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Hello Fellow Snowmobilers,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 riding season! Our clubs have been in busy with club rides, races, and other activities.

The Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club hosted the 49th Annual OSSA Convention on January 19 - 23, 2021. The convention was a complete success despite COVID restrictions.

The 50th Annual OSSA Convention will be held at Diamond Lake Resort on January 11-15, 2022.

We have purchased two new groomers for the Roseburg area this season. We have been performing maintenance and upgrades to our existing fleet of groomers, so we can continue serving our Oregon snowmobile communities and clubs with equipment. We have built one grooming shed at Idlewild Sno-Park in Burns. We have two grooming sheds scheduled to be completed before the snow flies. One grooming shed will be located at Blue Mountain and the other grooming shed will be located at Parrish Cabin.

Chuck Ehlert was selected as the new OSSA Avalanche Safety Coordinator. We are fortunate to have Chuck on board! We have 24 Avalanche Beacon Checker Signs scheduled to be installed in October. These signs will be installed at avalanche prone locations throughout the state. The clubs will oversee installing and maintaining each sign.

Each club has been hard at work this summer performing trail maintenance and groomer maintenance getting ready for this season. When the snow does fall, we will be ready to go out and enjoy it!

I will continue my plan to attend club meetings at selected OSSA member clubs over the 2021-2022 season depending on COVID restrictions.

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at dlijordan14@gmail.com or call me at (541) 821-6570.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis Jordan".

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Mt. Hood Snowmobile Club

Our club volunteers have been a lot of trail maintenance this summer, as well as servicing our groomer for the upcoming winter. We had a bit of a scare early in August as a forest fire started a few miles from our grooming shed. Fortunately the Forest Service was able to immediately get it contained. In addition we have been working on updating and repairing parking lot and trail signage.

We've had several meetings with FS personnel regarding our trail system and the possibility of putting in gates at our trail heads.

TJ Reilly
MHSC President





OSSA President Dennis Jordan presenting a “Thank You” award to Peggy Spieger at the April OSSA Board meeting.



Comments from Facebook posting:

Dan Riblett-

That is an AWESOME plaque! Congrats, Peggy... You and John are an amazing resource for Oregon snowmobilers! Thanks for the MANY years of service keeping us moving forward!

Jack Dooley-

Thank you Peggy and Dennis for all that you have done for us in Lakeview!

Susan Gardner-

Congratulations! That is awesome.

David Rogers-

She is a Godsend to our organization. Always there to advise and help. Can't say enough about her as a person.

Ann Elaine Choate-

Congratulations Peggy!!



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OSSA 2022 CONVENTION LOCATION JANUARY 11-15

(Tentative Dates)

