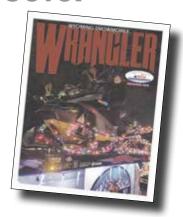


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On The Cover



Brenda Miller atop the Cody club's Christmas parade float.

Photo courtesy Bert Miller

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WSSA President | **Directory**

Brenda Miller

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 has gotten more snow than we had this time last year. I am hoping that we get a good base so that I don't get stuck every 10 feet, that makes for a long day of

I know that Top of the Rockies and the Rev It Up Girls are hard at work for hosting Fun Days in March. Hopefully you have all made your room reservations. Also be sure to go out on Top of the Rockies Facebook page to get registered for Fun Days online. They have some fun things planned for those who are not planning to ride as well. Should be a fun time as always.

Scholarship essays are due on Feb. 1. I will be looking forward to reading each one of them. I am also hoping that we will have some videos on why it is important to join

The Hill Climb is just around the corner as well. We will again have an information booth and it will be great to see many familiar and new faces there. We are hoping to have some Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on the Jumbo Tron this year as well.

There are lots of things that we as snowmobilers can do:

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: snowmobilerspledge.com/

International Snowmobile Safety Week is January 14-22. This is another opportunity to promote Safety and Rider Responsibility. Check out the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Campaign Action Manual located at www.snowmobile.org/docs/snowmobile-safety-week-manual-2023.pdf

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 www. snowmobilers.org/ it is loaded with lots of great information. 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.

ACSA 2023 Cash Calendars are available! This isn't just a fundraiser for ACSA but for WSSA as well. The cost of a calendar is \$20, there are 365 different prize drawings that the buyer gets put in for. For each calendar that WSSA sells we receive \$5. The first drawing will be held February 1 for all the days in January. Be sure to contact any one of the WSSA directors or officers if you would like to purchase a calendar.

Keep on doing the Snow Dance! Hope to see you on the trail.

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WSSA Charity

Brenda Miller

Look at the Charity efforts and Trail Volunteerism information that was received from the International Snowmobile Congress this past June? Wyoming should be very, very proud of our efforts. Everyone one of you that are involved in organized snowmobiling should be congratulated and thanked for all you do for snowmobiling and your community. So, THANK YOU!! If you are not involved, now is the time, reach out and help someone. There are so many charitable causes that could use your help. Together we can make a big difference.

Please keep track of your efforts this year

of the amount of money you donate to local and major charities as well as how many hours you donate doing charitable work. I will be sending out the forms after the first of the year. The numbers that I am looking for are from Fun Days this past March <u>until</u> Fun Days in March 2020.

Have a great season and hopefully I will see some of you on the trails or on the mountain.

2022-2023 Individual Snowmobile Club Charity Efforts

You are being asked to keep track of your snowmobile club's charity efforts from March 2022 through February 2023 and report on this form to your state charity coordinator so that everyone's numbers can be compiled and sent to the interna-

tional charity chairperson. Thank you for your cooperation. It is very important to get as complete and accurate data as possible.

Remember to include the amount of money that your club donated to the

WSSA Scholarship last year at Fun Days. Note: Your form is due to the Charity Representative by 8 p.m. on Friday night of Fun Days if you want it to count towards your points for "Club of the Year" (you can email it also to bnbnkids@gmail.com).

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Name of Club or Association	
Club Representative (Name and Club Title)	
Club Representative – Address (Street, City, State, Zip)	
Club Representative Phone & email	
Total \$ Amount Donated to Major/National Charities	
Total \$ Amount Donated to Local Charities	
Total \$ Amount Donated to all Charities	
Total Number of Volunteer Hours	

Trail Volunteerism

What kind of hours does it take to operate a trail system? Information gathered during International Snowmobile Council's Charity 2021/2022 Survey. The following results are of the 131 clubs that responded.

