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September 1, 2023

Hello Fellow Snowmobilers,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 riding season! Our clubs have been busy with club rides, races, and other activities.

The 51st Annual OSSA Convention was held in La Grande Oregon on February 7-11, 2023.

The 52nd Annual OSSA Convention will be held in La Pine Oregon on January 23-27, 2024. They are planning group rides Tuesday thru Friday; we will keep you informed through the OSSA website.
[2024 OSSA Convention - La Pine, Oregon - Oregon State Snowmobile Association \(oregonsnow.org\)](https://oregonsnow.org)

We purchased two new groomers this year. One groomer will go to the Rogue Snowmobile Club. Another groomer will go the Klamath Basin Snowdrifters for the Klamath Falls area. We are working on getting a third groomer for the Harney County Snowmobile Club for the Burns/Hines area. This is happening through an RTP Grant. We hope to start work on the cat shed for the Two Rivers Snowmobile Club.

For the 2022-2023 season we had a "Members Only" FREE" Snowmobile Give-A-Way Plus Many More Prizes! Ken Makinson of the Two Rivers Snowmobile Club was the winner of the snowmobile.

Our club volunteers previously installed 24 "Are You Beeping?" Avalanche Beacon Checker Signs that were purchased through an RTP Grant. These signs were installed at avalanche prone locations throughout the state. The clubs will continue to oversee the maintenance of each sign.

A Big thank you to all of our Groomers this past season for their hard work and dedication making the 2022-2023 a phenomenal year.

Club volunteers 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. They have been hard at work this summer performing trail maintenance getting ready for the upcoming 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 2023-2024 season.

If you have any comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at djordan14@gmail.com or call me at (541) 821-6570.

Respectfully,

Dennis Jordan
President, Oregon State Snowmobile Association

Hello Snowmobilers!

Fall is almost here. I hope you all had a safe and fun summer. It's time to start gearing up for the upcoming snowmobile season. Soon, clubs will be having their first meetings. Many of you will have season kick-off activities.

Here is a brief review to bring you up to date with what is happening at OSSA. At our April OSSA board meeting, Dennis Jordan was seated as OSSA President for an additional year. TJ Reilly was seated as OSSA Vice President for the 2023-2025 term. Tony Kuenzi was seated as District 2 Membership Director, Dan Riblett was seated as District 5 Membership Director, Tim Holly was seated as District 6 Membership Director, and Dave Hannibal was seated as District 6 Grooming Director for the 2023-2026 term. At our August OSSA board meeting, Kelly Fough accepted the position of OSSA Safety Chair.



In April, Dennis and I attended the ACSA (American Council of Snowmobile Associations) DC Fly-In. It had been four years since we were able to meet with legislators in DC since COVID. Day one included an ACSA Board Meeting. Day two included a morning meeting at the US Forest Service. That afternoon we heard speakers from the Bureau of Land Management, Operation Lifesaver, and Joe Gilson of Senator Grassley's office. The rest of the day was spent preparing for our meetings on Capitol Hill. Day three was spent meeting with Oregon Congressmen and Senators on the "hill". We had the opportunity to talk with them about Forest Service issues, RTP, and access for all. Each office was given information packets on snowmobile facts as well as a summary of the issues concerning snowmobilers.



In June, Dennis, Lisa Burt, and I attended the 55th Annual ISC (International Snowmobile Congress) in Moline, Illinois. Dennis and I attended ISC and ACSA meetings. Lisa Burt represented OSSA by attending IASA administrator meetings. We all attended various workshops and fundraisers benefiting snowmobiling.

Our organization has many acronyms. Here is a breakdown of the organizational structure. ISC – International Snowmobile Congress; ACSA – American Council of Snowmobile Associations; Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations; IASA – International Association of Snowmobile Administrators. State Associations have clubs under their organization. ISMA – International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association provides a wealth of information and materials useful to all. ISMA provides information on grooming, safety, snowmobile facts and so much more. Plus, the information is free of charge. Also belonging to ISC is the Iron Dog Brigade, ISTC – International Snowmobile Tourism Council, ISMC – International Snowmobile Media Council, Thirsty Dogs, NSF – National Snowmobile Foundation, Sno-Fed, Russia Snowmobile ATV Association, and Norway.





In August, OSSA held their annual OSSA Campout and Board Meeting at Ten Mile Sno-Park in La Pine, Oregon. Lots of good food, friends, and fun. The La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers hosted two group rides.



Left - Gerry and Shane Cologne
Right - unsure maybe Shane Harris



Kelly Fough waving, and friends



Dennis Jordan

Membership renewal invoices have been sent out on September 1st. If you have not received an invoice, give Lisa Burt a call (541) 480-0479 or email LBurt@oregonsnow.org.

Our website has been updated. Joining OSSA or any of our clubs has never been easier. Just go to our website and select OSSA and the clubs you want to join. Click on Become A Member. [Become a Member - Oregon State Snowmobile Association \(oregonsnow.org\)](#)

Groomers have completed their summer maintenance on the snow cats and are ready for snow. We purchased two new Pisten Bully PB400s. One will go to Klamath Basin Snowdrifters and the other will go to Rogue Snowmobilers. We also received approval to lease a Pisten Bully PB100 through an RTP grant for Harney County Snowmobile Club.

Our trails have been brushed and signed and are ready for snow.

Here are some dates to put on your calendar:

Snowmobile Day in North America



October 28, 2023. Snowmobile clubs are encouraged to begin the season with a party! Snowmobile manufacturers of ISMA want to support Snowmobile Day in North

America by offering up to \$200 to snowmobile clubs and associations that plan a Snowmobile Day Celebration. [Snowmobile Day – October 28, 2023, \(International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association\)](#)

International Snowmobile Safety Week

January 13-21, 2024, [Snowmobile Day – October 28, 2023, \(International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association\)](#)

The 52nd OSSA Convention

Hosted by the La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers. It will take place in La Pine, Oregon, January 23-28, 2024. Registration will soon be available on the OSSA website. [2024 OSSA Convention - La Pine, Oregon - Oregon State Snowmobile Association \(oregonsnow.org\)](#)

Take-A-Friend Snowmobiling Week

February 10-19, 2024 [Take a Friend Snowmobiling, ISMA \(International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association\)-Information for snowmobilers: snowmobiling trails and safety; facts and trends.](#)

2024 International Snowmobile Congress

June 12-15, 2024, Green Bay, Wisconsin [The 56th Annual International Snowmobile Congress, Green Bay Wisconsin, June 13 – 15, 2024 \(snowmobilers.org\)](#)

See you on the snow!

Lisa Mahoney,
OSSA Executive Director





Snowmobile Day – October 28, 2023

The snowmobile manufacturers are pleased to announce Snowmobile Day, happening on October 28, 2023. 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 such as:

- A "Show and shine" event featuring vintage and custom snowmobiles
- Having towing and groomer vehicles on display
- Safety training class
- maintenance and winter check-ups for snowmobiles and trailers

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 or riding permits, and registrations. This is a great opportunity for clubs and associations to increase membership and recruit volunteers for trail maintenance activities.

Snowmobile associations and clubs are encouraged to contact local Snowmobile Dealerships, 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.

