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# **Thankful For Winter Snow**

## Hello **Snowmobilers!**

Snow has begun falling around the state. Club volunteers have been as busy as elves at Christmastime getting ready for the snow season.

Our membership drive is in full swing. This year, we will be giving away a brand new snowmobile at the OSSA 51st Convention in La Grande. Oregon on February 11th. For contest information, (copy and paste min your browser) www.oregonsnow.org/snowmobile-give-a-way/

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/

If you would like to renew your club or OSSA membership, contact Lisa Burt at (541) 480-0479.

I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Lisa Mahoney,

**OSSA Executive Director** 



## **News from OSSA Safety Coordinator Chuck Ehlert**



The Winter season has begun! Pro Caliber Bend hosted an Avalanche Awareness class hosted by BCA Snowmobile Pro Mike Duffy. It was a great class to knock off the avalanche knowledge rust and start thinking about backcountry safety. In addition to the avalanche awareness class, Central Oregon Avalanche Center hosted their annual Snow and Avalanche Workshop (SAW) on November 12th.

OSSA has organized an Avalanche I course and an Avalanche Rescue course January 27-29 at Newberry Crater Monument in central Oregon. It will be led by Mike Duffy of Avalanche1. If your interested in this course visit the OSSA Facebook page for details. In addition to the January motorized avalanche safety classes, the Wallowa Avalanche Center will be offering motorized avalanche classes throughout the winter. Visit the OSSA avalanche page for more details.

This year we are excited to have Kelly and Victor McNeil leading various avalanche courses during the annual OSSA convention. Please watch for details in the coming months

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The OSSA avalanche web page is a great resource for motorized avalanche courses in Oregon (Oregonsnow.org/avalanche-safety/), as well as links to various short videos pertaining to avalanche safety. This page is routinely updated, so keep checking back for new links throughout the winter season.

## The OSSA Avalanche Program is designed with three main objectives.

Objective 1 - "Get the training" Objective 2 - "Get the Gear" Objective 3 - "Get the forecast"

This year OSSA will provide the clubs with a rescue training class and anAvalanche basics class. In addition we will be working with A3 certified avalanche professionals coordinating courses throughout Oregon. To get /coordinate club training for avalanche basics or basic rescue email: snow.monger@icloud.com

## **Oregon Avalanche Training Events**

Jan 27-29: OSSA Sponsored Avalanche Rescue and Avalanche Recreation Level I (Bend Or) Feb 7: OSSA Convention Avalanche Awareness presented by WAC (La Grande, Or) Feb 9: OSSA Convention Avalanche Rescue presented by WAC (La Grande, Or)

Cheers, Chuck Ehlert

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## Airbnb Cabin For Snowmobilers

Regarding Advertisement on cover page:

My name is Basil Kelly, the owner and host of Mountainview Cabin at the Wildlife Refuge, to give you a little history on this cabin, I was (and still am) an avid snowmobiler who, at the time, lived in Aurora, OR and spent a lot of time on Mt. Adams. I bought this property and built the cabin to give my sledding buddies and me a place to crash after a hard day of playing on the mountain. I eventually bought the property next door and built a house which is now my residence. It is the most amazing crash pad with an amazing view of where you spent your whole day, a hot tub and all the things snowmobilers need, like trailer parking, a fire pit, etc. I want to make this available to members of the snowmobiling community who are looking for an over-the-top sledding

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Snowmobile and other prizes will be given out on Saturday February 11th at the annual OSSA Convention in LaGrande Oregon. Grand prize winner need not be present to win.

## **Contest Rules:**

Go to: https://www.OregonSnow.org /snowmobile-give-a-way/ No tickets will be sold. You must be a Member to win. Ray Benson Jr.

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Use the online form at http://oregonsnow.org/ about/to join OSSA only.

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!

Note: Many powersports dealers give discounts to OSSA Club members.

