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2019-20 Season Of Fun With Friends



Moon Country Snowbuster Club member Josh Maul, location Sumpter Oregon.



Cody James, member of the Wallowa County Gamblers. Location is Hells Canyon. Photo Credit:Mandy James



Photo provided by The Wallowa County Gamblers Snowmobile Club



Gary Olson, Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club



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



Cascade Connection Club members Mike Wampler, Mike Moore, Shirley Moore Louise Shirek, Glenn Shirek, Diane Olsen, Ted Olsen, and Shirley Wampler at Hells Canyon overlook



Moon Country Snowbuster club party



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Peggy Spieger,
OSSA Executive Director



Hello Snowmobilers!

This is the final OSN of the 2019-20 snowmobile season and I want to take this opportunity to thank you, our members, for your support in a myriad of ways. Just by being a member you support OSSA's efforts to keep you on the snow.

Participating in club activities brings people together having fun as well as accomplishing various tasks both small and large. Enjoying rides, helping with activities such as poker runs, participating in charity events and fund raisers or just attending club meetings are ways we can all interact with each other.

The snowmobile trail groomer operators and their crews continue to do an incredible job and donate thousands of volunteer hours grooming the trails and maintaining the equipment. Other volunteers are out there in the spring, summer and fall doing trail clearing and trail rehab removing obstacles or widening trails. Maintenance of warming huts and stocking wood in the shelters for others to use is another activity keeping our volunteers busy.

Clubs are involved in charitable events such as fundraisers or on the snow activities for the Candlelighters, or providing food baskets & canned goods, particularly during the holidays. They are also busy with poker runs, club rides and great

potlucks, getting together just to have fun and ride. Our volunteers are incredible. *YOU are what makes your club and OSSA a successful organization*, Kudos to each and every one of you for as job well done. Please know that *You are appreciated*.

The OSSA board has established a **\$2,000 annual scholarship for students**. This is in honor of Ken Haevernick, one of OSSA's founding fathers who in 1972 had the vision to set up an organization that still operates under the same guidelines today which is to preserve and protect the sport of snowmobiling and provide a better trail system. Dr. Haevernick currently resides in Eugene, Oregon. Thank you,

Dr. Haevernick, for your insight. You can go to the OSSA website, **www.oregonsnow.org** for the details of the OSSA Ken Haevernick Scholarship.

We are in need of safety instructors in Central Oregon. If you are interested in finding out the obligations and requirements for this please contact Safety Chair John Vogel, johnvhope@embarqmail.com.

Enjoy the rest of winter, enjoy your summer, and keep checking our website for updates.

Blessings *****



Wallowa County Gamblers

The snow is falling and the groomers are enjoying Well, as it may be the final issue, we have tons of riding still left here in Wallowa County and our season is far from over. No plans to put away our sleds just yet. Blue bird days have been in the plenty the last 2 weeks which is a rarity but we will take them and wait for the next storm to bring in that beautiful white gold.



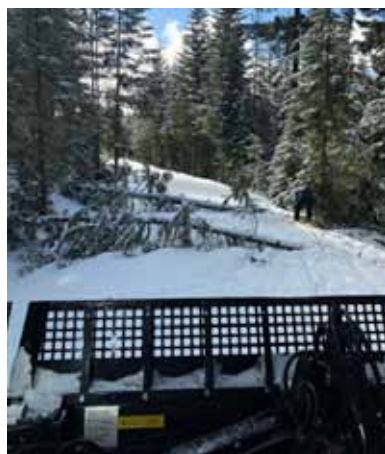
4 Corners Snowmobile Club

The 4-Corners Snowmobile Club from Heppner, had a slow start due to marginal snow. But, now have ramped up trail grooming with our newly acquired groomer. Ron Carlson, grooming chairman and groomer operator, absolutely loves the new groomer. It came from the Halfway Club, spent time last fall at the Tucker Factory in Medford getting a once over and was delivered in late January. The new machine is equipped with a tiller as opposed to the Idaho drag we have used with prior groomers. The tiller does an excellent job of smoothing the rough spots, makes a great trail and allows much increased grooming speeds. Our agreement with the Heppner Ranger District of the USFS states grooming activities end on February 28, we have been granted an extension to continue grooming until March 30.

Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club

We have been having a very challenging snow year. Our snow park sits at around 3,800 ft and we haven't gotten the snow that we wanted. Although our trails have been rideable (barely) many of our member have been traveling to other areas where the sno-parks have higher elevations. In addition we had heavy rains followed by a heavy snow storm and then a severe wind storm. This brought down hundreds of trees. Our volunteer groomers have spent many many hours removing trees that were blocking our trails. Some of our volunteers even went out with their snowmobiles to cut these trees so that our groomers could push the trees off the trail without having to stop grooming. One of our grooming teams moved over 100 trees off the trail during a 10 hour volunteer day. So far this season we have moved over 800 trees that were blocking our trails. We are very proud of our volunteers!

TJ Reilly, president



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Cascade Connection Snowmobile Club

The Year in Review

Our year started out pretty slow in the snow department, but members stayed busy. There were many miles of trail maintenance performed. New diamonds and arrows were placed where needed, and trees were cleared for the start of the season.

The Veterans Day Parade float was a joint effort between Diamond Lake and the “CC Riders”. It was well received, and we were invited to join Diamond Lake again for next year’s parade.

The snow finally arrived in December, and once the groomer arrived on the truck, members got busy grooming the trails they could. At the time of this newsletter, the groomers have logged about 450 miles of trail so far. Then there was the convention in Joseph. The Wallowa Gamblers were terrific hosts and the ride leaders were terrific as well. The large snowfall that came the week before provided some epic conditions for all riders.

Back home it was time for the Mt. Bailey 3000 hosted by the Rogue Snowmobilers. It is always a fun event, and riders came from all over the West to participate. The groomers did a terrific job both before and after the ride.

Now, Spring is upon us and the snow is disappearing. Time to move on to the next season with high hopes for more snow next Winter!



Mike Wampler, Mike Moore, Shirley Moore Louise Shirek, Glenn Shirek, Diane Olsen, Ted Olsen, and Shirley Wampler at Hells Canyon overlook

Ted and Diane Olsen



Louise and Glenn Shirek

Mike Wampler



Veterans Day Float

Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile Club

Well, February was a busy month for the Mt Jefferson Snowmobile Club. On February 1st, Maria Sammons, Snowmobile Safety Instructor and her assistant, Billie Kuenzi, conducted a Snowmobile Safety Certification Class for 10 young riders at Dan’s Motorsport’s Outlet. Congratulations to the 10 riders who are now able to utilize their safety skills out on the powder.



It was a great day for a ride during the MJSC Valentine’s Day Ride on February 15th. Olivia even had time to build a snowman during the ride. Kelly Fough, grilled up hamburgers and hotdogs for all the riders that day. Everyone there got to enjoy the nicely groomed trails at Ray Benson Sno Park, thanks to the wonderful job that our groomers do.

During Valentine’s Day weekend, the Linn County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue and the Boy Scouts were at Ray Benson conducting their own separate training. Our gracious Camp Host, Kelly Fough, grilled up some hamburgers and hotdogs for both the hungry crews. Kelly has also been talking to everyone stopping by the Warming Shelter and encouraging them to join MJSC and OSSA-great job on recruiting!

We had a great turnout for our February Club Meeting. Bruce Moffatt presented his Avalanche Safety Awareness Class. We all got to learn important information on staying safe and being able to identify Avalanche prone terrain.

At the end of February, we had small group of members go to Revelstoke, BC to check out the POW conditions up there. Meanwhile, back in Oregon, we had several members attend our annual Paulina Ride led by Don Johnson.

Article Submitted by Maria Sammons, MJSC President



Tony, Christian and Wendy



Christian, Vicki and Jim



Christian, Olivia, Jim, and Vicki



Olivia, Mr. Snowman, and Kelly



(Pictured above is MJSC SAR member Don Johnson (far right) providing riding training to two Marion County Sheriff Deputies on 8 Feb)

The MJSC Search and Rescue Team is State SAR (Search And Rescue) Qualified, now in it’s third year working for the Linn County Sheriff’s Office SAR team. The club has 19 Active members who are constantly training to learn the trade. On 8 Feb 2020 our team trained along side the LCSO SAR team with the Marion County Sheriff’s SAR team for the first time. Marion County SAR team has purchased two Arctic Cat 6000 and our team provided rider training to Deputies who have never ridden snowmobiles before and remedial training to several others.