The snowmobile manufacturers of ISMA want to support Snowmobile Day in North America by offering up to \$200 to snowmobile clubs or associations that plan a Snowmobile Day Celebration. If your club would like to be considered for this offer, please [click here to fill out the application](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAA AAAANAAC_cwslUQzVGR0ZBQTRTTUVPU1RNRzdXVEo0UFNUVy4u).

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OSSA Is Asking For Your Help



American Council of Snowmobile Associations Seeks Input Into Ambassador Program Development

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) is seeking input into the development of the ACSA Youth Ambassador Program. We are asking people between the ages of 12-30 to take a moment and share your opinion by completing the input survey. You do not need to be a member of ACSA but only need to be passionate about snowmobiling to complete the survey. The survey will be open from August 15th- October 1st, 2023.

At the recent International Snowmobile Congress held in Moline, IL the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) voted to move forward with further development of the Youth Ambassador Program based upon committee recommendations and discussions at the ACSA full board meeting. The ACSA full board moved and endorsed to continue development of the creation of an ACSA Youth/Young Adult Ambassador program outline, along with a proposed budget. Additionally, the committee was charged with facilitation of an on-line survey to be sent out nationwide, targeted at youth and young adults to further help drive program initiatives.

The objectives of the program are to grow future leaders within the snowmobile community and to help advocate for the sport of snowmobiling across the nation. However, we need to hear from the you, the target audience (snowmobilers between 12-30 years old) regarding what you would like to obtain from the program as it is implemented.

No pre-registration is necessary, and you do not need to be a member of ACSA to participate. Youth and Young Adults simply need to be passionate about the sport of snowmobiling. Survey link: ACSA Youth Ambassador Program Development Input Survey



QR-Code for ACSA Youth Ambassador Program Survey

IMPORTANT:

Please note that you may only provide input once from each electronic device or IP address.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JQDFX9R>

Committee members include Tracey Erickson, chair, Lori Heideman, WI, Lisa Mahoney, OR, Karyn Robare, MI, and Audrey Rider, SD. For more information, please reach out to any of the committee members.

KAOS and YETIS members engaging at recent 2023 International Snowmobile Congress in Moline, IL. Photo courtesy of K. VenDenHemel.



American Council of Snowmobile Associations Youth Ambassador Program *Input Survey*



Your opinion counts! Please fill out the survey and be heard.

Survey is open from August 15th-
October 1st.

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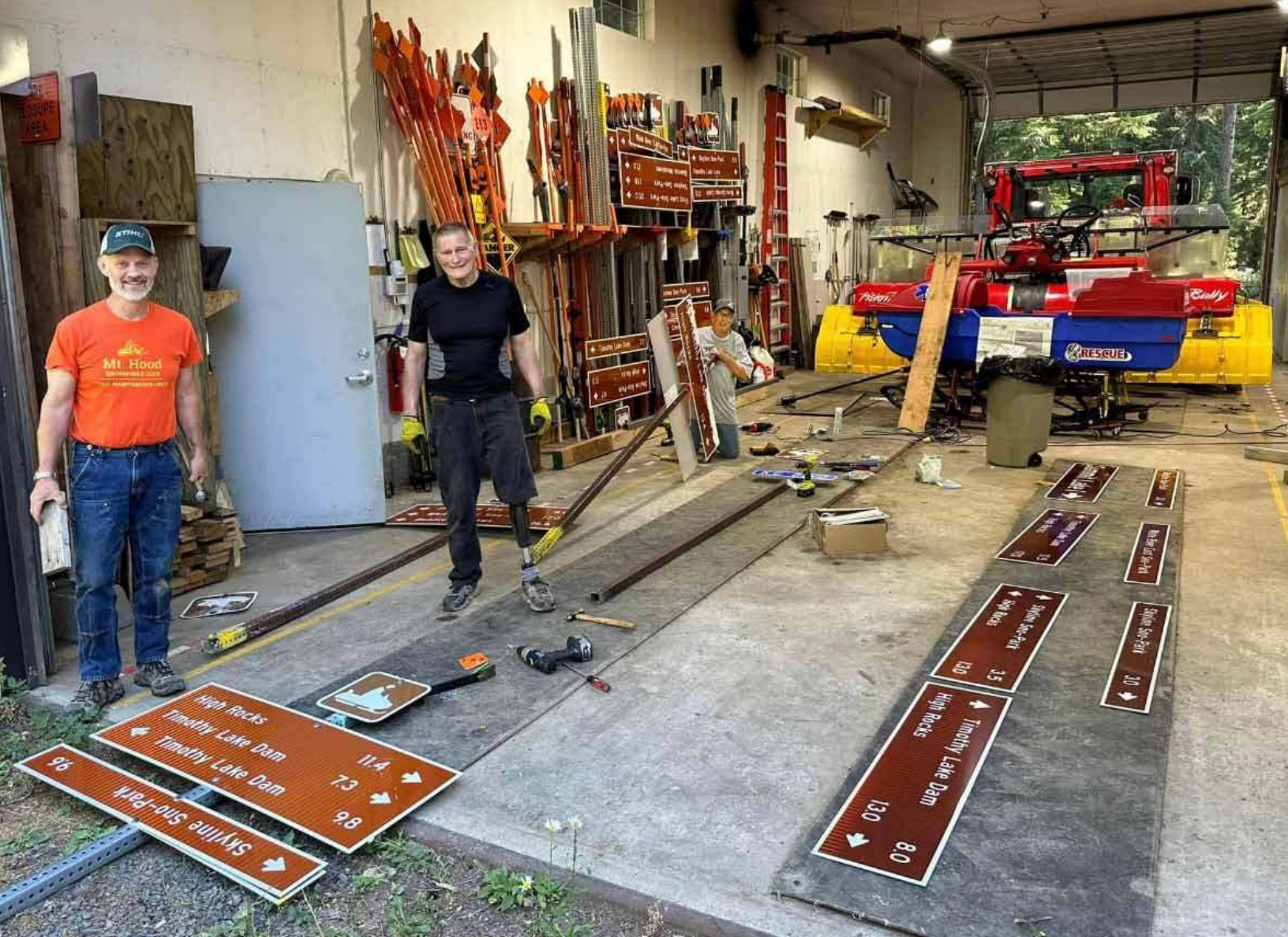


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American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA)

Coordinated by Tracey Erickson, committee chair,
605-651-3461; Terickson1213@gmail.com



The Mt. Hood snowmobile club has been busy preparing for the upcoming snowmobile season. We spent an entire day repairing our damaged trail signs. We have also been busy servicing our grooming equipment. We have the *BEST* volunteers!



