

WYOMING SNOWMOBILE

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WSSA President

BRENDA MILLER

By the time you all read this the holidays will be over. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and brought the new year in with a bang! I also hope that you are getting good snow in your riding areas. At the time of my writing this article the northwest corner of the state is a long way away from normal snow. I thought that the snow last year was bad at this time of the year in our area. Well, we have 20 inches less snow than we had on this date last year.

I know that the Sweetwater Snowpokes are working very hard to make Fun Days in March be a great event. Hopefully you have all made your hotel reservations and sent in your attendance registration form. If not, there is still time.

If you have not joined the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) as an individual there is still time to do that too. While the Wyoming clubs are all members of ACSA individuals should join as well. Check out their website <https://www.snowmobilers.org/> it is loaded with lots of great information.

Here is some of the stuff that is out there:

Take the Pledge: Don't forget to encourage the clubs in your state to Take the Pledge! We continue to see many trails and riding areas being closed due to trespassing issues. A reminder to the clubs to Take the Pledge might be helpful. You can find information at: <https://snowmobiler-spledge.com/>

No Trespass Challenge: ACSA is once again promoting a Challenge for a new No Trespassing Slogan Challenge. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 15. Please share this information -- hopefully it will continue to bring awareness to riding behavior! Prizes for the top three winning slogans!! Click here for the flyer: <https://www.snowmobilers.org/docs/Know-Where-To-Go-2021-22-Challenge-pic.pdf>

Snowmobile Safety Week is Jan. 15-23. This is another opportunity to promote Safety and Rider Responsibility. Click on this link for the ISMA Press Release: <https://www.snowmobilers.org/docs/snowmobile-safety-week-2022-press-release.pdf>

ACSA E-News: Just a reminder that the information in the ACSA E-News is available for the State Associations to share in whole or in part. Please feel free to share individual articles or the entire E-News on your social networks including website and facebook as well as in any communications to your membership including newsletters and membership renewals.

2022 Cash Calendars: We are receiving calendar stubs on a daily basis! The first drawing (January) will be held February 1. Remember - this is a fundraiser for State Associations (\$5 each calendar sold) and ACSA...and it's fun to find a check in your mailbox!

Keep on doing the Snow Dance!

Hope to see you on the trail.

WSSA Vice President

JUSTIN MADDEN

Greetings all! The snow year is getting off to a slow start. This gives us more time to focus on club and association issues. We should take this time to recruit new members and spread the word about snowmobiling responsibly and leaving no trace when we ride.

As we plan and prep for what will hopefully be an epic year of late season riding, make it your goal to find at least a couple people who are not members of a club and explain to them the benefits of becoming a member.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

WSSA Scholarship

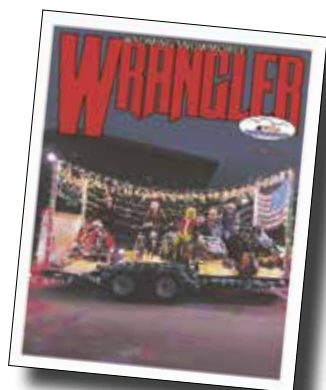
SHANNON GLANDT

Hello everyone!!

The 2021-22 WSSA Scholarship rules, application and essay topic are available! You can reach out to your club or WSSA District Rep for details, and please do not hesitate to contact me as well (shannonglandt@gmail.com). This is such a wonderful opportunity for our college students to receive a significant scholarship. Last year the WSSA was honored to give away 11 scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$3,000, for a total of \$15,000. This is just incredible, and a huge shout out to our amazing clubs and club members for making this program such a huge success!

The WSSA Scholarship submission deadline is Feb. 1, 2022, and winners will be announced at Fun Days in Rock Springs in March. Hope to see you all there!

On The Cover



Star Valley Snow Skippers.

Photo courtesy Mickey Sutton

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WSSA Secretary/ Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello snowmobilers!