Some attributes of club membership include :

- \* Cooperative enjoyment in club activities, rides and play days.
- \* Assistance through club membership in formalizing legislation for snowmobiles.
- \* Learning new areas to ride and familiarity with areas through joint rides.
- \* Strength in state organization through local club organization and input.

- Opportunity to gain knowledge of snowmobiling through club meeting speakers.
- \* Obtaining a feeling of "Belonging" a common bond experience.
- \* Meet new people and make new friends.
- \* Promote and understand safe snowmobiling.
- \* To protect and preserve the rights and freedoms to enjoy the sport of snowmobiling.
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- \* Assist in search and rescue missions.
- \* The ability to enjoy snowmobiling activities as a family and at a price reasonable for doing so.
- \* Helping provide a trail groomer.
- \* Helping to discourage bad snowmobiling practices.
- \* Assistance in formulating and conducting youth driver education clinics.
- \* Promote sanitation and non-littering in all areas used for snowmobiling.
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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

## • The Landing Hotel,

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## • The Lodge at Hot Lake Springs,

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There are some vacation rentals for those that would rather have a homier stay.

- RV Camping:
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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 \$24

\$15

## 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

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

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## **Club Member Spotlight**

Every club works hard to keep trails cleared, opened and ready for you to ride. Unfortunately most ofthem do it with only a handful of club members. Here in Wallowa County we are no different, but we have *Dan Thompson*. To say Dan is an active member is an under statement. Dan has been amember for decades, he is the first to sign up and you can count on him to be overprepared forwhatever task we are doing and on time. Dan gave a lot of his time to help with the Clear Creek Cabinproject in the 90's. So many weekends tearing down existing structure, cutting wood, framing, stackingand construction the current structure. He is up to help every season we go into maintain the ClearCreeks Cabin, ATV stacked to the max with chainsaw, shovel, garbage bags, water, you name it. Dan spends a lot of his summer cutting out and clear quite a bit of the 175 miles of trails we have, the very trails for all to enjoy when the snow flies. I am sure most clubs have someone like Dan in their club, make sure you shake their hand and thank them for all they do.

## On behalf of all the Gamblers, DAN WE THANK YOU!!!!!!

Just a fun note to illustrate last months article....Salt Creek Summit Sno Park saw a lot of action this summer. The fires have finally calmed down in around here, the upcoming rains and snow in the forecast will put them completely out.



The lightning strike photo is at Salt Creek Summit on the south end of the parking lot. It hit in the midst of the fires peak burning of that area. Of course with fire crews right there and the heavy rain they were able to contain that one very quickly.

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## Volunteers are needed for this!



! Always wear protective gear to stay safe

Photo of Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Club volunteers at work. We appreciate you!







Snowmobile Club



Harney County Snowmobile Club conducted our first meeting of the year. We voted in 4 new board members.

Ryan Delange:	President
Warran Whitney:	Groomer Chairman
Coleen Allen:	Vice President
Mindy Gould:	Treasurer
Byron Pillar:	Secretary
Chris Larsen:	Groomer at Large

We got our first snowfall here in Harney County on Saturday, 10/22/22 and we could not be more excited.

We have been asked by the Harney County Chamber of Commerce to participate in the making of new county maps to include trails and locations that we maintain and groom.

We will be participating in our local Christmas parade again this year.

We put on a Bunco party night including tacos and nachos at our local Elks Lodge. It was a great night of fun!



## Panhandle Snowmobile Club 48090 Cornucopia Hwy Halfway, OR 97834

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

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

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.

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We're all looking forward to seeing snow fly and hitting the trails soon! With our trail maintenance completed we couldn't be more excited to shred this season. Our Club hosted our annual Season Kickoff Party October 29th, we had a wonderful turnout and lots of fun. RV's galore, smores and too many laughs. The stoke was high and could be felt from miles away!!

