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Happy October Snowmobilers

Presidents Letter, By Dennis Jordan

Here we are the first weekend in October. For those who spent weekend hunting, hope you got the biggest buck ever, or you had some great walks in the woods, either way you're in the mountains having fun. We did get a little rain a few days back, not much, but enough to give you a little hope for the season.

Our membership drive with the Snowmobile Give-A-Way is in full swing. We are getting in memberships as fast as we can process them. We are also picking up sponsorships to help pay for the Snowmobile Give-A-Way. I can't say thank you enough to all our great sponsors and supporters of Ossa and this great sport we all love. As most of you know, the more members we will have the bigger/stronger voice we have at the

table when the other side tries taking away our access to our riding areas.

Last month, I attended our first Club Administrators Summit. Twenty-two club administrators from clubs across the state attended. We spent one day learning some of what Growth Zone could do to grow club membership and ease the burden of the club secretary/treasurer's position. It was wonderful to meet and get to know each and every one that attended.

Because it's October, we are taking delivery of our new cats. Moving cats to their homes. A brand-new Tucker has been delivered to the Tollgate Club and it looks like a great addition to that great club. The Walker Rim cat has been moved to Burns and it looks like they are very happy with their new addition. Special thanks to Walker Rim club for

taking such great care of that cat. It will have many great years of service over in Burns. We will be moving and receiving more cats later this month and into November. Standby for updates next month.

As fire season winds down, a lot of you will be topping your woodsheds, performing the last of your pre-season trail maintenance, getting warming shelters and cat shed maintenance completed.

We now have a great website that is up to date with all kinds of activities from club rides, safety training, avalanche training, grooming reports, and last-minute changes to schedules across the state.

Keep an eye out for activities in your area on October 29th. It's Snowmobile Day. It's a day to celebrate the snowmo-

biling community and begin preparations for the upcoming season. We will have club events and local dealers will have open houses. So, check with your local clubs to see what's going in your area.

I will continue my plan to attend club meetings at selected Ossa member clubs over the 2022-2023 season.

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at dljordan14@gmail.com or call me at: (541) 821-6570.

Thanks, and start thinking SNOW!

Dennis Jordan
President,
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Ossa's Original Founding Father

By Ray Benson



Ken Haevernick did both. Ken Haevernick is a man that we all owe a huge debt of gratitude towards. Originally a doctor with a practice in the city of Lebanon, OR, Ken found himself, like many of us, taking his snowmobile out into the mountains to enjoy fun filled winter weekends with his kids and wife Sally. But some didn't feel the same about snowmobiles that he did.

50 years ago, Snowmobiling in the state of Oregon was on the brink of being outlawed by a woman named Norma Paulus, and Ken and a few other brave souls took it upon themselves to save the sport we know and love so dearly. Once the bill was killed and snowmobiles weren't considered "criminal" anymore, Ken thought, "How much further can we take this?" So he, his wife Sally, Ray and Shirley Benson, Frank and Mary Ann Ellis, Walt and Dixie Haring, Clint and Nancy Peterson, Ron Levine, Wally Gibson, Major and Carla Defoe, Buck Herman and Ray Brandt started the Oregon State Snowmobile Association, to protect Snowmobiling in the state of Oregon for future generations to come.

Ken is responsible for helping write legislation for the Sno Parks program, the licensing

program, and even youth safety education for snowmobiles. Many people think Ossa was started as a trail grooming organization, but that simply is not true. Grooming was something that came about years and years later through extra funding through the other things listed above, and with it still being volunteer based, makes it one of the premiere organizations and the entire nation.

Ken was to be honored at the Ossa Convention in Diamond lake this past January, but due to Covid, and a bit of limited mobility these days, Ken was not able to attend. The Ossa Board was still kind enough to give him a nice award for his many years of service to the association and countless hours spent turning it into what it is today. My Dad, Gene Benson and I were able to catch up with Ken recently and give him his award. He's incredibly happy with the job everyone does to keep the association going and thriving today.

He truly is one of the greatest people I've had the privilege of meeting, and I can't thank him enough for everything he's done.

There aren't many people who can have a vision so big and so grand for an idea or organization, and there are even fewer who can see the whole thing through and turn it into something special.

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Directors October Letter

We have exciting plans in store for the 2022-2023 season! Snow has already begun to fall.

We had our first Club Administrators Summit in September. It was so much fun getting to know everyone and learning from each other.

OSSA provides a Safety Program free of charge to all ages. Now is a good time to get the kids certified and ready to ride. Our Snowmobile Safety Instructors are Oregon state approved. The list of instructors can be found by click on the link - Safety Program - Oregon State Snowmobile Association (oregonsnow.org).

Our club membership drive is in full swing. If you have not joined a club yet, click on the link to find a club near you. Clubs - Oregon State Snowmobile Association (oregonsnow.org)

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The snowmobile manufacturers are pleased to announce Snowmobile Day, happening October 29, 2022. Snowmobile Day is a day to celebrate the snowmobiling community and begin preparations for the upcoming season. Snowmobile clubs, local dealers, associations, and snowmobile groups are invited to participate.

Snowmobile Day is being patterned after the successful "Snöskoters Dag", held in Sweden for over 45 years. The celebration in Sweden started in the 1970s and expanded rapidly through the 1980s as snowmobiling in Sweden expanded. The success of the event is traced to creating a fun family party, with involvement from clubs, associations, media, dealers, and other industry stakeholders.

Snowmobile clubs are encouraged to begin the season with a party that might include games activities, and more. A "Show and shine" event featuring vintage and custom snowmobiles, towing and groomer vehicles could be another type of activity planned. Safety training, maintenance and winter check-ups for snowmobiles and trailers are other activities clubs and associations might hold during a Snowmobile Day celebration.

Snowmobile Day should be a fun, family festival type event, where BBQ, refreshments, music, and an open house can get snowmobilers excited for the upcoming season.

Snowmobile Clubs are encouraged to participate in the activities and serve food, coordinate special events, conduct safety classes, sell trail, riding permits, and registrations. This is a great opportunity for clubs and associations to increase membership and recruit volunteer for trail activities.

Snowmobile associations and clubs are encouraged to contact local Chambers of Commerce, Visitor and Convention Bureaus, and regional media to support and help with a local event.

Planning a Snowmobile Day celebration is a perfect opportunity to bring enthusiasts together in kicking off the season and enjoying the snowmobile family lifestyle.



ISMA SNOWMOBILE DAY GRANTS AWARDED TO OSSA CLUBS

Lodgepole Dodgers, Rogue Snowmobilers and Walker Rim Riders each received a \$400 grant to be used for Snowmobile Day October 29th 2022 !



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Walker Rim Riders Snowmobile Club

August 21 at 7:28 AM ·

Yesterday (September 26th) The Walker Rim Snowmobile club said goodbye to our well loved snow cat we've had the privilege to use since late 2009! All the groomed trails and trail head clean outs have been done by this snow cat locally for over a decade in the Crescent Lake Junction area. This cat has prepared the snow for our annual Candlelighters day, The annual Crescent Lake challenge ski race and has been a key asset in search and rescue recoveries!

Volunteers have been grooming approximately 2,000 trail miles a year with this cat keeping winter access open and maintained after harsh winter storms bring down thousands of trees across trails each year.

This cat will be replacing an aging cat in the Burns Oregon area for the Harney County snowmobile club. The club will be working on preseason trail work and signage while we're ***anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new cat*** predicted to arrive around Thanksgiving. We have been researching the new cat for over 3 years so you could probably guess that we're pretty excited!

