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Mona Engelman plays in the snow.
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WSSA President

BRENDA MILLER

Hello members of the Wyoming State Snowmobile Association –

How can it be that the snowmobile season seems to have barely started and almost be over all at the same time? At least that is the way that it feels to me.

I know that most of the state got good snow out of the last storm. All but the northwest corner of the state that is. I know that some riders from my area of the state have been snow chasing and their comment is, "I can't stop smiling".

You all may or may not be aware that the Shoshone National Forest Travel Management plan has been stalled for quite some time. The Wyoming Wilderness Association (WWA) wants the plan trimmed. Check out the WyoFile article at

<https://wyofile.com/wilderness-group-public-wants-shoshone-motorized-plan-trimmed/>. It is unfortunate that the WWA is using information from the "United Snowmobile Alliance" in a document that they wrote in October of 2020. The information that they have on the website is not representative of what the local snowmobile clubs or the Wyoming State Snowmobile Association recommended or commented on to the Shoshone National Forest. Looks like it will again be time to fact check the Wyoming Wilderness Association.

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as the President of the WSSA. It has been an honor. We will be having elections at the Sunday meeting at Fun Days. Speaking of Fun Days, it is almost here. Are you going? It will be great to see everyone, and I know that we will all have a great time. How can we not when we are all representing a sport that we love.

See you all soon!

WSSA Secretary/Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Happy February everyone! I can't believe Fun Days is almost here! With that being said, don't forget to bring your club banner to Alpine! Your club gets points for hanging it up! Also, I will no longer be accepting cash for the raffle tickets your club sold. Please bring a check from your club to cover all the raffle money you guys raised along with all the ticket stubs. Do you have youth members in your club? They can help get points for your club as well by making a snowmobile safety poster and bringing it to Fun Days.

Reminder: Please send me your completed Club of the Year questionnaire by February 24!

I have been busy updating the WSSA website. Check it out at <https://snowmobilewyoming.org/>. You now have the ability to join your local club on the WSSA website! The Associate and Business member pages have also been updated and now have links to each of the business websites or Facebook pages. If you are a Business or Associate member and I don't have your website linked yet, please shoot me an email with your information so I can get it added.

I am looking for suggestions on updating the website. Is there something you would like to see on there? Do you have any snowmobiling pictures you would like to have on the website? Please email ideas to me at wssasunny@gmail.com!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Alpine!

Powder River Snow Buffs

CHRIS BLOOMGREN

It seems like just yesterday we were all excited to see the first snowflakes to get the snowmobile season rolling. The Bighorn Mountains received some early season snow to create a phenomenal base. However, the beginning of January hit and the snow fall slowed way down and finally for the most part ceased. The Powder River Sno-Buffs pushed through their January 14 ride in the Bighorns and met at Deer Heaven. There were 6 of us in total being led by Justin Bloomgren. We were in need of a refresh, but we still found some snow to have a little fun.

Wowzer, the weekend of January 27 sure did bless the Bighorns with snowfall. Those of us who are able to hit the Bighorns had an absolute blast and remembered why we ride sleds. There is nothing like the feeling of the powder hitting you in the chest as it is flying up over the bumper. The carving was absolutely amazing. Making connections

with other members in our club has been great as some of us live vicariously through Facebook posts. It is so fun to see the husband and wife couples that are shredding together! One thing about it, you never have to ask for permission or feel guilty about leaving

your wife behind if they become your riding buddy.

Hopefully, the snow continues to hit all across the state for the rest of you and of course the Big Horns receives another big dump for our next club ride.



DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT WRANGLER IS MARCH 13!

Rev It Up Girls

PATRICIA NAUMOFF

Hello again from Rev It Up Girls Club. Our winter here in Star Valley, Wyoming has started off super strong. We hosted our very first 5-Day Women's Snowmobile Retreat located in Alpine, Wyoming. Our attendees came from all over our nation and internationally, with our furthest flying in from Australia.

We were excited to be able to have Aleah Hockins from Savage Sisters Guided Snowmobile Adventures from Colorado as our guest instructor. Our ladies were thrilled to meet her and received one on one instructions. What a treat.

Our daily lady skills days and ladies' rides were attended by 20 women of all skill levels. Our retreat had something for everyone.

We offered paint night, chair massages, line dancing, shopping with a fashion show and karaoke for those singers.