Looks like it's shaping up to be a fantastic season, currently praying for snow! We're planning lots of group rides/events (continue to check out our social media pages for upcoming Club Events and come sled the Cascades with us!)

December 3rd, Christmas Parade in Bend – look for our Moon Country Float! January 13/14th, Christmas/End of Year Party – Camp out at Wanoga February 7-11th OSSA Convention! March 3-5th, Help us support our fellow Dog Sled Teams in Bend! Need volunteers!

## We are close to being one of the largest Clubs in Oregon!

We need **YOU** to make it to #I and let our voices be heard!!! Do you know how you can help us?! Join our Club, show your support, and know we are supportive of ALL winter sports and we encourage working together as a team to accomplish bigger goals!

## Join Today by visiting: https://mcsnowbusters.wixsite.com/website/membership

We have many more exciting Club announcements coming soon. With renewed energy, the board is ready to make this season our most successful yet!

Until next month, BRAAP BRAAP!





## Hello all!

Finally got a bit of weather here in Grant County! Couple inches of snow at the higher elevations, andpossibly more in the near future! Also, our new-to-us Prinoth groomer arrived this past month and we said goodbye to our old Tucker. Thank you OSSA!

We are excited to get out and get some ground groomed with winter arriving!!! Looking forward to cooler weather and the adventure that it brings!

See you in the mountains!









# Volunteering JUST GOT MORE REWARDING !



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How can I qualify for an America the Beautiful Volunteer Pass? Accrue 250 hours of volunteer service on participating Federal public lands, and you can receive an America the Beautiful Volunteer Pass in recognition of your efforts.

Simply coordinate tracking of your hours with OSSA and we can request the pass for you.

#### Region 6 - Volunteer Opportunities (usda.gov)

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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 crosscountry 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, reroof 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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# Wallowa Avalanche Center

# 2023 Avalanche Courses



## Does your riding level match your level

## of avalanche awareness and rescue?

**If the answer is no**, then it's time to start training. Avalanche education and awareness targeted at the motorized community has been behind education aimed at skiers for years. Unfortunately humans are often reactive in nature, and it often takes tragedy to enforce the relevance that change is needed. Fortunately there is a cultural shift around motorized users taking avalanche courses, and there are providers and high end snowmobilers who are teaching motorized curiculm. This short article will dive into some history from across the Western US, and specifically in Oregon. The work the Wallowa Avalanche Center has done to increase awareness to this community will be the focus of the content. As we all prepare for what we hope will be a fun and safe winter, it's important to make the connection between our formal avalanche training and riding level.

#### Instructors:

Victor and Kelly McNeil are the primary Motorized instructors for the WAC. Both have received the highest level of avalanche education in the US, taken numerous courses with AIARE and spent a lot of time in the backcountry. Kelly is professor in Public Health at Eastern Oregon University and grew up snowmobiling in NE, Wyoming. Victor has been the Executive Director and lead avalanche forecaster for the WAC since 2017. All instructors and course leaders who work for providers such as the WAC, teaching the AIARE curriculum have the same high level of training.

## Wallowa Avalanche Center

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## **History:**

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Between 1951-2021, 290 snowmobilers have died from avalanches in the United States. 30% of avalanche victims are snowmobilers and snobikers. The only user group with more fatalities is backcountry skiers (302). From 1951-2021 there have been 19 total avalanche deaths in Oregon, with 7 fatalities since 2011. Of these 19, 3 have been snowmobilers. Two fatalities have taken place at Paulina Lake in Central Oregon, and the most recent one in the Elkhorn Mountains of NE OR in 2020. The statistics that we don't have, are the number of full or partial burials, near misses, or average riders per year in avalanche terrain. We do know that todays snowmobiles are lighter, more powerful, and accessing avalanche terrain has never been easier.