The training went from the Maxwell Butte area up to Ray Benson area so they could experience different terrain. One key element that came out of the training day was the relationship building between the two agencies and our club. In the near future our SAR team is receiving training on transporting victims on our transport sleds and learning the limitations of speed and snow conditions to properly care for a victim in transit. In April the SAR team has been invited by the Benton County Sheriff’s Office SAR Alpine team to participate in a mass casualty Avalanche exercise near the Hoodoo Ski Bowl area, our club will be getting training and experience doing a “probe line”, Avalanche Beacon’s training and they want to see our capacities to support the transport of victims to a base camp after recovery of a victim(s). Since our inception the Club has responded to eleven call outs and have a total of 192 of volunteer hours expended in different ways. The club’s SAR team work’s directly for the LCSO SAR director if requested thru LCSO SAR we can assist other counties Sheriff departments if needed.



SAR Sled

The Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile club would like to wish a very happy birthday to longtime club member TC Coffey!

TC turned 80 years young today! How is he spending this landmark day? Riding his snowmobile with a group of fellow club members in Revelstoke Canada! Everyone who knows TC will tell you what a loveing and sweet man he is. He supports every club ride and rides very well indeed! He is such an inspiration to us all!

Happy Birthday, we love you TC!

Plenty of snow here in Canada!



The Day I Met the Governor

It started out like any other Saturday morning. I was out riding with our club, the Mt. Jefferson Snowmobile club. In my humble opinion the BEST club in the USA! Of course, being the current vice president of said club, may make me a tad bit biased!

My dear sweet hubby got a brand spanking new Freeride this year and gave me his 2015 Summit 800. It was a nice step up for me from my 600. We were all riding in the Elk Lake area and meeting up for lunch at the Lodge. I found myself in the delightful position of being at the front of the group on a beautiful groomed road. The road was smooth and straight for what seemed like Miles!

Now, anybody who knows me well, knows I like to go fast! So as I am sailing along i look down at my speedometer and and see 75mph! “Wow”, I think to myself, “it doesn’t even feel like I am going that fast! I still have more room to squeeze on my throttle, befor it is completely pinned! This is a perfect opportunity to see how fast my new sled will go”! So I slowly keep squeezing my throttle. My speed increases, and I feel the world slipping away as the trees on both sides of the trail go flying by in a beautiful blur. It is as if I have entered a new demention of space and time. I slowly realize at this time my throttle is completely pinned, it is pure bliss. I want to stay like this forever, my sled is now a space craft and I am FLYing through the air in the most Glorious ride of my life and I wonder how fast I actually going?! Before I can glance down at my speedometer, I am suddenly jolted back into reality by a sudden jolt from my sled. “What the heck?!! It was like I put the breaks on... only I didnt! I lunge several more times and think “Oh NO! There is something terribly wrong with my new sled!” I wait by the side of the trail for my fellow riders to catch up. I wait a LONG time! Finally my buddy Jim Brister pulls up. I tell him about my problem. He scratches his head and says “ mabey it’s the Governor.”

At this point I admitt I dont know very much about what a govenor does or why it is on my sled, but I become very suspicious. “Did my Darlin’ put a GOVENOR on my sled?” Jim looks at me funny and says, “ um, I dont know you will have to ask him”. As I sit there contemplating why anyone would put such a dastardly device on my sled, i came up with the only reason that made sense: Someone is trying to keep me from living my best life! By the time my poor Darlin pulls up, I have worked myself up into an outrage! He sees my face and innocently asked “what’s wrong?” I stomp up to him and ask accusingly “Did You put a GOVENOR on my sled?!”