The BullMoose Lodge and Saloon in Apine was our home base for dinner and most of our activities. We had incredible raffle prizes donated by our local merchants. What an amazing time filled with riding in our beautiful backcountry along with belly laughs and plenty of time to bond off the mountain.

Our monthly Friday skills day has become so popular. On an average, we have up to 20 riders of all levels. We are blown away how many new riders join us for skills day. We offer a FREE 1/2 -day skill building for beginners and intermediates to help improve your mountain snowmobiling skills. Please note, we are just a bunch of girls trying to help a bunch of other girls learning new technique.

Body stance, foot placement, getting the sled on edge, initiating powder turns, J hooks, side hilling, getting yourself unstuck, and much more.

If you're interested in learning more about our skills 1/2 day and rides, head over to our website under events. www.revitupgirls.com

2022-2023 Let's Rip It Stewardship Program

We also started a stewardship program to help promote women who want to become leaders in their snowmobiling and off-road communities. Our stewards help us fulfill our mission, help support other women who need assistance in life or on the mountain, and create a non-competitive off-road club full of fun and making memories.

Rev It Up Girls Mission Statement: We strive to PROMOTE WOMEN AND YOUNG LADIES to explore and thrive in the backcountry, with emphasis on year-round safety and awareness while providing an atmosphere of FRIENDSHIP and FUN!

Meet the 2022-2023 Let's Rip It Team!

Meet Mai-Linh Schuh!

She is from the suburbs around Milwaukee Wisconsin. She grew up trail riding with my family in the north woods of Wisconsin but had gotten out of the sport when she started college and joined the Air Force.

In the past five years her brother who is also a veteran and her boyfriend have gotten her back into snowmobiling in the backcountry, riding in the UP of Michigan.

Her first trip out west was to Wyoming and then Colorado to ride with Dan Adams, Rev It Up Girls and Matt Entz. She says it was quite humbling learning how to ride out west. It was equally addicting and she has been coming out west at least once a year since.

She feels so blessed to have been nominated and did win the "2021 All American Heroes Foundation sled for veterans and first responders the Jackson Hole Snow Devils Hill Climbs."

From there she has been able to represent Straightline Performance as an Ambassador. Mountain Skills with Matt Entz as a Women's Clinic Riding Ambassador, and recently became the 2022/2023 Rev It Up Girls Steward.

Her goal is to spread awareness to women to join riding clubs where they love to ride and help to protect our access. She would like to get hands-on motorized avalanche training to help her be safer in the backcountry. Her goal is to be able to show others it is possible to be a female and travel out west/across the country for an amazing experience with this wonderful group of supportive and empowering women! Her quote: "Ready to REV IT UP this season?"

Meet Janice Enos!

We are excited to say that Janice is now in her second year as one of our stewards!

She is 31 years old and resides in the Bozeman Montana area. Janice has been a member of Rev It Up Girls for the last three years. She is actively involved in two of her local snowmobile clubs, the Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association and the Meagher County Little Belters.

Her goal with these three clubs is to help promote the sport of snowmobiling and to help empower women by getting them involved and feeling like they can do whatever



they put their mind to.

After joining Rev It Up Girls, she realized just how much she loved to help empower women, helping them feel more confident on the snow. With this goal in mind, she has reached out and helped so many Rev It Up members in her local area.

Janice is very involved with Rev It Up! She actively helps promote our mission and our purpose.

For the second year in a row, Janice will be hosting the Rev It Up Girls ride in Montana in the beautiful Big Sky area! Last year we had 22 fabulous ladies on our first day and 24 the second day! We are excited to see everyone again!

Janice is also one of the Ambassadors for EWT, a gear company. She loves to share her passion beyond riding and has ventured into women's gear, especially the famous women's mono-suits! She believes women should have stuff that actually fits all their curves. She can't wait to BRAAP with all of you awesome ladies!

Meet Bailey Ann Clark!

She is one of our local Steward of Star Valley. She was born and raised in the Star Valley, Wyoming area. She is 5'0ft and full of sass and attitude. She grew up doing all the great outdoor things you would find a girl enjoying. She loves to ride horses, enjoys hunting, loves camping and so much more.

She has been a member of the club for 4 years now. She is a mom of two adorable wild boys, Four and two. Her world revolves around them and her husband. She has a deep passion for riding and is very happy to help others. Pay it forward as she states something our club preaches.

She has a lot of goals this year and one of them is to give back to the club. She is actively recruiting more women to join and you can find her helping our members build their

confidence. Bailey says "Let's ride!"