The Wallowa Avalanche Center (WAC) began working with the local motorized community 6 years ago. An effort was made to offer free avalanche awareness and subsidized in the field rescue training to the local snowmobile clubs and SAR teams in NE OR. This demographic makes up a greater percentage of winter backcountry users than skiers, snowboarders and snowshoers (in NE OR), but the focus for avalanche safety wasn't on the motorized folks. Unfortunately this could be said for many avalanche centers across the west, who have historically catered to non-motorized users. Back in the early days of snowmobiles, just getting close to avalanche terrain was a feat in it's own. According to the Colorado Avalanche Information Center database the first reported snowmobiler fatality due to an avalanche occured in 1968 in Colorado.

In 2020 the WAC offered its first motorized specific avalanche Level I course. The 2019 the WAC became a provider of the American Insitiute for Avalanche Research and Education (AIARE) avalanche curriculm. AIARE had just put together a specific curriculum for motorized travelers as opposed to the ski focused curriculum started in 1998. It was a slow start, with only 6 participants who live in and around Enterprise, OR and own Outlaw Motorsports. Avalanche specific curriculum and education for snowmobilers is still relatively new and it took time to develop a reputation of solid instruction and good education. As the WAC has gained a reputation for instructors who can teach to snowmobilers and actually ride well, there has been a major uptick in signups.

## **Moving Forward:**

Since the first AIARE Motorized Level I course in 2020, the WAC has taught to over 90 participants in an AIARE motorized course, and many more through Awareness presentations, and Companion rescue clinics taught to local clubs and SAR teams. For this upcoming winter, we are offering a total of 4 companion rescue courses, a Level I and Level 2.

We are excited to have the OSSA 51st Convention based out of La Grande, OR this winter, and will be offering a free 1.5 hour avalanche awareness presentation on Tuesday February 7th in La Grande. The WAC will be coordinating and helping our local snowmobile club, the La Grande Snodrifters who are hosting the OSSA. On Thursday the 9th, WAC instructors will be teaching a Companion Rescue Course. This will be a day long, field based course covering avalanche rescue techniques, appropriate avalanche safety equipment, and hands on training. This course is \$135 and you can use the coupon code OSSA2023 for \$5 off. The money raised from the WAC avalanche courses helps pay for the general operating budget including: avalanche forecasting, free avalanche education, website and weather station maintenance and more. You can learn more and sign up at: WWW.WallOWaavalanchecenter.org/store/







## Avalanche Awareness <u>Presentation</u> Dec. 2, 6:30PM Winding Waters Boathouse, Joseph

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December 10th @ 6:00 PM Location: HQ 112 Depot St, La Grande Tickets \$15 @ the door, includes pizza



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We held our second club meeting on October 11th at the Mazatlan Grill. We discussed planning work parties for trail maintenance, firewood cutting to stock the warming shelters, and upcoming events. We are very excited to announce that Dan finally heard back from the IRS, and our non-profit status has been reinstated. Thank you, Dan, for working on this for the past year or more!

We received 3 avalanche beacon boards from the OSSA to put up in our area. We will be working on establishing where the boards should go and will work to get them up for this season. We will take them down at the end of the season to keep them in better shape.

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).

We would like to put a huge thank you out to Jim Goossen for tuning up the club's wood splitter and getting the hydraulics running properly. With the weather cooperating with us, we have been able to have several work parties this past month. We would like to thank Chris Boivin, Andy Nelmes, Jim Goossen, & Dan Riblett for a long day cutting stumps and moving large rocks out of the Sunset Trail. Thank you to George Gregory, Mike Johnson, Jim Goossen, Steve Harper, Chris Boivin, Bill Roberts, & Dan Riblett for repairing the stove pipe and stocking the Fourmile warming shelter. Thank you to Chris Boivin, Mike Redd, & Dan Riblett for splitting firewood and filling the Brown Mountain warming shelter.

We are very pleased to report that our club reached 103 family memberships by the end of the season last year. We have reached 68 paid memberships as of October 11th. Please work on getting your dues paid for this season.