Can you believe it is already December? I can't! Especially with the lack of snow here in the Southeast part of the state. Fun Days will be here before we know it. You can register with the Snowpokes at any time now. Those who register before Jan. 10 will be entered to win prizes!

Some reminders:

- Scholarship essays and applications are due to Shannon by Feb. 1.

- Club Awards nominations are due to Holly and I by Feb. 1.

- I need updated club officer information ASAP! Email me as wssasunny@gmail.com if you need the form.

- Club memberships and dues for WSSA need to be sent ASAP! I greatly appreciate emailed copies of membership info. I can copy and paste the information and avoid typing errors.

- Club members will not receive the January Wrangler if I have not received their membership information prior to the January Wrangler deadline.

- So, if you haven't renewed your club membership yet this season, make it happen! Then ask your club officers to send the information on to me, so you don't miss a Wrangler. There is strength in numbers, so send me those numbers!

Thank you each for sharing a passion for snowmobiling and helping to make sure this sport will be around for generations of sledheads to come!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Big Horn Sno Goers

BART RICHARDSON

Hello from the Big Horn Basin! October brought the first big snowstorm and hopes of an above average winter. Seems as if Mother Nature was just teasing as usual. Sadly, we are now well behind any reasonable expectation and looking like it could be a repeat of last year. Hopefully soon.

Search and Rescue and members of the Sno Goers placed the Safety Shelters at Battle Park, Webb Creek and Bald Ridge. All are stocked and ready to go. Other members worked on the permanently placed Rice Safety Shelter on the south end of I trail. It is ready to go also, but strangely enough not on the WYO Parks trail map. Word has it that because it is placed on private property it won't be shown on the map. I can't validate that information, but it makes no sense to not have a shelter on the map. We downloaded the map available on the WYO Parks web site, placed the location on the map, printed copies and placed them in the Rice Shelter. Next time we are at the other south end shelters we will place more copies.

Due to an outbreak of COVID-19 amongst some of the board members, we did not have a meeting in October. Our first meeting was in November but brought low turnout, so we did not have elections. A plea was put out on our web page to try and bolster memberships and turnout. There was better turn out at our December meeting, but sadly no new faces. We held our elections, and our new President is Angie Leary, Vice is her spouse Kirby, and the Treasurer is Lynda Schatz. We appreciate their stepping up and taking on leadership of our club and look forward to a fresh perspective. A special thanks to Shawn Franzen for 11 years as the president.

In a bit of old news, we did highway cleanup between Deerhaven and Meadowlark. I'm happy to report that there was little trash to pick up. We also sent 172 mailers to the folks that registered 303 snowmobiles in Washakie County last year. Sadly, this didn't lead to many new members, and we are working hard to reach out and improve our numbers. We will create flyers and distribute to businesses that sell registrations and ask that they hand them out, in addition to placing on windshields of vehicles parked at the unloading areas.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

District 9

GEORGE PRYICH

Snow's coming! Remember to stay safe and check the avalanche site for forecasts and warning. About 20 people attended the Avalanche Awareness class. The weather was warm and there wasn't any snow to practice on (or in) but we all benefited from pulling out those probes and shovels. Lessons learned included checking our transceivers (aka beacons) in the parking lot with our group to ensure everyone is receiving and sending. Taking an awareness class every year is the least we can do to stay current and practice safety techniques to ensure we all come home safely after a great day of riding. Happy Birthday to Gary Neely of Pinedale! Follow us on Facebook for meeting dates and updates on events. We look forward to seeing you at Fun Days!