CJ Price



Saturday, October 29th is Snowmobile Day!! Walker Rim Riders will be set up in the Junction Sno-Park with trail sleds, mountain sleds, beacon demonstrations, examples of snow clothing and examples of snowmobile gear to have on your sled. Great information for beginners and experienced riders as well! We'll also have the smoker going with some Mexican pulled pork tacos, smoked queso dip, chips, salsa and drinks. [WATER WORLD Boat & Powersport](#) will have some Brand new sleds and other toys to check out as well!

Come join us for an afternoon of snowmobile fun, great food, warm fires, hot/cold drinks and some corn hole!!

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Well this fall heat in Wallowa County has us all anticipating winter a little more. Previous years we have had several snow falls by now on the mountain tops.

What is mother nature brewing up there? An epic winter, let's hope, fingers crossed.

Wildfires have been running rampant this fall opening up some new ski areas and riding areas as well. We were hoping to get some work done at Salt Creek Summit parking lot, extending it. All the fire activity at the Sno Park is delaying that a bit.

With all the cabins maintained, light trail clearing and wood cutting is the only activity left for the fall. In lieu of the fires a significant amount brush cutting and trail clearing has been done for us by fire crews.

We are looking forward to the lighter bit of work to finish out fall and be ready for winter riding. Meetings begin, the first Monday of the month. **Our Annual Poker Run** is on the books for January 14th, 2023. **Kids play day** will be held again in March stay tuned for the date. Don't forget to check out Wallowa Avalanche Center for their dates on AAIRE AVY classes, they have several to choose from.

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Our meetings are the 2nd 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 cleanup TBA
- 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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Polaris is notifying dealers and contacting registered owners directly. Polaris has reported this matter to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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Another snowmobile season is approaching, and CC Riders are getting anxious for those first flakes to fall. Some trail maintenance was performed in July, but due to the snowfall so late in the Spring, much of the higher trails were hard to get to. Then, before you could blink it was fire season, so looks like the maintenance will have to get done later this Fall.

The Windigo fire has burned through some of the riding areas on the Kelsey Mountain loop, according to the fire map. This means more open areas to ride in, but always be cautious of dangerous trees in the area.

Some of the work has been done on the new cat during the summer months. Thanks, Gary Olsen for getting the new boxes on for equipment. We will be getting the new tracks on in November, so it will be ready for snow when it gets here.

The first official club meeting will be November 2nd at Ken Woods home. Pot luck at 6 and meeting at 7. Anyone interested in joining can call Shirley Wampler at 541-315-6613 we would love to have you in our club.

Shirley Wampler,
Secretary Cascade Connection Snowmobile Club.

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 cross-country 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, re-roof 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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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.

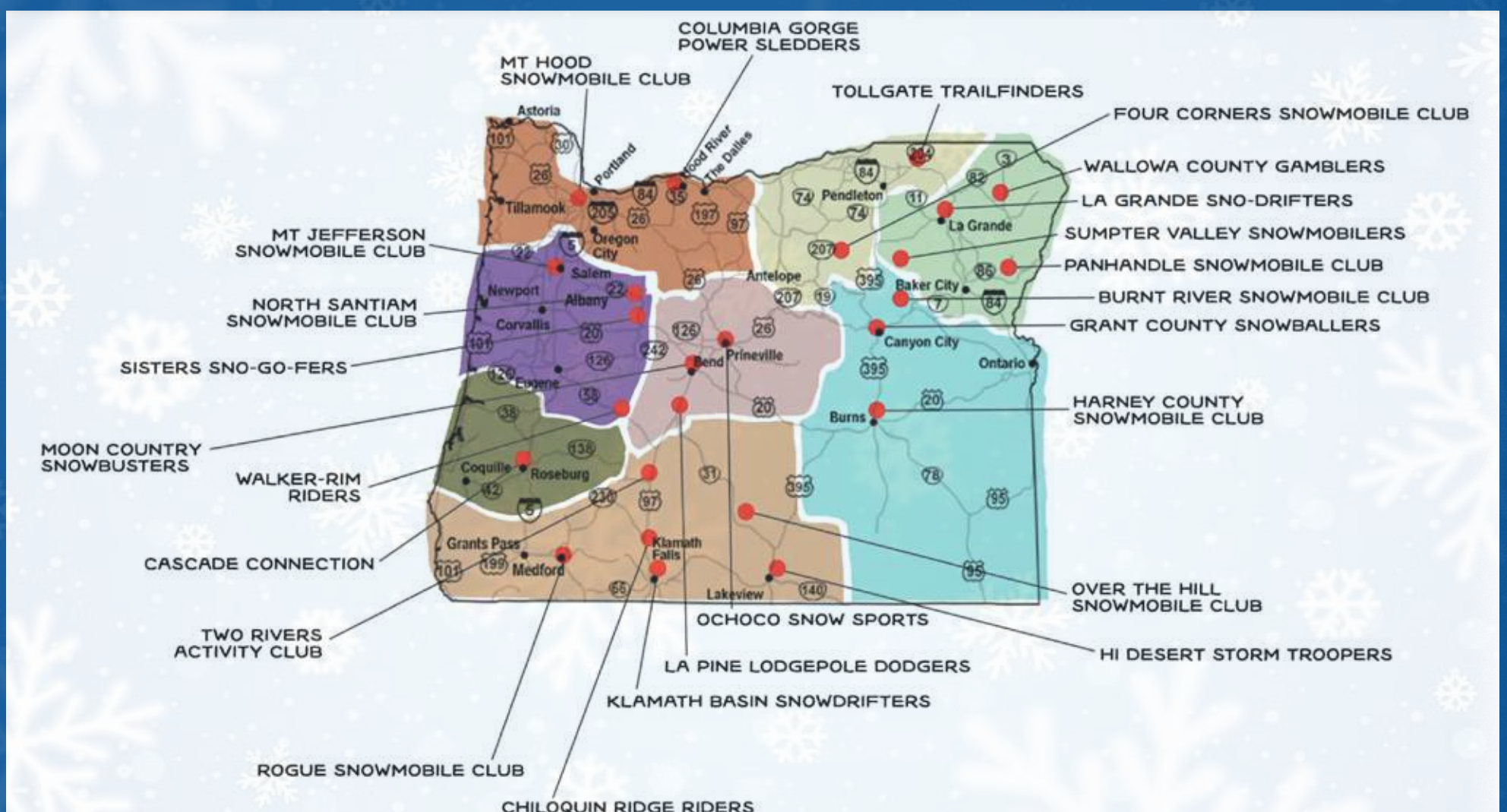
Some attributes of club membership include :

- * 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.
- * To help preserve and promote our natural resources.
- * 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.
- * Serve as a catalyst in service to state and federal agencies in providing new snowmobiling trails and parking facilities.
- * Club membership brings recognition to the member from both state and federal agencies and prestige in that recognition.

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Advice on Pre-Season Groomer Prep from Your PRINOTH Team

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Winter is around the corner. Is your club's groomer ready to hit the trails?

If you're like most clubs that rely on volunteers for this work, I'm guessing the answer to that question is no, not quite yet. Fall is the time when we're tying up loose ends, and all the heavy work is complete, but the question always arises... How is it that we wait and wait for the snow to fall, and when it finally does, it's a surprise? This year, let's get ahead of it!

Maintaining your groomer is a never ending, yet rewarding chore. Just because we call it "Summer Maintenance" doesn't mean the job is done when winter arrives.

