. When they found them one of our expert riders was able to get the sleds unstuck and back to the trail. Then the rescued people were able to ride with our club’s group down to Morning Creek Sno Park. Since the first rescue my husband and I were hooked. Shortly after that we bought our Polaris Ranger Side by Side and joined Umatilla County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue and began training. Side by Sides have really come in handy lately because of the ability to carry a person on a stretcher across the bed, or an injured victim in the warm cab. Snowmobilers who ride in a group have the opportunity of being rescued by their fellow riders. We have been on rescues that were made easier and quicker by the injured person’s family and fellow riders.

Klamath Basin Snow Drifters
Snowmobile Club

So far this year, we have had 12 groomer operators out on 16 days and have covered over 800 miles. Our groomer operators have been working hard to get all of our trails in good shape leading up to the 2021 OSSA convention.

We will be sending out emails and posting updates on our upcoming meeting on February 9th and our club ride that is scheduled for February 27th.

We will figure out the details for the next club meeting and club ride after the convention.

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

2021 Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Schedule of Events

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



Club members riding in Bend, Or area



Purdy boys boys riding at Fish Lake Resort



Club member Larry Redd on Brown Mountain

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Balloon Tree Club Ride

On January 9th 14 riders joined our club ride. The ride was guided by TTF President, Brandon Christensen, Vice President, Dewayne Harvill, Board Member Kolby Christensen and longtime TTF Member Jay Petty. Thanks to the hard work from the TTF Grooming Team, the ride to Balloon Tree Road was remarkably smooth. The group took a scenic route through the trees and fresh deep snow out to BFH. Infamously named due to its steepness but now is inundated by large trees. Many recall the good old days when this hill was nearly bare when covered with snow. One could try to shoot up to the top with many options and lines. Not the case nowadays. The ride went down the ridge toward Elgin into the trees for a lunch break. Then down the ridge even further to a road nobody in the group knew existed. This road meandered along the ridgeline with amazing views of Elgin, the Grande Ronde and the Wallawas. There was great snow, time to play, areas that pushed the limits for some of the less experienced mountain riders in the group. Overall, it was a fun day.



Top: Grande Ronde and Wallowa Mountains Bottom: Enjoying bluebird skies

Kids Ride – Feb 6th, 9am led by Kolby Christensen, Sponsored by JMC Motorsports

Make plans to join us for our annual Kids Ride led by Kolby Christensen. This event is promising to be fun for all ages. Be aware that all riders must have a valid license to operate a snowmobile. This could be a driver's license, OSSA/DMV issued operators permit or equivalent from another state (Utah and Idaho are options). All kids under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. This year, we are excited to have the event sponsored by JMC Motorsports. JMC has locations in Pasco and at Tollgate to serve you. JMC markets Arctic Cat, Honda, Husqvarna, Gas Gas as well as Yeti Snowbike kits. Look for the event link on Facebook to RSVP, space and prizes will be limited.



February 6 - TTF Membership Mtg, Microsoft Teams link available soon.
February 26-27 – Wallowa Avalanche Center Training – Tollgate, Oregon
March 6 – TTF Elections and Membership Mtg
TBD – Skills Day

Moon Country Snowbusters

Meet Our Members

Ted and Janice Lucht

Age: 48 / 46

Hometown/current: Klamath Falls/Redbluff, CA / current Springfield.

Profession: retail management / human resources.

Both Ted and Janice have been riding 13 years.

What kind of sleds do they have? Both ride 2019 Arctic Cat Mountain cat 8000's

Mountain or Trail: Mountain / Some Mt and trail riding.

Other Activities: SxS's, ATV's, hunting, fishing, camping, traveling

Both have been members for 6 years!



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