Sweetwater Snowpokes

ANGELINA PRYICH

Good news – we're starting to see some snow! Along with snow comes colder temperatures. Are you ready? Many thanks to the folks who cut and loaded the wood shed and brought wood into the Strawberry Safety Shelter this year. Here are some photos:



2022 Wyoming State Snowmobile Association
FUN DAYS REGISTRATION
 Hosted by Sweetwater Snowpokes and ATV Club, Inc.
 March 4-5-6, 2022 at the Holiday Inn of Rock Springs

Name(s): _____ PHONE # _____

Children's Names & Ages: _____

Club Name: _____

>>>>>>>Are you interested in bringing a vintage snowmachine to display? YES _____ NO _____<<<<<<<

Registration Fee: Before Jan 10, 2022 Adults: \$95.00 pp X _____ = _____
 Kids 6-12: \$75.00 pp X _____ = _____
 Kids 5 & under: \$20.00 pp X _____ = _____

<<< Early registrants (adults) will be entered in a drawing: 1st place - item valued over \$1200; 2nd place - item valued over \$900 >>>

After Jan 10, 2022 Adults: \$110.00 pp X _____ = _____
 Kids 6-12: \$90.00 pp X _____ = _____
 Kids 5 & under: \$20.00 pp X _____ = _____

Please register no later than 2/8/2022 so we can accommodate all who want to attend. Thank you.

REGISTRATION Includes: Fun Days keepsake gift

Friday Night: Italian meatballs, Sicilian Pepperoni Rolls, Stuffed Mushrooms, Vegetable tray, Social Hour with cash bar.
 There will also be fun activities for kids.

Saturday: Hot breakfast buffet: scrambled eggs, breakfast potatoes, bacon or sausage, assortment of breakfast pastries, juice/coffee/tea

Lunch: On your own (Subway, Jimmy Johns, Quiznos, Walmart & more are nearby)

Dinner: Please Choose: Prime Rib _____ Salmon _____ Chicken Alfredo _____

(Dinner includes veggies, potatoes, green salad, coffee/iced tea + hosted cash bar)

Sunday: WSSA meeting: coffee/tea/water, muffins, and yogurt

RIDES: There will be a group snowmobile ride to LaBarge Creek: Trail ride _____ Advanced ride _____

There will be a Side x Side ATV ride to the Sand Dunes: _____ (weather permitting)

Must have flag on machine and current ORV sticker. Highly recommend helmets and goggles.

HOTELS: Rock Springs Holiday Inn (1-307-382-9200)
 Standard \$75.00 (pets allowed) Executive \$89.00 (no pets)
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BE SURE TO MENTION "WSSA FUN DAYS." The block of rooms will be released February 10th.

Please make checks payable to: Sweetwater Snowpokes, PO Box 1731, Rock Springs, WY 82902
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Top of the Rockies

ANDREA BURCHARD

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and donations from local businesses, the Annual Community

Thanksgiving dinner that the club hosts was a HUGE Success! We served approximately 240 people,

which is almost 100 more than anticipated. We didn't run out of food, but we also didn't have much

leftover. We're already planning next year's dinner!

To get everyone's sled ready for the coming season, our Vice President Alex Sinclair hosted a sled

maintenance day at his home. Club members are invited to come by with or without their machine to

get or give advice on what needs to be done prior to the first ride.

Our club Christmas party was Dec. 4 and a good time was had by all! Delicious food, good friends

and a super fun gift exchange can't be beat! The board members presented a gift to our president,

Justin Fritz, to thank him for all the time and energy he puts into the club. We've had an extremely

successful year and are looking forward to 2022!

We recently partnered with the local chapter of the American Legion to co-host Bingo twice per month.

This has been a great activity for our club, the community loves it and our volunteers are having a ton of fun!



Tim Haberberger, with the Box Y Lodge, takes care of grooming Greys River Road each year and gave an

update on the grooming schedule for the upcoming snowmobile season. They have received additional

funding from State Trails which will make grooming on the Alpine end seven days per week possible. We

have seen the traffic on our end greatly increase over the last few years, so having the ability to groom

every day is highly beneficial. They will start grooming a few days per week Dec. 13 and will groom daily beginning just after Christmas.

He gave us a great reminder that pertains to all the groomed trails statewide: when you have the chance, please remind people that riding behind the groomer is not recommended. The snow needs

time to setup after grooming whenever possible.