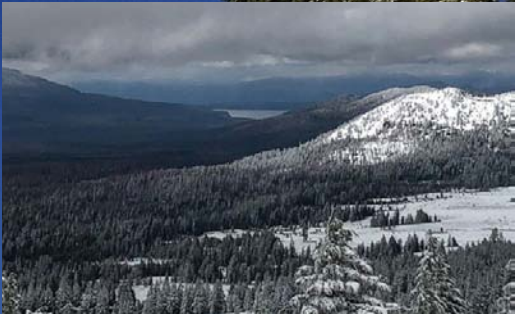


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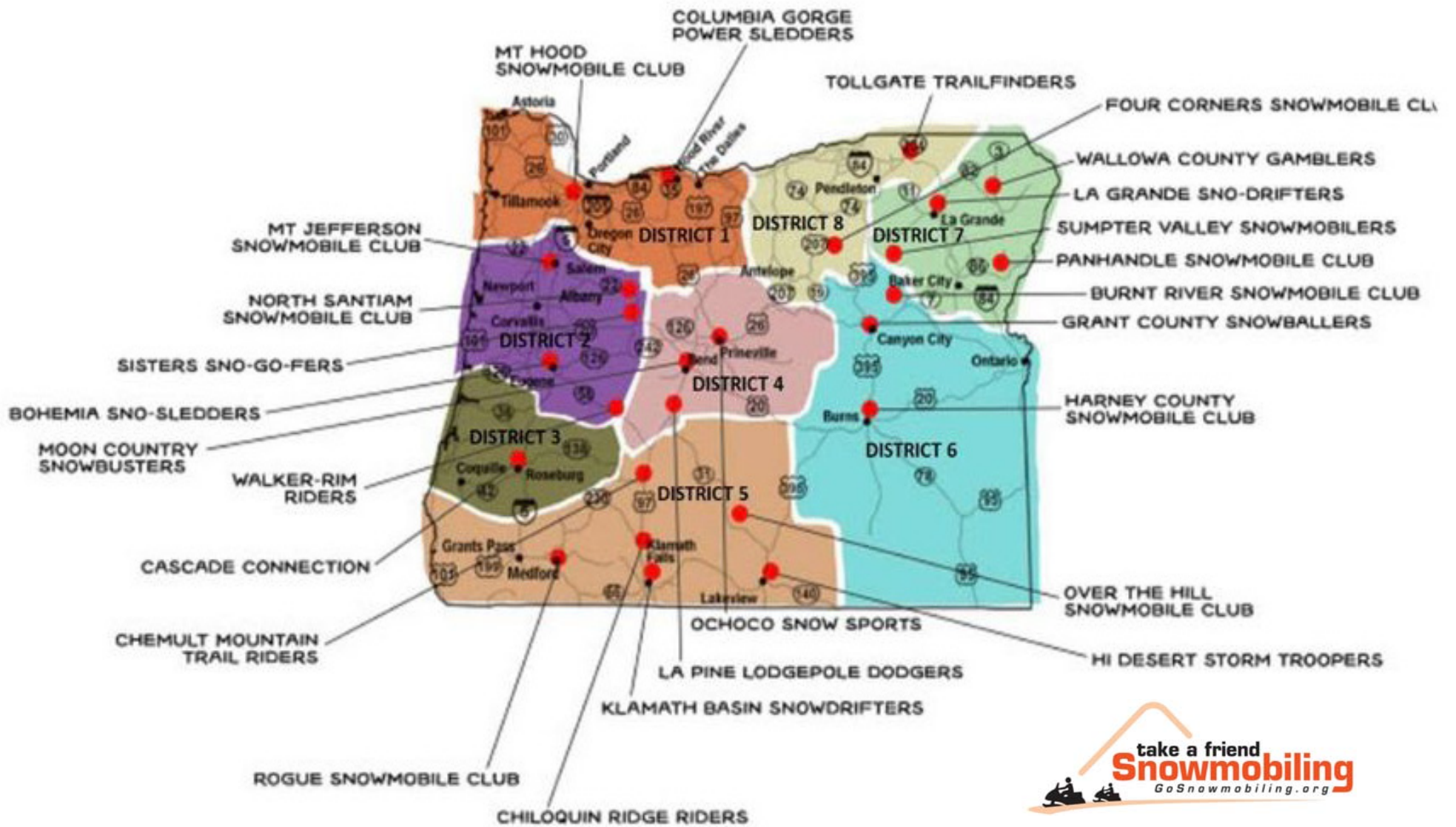
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Use the online form at <http://oregonsnow.org/about/> to join OSSA only.

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!