We sat down with the team from PRINOTH to gather some service tips that every snowmobile club can use to help get their grooming machines ready for the winter season. The first thing they said was, "when we say to do a pre-season check, that doesn't mean the night before it snows! We're all busy, but servicing a grooming machine isn't just a nice to have, it's a must do."

Machine Walk-Around

The first step before even thinking about heading out on the trails, is the machine walk-around. Before you fire up the machine be sure to check fluid, leaks, lighting, tracks and undercarriage, all-over condition of the equipment and where you spend all your time – the cabin.

1. Fluid levels – fill 'er up before each shift!
 - Make sure you know what each fluid compartment has in it and if it's topped off. Have fluids and filters on hand. When was the last time a specific fluid was changed? Hydraulic, drive system, gear box, diesel fuel, DEF/AdBlue, antifreeze, engine oil
 - Most importantly, know and stick to the manufacturer's recommended intervals.
2. Leaks (this one is a must)! An inspection of your hoses has to be apart of your walk around as the hydraulic fluid is the life blood of your machine. It's also #1 for landowners and our friend the environment. Let's face it, leaks make a huge mess and are almost impossible to clean up, so stop them before they start. Catch leaks before they catch you (in the middle of nowhere).
3. Lighting – it's dark out there and you don't want to have to use your phone's flashlight to get back to home base. Overall lighting is not just for your protection, but also (and maybe more importantly) the other person on the trail.
 - Clubs will sometimes mount after-marketing lighting systems. Be sure these are installed by a qualified technician.
4. Tracks and undercarriage/chassis
 - Perform a thorough inspection of the tracks checking for bent/broken grousers, torn or weathered belting, and make sure you are running the proper tension. This adds to the life of the tracks and minimizes wear.
 - Inspect and grease your bogey wheels, paying close attention to suspension parts. These are a wear item and require service from time to time.
 - Inspect the blade push frame where it meets the chassis and all other joints and surfaces for cracking or bent parts, this goes for the rear lift frame as well.
5. Overall condition of the groomer and drag or tiller
 - If you are pulling a drag make sure to inspect your connection point whether it is a pintle connection or fifth wheel/gooseneck for cracking or bent parts. If your drag is fitted with lighting inspect the plug and wiring as the cold weather can have an adverse effect on electrical components.
 - Take a peak for critter nests. Those little buggers can wreak havoc on wiring and other vital components.
6. Cabin – Before embarking on your journey do a quick look around the cabin to be sure it is clean and everything is in working order: seat adjustment, seat belt, switches.
 - Do you have your radio? Enjoyment and safety! It's nice to have contact with the outside world and to be able to call if the bear stirs from its winter slumber.
 - Heat. It's not an option; you don't want to become an icicle.
 - Blade and drag/tiller controls – make sure they're functioning as intended.
 - Clear the windows and mirrors, double check the heated wipers. You'll be glad you can see outside.

Walk through the machine back to front, top to bottom, outside to inside.

It may seem tedious, but spending a few minutes before getting in the machine can save you hours in the long run! Before the start of the season, do this same thing, but with a notepad and your club officers for an official pre-season review. Document what's damaged, needs to be replaced or updated, and who is responsible for completing the task. For example, change your oil and filters before starting the season so when the snow falls your groomer will be as ready as you to get out there!

During the season, keep track of the machine condition

With your grooming operators and club officers, make a plan for how to communicate what's happening with the machine. Write it down and stick a note to the windshield, then add to it anytime you notice something. This is especially important in clubs where multiple people are grooming so you can share information with each other. Just because you know doesn't mean Dave does. (Hey man, Dave's not here!). More often than not, your manufacturer will offer summer parts and service specials and have time to work on your machine during the off-season.

Words of wisdom: Don't wait, time has a tricky way of sneaking up on you. And remember a little grease goes a long way when it comes to the dependability and life of your cat.

Reach out to your local PRINOTH rep for service questions and grooming tips.



OSSA AVALANCHE PROGRAM

It's about that time of year again, mornings are colder and I'm making sure I have what I need for a BIG SNOW season (I hope). Part of the pre season work involves checking my rescue gear for serviceability. New set of batteries for my beacon and a close look at my shovel and probe for cracks is where I start. Over the next few weeks, I will rebuild my tunnel bag and ensure I have my pack ready with overnight essentials.

This year OSSA will make available to clubs an avalanche basics course which is about a 45 minute presentation on the basics to avalanches, how they occur and how we should operate in and around avalanche terrain. We also have a 3-4 hour rescue basics class that includes classroom instruction and a hands on rescue practice period. In this class we will cover beacon search basics, shoveling and probe usage. These classes are intended to provide review for the more experienced riders as well as a good introduction for new members to our snowmobile community. These classes are made available by contacting me at ehlertce@me.com. These classes are intended to be taught by the local clubs to their members. Any club member who has attended a formal avalanche course or is an experienced backcountry rider and has been operating routinely in avalanche terrain should feel comfortable teaching the courses. I am also available to visit your club and provide the instruction. I would only ask that you identify a prospective instructor to teach along side me so they can continue the training for your club in the future. I'm also available for zoom classes and any other way you or your club would like to present the instruction.

A key component to our program is encouraging our members to attend formal A3 certified avalanche training courses. We are also in the final planning stages for an A3 certified two day level one motorized course and a one day rescue course to be taught in Bend this winter. Details to follow, but please mention this to your clubs and reach out if you have questions or are interested. It will be a limited availability class, however we are lucky to have one of the best motorized avalanche courses in the United States offered right here in Oregon. All levels of motorized avalanche courses can be taken from Wallowa Avalanche Center in Northeast Oregon. A beautiful place to ride and an incredible training center with outstanding instructors. Here is the link to course explanations and options (<https://wallowaavalanchecenter.org/classes-events/category/class/>). If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.



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Lastly, we will be adding an avalanche safety page to the OSSA website and will go live in October. We will be posting links to avalanche discussions and videos as well as interesting information for you to tuck away and have ready when a critical avalanche situation presents itself.

Cheers,
Chuck Ehler

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La Grande Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club

Hi everyone and happy start of the season! We are looking forward to the year and all the events that are going to happen! Just a reminder that club meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 6pm location will be posted online and emailed.

Please follow our Facebook &/or Instagram to stay in the loop!

Also 2023 Convention planning meetings are happening! Those will also be announced via email and social media! We have a lot to look forward to hosting convention this year, but that comes with a lot of task that will need to be taken on by club members. If this sounds like something you would be interested in please email us at lgsnodrifters@gmail.com

We are hoping to do our chili cook off again this year, along with many club rides. Please pay your dues to be able to participate in those as well as a chance to win a snowmobile! See OSSA website for more details!

We look forward to seeing everyone and everyone's participation this year in the club!