We are sad to report that our snowmobile community lost a great friend when Kerry Himelwright, age 69, passed away at home on 7/24/22. The world lost a great man. A husband, father, grandfather, friend, and mentor will be greatly missed. To all that knew him, Kerry may best be remembered with three words: FAST, FUNNY, and FAITHFUL. FAST: He raced (and won) many motorcycle & snowmobile races over the years. He even "jogged" in his wheelchair at a pretty fast pace. He loved the wind in his hair whether he was on a snowmobile, jet ski, motorcycle, or his wheelchair. FUNNY: Kerry had a keen sense of humor and laughed loud & often. If Kerry wasn't laughing outwardly, there was still a spark of amusement in his eyes & facial expression. FAITHFUL: He was always there to lend a helping hand. Kerry deeply loved his friends, his snowmobile family, and his service dog, Philly, but his main love were his 3 girls. His loving & caring wife of over 50 years, Sherry. His companion, best friend, snowmobiling buddy, and his "legs", daughter Wendy. His granddaughter, Trinity, who from the very day she was born, grabbed Kerry's heart and never let go. Kerry was born & raised in Klamath Falls. After graduating from Klamath Union High School, he continued living in Klamath Falls his entire life. Kerry followed his passion in the motorcycle & snowmobile industry. To honor Kerry's wishes, there will not be a funeral service. Sometime during the winter, Kerry's favorite backdrop, there will be a private celebration of life. Any memorial donations may be directed to Pacific Crest Credit Union under Trinity Himelwright for Trinity's trade-school/ college education.

Our next general club meeting will be November 8th, 2022 at the King Wah restaurant. We will meet to eat dinner at 6 p.m. 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. Thank you for your support,

Thomas Bentley Vice President KBSD

## Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Schedule of Events

\* December 2022 Tuesday, 12/13/22: Christmas party @ 6 p.m.-TBA

\* 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. – TBA

#### \* 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







## Our club has been busy updating all our trail diamonds.

We are placing new trail diamonds every 1/2 mile and have designed the system so that if you keep the trail diamonds on your right it will lead you back to the sno-park.

In late November we will be reinstalling all our trail signs.

We have been busy servicing our groomer so that it will be ready for the upcoming snow season.

## December 3rd Saturday 10am to 11:30am : Kids Snowmobile Safety Class at SK Northwest RSVP to TJ Reilly SDAS88@aol.com

## December 10th Saturday 9:30am to 12pm : Kids Snowmobile Safety Class at Mt Hood Polaris RSVP to Brent Younker b\_totalrental@yahoo.com

Note: Class will be cancelled if no one RSVPs

Club Rides to be announced soon.









Find us on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/sumptersnowmobileclub) See upcoming events for a disclaimer

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2022-2023 SNOWMOBILE SEASON

## **Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)**

We changed our meeting night this season to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday's of each month starting this year in September. The Club will have our potluck starting at 6:00 PM and our meeting will 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-meetings. Dates and times are subject to change so please check the schedule each month.

These are the dates for our next meetings.

- \* Thursday November 17, 2022
- \* Thursday December 15, 2022
- \* Thursday January 19, 2023
- \* Thursday February 16, 2023
- \* Thursday March 16, 2023
- \* Thursday April 20, 2023

Our October Meeting had 19 members attend. Next meeting will be our Thanksgiving Dinner and meeting. Hope we have a great turn out. Don't have anything to report at this time. It was great getting back together with everyone.

We have had some snow in Sumpter and up in the higher elevation. Hope we have a great season. Let's start doing our snow dance.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

This Season our Poker Run will be on Feb. 18, 2022. We are hoping to have a couple Vintage Races this season with Grant County Snowballers putting it on with our clubs support. Dates will be announced later.