The Beacon check station the club purchased a few years back has been installed at the Grey's River

Trailhead and is ready for business. Now we just need snow!



Districts 6 and 10

TONY NISWENDER

Good day to my fellow sledders!! Well mother nature has finally gifted some of us with the white gold we call snow. But the bad thing is she sent it with wind. This could be a great start to a bountiful winter.

Well, all the safety shelters are placed and stock for the winter season. Please remember these shelters are maintained by the local snowmobile clubs. So if you pack it in PLEASE pack it out. Thank you! The next user will appreciate it.

Well, the 307 Riders out of Gillette have once again started off the season with a big bang. They donated \$1000 to the local ABATE Stuff the Bus campaign for the kids. They got a float in the parade again this year. Not sure of their standing as voting is still going on.

They meet the first Wednesday of the month for their club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Towers West restaurant. They are planning rides for the season along with the Antelope Butte hill Cross races April 9 so mark your calendars.

The Powder River Sno-Buffs are once again off to a slow start. They made a run to get their name out by getting into the parade of lights in Buffalo. With the help of Santa they won first in their category. Hope that sparks some interest in the club. They have some dates set for some rides if winter keep the snow coming. They meet the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Bozeman Trail Steakhouse.

That covers the clubs on the west slope of the Big Horns. Now for the west side of the Big Horns. They are the Big Horn Snow Goers. They are the ones that set the safety shelters on the southern end of the Big Horns along with the help of Washakie County Search and Rescue. They held election of new officers for the year. New leaders with the same goals in mind to keep our mountain riding area open and safe.

These clubs are all working hard to increase membership and raise the awareness of winter safety. If you ride you need to belong to a club as we work hard to keep you all informed of what is happening in your riding areas. The

governor has set up the outdoor recreational collaboration around the state to promote outdoor rec. in this venture they have created a map that has all sorts of info in one spot. Here is the web site: <https://wyooutdoorrecreation.wyo.gov/> and the map can be found here <https://beta-6rhgzy-3wzx3h55cenfe.us-2.platformsh.site/> Check out the map for your area and see what is going on there. Oh, and don't forget that Fun Days is in Rock Springs this year So mark your calendar for March 4-6 for a great time. Registration time has started. Keep Up the SNOW DANCES.



307 Riders in the parade.



Sno-Buffs.



Santa on the Powder River Sno-Buffs float.



Web Creek safety shelter.

Cody Country Snowmobile Association

BRENDA MILLER

Hello from the Cody Country.
 It seems up here in the North we have been doing the wrong snow dance lately. The dance has brought is very high winds with warmer temperatures. We have started a new dance and hopefully it will bring us some snowstorms.
 The Cody club opened up the Beartooth Safety Shelter on Dec 12. As you can see there is only about 24 inches of snow and I do believe this is the latest date we have ever opened the Shelter.



Maybe some of you remember going through our narrow canyon this past Fun Days in Cody. The picture shows the new bridge structure for the new road in the canyon. It has been very interesting watching this construction move forward and some of the unbelievable feats man and machines can do when you look down into the canyon.
 Well folks we are going to move forward with our new Snowdance. LOL. We wish all of our WSSA snowmobiling friends and families a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Years. CCSA Cheers!



Dubois Sno-Katters

JOHN LEE

Hello everyone,
 Dubois Sno-Katters got out and had our first ride of the year. Not much snow and we had to work pretty hard to get to the top of the mountain on Togwotee Pass. I've enclosed pictures and yes, there was a little drinking going on as you can see in one of the pictures.

Seriously, I thought everyone would like to see some pictures from back in the day. The old pictures were taken in 1967 and the newer picture in 2019. Sure a lot of difference 52 years made! We can almost go and ride anywhere we want now.
 We are getting snow on the mountains as I write this and boy, is it needed. I'm hoping it kicks in hard. Please, Snow-god, take a two foot dump on me!
 No political BS in this article, just some good pictures I hope everyone enjoys. Remember why we all ride, to get out there and have fun time with friends and family. I hope everyone has a fun winter.