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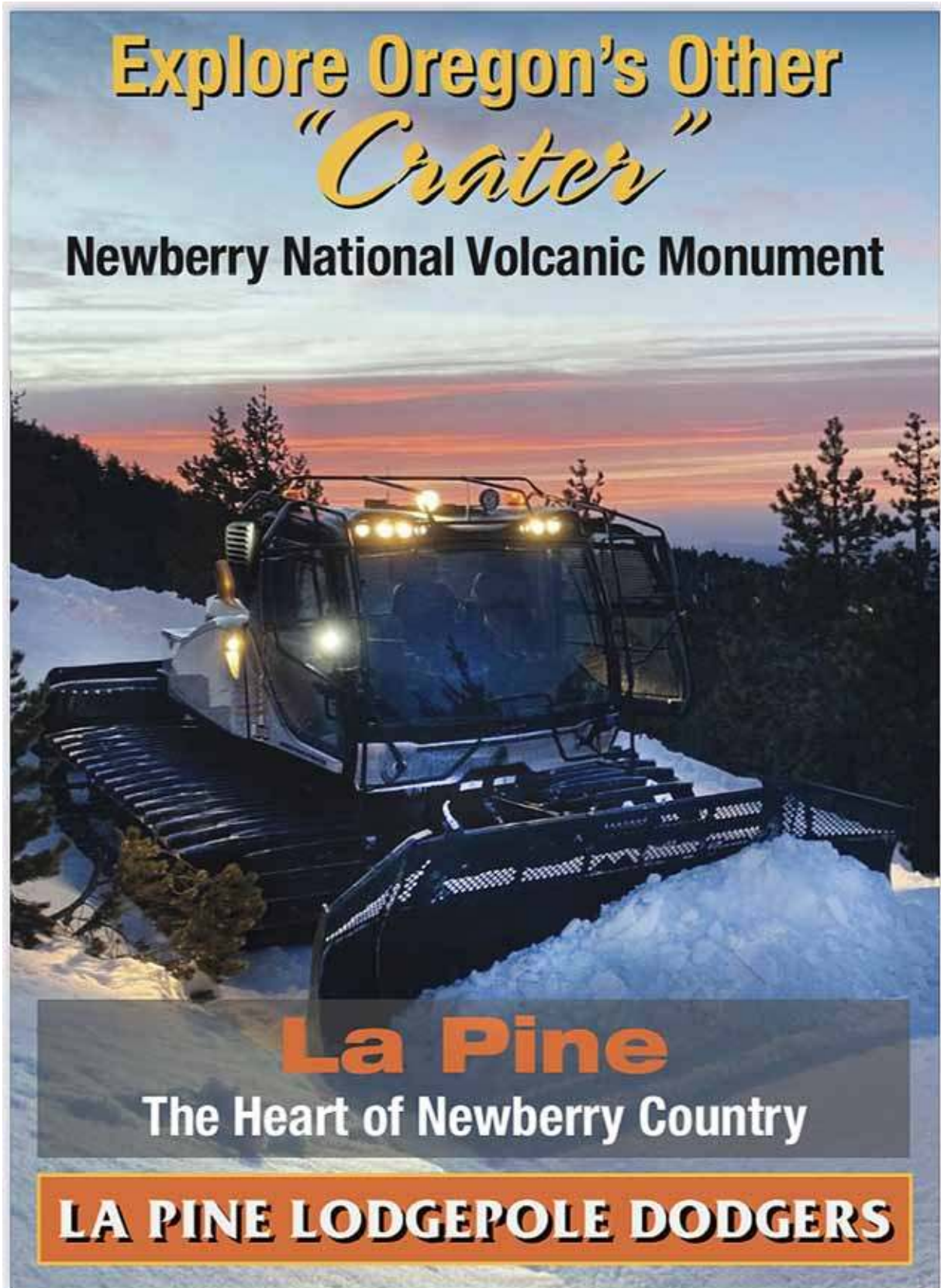


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- *Tuesday January 23, 2024 – Wetlands Taphouse Gathering welcoming snowmobilers to convention Dinner (food trucks) & No host bar
- *Wednesday January 24, 2024 – Vic's Bar & Grill Dinner & No host bar
- *Thursday January 25, 2024 – Moose Lodge Dinner & No host bar
- *Thursday January 25, 2024 – Moose Lodge Dinner, (Location to be determined) Dance & No host bar
- *Friday January 26, 2024 – Parks & Rec pizza dinner
- *Saturday January 27, 2024 – Parks & Rec banquet dinner

Rides

- *Tuesday January 23, 2024
 - 1 ride @ Paulina Lake 10-mile sno-park
 - 2-3 rides @ Crescent junction sno-park
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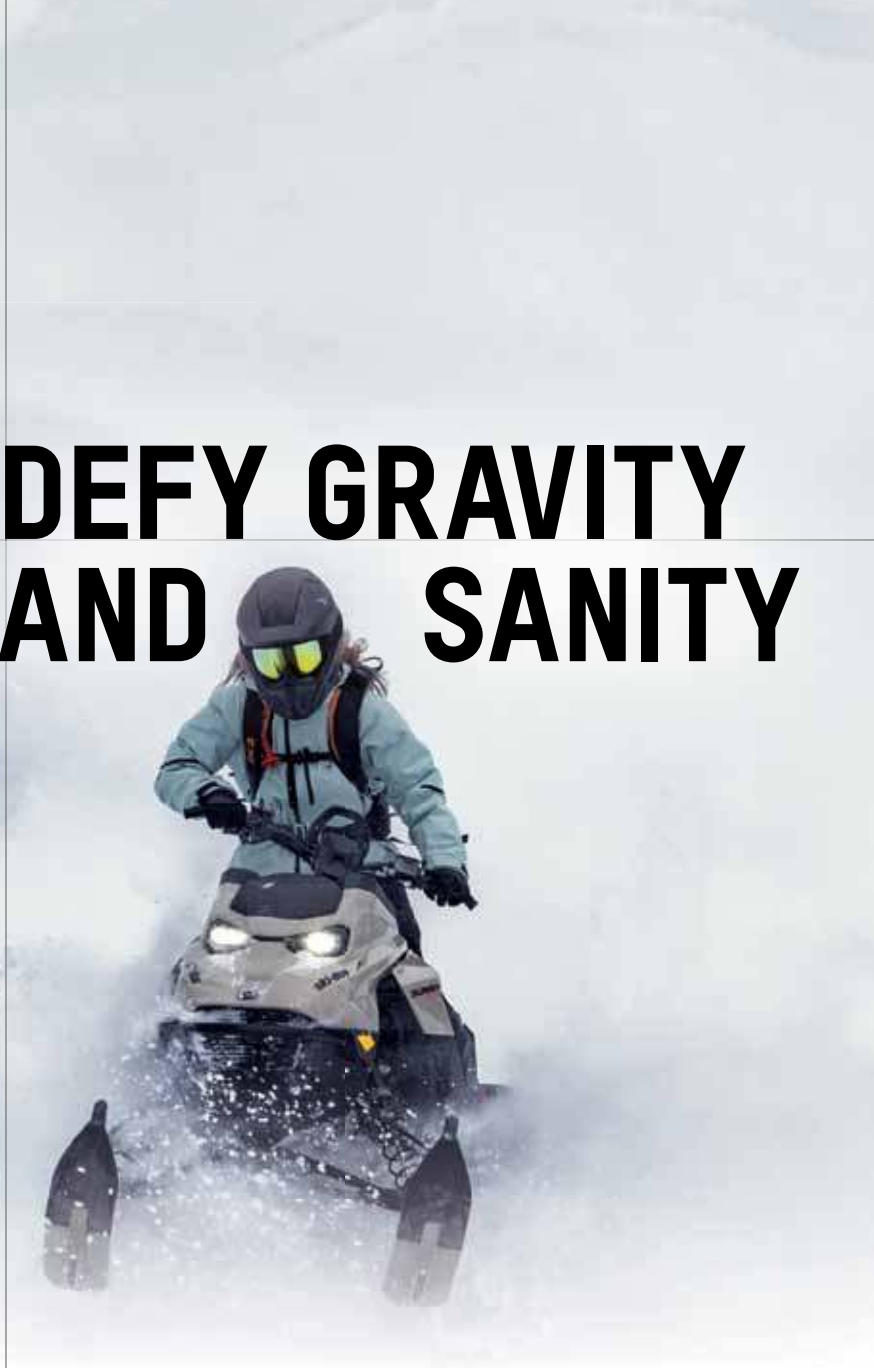
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Upcoming Snowmobiling events include vintage snowmobile races in Sumpter January 9th and the annual snowmobile poker runs in Sumpter and Halfway on Presidents Day Weekend.