*We had an amazing first meeting.
Over 70 people showed up
and quite a few signed up.*

Meeting Schedule:

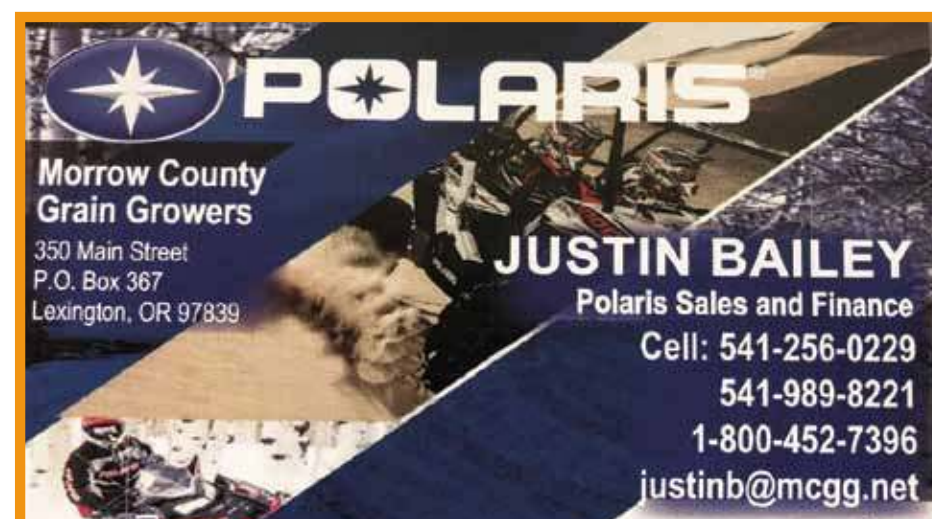
- **November 4th, 2022**, Dean and Linda O'Donnell will be hosting
- **January 6th, 2023**
- **March 3rd, 2023**
- **May 5th, 2023** Meeting will be held at the new Community Center in Detroit. 345 Santiam Ave.W Detroit Or

We are still hopeful we will get up in McCoy for clean-up. (Fingers crossed)

We are looking forward to the opening of Breitenbush. As we understand Marion County and the Detroit Ranger District will give us more answers on the opening at the end of October.

Thank you,

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Summer has flown by and we are ready for some cooler temperatures here in Grant County! Our biggest news this summer is our new groomer shed at Parishis completed! We still have some interior work to finish, but we are dried in and rat proofed! We are very excited to have this building!! Thank you OSSA!

Also, funding was received to do some roadside brushing and clearing!! Dave Hannibal was able to get a lot of miles with the Grayback crew addressed around and near our Huddleston Snow park area and the surrounding nearby trail system for safer grooming and riding.

A BIG THANK you to the crew and OSSA for helping us out!!

As a club we are having a slow trickle in of memberships so far. We did not mail out applications this year and are relying on the email sent out by OSSA. If you would like to join and support our club and OSSA and have not received an email, please contact me, Jina Carniglia, at 541-575-2488. We have meetings at 6pm the first Monday of every month, locations usually TBA on our Facebook page under GCSC. Please like and follow us there to stay up-to-date on club events and happenings!!

We look forward to a fun winter ahead, and plan to promote another vintage oval race (or maybe two) with snow pending! If you haven't been to one you must attend! **Old school is making a comeback!** You have a few months to drag that pre-84 dust collector out of the barn and get it race ready!!

Meanwhile, enjoy the next few months of fall !! Happy hunting !





La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers

We had a busy summer doing ATV/UTV & Motorcycle trail rides. We held multiple rides during the summer including a ride on August 7th at the OSSA campout. We had members from many different clubs come ride with us at the camp out. After the ride we had a BBQ and raffle with prizes donated by Pro Caliber Motorsports of Bend and Giant Loop gear bags of Bend. We have been averaging 15-25 riders for each ride. Our next trail ride is scheduled for October 16, 2022 9am at 10-mile sno-park.

Lodgepole Dodgers is in the process of transitioning to a full year club. We will be having snowmobile and ATV/UTV trail rides. Being a full year club with rides all year long gives us the opportunity to grow our membership. We look forward to other clubs' members joining us on our rides.

Our own Bob Keller was inducted into the hall of fame this year for groomer of the year. Bob has been grooming chairman for the Lodgepole Dodgers for 18 years. Bob stepped down this year and Chuck Ehlert is our new grooming chairman. Thank you, Bob, for all the years of volunteering as grooming chairman. Like to also thank Jack Reynolds, Dennis Wallan, Rick Lind and Bob Hutton for volunteering to groom our trails this year.

Lodgepole Dodgers along with Snowbusters will be holding a sled swap on Saturday October 22, 2022 9am – 5pm @ Pro Caliber Motorsports in Bend.

We are planning a pancake breakfast on snowmobile day, Saturday October 29, 2022. Proceeds from this event will go to our La Pine high school scholarship fund.

This season we are planning the 1st annual Mike McMillan memorial poker run for Saturday January 21, 2023. This event will take place at the 10-mile sno-park at Paulina Lake.

Please follow us on Facebook at La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers page for events and updates as well as grooming reports for Paulina Lake.

THINK SNOW EVERYONE!



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Prinoth[®] Snow Grooming Expanding In North America Announcement of New General Manager Scott Jones

Salt Lake City, UT (September 23, 2022)

PRINOTH is proud to announce the addition of Scott Jones as General Manager to the North American snow grooming team. Jones brings a vast array of strategic know-how to the growing PRINOTH organization. Based in Salt Lake City, Utah, Jones will be heading up the Snow Grooming division in North America. He will be working closely with trusted customers, developing new strategic direction, and building upon the legacy of the PRINOTH brand.

On the growth, PRINOTH Snow Grooming CEO Horst Haller stated, "The U.S. and Canada are extremely important countries for PRINOTH, and now is the perfect time to invest in strengthening our team. Scott brings over 20 years of experience in long-range strategic planning and development and will be a great addition for us in North America."

For Jones, becoming part of PRINOTH is exciting: "Joining PRINOTH is an incredible opportunity to be part of a dynamic and innovative company in an amazing industry. I've examined the new product portfolio, and these machines are a game changer. From the updated Stage 5 BISON, to the electric HUSKY e-motion, and the hydrogen powered h2 LEITWOLF there's a lot of research and development happening. This is resulting in more powerful and more sustainable snow groomers. Working for PRINOTH, a company that matches my passion for the mountains, is a dream job."

PRINOTH develops sustainable technology that delivers perfect results in challenging conditions. PRINOTH snow groomers stand for innovative technologies and appealing design and are known the world over. The strength of the fleet lies in the cooperation among North America, Europe, and the input from valued customers. PRINOTH takes a resource-friendly approach to designing and building its snow groomers to meet the demand for maximum power and efficiency in snow grooming. The combination of cutting-edge technology and extensive expertise in grooming is the recipe for success for cost-effective and high-quality snow grooming.

About PRINOTH www.prinoth.com

PRINOTH is the world's leading designer and manufacturer of snow groomers for alpine, cross country and snowmobile trail maintenance, as well as tracked vehicles and vegetation management vehicles and equipment. PRINOTH is part of the HTI Group (High Technology Industries), which is active in the ropeway, snow groomer, tracked vehicles, wind energy and snowmaking system markets. This group of globally competitive high-tech companies is constantly striving to offer innovative products and exceptional service. The group has more than 70 affiliates, over 130 sales and service points and counts 3,800 employees all over the world.



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Mt Hood Snowmobile Club President

WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR MORE GROOMING VOLUNTEERS.

We will be having a groomer appreciation BBQ at our groomer barn on Sunday October 30th at 12pm. Everyone is welcome. The club will be providing hamburgers and fixings. Members are requested to bring a side dish.