## COMMENTS

We have started to take membership dues starting September 1, 2022 and to those of you who would like to join the club during the 2022-2023 season, it's \$45.00 with \$35.00 going to OSSA and \$10.00 for club dues please contact me (Jane Leatherman) at <a href="mailto:sybmsc-secytreas@oulook.com">sybmsc-secytreas@oulook.com</a> or call me 208-739-3498 and I will get an application out to you. Also, you can go to the OSSA website and pay online to join our club and other clubs. **Thank You** for your support.

We really need participation from young and old. At stake are our rights to use public lands. Your dues help fund the lobbies that continue the fight to retain the use of public lands for snowmobilers, atv's or if your just driving around in the woods.







## La Grande Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club

## We are getting snow! Yay!

Let the season begin early, we got lots to get done and so much fun to be had. **Our chili cook off is back this year, December 10th at the Maver-***icks.* Bring your favorite chili to share, come enjoy a nice warm dinner, and mingle around with other local snowmobilers and their families. This is a great club event to come to, we encourageeveryone to come and enjoy it.

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!

We need our club's support more now than ever!!!

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

Thanks, Amber Schlegel



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# Hello everyone!

Greg here from the Rogue Snowmobilers,

Man, oh man, what a change in weather we just had. Like the flip of the switch, we went from midsummer to early winter weather in less than a few days. Here in the southern end of the state, our snow park received its first snowfall (~1.5") We're excited for the upcoming snow year and a 3rd year La Nina. With any luck, the snow gods will be on our side this year. Here's to hoping we avoid the no-snow February like last year.

I'm happy to announce our club was one of the winners of the ISMA \$400 snowmobile celebration day grant. Our club will be up at Thousand Springs celebrating the day while we get fully ready for the snow season to kick off. We will be cutting firewood, installing some new off-grid solar batteries to keep our internet up 24/7, potluck, and giving out door prizes. We also will be installing two avalanche beacon boards up at Rock top/Huckleberry intersection at Thousand Springs and installing another beacon board at the intersection of old man trail & baily connect trail at 3-lakes snow park.

Below is our schedule of events we have planned through the end of 22' December 2022

- General Club Meeting, 7:00 pm Rogue Regency/Hybrid 6
- Christmas Tree Ride/BYOMD 1000 Springs Sno-park\*\* 10
- ZOOM Board Meeting 6:00 pm 13

12/26-1/2 No Host Holiday Rides - Christmas/New Year's Break TBA

Thanks, and see you all on the snow soon!

Greg Gulrich Vice President – Rogue Snowmobilers 541-621-1814

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## **Oregon Snowmobile Law says:**

ORS 821.150 drivers license or permit required. Class D Fine up to \$250

## We can CERTIFY kids 16 and under without a driver's license.

# **The OSSA Safety Program**

Below is a list of current state approved snowmobile safety trainers. Please contact your local trainer to get your kids 16 or younger without a drivers license trained and obtain their snowmobile safety certificate now.

## NAME

LOCATION

PHONE



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We held our annual wood cutting Party on October 8th at Ray Benson Snow park and it was a huge success! We had many club volunteers show up to cut and split wood, as well as some of our friends in the Forest Service Offices in the surrounding areas and our local friends that belong to the Oregon Nordic Club. With everyones efforts, we were able to cut and split enough wood to fill the Roger Schmidt shelter and the parking lot, and provide quite a stockpile for the smaller outlying warming shelters along the trails. While wood was being cut and split, we had another crew working at building the concrete forms for the foundation where a 3000 gallon diesel tank for the groomers will be dropping soon. Two concrete trucks showed up on October 20th, and we were able to pour 14 yards worth of concrete to get us one step closer to being ready for our new tank.

We all at the Mt. Jefferson Club want to give a huge shout out to OSSA for helping us out with resolving the issue of our unexpected loss of the fuel source we previously had. You all at OSSA have stepped up for us big time this year, and we couldn't be more thankful for the help you have given us!