Trail Miles Brushed	Number of Volunteers to Operate Trail(s)	Trail Miles Groomed	Number of Volunteer Groom- er Operators and Mechanics		
92,267	3,338	83,610	301	31,481	
376 miles per club	19 per club	536 per club	2 per club	240 per club	

International Snowmoblie Congress Charity Report 2022

(funds listed in US currency)

**No report from organization

State/Province/Territory	Charity Contributions			Hours	Number of	
	National	Local	Total	Donated	Clubs	Reporting
Alberta	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	35	0
British Columbia	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	60	0
Colorado	\$0	\$20	\$20	882	32	1
Idaho	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	30	0
Illinois	\$14,274	\$762	\$15,036	7	40	40
Indiana	\$0	\$337	\$337	0	9	1
Iowa	\$5,900	\$4,340	\$10,240	530	40	4
Klondike/Yukon	\$0	\$0	\$0	8	1	1
Manitoba	\$2,192	\$552	\$2,744	65	53	4
Michigan	\$20,950	\$8,525	\$29,475	25,414	69	15
Minnesota	\$1,664,200	\$138,000	\$1,802,200	0	40	40
Montana	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	25	0
Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	5	0
New Brunswick	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	49	0
New York	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	228	228
Newfoundland/Labrador	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	1	0
Nunavut	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	1	0
North Dakota	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	37	0
Northwest Territories	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	1	1
Nova Scotia	\$5,000	\$100	\$5,100	30	21	21
Ohio	\$500	\$10	\$510	145	8	8
Ontario	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	213	0
Oregon	\$14,500	\$12,350	\$26,850	215	25	25
Pennsylvania	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	57	0
Prince Edward Island	\$4,500	\$600	\$5,100	60	3	3
Quebec	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	200	0
Saskatchewan	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	63	0
South Dakota	\$5,259	\$46,892	\$52,151	7,757	23	23
Utah	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	5	0
Washington	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	44	4
Wisconsin	\$11,749	\$19,094	\$30,843	1,690	625	21
Wyoming	\$2,000	\$177,037	\$179,037	19,840	13	13
Totals	\$1,751,024		\$2,159,643	56,643	2,056	453

WSSA Secretary/ Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello fellow snowmobilers!
Thank you to those clubs who have already sent in membership! I greatly appreciate it. For those who have not, please do so as soon as possible. If I have not received your membership information by Jan. 8, your members will not receive a Wrangler in January.

Please send me any changes to club officers as well so that I can make sure all of the correct people are on my email lists.

Here are some deadlines that will be here before we know it:

- Scholarship applications must be turned into Shannon by Feb. 1
- Award nominations must be turned into Holly by Feb. 1
- Club of the Year sheets must be turned into me by Feb. 25
- Register for Fun Days at ridealpine.com/2023-wssa-fun-days

I hope you all get some time on the snow with friends and family over the holidays!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT WRANGLER IS JANUARY 9!

Casper Snow Gypsies

BECKY THORNE

Casper Snow Gypsies are looking forward to a great snow season. Here in Casper the snow has finally started to appear. Summer included a campout, wood cutting and shelter cleanings. Christmas Party will be Dec. 17 and is always well attended with a guest appearance too from Santa! Muddy Mountain Shelter was dedicated to Phil Santistevan. If you are up riding on Casper and Muddy Mountains be sure to stop at the "Guardian" shelter on Muddy Mountain and see the dedication plaque. Bingo night was held in November with a potluck. We all had a great time and a few went home with some cash! We hope you all have a safe riding season!









District 5

BERT MILLER

With the season to be Jolly, The Cody Country Snowmobile Association had a lot of fun with our float in the Cody Country Christmas parade. We are celebrating our 50th year anniversary this 2023 season. Club members gathered at the Denny Menholt Chevrolet shop and spent several hours decorating the float. We had a great time, young members and senior members. Check out the fun pictures! Brenda Miller, WSSA's President riding high on the float.

Let's keep up the snow dance and happy holidays.







Rev It Up Girls

PATRICIA NAUMOFF

We would like to wish everyone a healthy, safe and joyful Christmas, and may 2023 season bring lots of fun with plenty of shenanigans.

Rev It Up Girls have been very busy this year, here is a summary of our last six

This past summer we had a family fun campout at Half Moon Lake in Pinedale. July 16 we had a float down the Snake River, with a barbecue in Star Valley. Aug. 20, we had a water weekend, with a pontoon boat and jet skis in Sandpoint, Idaho. Thank you to all the ladies who helped in sponsoring these events.