The confusion on his face is real, and as I take note of the absence of any guilty expression, it occurs to me that perhaps I may have misjudged the situation. Jim starts laughing and tells him, “She was going really fast and I think she hit the govenor.” My hubby looks at me and asks “HOW fast were you going?” Uh, oh, I realise the table has suddenly turned as I find myself squirming in the hot seat. I Desperately take control of the situation by changing the subject back to the Govenor. “What is a govenor and WHY did it so rudely slow me down?” Now Ladies for those of you who are wondering, the govenor slows you down, not to be rude or mean, but to keep you from overheating and blowing up your engine. Like Martha Stewart says: “ It’s a good thing!” So How fast was I going that day? Does it really matter? The world will never know. I guess that’s between me and my Sled. Trust me, it’s better this way.

~Mirand Snow





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Panhandle Snowmobile Club

WOW!! Our weather has been great. We still have lots of snow up in the mountains and it's been sunny and clear blue skies.

We had a very successful Poker Run on Feb. 16. Thanks you to all who came and enjoyed the nice day. Also, thanks to all our wonderful donors (a list is on our Facebook page). The station people all had sunshine and fires going. (See picture)

Congratulations to the winners:

1ST PLACE \$1600
DARCY CAMPBELL (KALAMA, WA)

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3RD PLACE \$ 800
TONYA BUNKER (NYSSA, OR)

4TH PLACE \$ 400
DAVID GOVER (IMBLER, OR)

5TH PLACE \$ 200
KERRY BARKER (COUNCIL, ID)

And a big Thank-you to Darcy for her very generous donation back to the club.

We had a great raffle and everyone seemed to have a good time. I've included a picture from the Lions Hall.

The groomers are enjoying going out on these nice days. Duane Miles & Wayne Endersby went up to Fish Lake just the other day and got this great picture while grooming.

Submitted by Mary Herold, Sec.



La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers

When January rolled in we had good snow and the groomer did a great job on the trails keeping them smooth. We've had a lot of riders using the Ten Mile Parking lot to ride the Paulina area. Ten people from our club attended the convention in Enterprise and had an enjoyable time at a good convention. Gayle and Ivan Katter and Kaylene Larwin worked on the raffle selling tickets and drawing the winning numbers. Gary and Haysel Pankey set up the silent auction with the help of Bill and Pat Inman; Dan and Kaylene Larwin plus Gayle and Ivan Katter. The raffle was very successful and the silent auction and the raffle had many donations from clubs throughout the state. The silent auction generated more money for the legal fund than ever before. Vera Riser also sold tickets for the raffle until her back gave out.

On February 1st we had our annual poker run at Ten Mile with good attendance. At \$5 a hand it appeared that we sold more hands than ever before. The food was good and everyone had a good time, especially the winners of the poker hands. Jamie Ferris was our big winner as she won first place with a flush and second place with a straight. Janice Lucht won third place with three aces.



Pictured is Janice on the left and Jamie on the right. Also pictured are some of the poker run riders to hit the trail. We have a ride scheduled on March 7th to Crescent Lake Junction to. Manley's for broasted chicken. We have a night ride scheduled on the 21st from Ten Mile Snow Park and our March dinner meeting will be March 24th at the La Pine Moose Lodge.

Submitted by Gary Pankey



Tollgate Trail Finders

Hi Snowmobile Friends,
My wife and I have been social distancing from our cabin at Tollgate. We pretty much have the mountain to ourselves and have been enjoying the bluebird weather and higher temps riding in our "heated" and tracked side x side on the trails. The snow is firm thanks to the higher daytime temps and cold overnight lows. The positives are it's go anywhere snow whether you are boondocking with your snowmobile, snowbike or side x side and it's a great time to go exploring off trail. With the firmer snow, boondocking is a blast finding those hidden sweet spots that deep powder makes more difficult and it's a great time to hone your skills on less than perfect powder. We have a great snowpack here at Tollgate and it should last for quite some time even with the warmer afternoon temps. We have around 6' of snow at our clubhouse and about 9.5' in the upper elevations. It's a great time to get out and enjoy our spring like conditions.