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.
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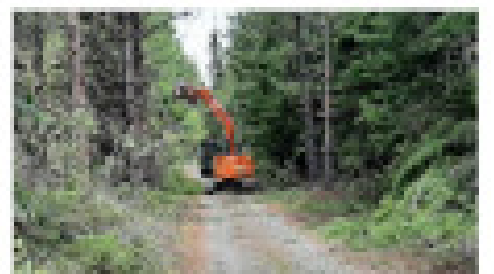
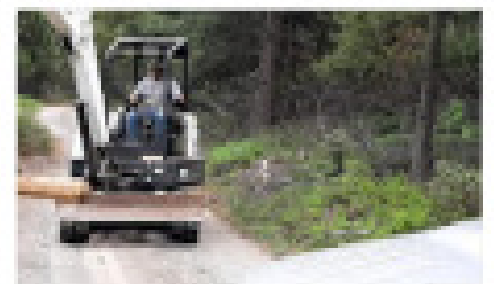
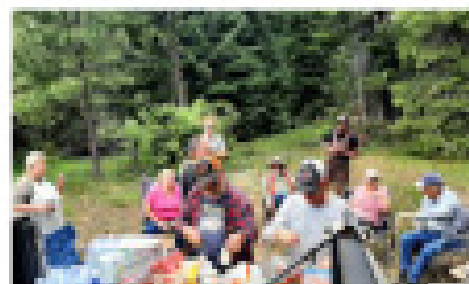
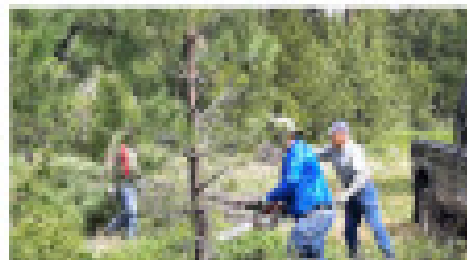
Thank You Trail Clearers!

Hi everyone. Happy summer??. Going to get a real dose of it here in the next week they say. Try to stay cool.

We would like to Thank Everybody who helped our club's trail clearing effort over the last couple of weeks. It was hard work, and a lot of it. Those who volunteered are very appreciated by those of us who will Next Winter get to ride on and enjoy the miles of trails they worked so hard on. Our Club's annual camp out was enjoyable, good times, with great people, a group of 16 for steak dinner at Billy Bob Saturday night. If you were unable to help out this year, hopefully maybe next time.

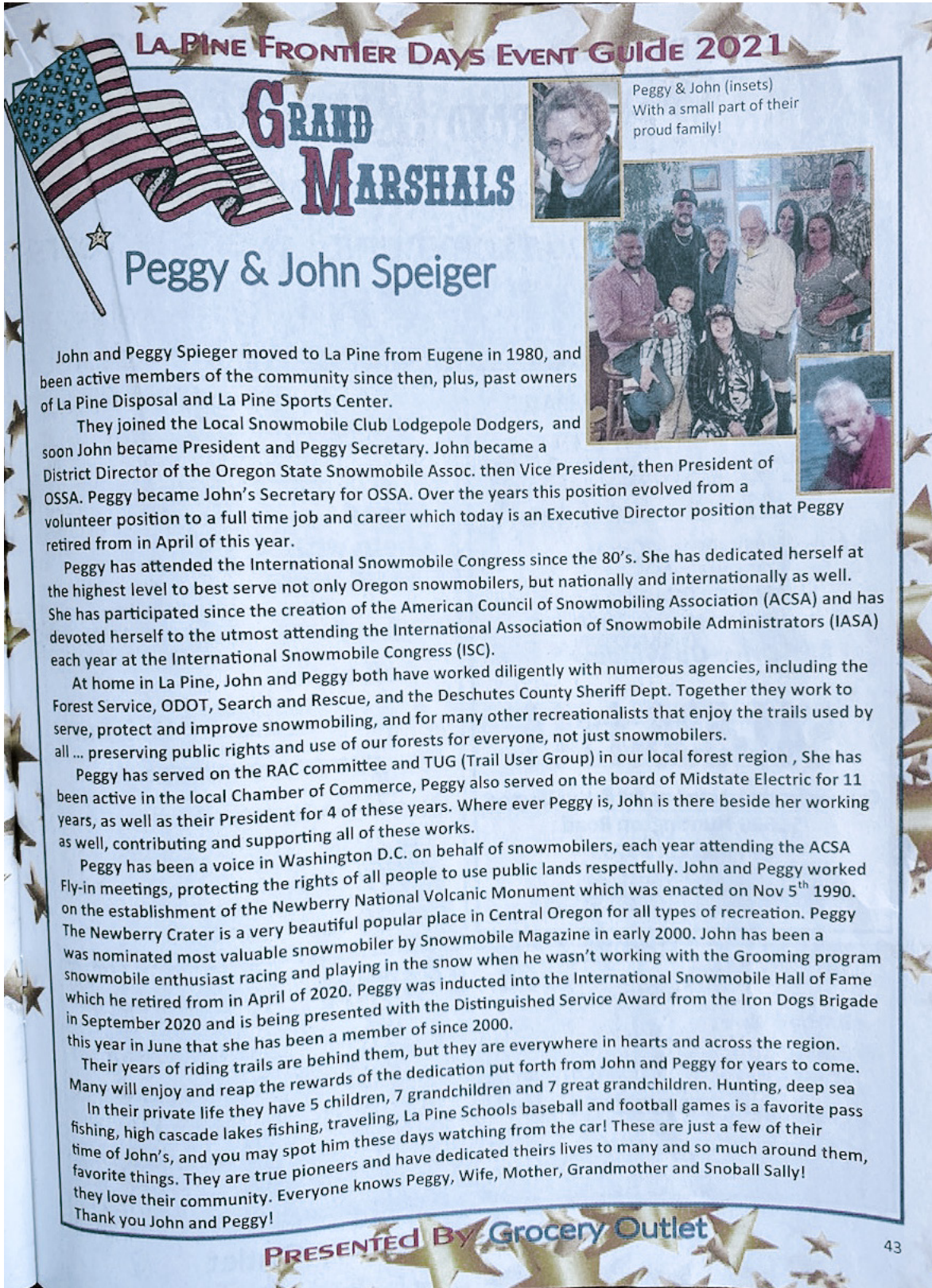
Our next regularly scheduled club event will be our 1st meeting of the season this fall, Monday October 11th, location TBA; hopefully at Spooky's in The Dallas. Have a safe Summer. Enjoy the sun...If we have too huh? Fall & Winter will be here before we know it. Take care everyone. See you on the trails.