And lastly, we had our first service project again after COVID at the Cattleman's Warming Hut, in the Caribou National Forest. Thank you to all for the monetary donations; we could not have completed the first phase of our service project without you. The Idaho Soda Springs Ranger District and Cattleman Association were very appreciative of the great work we did and looking forward to continuing working with us in the future. If you plan to visit, please sign the visitor's log. Stay tuned for phase 2, as our spring service project.

Special Thank You: Justin Fritz – President of Top of the Rockies, Kim Ulm (Montana club member), Dotti Laflin (Idaho club member), Janis Enos and Kevin Hochstrat (2023 February Montana ladies ride sponsors), Walmart of Bozeman, Montana

and lastly Satin and Sage Event Planning, our Rev It Up Girls newest business member.



Dec. 9 and 10 we are hosting our annual two-day FREE Avy Savvy Backcountry Survival indoor and outdoor class located in Etna Community Center, in cooperation with 801 Mountain Riders and Star Valley EMT. Get real-life outside experience, using your beacon, shovel and probes as well as high altitude medical basics, from our local EMS personnel. Registration required on website: www.revitupgirls.com.

December: Can you spot the GRINCH this year? Come ride with the Grinch on our first Ladies Skills Day and ladies ride is Dec. 16 and 17.

Not sure what to get your snowmobile riding partner or your riding buddies for Christmas. How about their Avalanche 1 Certification. We are working with Mike Duffy from Avalanche 1 again this year. He will be back Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 and 2 in

Alpine. These certification courses are \$49 per person. If you are interested in getting your Avalanche 1 and/ or take an Avalanche Search Certification Course, come join us again this year. These certifications are 100% outdoors on your snowmobile - Also a great way to get a refresher course or give a gift that gives back and won't break the bank. Contact Mike Duffy





and Mention Rev It Up Girls. Text 970-390-9433 or duffyavalanche1@gmail.com. I hope to see you there.

In January, we will have an overnight Box-Y Lodge ride. Limit is 15 ladies. Reservations are going fast! We are excited that we will have our nominated Sponsee ``Women

Off-Road Wish (W.O.W.) Program" rider joining us for our Box-Y Lodge weekend. Ladies come and join an overnight snowmobile ride to the Box-Y Lodge, either from the Pinedale trailhead or the Greys River trailhead. Registration is required; go to our website: www.revitupgirls.com

New this winter season is our first Rev It Ups Girls Ladies Ride and Skill Day in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on Jan. 20 and 21 hosted by our RIUG Treasurer, Kiera Fine.

We are hosting our first five-day Women's Rev It Up Girls Retreat Feb. 1-5 at the Flying Saddle Resort in Alpine. Every day will be filled with so many fun activities beyond the daily skills' day and ladies rides. We are limiting this event to 25 spots-Registration is required: details on our website www.revitupgirls.com

By popular demand, Janice Enos and the Gallatin Snowmobile Association will be hosting another winter event on Feb. 17 and 18 in Big Sky, Montana to include once again a ladies basic

mechanics on steroids, ladies' skills days and a ladies club ride. We are super excited to be joining her at her event again in Montana.

And lastly, we are super excited, we will be hosting a Ladies Ride on March 4, at WSSA Fun Days this season – To register head over to www.ridealpine.com

All our women's events, skills days and ladies' rides are geared for all skill levels.







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DECEMBER 2022 WYOMING SNOWMOBILE WHANGLER

Big Horn Mountain Snomads

Dougie Nelson

Ho Ho Ho happy holidays everyone!! It's hard to believe it's that time of year again but here it is! It seems as we get older time flies faster by the day!

Well, yours truly finally made it to the mountains for Thanksgiving and it was a great weekend! The best snow I've seen in probably 15 years on Thanksgiving... And the traffic flow proved that the word is out.

Quite a few things going on up there. We have brand new owners of Bear Lodge, Sandy and Tracy and they are awesome! Congratulations to Rick and Roberta for finding someone that awesome to take over! Granted there's gonna be some changes but I think it's for the good of the mountain! What do they always say? Chang is good. They had a great Thanksgiving lunch buffet and then a nice retirement party for Rick, Roberta and big Mike the pie guy. I think fun was had by all! Then on Saturday evening they hosted the annual Bad Boys fundraiser and meeting. There is going to be a few changes on the Bad Boys event as well... such as more tickets! YAY! It's been a fight to get these tickets for years unless you got them early. It's a great event. The money goes for search and rescue on the mountain plus it's a good time to get together with everyone you haven't seen all year!