Calendar of events:

Tuesday October 18th

Westside club meeting at Round Table Pizza
10150 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy

Saturday Oct 29th - Monday Oct 31st

Work Party at Skyline Sno-Park

Sunday Oct 30th

Groomer appreciation BBQ at Skyline Sno-Park 12pm

Tuesday Nov 1st

Eastside club meeting at Clackamas Community Club





Sumpter Valley Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club

Find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/sumptersnowmobileclub) (<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 3rd 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 October 20, 2022***
- * Thursday November 17, 2022
- * Thursday December 15, 2022
- * Thursday January 19, 2023
- * Thursday February 16, 2023
- * Thursday March 16, 2023
- * Thursday April 20, 2023

We had a potluck on September 15 this year serving Tri-Tip for the main dish to thank our members and the non-members that had helped with our Poker Run last February. If it wasn't for the non-members and the businesses in town, we wouldn't be able to pull it off. I know a lot of snowmobilers would like to have the poker hands drawn on the trail but we just don't have the man power to do that and we want people that don't have a snowmobile be able to do it, too. And then we don't have to depend on adequate snow to make it happen.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This Season our Poker Run will be on Feb. 18, 2023. 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.





Whew!!! Its been a busy eventful summer for the Mt Jefferson Snowmobile Club. And the even better news is... Winter is coming!!

While snow was slow to come this year our club was able to groom approximately 2700 miles with our AWESOME group of volunteer groomers. Rarely was there a night (with enough snow) where there wasn't grooming activity somewhere in Ray Benson Snow Park. The trails were the BEST our club has ever seen. We are excited to see what this snow season brings.

Our club has been busy doing quite a few work parties over the summer. We plan to have some trails brushed in October as well as a combined wood cutting party with the Oregon Nordic Club to ensure all shelters have enough wood to keep all winter recreationalists warm when the snow hits. Our volunteers performed all the maintenance on the Cats to get them ready for another year of grooming. Both Cats have been fully serviced. Our Grooming Shelter needed some attention including installing sinks, building pressure washing and painting, work on hydraulic wash down station and installing an antenna on the building for SARS and other communications.

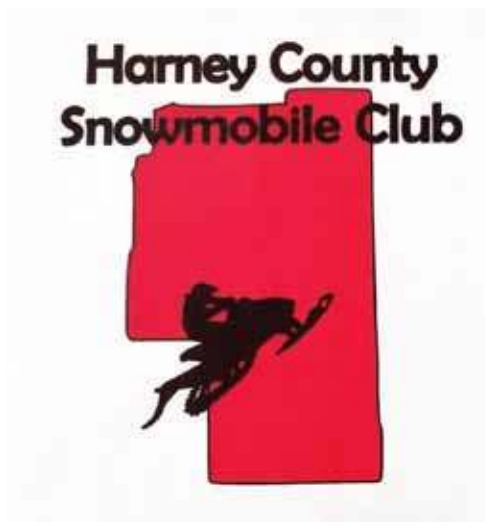
Our club is so excited to be getting our very own Grooming fuel tank. Our dedicated volunteers and OSSA have been working to get a 3,000-gallon fuel tank ordered, paid for and spaced dedicated to be installed by November, fingers crossed. We are so grateful to OSSA for assisting us in getting this project to the finish line.

You may think we are all work and no play! That is not true... Our summer picnic was held the end of July this year in Stayton. Those attending shared good BBQ, salads, deserts and stories of family, sledding, friends and fun. And I am sure there was talk of snow dances and next season's sleds, rides and fellowship on the mountain.

The Board has been working to plan another great season with rides at Ray Benson, some away rides as well as activities to grow club membership. Coming in November is our Movie Nigh at Northern Lights Theater in Salem on Wednesday, November 16th. If you haven't ever been to Northern Lights, you definitely shouldn't miss this event. There will be food for purchase, prizes to win, jokes told, laughs shared and fun sledding movies to watch.

Our ride schedule is below. Please come and join us on the mountain. We love to ride with friends, new and old!!!

| RIDE MONTH | RIDE DATE |
|------------|---|
| December | Date yet to be determined - Shake Down Cruise - snow dependent – highlight equipment, maintenance, check out machines/gear December 31 – New Year's Ride |
| January | Jan 1 - New Year's Eve ride Date yet to be determined - From Ray Benson Snow Park to Three Creeks Date yet to be determined - Ray Benson Snow Park to Big Springs |
| February | 2 – 5 Club ride to Cornucopia 7 – 12 OSSA Convention |
| March | 4 – 5 Paulina 25 th MJSC Play Day during spring break |



Volunteer crew for Prinoth Groomer project of removing the Walker Rim Riders logo from groomer so we can prep it for our own!



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Snowmobile Day Celebration

Saturday, October 29, 2022 - Noon - 4:00 PM

Junction Sno-Park - Crescent Lake, OR

Hosted by Walker Rim Riders Snowmobile Club

- Water World from Medford, a Ski-Doo/Can-Am/Yamaha dealer, will have winter and summer toys to check out.
- Walker Rim Riders will provide smoked mexican pulled pork tacos and beverages.
- Join Walker Rim Riders and receive an entry to win a new snowmobile from OSSA!!



- Avalanche safety demos
- Intro to beacons
- Clothing gear examples
- 50/50 Raffle





Groomer Volunteers Work Party

We held our first club meeting of the year on September 13th at Willy's Pizzeria. Dan Riblett gave us all an update on our grooming program for last season, Dennis Jordan updated us on what is going on at the OSSA, and we set our schedule of events for this season.

OSSA President, Dennis Jordan, informed us that the OSSA purchased 3 new cats for this grooming season, and 2 new cat sheds were built to protect the cats. Grooming clubs throughout the state groomed a total of around 49,000 miles last season. Thank you to all the groomer operators throughout the state!

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).

Dennis also asked me to send a special thank you to Rod Ambers for the excellent job he did putting a wrap on his snowbike. Rod donated his labor to put on a wrap as a prize for our end of the year banquet last April, and Dennis won the prize.

Our grooming total for last season was 2,222.1 miles, with a total of 247 trees removed from the trails. Below is a list of club volunteer accomplishments for the 2021-2022 season:

Fremont/Winema National Forest: 1342.6 miles groomed (60.4%), 260 cat hours, 520 person hours, 160 trees removed

Rogue/Siskiyou National Forest: 563 miles groomed (25.3%), 108.9 cat hours, 218 person hours, 62 trees removed

Lakeview BLM: 101.3 miles groomed (4.5%), 19.4 cat hours, 39 person hours, 0 trees removed

Medford BLM: 216 miles groomed (9.7%), 41.7 cat hours, 83 person hours, 25 trees removed

Club volunteers also had 109 hours of trail maintenance with 12 miles of trails brushed. We totaled 92 hours of warming hut shelter maintenance, including wood cutting for the shelters. We totaled 52 hours of grooming shed maintenance & repair, 189.5 hours of groomer maintenance, 9 hours of meetings, and 26 hours of safety sessions. Club members volunteered to drive 5,500 miles to accomplish all these tasks. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in these club functions.

We are very pleased to report that our club reached 103 family memberships by the end of the season last year. We have reached 47 paid memberships as of September 13th. Please work on getting your dues paid for this season.

We would like to thank Kari Adams for volunteering to take over the Treasurer position for this season. She is taking over for Monica Miller, who served as the club treasurer for several years. Thank you, Kari & Monica, for your service to the club.

Our next general club meeting will be October 11th, 2022 at the Mazatlan Grill. 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

2022-23 Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Schedule of Events

September 2022

Tuesday, 9/13/22: General meeting at 6 p.m. – Willy's Pizzeria

October 2022

Tuesday, 10/11/22: General meeting @ 6 p.m. – Mazatlan Grill

November 2022

Tuesday, 11/8/22: General meeting @ 6 p.m. – TBA

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

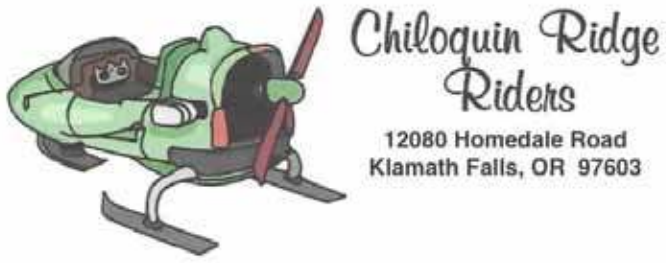
Saturday, 3/11/23: Club Ride @ 9 a.m. – TBA

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



Chiloquin Ridge Riders is a group of snowmobiling enthusiasts based out of the Annie Creek snow park. We maintain the snowmobile trails in the area.