The Sumpter Snowmobile Poker Run is always the Saturday of Presidents Day Weekend and the Halfway Panhandle Snowmobile Club's Poker Run is always the Sunday of Presidents Day weekend, making this the perfect three-day winter weekend for exploring the Elkhorn and Wallowa mountains of Eastern Oregon on your snowmobile.

For more information about snowmobiling in Baker County Oregon, including latest snow conditions, upcoming events, and trail maps, contact:

The Sumpter Valley Snowmobile Club

Halfway Panhandle Snowmobile Club

Burnt River Snowmobile Club

Or, the **Oregon State Snowmobile Association**



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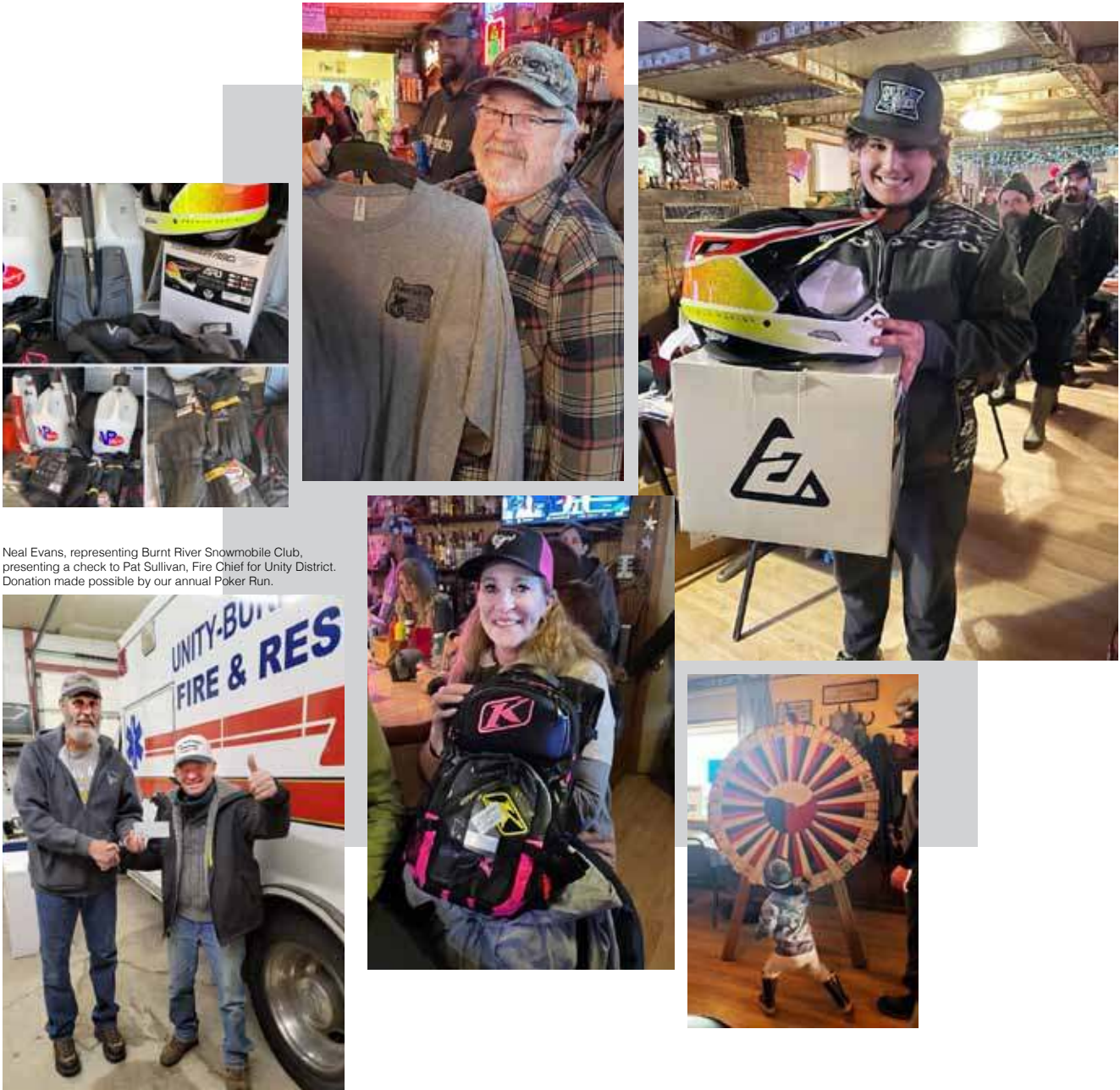
Burnt River Club News

The Burnt River Snowmobile Club held its annual fund-raising Poker Run on February 4th, 2023. The day began with sign-ups at the Burnt River Market, Waterhole Cafe, and the Austin House Restaurant. Participants spun the poker wheel to determine their poker hands and played as many hands as they wanted to. Then the fun began as everyone went out for a day of riding trails, boondocking, and more. At 4 o'clock everyone returned to the Waterhole Cafe and our raffle began, while the winning poker hands were determined.

Raffle items were donated by many generous donors and businesses. Klim gear, helmets, gloves, tools, sweatshirts, hats, gas cans, and gift certificates are just a few of the items participants won. The two Grand prizes in the raffle this year included a one-night cabin stay at the Cornucopia Lodge in Halfway Oregon and a set of two-way radios. We want to thank all of our donors for their generosity which ensures our fundraisers are a success every year. Thank you! The funds raised from this yearly event enable us to make donations to the local Fire and EMS crews, as well as continue working on club projects and improvements at the Blue Mountain Sno-Park. Payout for the Pokerhands followed the raffle, and \$1000.00 was paid out to first through 5th place as well as 5 non-winning or loser hands.

A fun time was had by all, riding and visiting with folks from all over Eastern Oregon. Thankyou once again to all our raffle prize donors, our grooming crew, Dan, Chris, Pat Chapin, Neal, and Anet Evans. All club members who helped with sign-ups and the raffle and the local merchants for hosting us.

Planning for the 2024 Poker Run is underway!
So make plans to attend this event the first weekend of February 2024.



Neal Evans, representing Burnt River Snowmobile Club, presenting a check to Pat Sullivan, Fire Chief for Unity District. Donation made possible by our annual Poker Run.



Columbia Gorge Power Sledders

John Vogel (Grooming Chairman)

Welcome to a new season. I am sure we are all ready for a snowy winter after this hot and dry summer we just had. We had a trail work party and campout on the weekend of June 23rd that was attended by volunteers from the club. They cleared about two miles of heavy brush and small trees along the bar ditch on the 4421 road. The week before there was a crew of about 8-9 people working all week on the 2730-240 trail which was badly in need of major brushing. We did about 37.2 miles of brushing and had put in about 224 hours on four of our trails. I would like to put out a big thank-you to Mike Hannifan, Dave Rogers, Dan Gill (Membership Director), Walt Denstedt (Club President), Brandon Beachamp (Club Secretary), Marshall Woods, Dave Mills, John Vogel, and Charles Rogers (loaned the club a mini backhoe to use).