With all that being said, we are ready for winter on the Santiam Pass. Don't be afraid to come visit us this winter and enjoy some smooth snowmobile trails provided by our wonderful groomers. Keep watching our Facebook Page for news future events and club rides!



## MT JEFFERSON SNOWMOBILE CLUB



Photos by Kelly Fough

Our Movie Night at Northern Lights in Salem, Nov. 16th was a success. Thanks to everyone who came to enjoy epic 509 films, raffle and prizes!





## **Did Somebody Pull My String on Sno-Parks?**

Submitted by: Jack Reynolds



I could use this column to tell you all about what the Lodgepole Dodgers have been up to lately. It could be an article about how we have "re-branded" ourselves as "La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers", leaving the words "Snowmobile Club" off of our new name, because we are now a club that includes four season fun on ATV's, UTV's, motorcycles and snowmobiles. Or I could be telling you about how we partnered with the Moon Country Snowbusters and Pro Caliber Motorsports to sponsor the Sled Swap last weekend where we offered folks the opportunity to sell what they don't need and buy what they do need for the up-coming season. Or this column could be used to tell you about our upcoming Pancake Feed where we hope to feed breakfast to 300 hungry people to raise funds for our annual La Pine High School Scholarship fund. This column could also be used to tell you about how the La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers just completed our semi-annual litter pick up of 6 miles of Paulina Lake Road. Or I could use this column to tell you about the retirement of our longtime grooming chairman, Bob Keller, and his induction into the International Snowmobiling Hall of Fame. But nope, that's not what I want to use this column to talk about today. Continue to pages 33-34





Let's talk snow parks! Did you now that there are over 100 State recognized snow parks in Oregon, 63 of which welcome snowmobilers and offer access to snowmobile trail systems. These properties are generally built, owned and maintained by the US Forest Service but the actual snow removal in these snow parks is funded by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Sno-Park Permit Program. You must have a valid Sno-Park permit displayed near the lower left corner of the wind-shield of your vehicle if you park in a designated winter recreation parking area (Sno-Park) beginning November 1 and ending April 30. Each of these areas is posted with signs identifying it as a Sno-Park. You will find Sno-Parks in Oregon's mountain passes and at most recognized ski, snowmobile, and snow play areas. Sno-Park permits issued by California and Idaho are honored in Oregon, and Oregon permits (except interim annual permits) are honored in those states. Parking in an Oregon Sno-Park without a permit may result in a \$30 fine.

Oregon's Sno-Park Program is funded entirely by the sale of Sno-Park permits. The idea of a user funded snow removal program for snow season parking areas came from, none other than the Oregon State Snowmobile Association, back in the early 1970's. It was a brilliant idea and eventually other user groups joined the effort and ODOT decided that the idea just might work. The program provides funds for snow removal in Sno-Parks and enforcement of the permit requirement. Any money remaining at the end of each season may be used for maintenance and development of Sno-Parks or carried over for use in a following year. ODOT sells about 160,000 of these permits each year producing something near \$4,000,000 per year. That Snow Park Permit money is ear-marked for snow removal and management of the Sno-Park Permit system only, it does not pay for restrooms, trash removal, pavement repair, site drainage repair or other necessary maintenance of the parking lots. In 2020, ODOT reported an accrued cash reserve in the snow park account of \$5,500,000, due to more revenue than expenses in previous years.



**Permit sales agent**". That's a fancy title meaning that we can sell Sno-Park Permits. At the beginning of each season we purchase a packet or two of permits for re-sale at club functions and meetings. Adding a "convenience fee" of \$5 to our cost affords us the opportunity to raise some funds for the general fund of the club. ODOT sells booklets of 25 season passes to the club for \$625 and we offer them to our members and associates for \$30 each, which is the same price as other retail sources. That yields the club \$125 profit on each booklet sold. Un-sold passes can be redeemed for a full refund at the end of the season, if necessary. Becoming a sales agent is surprisingly easy and efficient. If you're not already doing it, your club could start the process by contacting Judith Moore at Oregon DMV at Judith. INGRAM\_MOORE@odot.oregon.gov or calling 503-945-5052.