Hello Fellow Snowmobilers,

I don't know about you but I'm ready for snow. In preparation for the upcoming season we did the annual maintenance of the cat this last spring before we put the cat away for the winter.

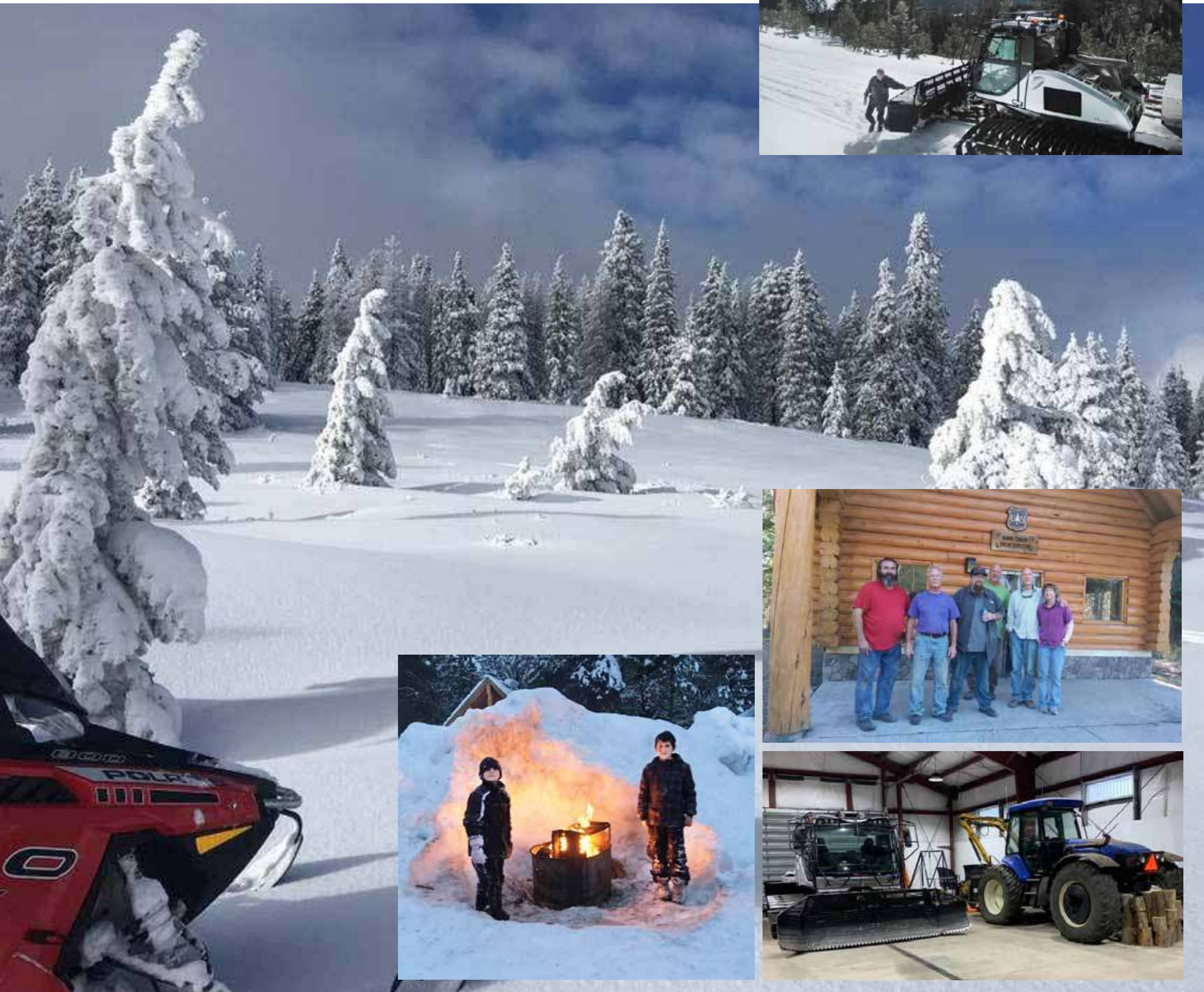
With the way fire season has been the last couple years we have not gotten much time to do "summer" maintenance, it usually turns into fall maintenance. With that being said we are ready to start brushing and mowing the trail systems. The brusher mower is ready to get to work. This last year we finished up the 50K RTP grant we had for trail restoration.

There is one issue we face for the upcoming season and that is a portion of the trail system between Annie Creek and Diamond Lake was washed out with flash flooding, currently the forest service is not going to fix it until spring of next year. Which means we can't take our cat all the way up to Hwy 138. We are working on a solution to this issue.

In addition, we received our beacon board and plan to have it set up before winter. In the mean time keep up the snow dance and we will see you on the snow.

Just Send It,

Jacob McCarty, President
Chiloquin Ridge Riders



2023 OSSA CONVENTION

Hosted by the La Grande Sno Drifters!

Dates: February 7-11, 2023

**Location: National Guard Armory
404 12th St. La Grande, OR 97850**



We are working hard to organize and finalize the details for the 2023 OSSA Convention being held in La Grande.

The dates are Tuesday February 7 thru Saturday February 11 2023.

If you need a place to stay we encourage you to book your stay at the following – remember to mention OSSA convention to get any discount offered

- La Grande Best Western Rama Inn & Suites -1711 21st Street– 541-963-3100– has swimming pool and hot tub and buffet breakfast. offers discounted rates –
- Americas Best Value Sandman Inn (allows pets) 2410 E “R” Ave- 541-963-3707– has swimming pool and whirlpool and continental breakfast. offers discounted rates
- Super 8 by Wyndham — 2407 East “R” Ave – 541-963-8080 – has coffee and breakfast item - offers long term discounted rates if you stay the six nights Monday thru Saturday
- The Landing Hotel – on street parking – 1501 Adams Ave – 541-663-1501
- The Lodge at Hot Lake Springs – hotel type lodging – check out their web page for room info - 66172 OR Hwy 203 La Grande OR 97850 – 541-226-3944
- There are some airbnb/Vrbo (vacation rentals) for those that would rather have a homier stay-





Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Snowmobile Buyers Guide

Whether you are buying a new or used snowmobile, our goal is to help you purchase the snowmobile that will give you the most value for your dollar. We want you to not only make the best purchase possible, but also have the best snowmobile experience with your purchase.

Snowmobiles have been around for almost 100 years. The technology of snowmobiles gets better every year. Basically, the newer the better.

Safety

The #1 rule of snowmobiling is NEVER RIDE ALONE!

For more safety info see <http://www.oregonsnow.org/tips.aspx>

Reasons to buy a snowmobile:

Snowmobile riding season usually takes place November through April. That's 6 months worth of riding fun!