The club became very lucky this summer with the city of The Dalles putting in a new aqueduct water piping which runs alongside an existing road/trail in places. The placing of the new pipe has cleared about 10 miles of road of trees alongside the road about six foot wide. We have not been able to groom or ride this area for about the last 8-10 years. The club will enjoy this new riding area and is on our road use permit.



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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 :

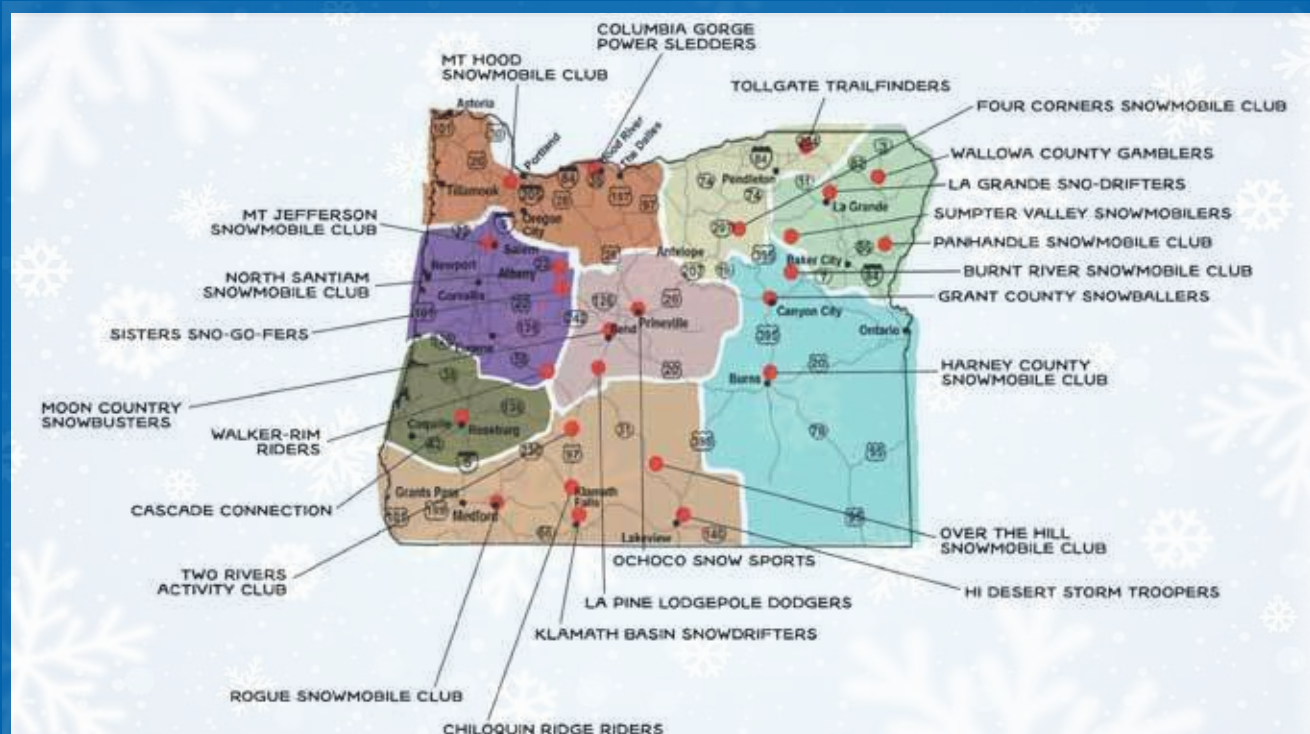
- * Cooperative enjoyment in club activities, rides and play days.
- * Assistance through club membership in formalizing legislation for snowmobiles.
- * Learning new areas to ride and familiarity with areas through joint rides.
- * Strength in state organization through local club organization and input.

- * 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.



Our Volunteers spend hundreds of hours taking care of and grooming snowmobile trails.

A ski lift ticket for one person for one day is \$100 or more.
Say "Thank you" to our volunteers by joining your local club today.
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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 cross-country skiers, snow bikers, snow-shoers, and dog sledgers. 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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Photo of Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Club volunteers at work. We appreciate you!



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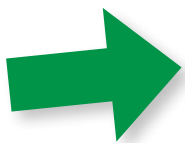
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OCHOCO SNOW SPORTS

The club ended the 2022-23 season with a club ride and barbecued rib feed at the grooming shed. The rides and BBQ were very well attended and some new people to the Ochocos became club members.



The Club held elections and the following people stepped up: President Don Croy, Vice President Curtis Morgan and Treasurer Jim Rahi.

We want to thank the previous leadership Jim Valentine, Ron Issacson, Richard and Dawn Kludtfor their many, many years of service to Ochoco Snow Sports Club. They have organized numerous club rides and shared their knowledge of the back country.



On the grooming side Bob Hair and his group have been busy installing 30 new snow poles, reestablishing a corridor below MT. Pisgah and liming up 30 miles of trees to make those orange diamonds visible again.

Several club members took on a club project to make needed repairs to the Walton Lake Snow-Park warming shelter. They added a concrete landing to the entry door and poured a concrete pad under the wood stove, repaired the chimney. A long day of hard work by all. They closed the day out with a barbeque.





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 sledgers, 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.



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The Harney County Club participated in the Beef, Boots & BBQ Contest taking home Reserve Grand Champion AND People's Choice.

We won two Louisiana Smoker BBQ grills, a belt buckle, a medallion, \$50 gift certificate to Big R and 75 lbs of beef from a local rancher. All totalling \$2,000 in prizes for the club.



As the days get shorter and the nights a bit cooler it makes us long for the all the fun we will have this winter as well.

Harney County Snowmobile Club



Our first club meeting will be Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at Figaro's Pizza, Burns OR.

Hope to see everyone there!