Now that you understand the mechanics of Oregon's Sno-Park Permit program, let's talk about some of the disappointments. Have you noticed an increase in the number of winter sports enthusiasts at the snow parks in the last few seasons? Have you noticed the new types of snow sports enthusiasts using the snow parks lately ... fat bike riders, back-country skiers, snow-shoers, dog sled teams? Have you found yourself getting up early on a Saturday morning just so that you might not have difficulty finding a parking space at your favorite snow park? Have you been one of the late-comers that had to do laps around the lot, or even drive to another snow park, to find a parking spot? The crowded snow park conditions, especially near Bend and Portland, brings up the question of what is being done to alleviate this problem. The last new snow park that I know of in the State of Oregon was Kapka Butte Snow Park. It was originally proposed in 2008, public comment on it's construction happened in 2011 and it was finally built and put into service for the winter of 2014-2015 ... that's six years between conception and construction. Are we looking at six years, or longer, before new facilities are in place to alleviate the snow park congestion that we are already experiencing here in the Oregon Cascades? How early will we have to get out of bed on Saturday to get a parking spot for our trailers in 2028? If things are going to change, it's up to the users with the passion for winter sports to advocate and drive that change ... that's you, the membership of the OSSA. If it's going to take six years, or longer, to get a new snow park or snow park expansion plan approved, it's time we start making some noise Continue to page 34



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Snow park disappointment #2 ... the sometimes lack of snow removal. Here in Lodgepole Dodger-land, the Oregon Dept. of Transportation gives our club an allowance to spend on snow removal for road and snow park lots. Our club entertains bids and awards an annual contract to a private contractor. This system works pretty well as the contractor is usually interested in performing well in anticipation of a contract renewal for the next season. However, in many locations, ODOT is the responsible party for the actual snow removal using their infinite array of plows, blowers, graders, loaders and other heavy equipment. This ODOT system also seems to work pretty good as long as we are getting small, regular dumpings of new snow, or no new snow at all. But when we get a "big dump", the clearing of snow in the snow parks gets moved to the back burner while all of this heavy equipment is used to keep the highways cleared and passable. Sometimes the removal of snow in the parking lots gets put on the back burner for days and days after the "big dump". The need to park does not get put on the back burner, just the snow removal ... so the new snow in the lots becomes rutted from spinning tires, divots and piles form from digging out stuck vehicles and this mess thaws and re-freezes creating impassable conditions. So lask ... what good does it do to keep the highways cleared and passable when half the traffic on those highways has no place to park when they get where they are going, which happens to be an Oregon Sno-Park where the users have pre-paid for their parking experience? I think we can all understand some reasonable delay, during and shortly after a big snow, but none of us can understand multi-day delays of a simple pass around the exterior edges with a plow. Why do Oregon's snow parks get treated like the red headed step-child after a big storm? Why does ODOT refuse to accept help, in fact prohibit help, from OSSA's grooming volunteers after the big dumps?

Remember that \$4m snow removal budget and the 100 recognized snow parks that I talked about earlier in this article? Simple math tells you that those numbers come to \$40,000 per year, per snow park, just for snow removal ... and many of those snow parks are nothing more than a wide spot in the road. Doesn't is seem possible that there might be enough money generated in this Snow Park Permit system to pay some overtime during these big snow dumps and get these lots cleaned up in a more timely fashion? **Especially when the Oregon Sno-Park** program has generated \$5.5 million in excess revenue in recent years?

> Again, passionate players, It's time to make some noise! If you would like to be heard on the current snow removal (or lack there of) condition of a snow park in the upcoming season, dial 511 and politely lodge your complaint.

> > Otherwise, ODOT officials might just think that they are doing exactly what is expected of them.





# 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 sledders, 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/