- You can join a local snowmobile club and meet new friends.
- You don't ever have to buy a lift ticket to snowmobile!
- Unlike snow skiing, you won't get cold waiting for or sitting on a chair lift.
- Snowmobiles have windshields, heated handgrips and heat for your feet to keep you warm.
- Snowmobiling is a very safe family sport. Anyone from young to old, athletic to handicapped can ride a snowmobile.
- Snowmobilers care about our environment. Snowmobilers leave no trace.
- Do you get depressed in the winter? Snowmobilers always have a smile on their face when they are snowmobiling! The scenery is spectacular.

Should I buy NEW or USED?

Obviously a new snowmobile would be great, but not everyone can justify a new snowmobile. If you don't want to invest in a new snowmobile here are some tips on purchasing a used snowmobile.

- Because you're going to depend on your snowmobile for reliable, safe enjoyment, the service history is a top priority when choosing the right sled. Be sure you know it was taken care of properly
- If you don't know the person you are buying it from, take it to your local dealer to have it inspected before purchasing. Just like an automobile, snowmobiles need repair and maintenance to be reliable. It's very possible to buy a used snowmobile for \$2,000 only to find out that it needs \$3,000 worth of repairs.
- How many miles does it have? At 10,000 miles, most snowmobiles are basically worn out (similar to an automobile with 200,000 miles).
- Is the odometer correct? Odometers can easily be tampered with or replaced on snowmobiles. For this reason, if you don't know the seller it's especially important to have it inspected at your local dealer.
- Nada Guides can give you used snowmobile values, but remember the ultimate guide to a snowmobile's value is what else can you buy for the same amount of money. Older snowmobiles in good condition with lower mileage tend to sell for more than book value.
- New or Used, any snowmobile you buy will make you smile!

Should I buy a 2 Stroke or 4 Stroke?

4 stroke engines tend to be more reliable, get better gas mileage and last longer. They are particularly popular in areas where people use them to commute to work. As a general rule, 2 Stroke snowmobiles tend to be more popular in the Pacific Northwest. You also never have to change the oil in a 2 Stroke, although you do have to add oil every time you fill it with gas. Most of the snowmobiles for sale in the Pacific Northwest are 2 Stroke. 4 Stroke or 2 Stroke, any snowmobile you buy will make you smile!



Do I need a snowmobile with reverse gear?

Not all snowmobiles come with a reverse gear. If you don't have a reverse gear you will need a greater turning radius or you will be lifting the back of your snowmobile to turn around. If you have weak upper body strength or a bad back, make sure you buy a snowmobile with reverse. Reverse or No Reverse, any snowmobile you buy will make you smile!

Do I need a snowmobile with electric start?

Pro-riders normally don't ride snowmobiles with electric start because the starter and battery add a small amount of weight to the snowmobile. Most everyday snowmobilers prefer having a snowmobile with electric start. If you have weak upper body strength or a bad back, make sure you buy a snowmobile with electric start. This is especially important on any snowmobile with over 600cc. Pull start or electric start, any snowmobile you buy will make you smile!

Air cooled or water cooled?

Almost all snowmobiles used to be air cooled. They have a belt driven fan that cools the engine. Snowmobile manufacturers later developed water cooled engines when they wanted to increase the horsepower. Some of the manufacturers still make air cooled snowmobiles today. These are great entry level snowmobiles as they tend to be lighter, have less horsepower and also cost a lot less. Air cooled snowmobiles are highly recommended for young people who are just learning to snowmobile. Air cooled or water cooled, any snowmobile you buy will make you smile!

How long of a track do I need?

121, 136, 145, 153, 154, 162, 163, and 172 are some of the common track sizes

As a general rule the longer the snowmobile the less likely you are to get stuck in deep snow. Also, the longer the snowmobile, the harder it will be to maneuver especially if you are a beginner or don't have a lot of upper body strength. Ski Doo makes the 172 snowmobile and it is extremely long. If you are going to go off a groomed trail into the powder a 145 to 154 length is normally preferred for a beginner. Short track or long track, any snowmobile you buy will make you smile!

What type of snowmobile do I want?

The most common types are touring, trail, crossover, and mountain snowmobiles. You will want to purchase the type of snowmobile designed for the type of riding you plan on doing. All of these types can be used for beginners.

- Touring snowmobiles are designed for 2 riders. They are a lot heavier and are not recommended for off trail use as they will easily get stuck in deep snow.
- Trail snowmobiles are designed for groomed trails. They usually have shorter track lengths and a wider ski stance which make them more stable going around corners than the crossover and mountain snowmobiles.
- Crossover snowmobiles are designed to be good on trails and on the mountain. They also have a softer and more comfortable ride than mountain snowmobiles.
- Mountain snowmobiles are designed for deep powder and are least likely to get stuck in deep snow, but because of their longer tracks and narrower ski stance they are slightly more difficult to handle on groomed trails.

Touring, Trail, Crossover or Mountain, any snowmobile you buy will make your smile!



How big of an engine do I need?

When it comes to snowmobiling bigger is not always better, especially if you are new to the sport. Here are some general rules to consider about engine size and horsepower:

- The larger the engine the more the snowmobile weighs. The more your snowmobile weighs the easier it is to get stuck if you are a beginner.
- Less horsepower means longer engine life and less maintenance.
- Less horsepower is a lot safer and better when you are learning to ride.
- Less horsepower equals better fuel economy

During the last 10 years most snowmobiles were either 600cc or 800cc. Many new riders have had minor accidents with 800cc snowmobiles simply because of the extra horsepower. Most experienced snowmobilers don't let their inexperienced friends ride their 800cc snowmobile for this reason. Most 600cc snowmobiles also cost less than most 800cc snowmobiles. Small engine or big engine, any snowmobile you buy will make you smile!

What brand of snowmobile is the best?

If you join your local snowmobile club, this will be a never-ending topic of discussion, kidding and laughter! Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski Doo and Yamaha are the current snowmobile manufacturers.

- Every piece of machinery or equipment can break down and will need proper maintenance. Having a dealer close to you is a huge plus when you need parts or repair for your snowmobile.
- All 4 brands currently make really good snowmobiles. The differences between them are generally very slight and unless you are a pro-rider you will most likely not be able to tell the difference.
- Even among the pro-riders the differences in the brands tend to be more of a personal preference than anything.

Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski Doo or Yamaha, any snowmobile you buy will make you smile!

Important things to consider:

- Join your local snowmobile club to optimize your snowmobile experience and learn how to ride like a pro.
- If you don't have a valid Drivers License you will need a Snowmobile Operators Permit to operate a snowmobile in Oregon. To get a permit you will need to take a class sponsored by your local snowmobile club or Oregon State Snowmobile Association. If your child is old enough to read and comprehend they can usually qualify for a Snowmobile Operators Permit.
- Helmets are not required for snowmobiles in Oregon but you will rarely see anyone without a helmet. Helmets not only protect your head, but also help keep you warm.
- Snowmobile trail maps are available from your local snowmobile club and the Forest Service.
- Insurance is not required but is highly recommended. Full coverage is relatively inexpensive and will help to protect your investment. Even if you don't want full coverage for your snowmobile, liability insurance is a must!
- Water cooled snowmobiles can overheat if you are operating at very slow speeds or on hard packed snow or ice. Overheating will destroy your snowmobile. Be sure your snowmobile has ice scratchers and learn how to use them.
- Still have questions? Come to our next club meeting (you don't have to be a member to attend) and ask a question and enjoy all the answers you get from all the "experts" in our club. It's fun, possibly hilarious, and you won't regret it!