CGPS President, Marv Hansen



4th OF JULY FRONTIER DAYS GRAND MARSHALS PEGGY & JOHN SPEGIER

This summer La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers members John & Peggy Spieger were chosen to be Grand Marshals in La Pine’s Frontier Days over the 4th of July. John & Peggy have done so much over the years for the sport of snowmobiling statewide. Would like to thank members Dennis & Kathy Wallan, Tom & Teresa Chesnut and Roger Ellis for helping plan and decorate the float.



LA PINE FRONTIER DAYS EVENT GUIDE 2021

GRAND MARSHALS

Peggy & John Speiger

John and Peggy Spieger moved to La Pine from Eugene in 1980, and been active members of the community since then, plus, past owners of La Pine Disposal and La Pine Sports Center.

They joined the Local Snowmobile Club Lodgepole Dodgers, and soon John became President and Peggy Secretary. John became a District Director of the Oregon State Snowmobile Assoc. then Vice President, then President of OSSA. Peggy became John’s Secretary for OSSA. Over the years this position evolved from a volunteer position to a full time job and career which today is an Executive Director position that Peggy retired from in April of this year.

Peggy has attended the International Snowmobile Congress since the 80’s. She has dedicated herself at the highest level to best serve not only Oregon snowmobilers, but nationally and internationally as well. She has participated since the creation of the American Council of Snowmobiling Association (ACSA) and has devoted herself to the utmost attending the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA) each year at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC).

At home in La Pine, John and Peggy both have worked diligently with numerous agencies, including the Forest Service, ODOT, Search and Rescue, and the Deschutes County Sheriff Dept. Together they work to serve, protect and improve snowmobiling, and for many other recreationalists that enjoy the trails used by all ... preserving public rights and use of our forests for everyone, not just snowmobilers.

Peggy has served on the RAC committee and TUG (Trail User Group) in our local forest region , She has been active in the local Chamber of Commerce, Peggy also served on the board of Midstate Electric for 11 years, as well as their President for 4 of these years. Where ever Peggy is, John is there beside her working as well, contributing and supporting all of these works.