Casper Snow Gypsies

BECKY THORNE

Hello from Casper! We are still waiting on some snow here! We have been busy this fall getting the shelters ready for the season. We have stocked them with wood and cleaned them up.

We once again had a float in our Christmas Parade. Movie showing was Slednecks! We just had our Christmas Party where the kids enjoyed a visit with Santa. Great food, white elephant gift exchange and some catching up with everyone. A special table was set for four people. We lost two club members to COVID Walt and Suzey Kussy. They will be greatly missed. They were long time members of our club. We also

had a place setting for Karen and Phil. Phil was a past club president and our groomer for the past two years. Phil is fighting COVID pneumonia in Idaho and his wife Karen has been home fighting it too but is doing much better. Their daughter Kelly is by his side in Idaho and a Gofundme has been set up to help with all the expenses. Please keep them in your prayers.

Upcoming we are planning a night ride with games at a cabin for New Year's Eve. Watch for details! February we will be our annual club ride! We hope everyone has a safe and fun snowmobile season!



Casper Snow Gypsies

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THE SANTISTEVAN FAMILY CAN DEFINITELY USE THE HELP!! I (Danielle) honestly believe if Kelly was not by Phil's side the way she has been, he would not be on the stable path he is on. Kelly is Phil's VOICE! Kelly is Phil's ENCOURAGEMENT! She needs to be there. Not only that but when Karen is healthy she needs to be there with Phil too!! Any help is GREATLY appreciated!



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Star Valley Snow-Skippers

MICKEY SUTTON

The Star Valley Snow-Skippers had a great float in the recent Christmas parade where some members handed out over five hundred candy canes with tags on them for people to go to our website and enter for a drawing to win one of \$100 gift certificates. The certificates were donated by our local dealers: Salt River Motors, Star Valley Motor Sports, and Star Valley Skidoo. We had 160 people enter the drawing. At our regular meeting on Dec. 6, we had the drawing and it was live streamed on Facebook. We've had an increase in interest in our club and are hopeful we'll pick up some new members.

We've given up on a Snow Days/Family Days for this season after running into many obstacles but are considering a Fun Run in February. We're waiting for more snow before we haul out the Beacon Check Station at Smith's Fork.

Our next club event is a club ride on Dec. 18 with a lunch at the Poker Flats Safety Shelter.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 3, 7 p.m. at the Afton Search and Rescue building.



International Snowmobile Safety Week: Jan. 15-23, 2022

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The snowmobile community will sponsor the 28th annual International Snowmobile Safety Week. This is a special event for the snowmobile community, including State and Provincial Snowmobile Associations, Visitors and Convention Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce, Snowmobile Clubs and local and state and provincial agencies joining together to recognize the importance of safe, responsible snowmobiling. Many groups highlight safety week by holding various snowmobile safety training programs. All of the efforts highlight the key position statements highlighted by the safety week efforts. Those key points include:

- Snowmobiling and alcohol don't mix - Don't drink and ride.
- Smart Riders are Safe Riders - Take a snowmobile safety training course.
- When night riding slow down - Expect the unexpected.
- Know before you go - Always check local ice conditions
- Cross with Care
- Know the risks and be prepared - Make every trip a round trip
- One is the loneliest number - Never ride alone.
- Ride safe, stay on the trail - Respect private property.

Avalanche Awareness:

When snowmobiling in Avalanche terrain, always check the existing conditions. You can do so by visiting one of the two websites:

- United States: www.avalanche.org
- Canada: www.avalanche.ca

The five guidelines for mountain terrain riding:

- **Get the Gear:** Ensure everyone has an avalanche transceiver, shovel, and probe on their person and knows how to use them
- **Get the Training:** Take an avalanche course.
- **Get the Forecast:** Make a riding plan based on the current avalanche and weather forecast.
- **Get the Picture:** If you see recent avalanche activity unstable snow exists. Riding on or underneath steep slopes can be dangerous.
- **Get out of Harm's Way:** One at a time on all avalanche slopes. Don't go to help your stuck friend. Don't group up in runout zones.