Coleen G. Allen
Harney County Snowmobile Club
Vice President



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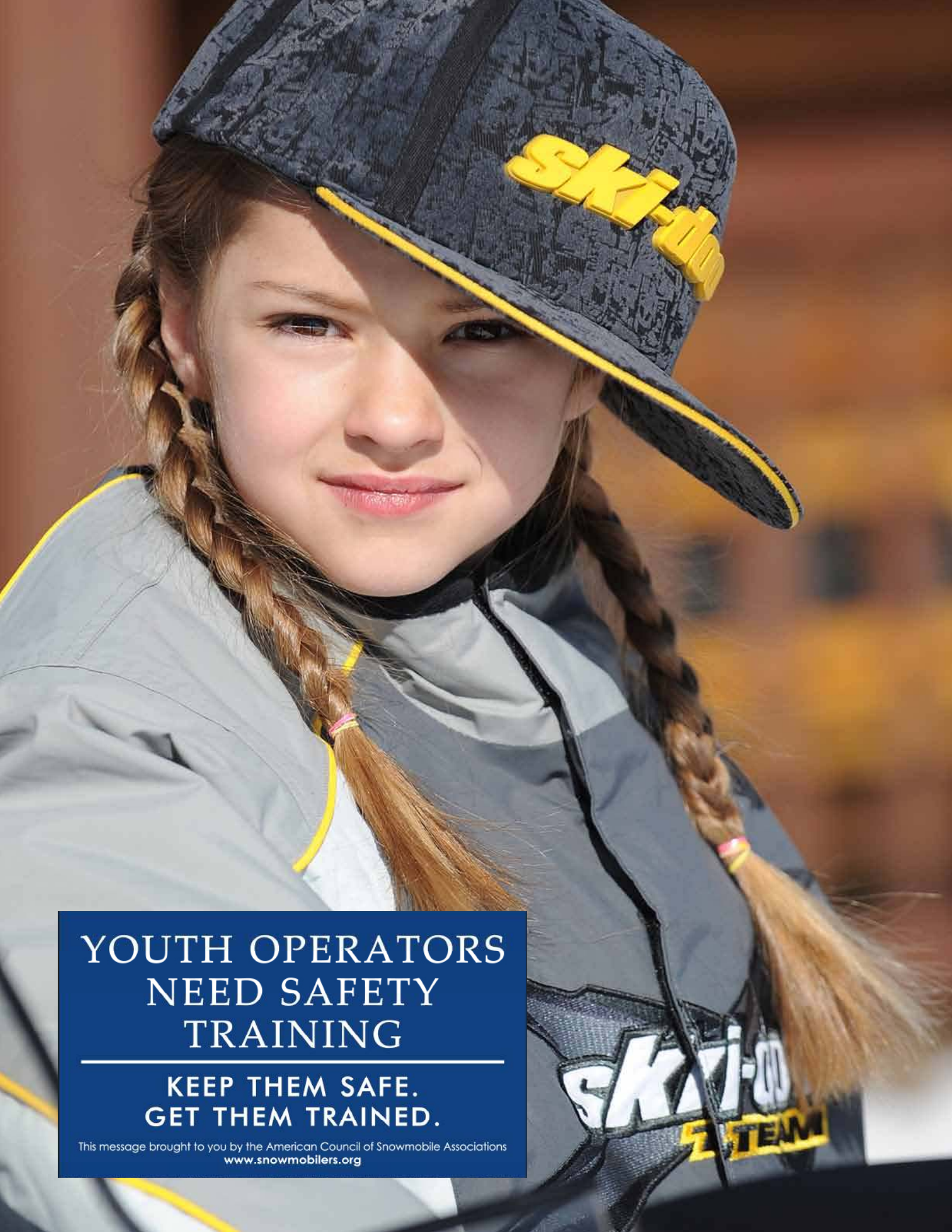


Harney County Snowmobile Club has had a very productive and fun summer. There were multiple campouts for trail maintenance as well as hanging hundreds of additional miles of arrows and diamonds.



We had a broken track on the groomer while assisting a resident broken down and unable to get to town. We were saved by amazing volunteers and Ed Staub and Sons who donated a boom truck and driver, Kevin Hughes.





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The OSSA Safety Program



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UPCOMING EVENTS 2023-2024 SNOWMOBILE SEASON

Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)

Our meetings are every 3rd Thursdays of each month starting 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 September 21, 2023, Board Meeting at 5:00, potluck at 6:00 NO Meeting at 7:00**
- Thursday October 19, 2023
- Thursday November 16, 2023
- Thursday December 21, 2023
- Thursday January 19, 2024
- Thursday February 15, 2024
- Thursday March 21, 2024
- Thursday April 18, 2024

Our club really didn't do anything this summer. Everyone was busy with their own thing. The crew will still go out to check trails before winter starts. Not much else to report.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This Season our Poker Run will be on Feb. 17, 2024.

COMMENTS

We have started to take membership dues starting September 1, 2023 and to those of you who would like to join the club during the 2023-2024 season, it's \$45.00 with \$35.00 going to OSSA and \$10.00 for club dues please contact me (Jane Leatherman) at svbmsc-secytreas@outlook.com 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 you're just driving around in the woods.

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MT JEFFERSON SNOWMOBILE CLUB



The Mt Jefferson Snowmobile Club has been Riding on the Santiam Pass since 1971. Through all the efforts of current and past members, we have continued to expand our trail system over the last 53 years and this winter we expect to do the same. Our Trail Grooming program has exploded within the last few years and we are running two cats, seven days a week, pushing further and further out so you fine folks can explore new trails!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for this years annual Movie Night Fundraiser at Northern Lights Theatre in Salem on November 16th!

We expect to have a club ride every weekend this winter of some sort from mid December through March, but be sure to check our Facebook Page for updates on rides and locations.

As always, we meet every third Wednesday of the month At Pietros Pizza in Salem at 7pm.

See you on the trails!

Huge thank you to the 10 groomer operators who came out to rebuild the tracks for the PB400.

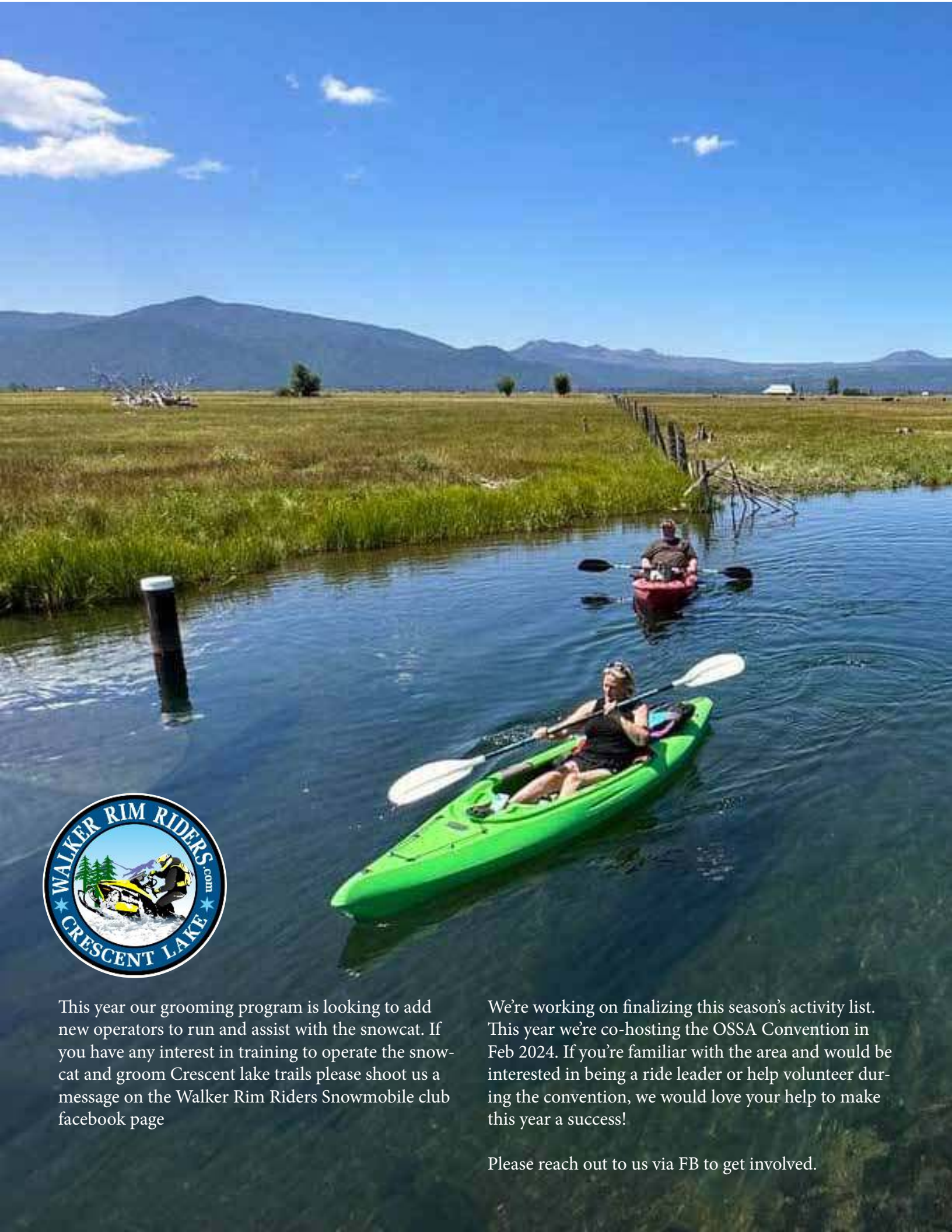
Mission accomplished!!
One more maintenance session and we should be ready for the season.