Peggy has been a voice in Washington D.C. on behalf of snowmobilers, each year attending the ACSA Fly-in meetings, protecting the rights of all people to use public lands respectfully. John and Peggy worked on the establishment of the Newberry National Volcanic Monument which was enacted on Nov 5th 1990. The Newberry Crater is a very beautiful popular place in Central Oregon for all types of recreation. Peggy was nominated most valuable snowmobiler by Snowmobile Magazine in early 2000. John has been a snowmobile enthusiast racing and playing in the snow when he wasn’t working with the Grooming program which he retired from in April of 2020. Peggy was inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in September 2020 and is being presented with the Distinguished Service Award from the Iron Dogs Brigade this year in June that she has been a member of since 2000.

Their years of riding trails are behind them, but they are everywhere in hearts and across the region. Many will enjoy and reap the rewards of the dedication put forth from John and Peggy for years to come. In their private life they have 5 children, 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Hunting, deep sea fishing, high cascade lakes fishing, traveling, La Pine Schools baseball and football games is a favorite pass time of John’s, and you may spot him these days watching from the car! These are just a few of their favorite things. They are true pioneers and have dedicated theirs lives to many and so much around them, they love their community. Everyone knows Peggy, Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Snoball Sally!

Thank you John and Peggy!

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Peggy & John (insets)
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La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers

La Pine is home to the Newberry National Volcanic Monument which offers some of the most unique snowmobiling in Central Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

The La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers Snowmobile Club is responsible for grooming and trail clearing the Newberry Monument snowmobiling area (often referred to as Paulina or 10 Mile Snow park) off Highway 97 northeast of La Pine. OR. There are 155 miles of groomed trails in addition to many miles of non-maintained trails and some of Oregon’s best boondocking.

The Mt. Bachelor trail system stretches for over 250 miles into acres of back-country full of open snow-fields and old growth ponderosa pines. The rugged high mountain terrain promises exhilarating mountain views at every new bend in the trail.

Through generous donations from OSSA, OSSA clubs and various members. The La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers were able to have a park bench and a 6’ Blue Spruce tree placed in La Pines Heritage Park. We were also able to give out two statewide scholarships in John & Peggy’s name for \$1,100.00 each.

We will be having our annual fall campout September 24-26 at Paulina lake 10 mile snow park. Saturday 25th we will have work parties to get ready for the upcoming season. Sunday 26th we will be having our first general meeting at 1pm.

Roger Ellis
President Lodgepole Dodgers





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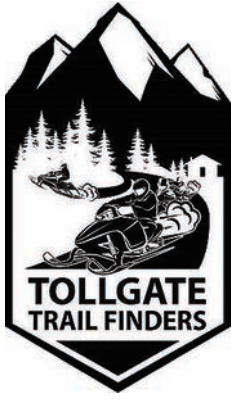
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Hi Snowmobile Friends,

Wow, how time flies. Hopefully it has been a great summer for you and your family. This summer has been one of many fires, literally. The Umatilla National Forest has seen much more fire activity than normal. Luckily most of our riding area at Tollgate has been unaffected. Thanks to the firefighters for their hard work getting the fires contained and keeping us safe. The forest closure for a few weeks made some of us change plans for camping and summer riding. We had to cancel our firewood work party for Bone Springs which will be rescheduled later this fall. Keep an eye on our website and social media pages (Facebook, Instagram) for the latest updates.

Wood Cutting Party Take 2 Saturday Sept 25 at 9 am.

**Chapman Bone Springs Warming Shelter.
Please bring saws, splitters, gloves,
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Lunch and water and sodas provided.**

Trailfinders Past VP Loses battle with cancer

We've lost a TTF Member, former TTF Vice President, TTF Board Member, husband, father, grandfather, friend, neighbor, riding buddy and all-around amazing man. Bob Smith lost his battle with cancer on August 15th. A battle that he fought well over 3 years. It's amazing how positive and faithful he was throughout the arduous process of cancer treatments, Dr. appointments and other inconveniences that come with battling cancer.