This year we are continuing our effort that all snowmobilers must respect private landowners and public land and the land managers. We highlight the need to protect land use privileges and to stay on the trail and if you don't know - don't go. Remember to Take the Pledge at <https://snowmobilerspledge.com>

Snowmobile Clubs and Associations / Federations are encouraged to invite local representatives from the business community to go snowmobiling and show them our known, safe riding standards. There is information available from the ISMA Office to help support your efforts. That information includes the Safe Rider video chapter series, with 13 videos, located on the www.snowmobile.org and www.gosnowmobiling.org websites. All of the videos are free and can be downloaded and used at local events. There is a Safety Week Manual available to download, from www.snowmobile.org, with ideas on how to set up a Safety Week event and get the International Snowmobile Safety Week recognized in your community.

During your campaign activities, we encourage you to take photos and share them with others on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling.

Snowmobiling is a Fun Family Activity where we must keep safety as a top of mind awareness issue.

Schedule of Events

- Star Valley Snow Skippers meeting - Jan. 3, 7 p.m., Afton Search and Rescue building
- Rev It Up Girls Skills Day, Club Meeting - Jan. 14
- Rev It Up Girls Club Ride (Star Valley) - Jan. 15
- Snowmobile Safety Week - Jan. 15-23
- WSSA Scholarship Deadline - Feb. 1
- Rev It Up Girls Skills Day, Club Meeting - Feb. 4
- Rev It Up Girls Club Ride (Star Valley) - Feb. 5
- Rev It Up Girls Skills Day, Evening Mechanics Class on Steroids - Feb. 18
- Rev It Up Girls Club Ride (Gallatin National Forest, 45 minutes north of West Yellowstone) - Feb. 19
- WSSA Fun Days (Rock Springs) - Mar. 4-6
- Rev It Up Girls Skills Day, Club Meeting - Mar. 11
- Rev It Up Girls Club Ride (Star Valley) - Mar. 12

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FOR THE NEXT
WRANGLER IS
JANUARY 12!**

Jackson Hole Snow Devils

COURTNEY HODGES

The Jackson Hole Snow Devils just celebrated their annual Christmas Party at Togwotee. Even though there wasn't much snow we were able to conduct a four-hour avalanche pre-season refresher course with some of our Little Devils in attendance. Hopefully this year Santa will be bringing more snow to the area for Christmas and our 2022 snowmobile season.

The Little Devils were very fortunate this year to have a special visit at our November general meeting. Brandon Titensor #62 came and shared a lot of knowledge and his love for the sport. This year the Little Devils collected the most candy they had ever collected, which they packaged and sent off supporting Operation Gratitude. Working with Operation Gratitude is an annual tradition and every year they achieve higher standards than the previous year!

Jackson has yet to have seen a big snowstorm this year, but we are anxiously awaiting its arrival so we can safely go out and enjoy. The Snow Devils recommend taking the time to brush up on avalanche safety, check your avalanche gear before



old man winter shows up!

Be sure to do your snow dances, ride safe and have a Merry Christmas!

Rev It Up Girls

PATRICIA NAUMOFF

W.T. F "Where The Flakes." While we are waiting for ideal snow conditions, we have a lot to share with you.

We hosted our 2nd Annual Free **Avy Savvy and Survival Practical Day** and teamed up with 801 Mountain Riders and Star Valley Paramedics on December 10th and 11th at the Etna Community Center. We had such amazing feedback again, from all those that attended this year, on our Facebook page we will be hosting another Free event beginning of next season. Though, we didn't have any snow, we were still able to teach avalanche terrain awareness, high altitude mountain medical dos and donts, how to build fires and shelters, tips on wearing and using your gear correctly, practiced single and multi-beacon searches, digging and probing simulations, communicating, leadership and more. I hope other clubs in Wyoming and their members will join us next year. Practicing with your sled buddies brings trust, confidence and communication we need in the event of a misfortune. This can only happen with practice in the field. For more information, head to www.facebook.com/groups/FREEAVYSAVVY/ and join us.