The Walker Rim Riders Snowmobile club has been busy this summer spending time enjoying the great outdoors. We've had some great summer trips including SXS trips and even a Kayak trip which we'll be

doing annually from now on. As always, we've been working on year round trail maintenance, which seems to be a never ending project. As the weather turns to fall, we are starting to think snow!!



This year our grooming program is looking to add new operators to run and assist with the snowcat. If you have any interest in training to operate the snowcat and groom Crescent lake trails please shoot us a message on the Walker Rim Riders Snowmobile club facebook page

We're working on finalizing this season's activity list. This year we're co-hosting the OSSA Convention in Feb 2024. If you're familiar with the area and would be interested in being a ride leader or help volunteer during the convention, we would love your help to make this year a success!

Please reach out to us via FB to get involved.



The La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers were officially organized in September 1972 with worktoward this result starting in 1969. Membership in Oregon State Snowmobile Association and local snowmobile clubs pays for protecting the land we need for snowmobiling

Please become a member and be part of a club that promotes, preserves, protects and enhances the sport you love. Membership fees are \$35.00 per year for OSSA and \$15per year for The Lodgepole Dodgers for a total annual expense of \$50. The annual term of membership is September 1st through August 31st of each year. Membership also provides full trail maps, member listings, newsletters and snowmobile group rides.

The La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers has had a busy summer. Earlier this year the club voted to become a 4-season club. We held summer dirt rides throughout the summer and have had people join us for the rides for the first time. Becoming a 4-season club has been a great addition to the club and has brought in multiple new memberships. We even had a couple from British Columbia that was traveling through the area join us. We had two rides at the annual OSSA campout/board meeting in August at Paulina Lake. Our next ride is planned for Saturday September 9, 2023. CJ Price of Walker Rim Riders has planned a ride from Crescent junction sno-park to Diamond Lake. Thank you, CJ, for planning this ride.

The La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers will be holding a sled swap meet along with safety classes Saturday October 28, 2023 at Pro Caliber Motorsports 3500 N Highway 97 Bend, OR. Come join us to check out sleds, clothing and misc. items for sale. We will also have sno-park permits for sale.

This coming January 23-27, 2024 the Lodgepole Dodgers along with Two Rivers activity club and Walker Rim Riders will be hosting the 2024 OSSA Convention in La Pine. We have multiple events & rides planned. Details will be coming very soon.

See you all in January *Think Snow!*



Scholarships



2024 KEN HAEVERNICK OSSA SCHOLARSHIP

OSSA scholarship is available to either graduating high school seniors or a person currently enrolled in a college or trade school full time (12 semester credits), either physically or online. Scholarships will be given to the winners regardless of other grants or scholarships that the students may receive.

Requirements are as follows:

1. The applicant or immediate family must be a paid member of Oregon State Snowmobile Association.
2. The applicant must submit the completed application form.
3. The applicant must submit a cover letter. This letter must include the student ID number and college/trade school name and the address to which a scholarship check would be sent.
4. The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular/volunteer activities.
5. The applicant must include an essay (essay subject on the application form). The essay **MUST** follow the format below to be accepted and should be sent in Word or Google Docs:
 - a. Minimum of 2 pages – typed.
 - b. Double-spaced.
 - c. Font – Times New Roman.
 - d. Font size – 12 point.
 - e. Margins – set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
 - f. Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1” margin).
 - g. A header (for example, the essay question) can be added 1 inch from the top of the first page, and then enter a double space to begin your essay.
 - h. Do **NOT** use bold-faced type or other special settings.
 - i. If work is cited, add an additional “work-cited” page at the end of the essay. This information will **NOT** be counted as part of the 2-page minimum.
6. The applicable documents must be received via email at the OSSA Office by February 1, 2024. Please email to Lmahoney@oregonsnow.org using a subject line of OSSA Scholarship Application.
7. **Any entry that does not meet ALL of these requirements will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Additional rules:

1. Students must use the scholarship within one year of receiving it.
2. All scholarship checks will be written directly to the college and not to the student. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All applicants will be notified of the final scholarship selection by April 15, 2024. The scholarship winner will be publicly announced at the OSSA Board Meeting in May 2024.



OREGON STATE SNOWMOBILE SCHOLARSHIP
2024 APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Postal Code: _____

State Association: _____

Member of which local Club(s)? _____

Graduated from what high school or GED equivalent? _____

Attending which college, technical or vocational institute?

If already enrolled in a program, what year are you in? _____

High School or Equivalent GPA: _____

If applicable, college, technical or vocational GPA: _____

Have you attached a cover letter introducing yourself and provided your student ID number and your college/trade school name and address to which a scholarship check would be sent?

Have you attached a resume detailing your involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular school activities?

Have you attached an essay on the following subject (must be at least 2 pages, double-spaced and typed)?

Essay Topic:

Two of the major causes of snowmobile related avalanches are the lack of education and lack of preparation for the area the snowmobiler will be riding in.

Essay Challenge:

- How do you prepare yourself when planning to ride in an unfamiliar area which is outside of your normal riding area.
- How would you advise someone else to prepare to ride in your area which is outside of their normal riding area.

Note:

Essays will be judged on depth of content, clarity, organization, and persuasiveness.

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Snowmobiling Quick Facts

There are four major manufacturers that build snowmobiles. They are: Arctic Cat – Headquartered in Thief River Falls, MN; BRP – Headquartered in Valcourt, Quebec; Polaris Industries – Headquartered in Medina, MN; and Yamaha Motor Corporation – Headquartered in Ontario, Canada.

In 2023 there were 124,769 snowmobiles sold worldwide; 53,553 were sold in the U.S. and 48,252 were sold in Canada.

There are 1.26 million registered snowmobiles in the US and over 601,000 registered snowmobiles in Canada.

The Economic Impact of Snowmobiling

- United States—\$26 Billion annually
Canada—\$9.3 billion annually
Europe—\$4 billion annually
- Over 100,000 full-time jobs are generated by the snowmobile industry in North America. Those jobs are involved in manufacturing, dealerships and tourism related businesses.