Bob and wife Connie bought their first cabin at Tollgate in 2009 but had been involved in the club before then. Bob stepped forward in Trailfinders leadership when the club was at a crossroads and really needed some folks to step up and get things done. Bob's leadership was instrumental in transforming the club to adapt to the changing landscape of snowmobiling. This included the inclusion of owners of tracked side by sides, tracked ATVs and snowbikes. In fact, Bob owned a tracked side by side. This allowed him to continue to enjoy Tollgate while battling cancer since he was unable to ride his snowmobile. Bob was the most kind and genuine person you would ever meet. He had a soft way of being direct but in a very effective way. Bob joined many of us on trips to ride amazing places like Halfway, Winthrop, McCall, Island Park and Utah. He was an amazing rider and was always there to help when someone needed a ski pull or a tow back to the snopark. Bob's leadership, humor, laughs, and friendship will certainly be missed.

Obituary

Robert "Bob" Smith passed away peacefully on August 15th, 2021, at home in Kennewick, Washington, surrounded by his loving family after a valiant three-year battle with cancer.

Bob was born on September 16th, 1958, in Caldwell, Idaho, to Donald and Evelyn Smith. He attended school at Sunny Slope, Huston, Dixie and Vallivue Jr. High. He was a member of the graduating Class of 1976 from Vallivue High School. Go Falcons!

In 1972, he met his forever love, Connie Tucker Smith, on a school bus. They became high school sweethearts and married in 1976. Together they raised three children who were the loves of his life.

Bob was always an ambitious guy. He worked swing shift as a welder with his brother, Jim, and best friend Kevin James at Ace Supply in Caldwell. Bob later farmed for the Cook Family and as a carpenter for Petzoldt Construction. During this time, he learned lifelong skills that would help build their family's first home in Sunny Slope, another in Burbank, WA, and a home for their son and his wife. He joined his brother Jim in a farming adventure, moving to Burbank, WA, in 1983, later joining forces with his brother Dan forming S & S Farms. Together they developed a 2000-acre farm above the Snake River in Burbank, which was his most significant professional accomplishment. With the help of others, he worked tirelessly to transform sagebrush into pivot irrigated farmland bringing precious water 6 miles from the river to raise row crops, mainly potatoes. Bob and Connie's farming operation would eventually become known as Outback Farms. Retiring in 2008, they sold the equipment and leased the farm to travel and enjoy family. During this time, his passion was traveling with his wife in his "fancy" motorhome across the United States. Enjoying the sites of Panama City Beach, Florida, the changing colors of the mid-west, and visiting friends along the East Coast were highlights of his retirement. He especially loved touring on his motorcycle to areas such as Sturgis, South Dakota, meeting new friends everywhere he went. In 2008, he fell in love with snowmobiling. In 2009, he enjoyed it so much that he purchased a cabin in Tollgate, Oregon. It became a special place to retreat with family and friends. In 2016, Bob and Connie sold their farm and farmhouse, moving to Kennewick to enjoy the "city" life. His retirement was cut short after his diagnosis in 2018.

Bob will be remembered as a generous man, one of fairness and integrity with a great smile, huge heart, and one that never knew a stranger. He will be dearly missed by family and friends. Bob lived his life by John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except thru me."

Bob was preceded in death by his parents Donald and Evelyn Smith, and brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Alyce Fretwell. Bob is survived by his wife Connie, his children Monica and Marc Armstrong, and their children Ashley, Kendall and Brooke, Tonya and Eric Schuld and their children Morgan and Tucker, Cody and Megan Smith and their son Bowden. Also surviving him are siblings Arlene and Chris Yamamoto, Jim and Janie Smith, Dan Smith, Forest and Nancy Fretwell, Don Fretwell, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held, August 28th, at the potato shed at 1698 Quincy Rd. Burbank, WA.