Announcement

We launched our "LET'S RIP IT" Women's Stewardship Team Signup on Dec. 17. Our mission is to give back to our communities and our club members across the United States. Our first round of applications, are due by January 7th. If you are interested, or know a female, who would like to be part of our team, head over to our website and apply: <http://www.revitupgirls.com/lets-riup-program>

This is an amazing opportunity, get more involved in your communities, meet females of all ages from all over the United States, add resume experience and earn badges, skills, friendships, and exciting goodies.



Lastly, we want to welcome our newest Business Member Grey's River Cove, located at 25 US Highway 89, Alpine, WY 83128. Grey's River Cove is a super fun RV Park directly on the Snake River, with restaurant, live music outdoors, as well as access to Palisades reservoir and ORV trails only a mile down the road. In the winter, the RV Park is closed, but Grey River Saloon and Grill is open for nightly entertainment, delicious grub and spirits. Next time you are in Alpine, stop by for a fun evening at Grey River Saloon and Grill. <https://greysrivercove.com/>

Winter Events

- Dec. 18: Skills Day, Club Meeting and Mechanic Class
- Dec. 19: Club Ride (Star Valley)
- Jan. 14: Skills Day, Club Meeting
- Jan. 15: Club Ride (Star Valley)
- Feb. 4: Skills Day, Club Meeting
- Feb. 5: Club Ride (Star Valley)
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Riverton Sno Goers

KRISTY ECKLEY

Hello fellow snow lovers. I don't know about all of you, but I'm wondering WTS??? Where's the snow!?!?! We haven't had enough to write home about. So, we have been doing a snow dance in Fremont County.

Even though there's no snow, activities for the SnoGoers have been trucking right along. We are working diligently on some projects that have been in the making for some time. We are creating our new web page and swag. Our new secretary, Chyauna Dodge, designed a new club logo, which we love! We are so excited to have her as our new secretary and youth representative. She is very talented with her art and computer designing and has a lot to bring to the table for the youth in Fremont County and future generations.

Our biggest event so far this season was the Light Up Lander Parade. Even though we are a Riverton-based club, we do what we can to reach all outdoor enthusiasts wherever we live and play. So, once again, the light up Lander committee so graciously allowed us to join their Light Up Lander parade, this year. (Thank You City of Lander) It was an amazing phenomenal turn out of the community of Lander and surrounding areas. It was truly amazing to see so many families and smiling faces as we trucked down Lander's Main Street. We want to acknowledge and thank the Lander Police Department and Lander Volunteer Fire Department for their time and resources being out there helping with traffic control, etc.

Great big thanks goes out once again to Ron A. Bush and Trap Trucking LLC for donating the fuel and the use of his semi truck, flatbed trailer and generator. Also, big THANK YOU to EVERYONE who came out and volunteered your time, energy and ideas, to help us decorate and pull off an amazing memorable float! Even though it was windy as Kansas, we pushed forward and as a team and created a beautiful float! Cheers to another Light up Lander parade in the books! I think we "sleighed" it!

Some of our snow tribe did make it to the mountain already this year. Coming home with many bumps and bruises but all is well. Not near enough snow yet this year. Hopefully mother nature steps up to the plate and gives us the goods very soon!

Our next event, is our monthly meeting, Dec. 15 at Bunk's BBQ 201 E. Washington in Riverton. 6 p.m. dinner, 6:45 p.m. meeting time. Until our website is completed, more club information, membership forms, photos and our Calendar of Events is posted on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SnoGoers/>. Happy holidays to all!