Snowmobiler Profile

- The average age of a snowmobiler is 54 years old.
- The average snowmobiler spends \$2,500 each year on snowmobile-related recreation.
- 50% of snowmobilers trailer their snowmobiles to ride. 50% snowmobile from their primary residence or have a vacation home where they keep and use their snowmobiles.
- Snowmobilers are caring neighbors, they raised over \$3 million for charity annually.
- There are 3,000+ snowmobile clubs worldwide, involved in trail grooming, charity fund raising, & family activities.
- There are over 42 registered non-profit associations representing snowmobilers in the US, Canada, Europe.
- Snowmobiling is great exercise bringing people outdoors interacting with nature and each other. It is an invigorating sport, great for stress release and good mental health.

Snowmobile Use

The use of snowmobiles in National Parks is regulated by federal Law Enforcement. Snowmobiling occurs on roads groomed and marked for snowmobiling, the same roadways used by recreational vehicles, cars, trucks and busses. Snowmobiles are NOT used as off road vehicles in National Parks such as Yellowstone, Rocky Mountain and Grand Teton.

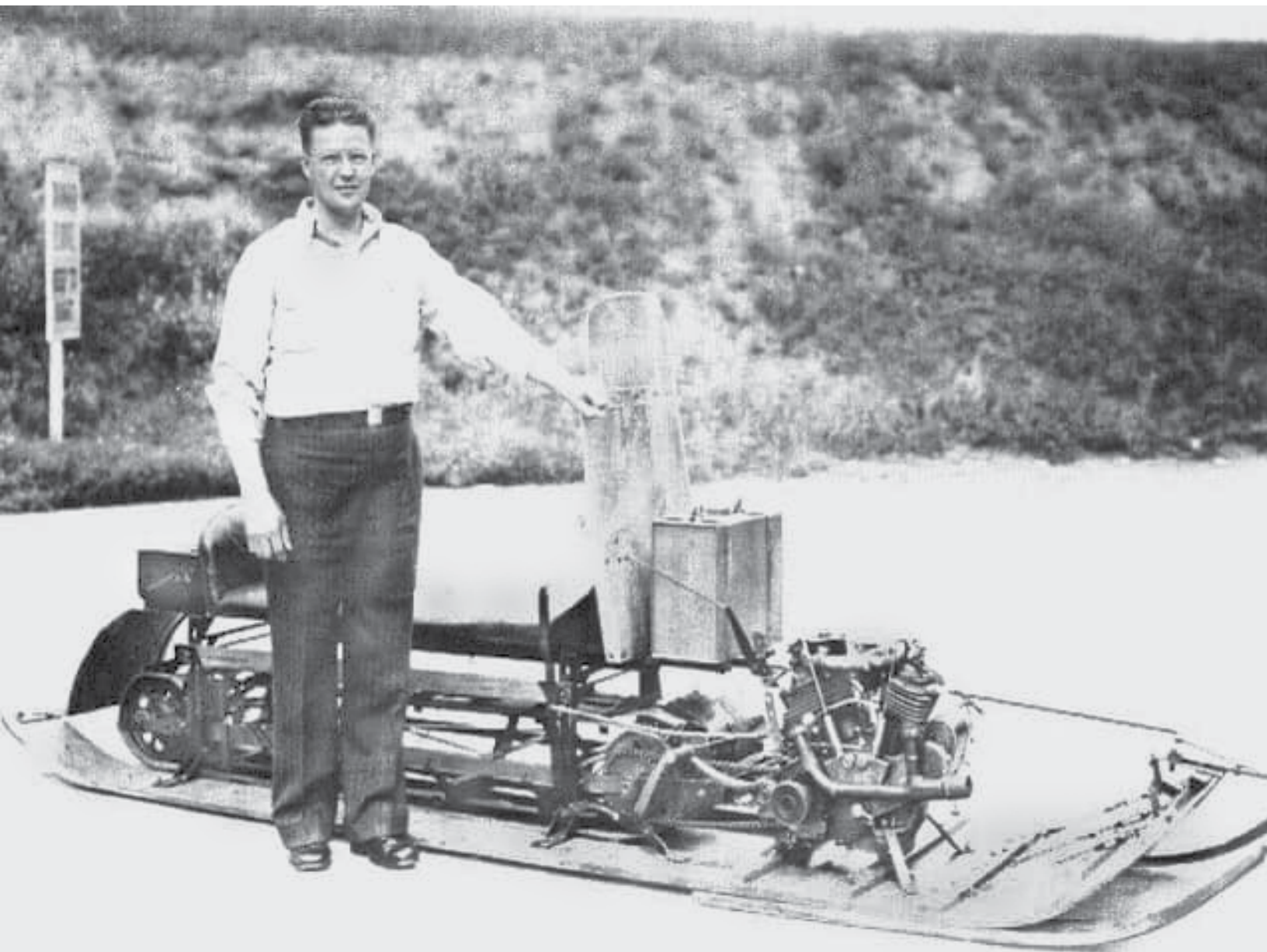
On US National Forest Land, most of the trails used by snowmobiles are on groomed roads used by summer recreationists. There are also secondary and seasonal roads within the forests used by snowmobilers. These roads are groomed and marked by volunteers who work closely with the local U.S. Forest Service staff in maintaining and managing those areas.

The manufacturers have always been actively involved in promoting safe riding behavior while snowmobiling. Over one million safety related brochures and decals, and hundreds of thousands of posters and safety DVDs have been distributed free of charge to snowmobile enthusiasts throughout the world. Safety trainers, enforcement officers, Chambers of Commerce, etc. use safety materials provided by the manufacturers through the **Safe Riders! You make snowmobiling safe™ safety campaign.**

Snowmobile Fun Fact:

One of the innovators behind snowmobiling was Carl Eliason of Saynor, WI. It was first called a “motortoboggan.” The first prototype was in 1924 as Carl was only 24 years old.

The machine, though very basic and primitive to what they are now many of the features and parts that are still used started here. There were other inventors that developed machines that traveled over the snow and it can be debatable but many believe Eliason’s machine is where it started. Regardless, this was someone we can be grateful for that began a whole new idea that made life easier if the use was for work or more fun if for play! Although that suspension, I think they were a little tougher in those days



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UTAH SNOWMOBILE SHOW

OCTOBER 20-21
MOUNTAIN AMERICA EXPO CENTER, SANDY UTAH

Friday October 20 3pm-9pm
Saturday October 21 10am-6pm

The biggest snowmobile show in the West! All the top aftermarket companies, the best deals on clothing and gear, and the new 2024 snowmobiles under one roof.

Contact Jason Huff to reserve booth space 208-542-2252



Oregon State Snowmobile Association

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1972 by a small group of snowmobilers working to find a way to provide a groomed statewide trail system and to assure continued access to our public lands. We are currently an organization with twenty-five member clubs and a trail system of 6,410 miles of multi-use snowmobile trails. We promote safe and responsible snowmobiling, represent snowmobilers as an organized group and promote proper recreational use of our land by working together with the Forest Service, BLM and other land managers to develop and maintain a quality trail system and winter recreation opportunities. Our mission, briefly stated, is to protect, promote and enhance the family sport of snowmobiling.

Our Mission

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 the 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.

******* Snowmobilers Leave No Trace *******