In lieu of flowers, you may donate to his favorite charities, Orphan Outreach 2001 West Plano Parkway, Suite 3700 Plano, Texas 75075 or Tri-City Union Gospel Mission 221 South 4th Ave, Pasco, WA. 99301.

For online condolences please visit www.Hillcrestfunerals.com



Bob Smith enjoying a beautiful day at Tollgate, OR



Bob Smith taking a break at Winthrop, WA



Bob Smith giving Dewayne Harvill a hand and a laugh at Winthrop, WA

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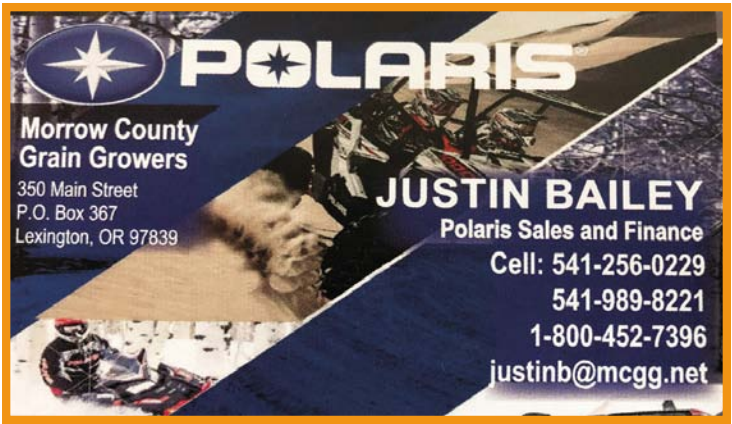
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Building Working Relationships

Story and photo by Bob Elliott MJSC SAR POC

During Spring break a unique opportunity occurred, two Forest Service District staffs visited the MJSC Ray Benson snowmobile area on the same day. Ray Benson snowmobile area includes both the Willamette and Deschutes Districts. Both staffs had several different expected interest's and outcome's, both enjoyed seeing what improvements have been made within the Ray Benson area. Some of the key items accomplished was checking out the new trail signage for both Nordic and snowmobile trails, evaluation of the three current snow shelters used by both Nordic and MJSC Clubs, observing the condition of the groomed trails, checking the edges of the posted Wilderness perimeter, touring the new MJSC Groomer building, visiting the construction progression of the new Big Lake Church Camp "Main Lodge", evaluation of the old FS Sand Mountain Fire Lookout (maintained by the Sand MT Society), discussion about some small brush removal on the Sand MT climbing area, and having the ability to talk face to face between MJSC leadership and the FS leadership. The photo below includes (in no order) Jessie Larson-Trail volunteer Coordinator, Chase Kleint-Sisters Lead Field Ranger, Sara Baughman-Sisters Recreation Team Lead, from Willamette District Dillion McCoy-Wilderness Lead, Darren Cross-District Ranger and Steve Duch with MJSC. The day offered good snow, some sun, great riding and building working relationships.



Snowmobile Safety

For more safety tips go to: www.snowmobile-ed.com
Avalanche Training: www.nwac.us



Did you know that you must have a valid driver’s license or snowmobile safety card to operate a snowmobile in Oregon? OSSA offers snowmobile safety classes for all ages, even kids as young as 7 years old. See: www.oregonsnow.org/contact/safety-training/ Snowmobile safety starts before you go up to the mountain.

Are you totally prepared? Here’s a partial list of items to consider carrying: Shovel, hand saw, water, protein bar, 2 way radio, SPOT unit, cell phone with spare battery, maps, first aid kit, matches, fire starter, extra socks, extra gloves, emergency blanket, whistle, tampons, compass, mirror, zip ties, duct tape, Leatherman tool pliers.

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Raffle Drawing Success for Wallowa Avalanche Center

Linda Batterton and Mandy James cohosted an event over in Halfway Oregon last spring. We raised over \$2300 for the Wallowa Avalanche Center during dinner Saturday night thru raffle drawing and a 50/50. We had 43 people show up for deep powder riding.