Finally, your local snowmobile club spends countless volunteer hours maintaining and grooming the snowmobile trails with equipment and funding provided by the Oregon State Snowmobile Association. Membership in most clubs is usually \$60 a year or less for your whole family and includes a \$35 membership in the Oregon State Snowmobile Association. Volunteering is not required to be a member, but you can still show your support by joining today. You'll be glad you did!

For a list of local snowmobile clubs go to www.OregonSnow.org

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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 | EMAIL |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| TJ Reilly | Portland | 503-804-2075 | treilly@oregonsnow.org |
| Brent Younker | Boring Or | 503-695-2911 | b_totalrental@yahoo.com |
| Randy James | Enterprise | 541-426-3854 | |
| Dennis Jordan | Eagle Point | 541-826-6326 | Djordan@oregonsnow.org |
| Lyle Klenski | John Day | 541-620-1324 | |
| David Miller | Klamath Falls | 541-884-2423 | DavesATVrepair@gmail.com |
| Glenn Shirek | Roseburg | 541-673-3787 | |
| John Vogel | Hood River | 541-386-5584 | Jvogel@oregonsnow.org |
| Maria Sammons | Salem | 503-569-5552 | cm97383@gmail.com |



SNOWMOBILING DO'S & DON'TS

SNOWMOBILING DO'S

- ◆ Know the local hazards and forecasted weather conditions.
- ◆ Understand the importance of protective equipment and proper clothing while riding a snowmobile.
- ◆ Be alert and constantly scan the trail or riding area for other snowmobiles, trail users, and hazards.
- ◆ Ride defensively, be courteous, and use common sense.
- ◆ Follow the rules of the road and abide by all trail signs.
- ◆ Steer clear of restricted areas and respect environmentally sensitive areas.
- ◆ Know the operational characteristics of the snowmobile, along with its capacities and limitations: vehicle's range based upon normal fuel capacity and consumption, stopping ability/distance, maneuverability/steering capability, ability in deep snow, ability on steep side slopes, etc.
- ◆ Respect the rights of all other winter recreationists.
- ◆ Obey posted speed limits.
- ◆ Know the assumed risks and potential consequences of careless or reckless behavior while riding a snowmobile, including the potential for fines or injury.

SNOWMOBILING DON'TS

- ◆ Do not operate at high speeds, especially when near houses, buildings, livestock, wildlife, trailheads, or other recreationists.
- ◆ Do not use alcohol or drugs.
- ◆ Do not engage in reckless, careless, or inappropriate behavior.
- ◆ Do not overload a snowmobile or ride double unless the snowmobile is designed for 2 passengers.
- ◆ Do not get too close to other snowmobiles or other recreationists.
- ◆ Do not operate the snowmobile in areas with limited snow cover or on bare ground.
- ◆ Do not disturb wildlife or livestock.
- ◆ Do not ignore sudden changes in weather conditions.
- ◆ Do not disobey local, state/provincial, or federal snowmobile rules, regulations, and policies.
- ◆ Do not allow the snowmobile rental unit to be operated by anyone who has not completed the required rental orientation, training, and rental agreement documentation.
- ◆ Do not disobey rental company guidelines, instructions, or policies.



“Rules of the Road” for Snowmobilers

Do not follow closely behind trail groomers: It takes about one hour after grooming for the snow surface to properly “set up”.

Always ride in a straight line on groomed trails: Spinning and sliding around leaves ruts and soft spots in trails — play areas are provided for these activities.

Always ride on the right hand side of trails: Especially on narrow trails and around blind curves.

Use hand signals for slowing, stopping or turning off of trails: For your own safety and the safety of others on the trail.

Adjust speed to visibility: You should be able to stop short of any obstruction or emergency within your range of eyesight.

Do not stop in the middle of a trail: Others may not see you in time to avoid a collision. If you must stop — pull to the right edge of the trail.

Always use your headlights: Your headlight must be on at all times.

Do not use drugs or alcohol: Drunk driving laws apply the same as they do on the highway.

Do not go out alone: Always ride in pairs or groups and inform someone where you will be riding and the estimated time of your return.

Ride cautiously in Sno-Parks, near lodges and crossing highways: 5 MPH speed limit in snow park. Obstacles and pedestrians can emerge very suddenly in congested areas.

Avoid “showing off” near Sno-Parks and lodges: You are most likely to be observed by opponents to motorized recreation in these areas and the image you project is very important to the future of your sport.

Look out for cross-country skiers, sled dog teams, ATV’s and groomers that may be on the trails at any time: Slow to 10 MPH, pass cautiously and make the effort to be friendly and courteous.

Avoid the use of loud mufflers: Noise projects a very bad image of motorized recreation.

Reduce the noise to a minimum between 10:00pm and 6:00am in the Sno-parks: These parks are used by all types of recreationists – not just snowmobilers.

Always dress appropriately for adverse weather: Helmets are required at all times. Base temperature at 30o travelling at 30 MPH, the wind chill factor is 0o. At 60 MPH the wind chill factor is -20o.

Always be prepared: Carry extra spark plugs, belts and tools. Carry drinking water, snacks, extra socks, gloves, waterproof matches, space blanket and compass.

Know the area in which you are riding: Acquire a trail map from the local forest service or snowmobile club. Even better, join the local snowmobile club and don’t hesitate to ask questions.

Observe and comply with posted areas: Just one set of tracks in the wilderness can last until the next snowfall and leave a telltale sign for opponents to motorized sports to pinpoint for arguments for land closures.

Be aware of snow depth: Do not ride on muddy trails. Avoid damaging soil or vegetation, but preserve it for others to enjoy. Leave no trace.

Avalanche: There are a few slopes in our area that have potential for sliding. When in doubt – avoid questionable slopes.

Licensing & Permits: Anyone operating a snowmobile on public land is required to carry a valid driver’s license or snowmobile permit.

Pre-Season Snowmobile Check List

When the leaves start to turn to red and gold - it's a good time to drag out your sled and blow off the dust. Fall is a good time for maintenance - you can take your time to ensure you covered everything. Once the snow starts to fly you'll be ready to go. Check with your operators manual for special instructions regarding adjustments, lubrication, follow all safety suggestions.

Below is a simple check list to look over prior to starting the season:

- #1 **BRAKES** Check proper setting, free operation, and look for worn brakes.
- #2 **CLUTCH** Check lubrication
- #3 **CHAIN** Check lubrication and examine chain tension
- #4 **TRACK** Examine for broken cleats, loose or torn drive holes, and ply separation. Check alignment.
- #5 **HYFAXES** Check for wear or damage – replace if necessary.
- #6 **SKIS** Check alignment and examine for loose weld joints, or loose or worn out wear rods.
- #7 **IGNITION** Check sparks plugs, carburetor-fuel, replacement of fuel filter and check fittings.
- #8 **DRIVE BELT** Check for wear and cracks. Measure old belt and compare to specifications.
- #9 **LIGHTS** Replace burned out bulbs, apply brakes and check stoplights.
- #10 **SPARE PARTS/TOOLS** Pack lights bulbs, spare belt, tools (pliers, adjustable wrench, screwdrivers) and starter pull rope.
- #11 **WHEELS** Check wheel condition and lubrication, axel wheels and bearings. Look for loose nuts and bolts, broken welds and springs.

• Your Trailer Should be Ready Too

- #1 Make sure the tires are in good shape (check the spare also), and wheel bearings are greased.
- #2 Check all the lights and connections.
- #3 Carry a few extra bulbs and parts to be safe.

• Extra Things to Pack

Take your owners manual, emergency survival kit, siphon hose, duct tape, tow rope, extra bogie wheel.

• Then get out there and **RIDE!!!**





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