Snowmobiler of the Year 2020

At our Club meeting on March 7th Jeff Wagner was honored as the "Snowmobiler of the Year". Jeff is very active in our club and serves as a board member and Groomer operator. In addition, he spearheaded overhauling our TTF Website, making it much more user friendly. Jeff also volunteered his time hauling and filling the Ruckel Warming shelter with firewood for the winter. Thank you, Jeff Wagner, for all you do for our club, it's much appreciated! We encourage

you all to check out our new website, Jeff is one of our webmasters and is working to keep the site current and up to date with current events, groomer reports, newsletter, election results, membership forms, upcoming events and much more. Also, check out the election results on the new website at www.tollgatetrailfinders.org



Steak Out BBQ

We had a well-attended end of the year "Steak out" BBQ. We had a packed house and grills full of steak. Nobody left hungry. As our President, Brandon Christensen put it.... "It was a huge success as we didn't burn the building down with multiple BBQ's and even a fire pit running".

Kids Day

On February 15th we held our annual Kids Ride. This year it was led by Kolby Christensen. We had 19 participants of all ages. Even Deputy Hayes with the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department joined in for the fun. The group headed to the Chapman Bone Springs Warming Shelter for Hot Chocolate provided by Bob and Dottie Carrell. Kolby led the group on a ride that lasted over 40 miles of varied terrain including meadows to play

in. The group split up after lunch so some could head back to the clubhouse and the more advanced riders could test their skills in the backcountry.



Backcountry Skills Day

On February 22nd we held a Backcountry Skills Day led by Brandon Christensen, Glenn Warren and Brent Mehlenbacher. We had a dozen riders attend. Brandon Christensen taught the group about proper rider position and Glenn Warren put on a clinic about side hilling on ice. Unfortunately, Glenn was not planning on the amount of ice on the sidehill he chose, his sled lost traction and rolled over pinning him under the machine with the throttle wide open. Quick thinking by Brent Mehlenbacher got help to Glenn and everything turned out ok. There were a few scary and tense moments as everyone sprang into action to assist Glenn. Just a lesson for everyone that snow conditions can vary greatly depending on sun, wind, precipitation and temperature variances. The group found some untracked canyons to drop into and climb out of. Definitely a great experience by all that attended.

Brandon Christensen, TTF President
Bob Smith, TTF Club Member

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Antique Sled Races

We had our Poker Run and Antique Sled Races on February 15. We had a great turn out for both events. **This was the first year for the Antique races and it went great.** Everyone that got to see it really enjoyed themselves. Hopefully this will be an Annual event!



Poker Run Awards



Members daughter opening a cup



Poker Run Winners



The Club usually meets at 6:30 PM on the second Saturday of each month from October through April, at the Sumpter Community Center. Please be sure to bring your own table service and drinks to potluck meetings. Dates and times are subject to change so please check the schedule each month.

Please try to come to our last meeting * Saturday April 11, 2020 if you can. We'd love to have you come.

Poker Run Results

We had a great Poker Run this year in spite of the snow we had. We sold 352 Poker Hand Cards and 3855 Raffle Tickets. Our gross total was \$7375 before expenses.

Top 5 Winners

- Ben Schneider won \$800 with 4Q's w/A high
- Lila Young won \$500 with 4Q's w/10 high
- Kelly Hoots won \$300 with 4J's
- Mia Nick won \$200 with 4 Four's
- Doug Leatherman won \$100 w/FH A/Q's
Club Member Winner of \$150



Payout for the top 22 Poker hands. Total of \$3000 paid out. We had over \$1500 in raffle prizes. Thank you very much to all the businesses and individuals that contributed for this event. If anyone won a prize, please thank those for their donations. Mike and Jake Bork gave \$100 in Neal Bork's (Mike's Dad) name to give away. Neal Bork had been a long time President and member of the club and passed a few years ago. Mike and Jake also had a few items for auction off at the awards ceremony to help the family of close friend Rick Stephens that died in January in an Avalanche.

Grooming Report

Jim Sheller and his crew has groomed about 850 miles of trails total for the season and will probably be the last due to no new snow. Trails are in pretty good shape so if we get a few inches it would still be good riding.





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Mt Jefferson Snowmobile Club

Mt Jefferson Snowmobile Club had 18 members a ending OSSA Conven on this year. We thoroughly enjoyed all Enterprise and Joseph had to offer. With the morning drive passing the famous barns located at the base of the Wallowa Mountains, visiting the many deep powder trails by day and the wonderful meals at a variety of restaurants in the evening. The convention was an event well attended statewide.