The Snowmads also had their annual 50-50 raffle and gave away \$1650 to a lucky guy from Wyoming in which I forgot to get the name! (Adult beverages may have been a hinderance at that point.) However I did get a few pictures that will be in along with this article so congratulations to the guy! And I hope he comes again.









Moving forward After Christmas and hopefully after several more feet of snow, Jan. 14 will be the first club event for the New Year. And that will be Doogie's burger fry at the Woodchuck Warming Hut which is right along the Red Grade Road. There will be a club meeting that morning at Bear Lodge and then head out and enjoy a burger. The club normally rides together that day and everyone along come on up and be a part of this event!

With that, I'm gonna cut out. I hope everyone has a merry Christmas and a happy New Year and we will see you on the mountain. Keep doing the snow dance please!

Dubois Sno-Katters

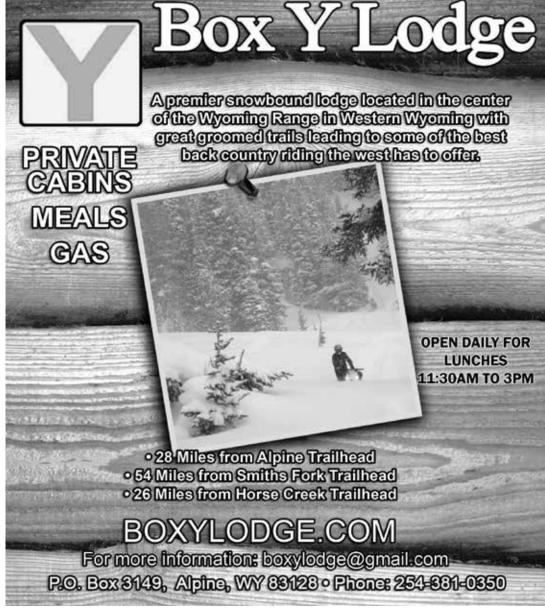
TRENT SLAGOWSKI

Greetings from Dubois Sno-Katters! Things are starting to kick off this year starting with our safety shelters having been stocked with wood. They are set to be pulled up the hill in the near future. It seems State Trails have been hard at work piecing the trails together in the high country. Snowfall has been light but consistently accumulating. Hopefully by Christmas we'll be





in full riding mode. We've been out a few times trying not to break something, just blowing out the cobwebs and making sure the trailer and sleds are in tip-top shape. Things might be a little costly this year with the rising fuel prices and parts, when available, but we'll try not to let that stand in the way of the good times on the mountain. Ĭ hope everybody has a fun and safe holiday season and we hope to see you on the mountain.





Top of the Rockies

Andrea Burchard

Winter has arrived in Alpine and it looks like it's going to be a doozy! The snow is already piling up and a few of our members have made their maiden voyage for the season and had the time of their lives!

Our Club focus in November is always the Community Thanksgiving dinner, and this year was truly a success. For context, we served 85 people in 2017, five years later we've doubled that number to 175. We collect donations for the local food bank and between day of cash donations, a very generous anonymous donation and a match from the club wrote a check for approximately \$1,450. There were also numerous



non-perishable food donations. We couldn't be prouder of our community and their willingness to support one another.

Our volunteers will have our Beacon Check Sta-



tions up and running at the Grey's River Trailhead and the McCoy Creek Trailhead shortly. The Murphy Creek Safety Shelter should be in place soon and we'll setup the Tipi at the top of Squaw Creek again this year. Safety is one of our core values and we are pleased to be able to provide these systems.

As a reminder, WSSA Fun Days registration is available now on our website www. ridealpine.com – we look forward to seeing everyone in Alpine in March for this amazing event!





Rev It Up Girls

March 3

Rev It Up Girls LADIES RIDE 10 am

7:30 pm Hour at the Bull Moose

Snowmobile Ride

9 am

Cross Country Tour TBD am

> Paint Class 1 pm

Cocktail Party 530 pm

Dinner 630 pm