We had six club members participating in SARS training with Linn County LEO on Saturday, February 8th. Those attending were Jim Brister, Tony Kuenzi, Bob Elliott, Kelly Fough, Don Johnson and Rick Lulay. We are very fortunate to have so many involved in Search and Rescue.

We are preparing for our third Wounded Warriors ride with Bob Elliott coordinating the event to be held in March. It is a great way to share our sport with those who have given so much in serving our country.



Second photo: From the oldest to the youngest MJSC club members on our last day of play in the powder. T.C. Coffey, Jim Brister, Chris an Sammons and daughter Olivia. From ages 80 to 6.



Third photo: one of the fabulous barns out of Joseph on route to the Salt Creek Summit sno-park.

Susan Lowen, MJSC Treasurer

Rogue Snowmobilers

On February 4, 2020 we had a club dinner and annual Pie Auction to raise money for the local Candlelighters organization. Nearly \$10,000 was raised at the auction. If you would like to contribute you can use this link to make a tax deductible donation: <https://oregonsnowmobileassociation.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/zLwBEIJP>

Mark Conner the District 5 Director and Rogue Snowmobiler board member reported that he is helping the Klamath Basin Snowdrifters with the plans for the next OSSA convention in Klamath Falls.

OSSA is also considering asking for grant money to fund AED machines for each groomer machine. An AED, or automated external defibrillator, is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.

Additionally OSSA wants to get avalanche beacons for each club. The Rogue Snowmobilers heartily endorse both projects.

On March 28, 2020 the club will hold our Winter Banquet at Diamond Lake.

Chuck Allen
President
Rogue Snowmobilers



Our groomer at work



Trees in trail



First photo: OSSA President Dennis Jordan with MJSC club members Jack Reynolds, Kelly Fough and Jim Brister at dinner in Sugar Time Bakery, Enterprise, Oregon

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Klamath Basin Snow Drifters Snowmobile Club

We are excited to be hosting the 2021 OSSA convention in Klamath Falls next January. WesFrench is already organizing this event and placing people in charge of different aspects of the planning process. Keep an eye out for emails regarding planning meetings for the convention as these will be separate from our normal monthly meetings.

As of February 11th, we are up to 851 miles groomed for this season with a total of 402 manhours from club members. We hope to continue adding to these numbers as the snow allows. A huge thank you goes out to all of our groomer operators for their time spent grooming and clearing trees out of the trails.

The Bombardier groomer has now been moved to Hyatt Lake and it was able to groom the trail from Lake of the Woods to the BLM yard at Hyatt Lake. We hope to have this groomer operating 2-3 days per week once we get fuel delivered this week.

We are thrilled that for the first time in 5 years we were able to take the Pisten Bully and groom the Resort Trail from Lake of the Woods to Fish Lake. We want to thank all of the club members who worked on clearing brush and trees to make the trail wider to allow the groomer to travel on it. We would especially like to thank Gary Einck of the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest and Mike DeSmit of the Freemont-Winema National Forest for getting the hazard trees marked so they could be cut down. A special thank you also needs to go to Hap Brown for his awesome assistance in getting all of the trees on the ground.

Last winter, we had several incidents of people taking 4x4's 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. We are starting to get some of these signs up, so hopefully they will help keep 4x4's from damaging our groomed trails.

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 January, we were at 79 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 event will be the District 5 Play Day on Saturday March 7th at 9 a.m. This will take place at the Great Meadow Sno-Park. There will be several groups going for rides as well as a radar event. Food, including tri-tip, burgers, side dishes, and dessert, will be provided by a combined effort from the Chiloquin Ridge Riders, the Klamath Basin Snowdrifters, and the Rogue Snowmobilers. We hope you can make it, as this should be a fun event.

Our end of the year banquet has been moved from Saturday April 18th to Saturday April 25th. We were approached by the Jacob McCarthy, the president of the Chiloquin Ridge Riders, about making this a joint banquet for both clubs. Everyone at the meeting was in agreement that it would be a great idea to join together. There will be more information coming as we get closer to April.

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



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