Say hello to Megan Roy!

She is 27 years old, born and raised in Bozeman, Montana gal!

She is an outdoor enthusiast. If it can be done outdoors then she is down to try it! In the summers she rides dirt bikes and has fished over 96 days this year so far.. She started riding sleds when she was 3 years old on a 80's kitty cat and she never stopped. She started riding with the REV IT UP GIRLS last season. She was Super skeptical, as she stated "well they're girls!"

She spent all four years of high school in special Ed so her experience with girls hasn't always been great. But... After just one ride, she was hooked. As she put it... "I had found a community of women who like to rip it up, and have a heck of a lot of fun while doing it!"

Her true passion is leadership, and empowering women to be their best selves possible!

Her goal is to show women no matter your situation, no matter where you came from, tomorrow is an opportunity to DO BETTER and YOU CAN!

Meet Natalie.

She is an enthusiastic outdoors person that loves a good adventure. She got into riding snowmobiles when she married her hubby (36 years ago). In her professional life she is an executive assistant and loves her job. She has two sons and five grandkids who she loves teaching and watching them ride ATVs, snowmobiles, boating, and just loves hanging out with them. She loves riding with other females and is trying to teach them small tricks of riding smarter, not harder! Snowmobiling is her passion. As she states... "Ride on Ladies!"

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GEORGE PRYICH

Would anyone be offended to hear “I’m tired of the snow...shoveling, that is.” All the new snowfall on top of the old snow creates avalanche potential. February is a busy month for the Snowpokes club. On February 18 we have the annual snowmobiling Fun Run at Kendall Valley Lodge. Perhaps we’ll see you at this ride or at Fun Days in Alpine.



Sweetwater Snowpokes

ANGELINA PRYCH

This month has been overwhelmingly busy with snow. Snow to shovel, snow to plow, snow to remove by snowblower or backhoe. And cold?! Mountains of snow around Rock Springs homes and parking lots. Snowmobiling? Yes, we want to go riding but we’re too tired after removing it from driveways and access to our homes or cabins! George and I joined the Snow Explorers on a ride to Crooked Creek for lunch. Met some new people but also had a few adventures and misadventures. Sorry, I don’t have photos from that day (maybe by next issue) but I can tell you that no blood or bones were sacrificed or left behind. Only one snowmobile suffered a broken leg but now its owner has the

parts to replace that. So, we do have photos that capture some riding time so far this season. We look forward to seeing you at Fun Days in Alpine.



Cody Country Snowmobile Association

BERT MILLER
DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVE

Hello all,
Well up here in the Beartooth Mountain range we have started to get some good snow. The Cody Club has finished marking the trails and installing all the junction signs. Approximately 38 miles of trails and different junction signs. Thanks to State Trails, our trail system will be all marked with all orange stake poles this winter. The orange snow stakes sure seem to be able to be seen better during the gloomy low light days. Our trails are in great groomed conditions from the Top of the World in the Beartooth

Mountain range to Cooke City Montana. Check out the pictures.
Picture 1: Our President Lynn Lamb leading us taking a break as he leads the trail staking crew.
Picture 2: The trail marking crew putting together the junction signs. We would like to thank all the club members who have dedicated their time and efforts to making our trails a fun place to ride. We are looking forward to Fun Days in Alpine with the Top of the Rockies and the Rev It Up Girls this year.
Picture 3: The New WSSA Club of the Year Trophy. See you all at FUN DAYS!



Jackson Hole Snow Devils

COURTNEY HODGES

Hello from the Jackson Hole Snow Devils. This winter has been a major improvement compared to last year! We have been able to get out and enjoy the snow with our club rides. December we enjoyed the snow with our annual Christmas party at Togwotee Mountain Lodge where the club enjoyed a ride to Hidden Lakes. January we took the club ride south of Jackson and enjoyed the Shoal Creek area for a fun and technical ride. At our January general meeting we were able to have the Teton County SAR join to educate the little devils on avalanche danger and what to look for. Many of our little devils attended the January club ride where they were able to use their newly learned avalanche skills to assess the terrain!

In other news our club is working hard on planning the 46th Annual World Championship Snowmobile Hill climb which will kick off on March 23-26, 2023. This year our raffle ticket sales will be benefiting the Charles Reid Schouboe Memorial Scholarship fund. We have also expanded the availability of raffle tickets by offering them on our website! The prizes this year are a 2023 Ski-Doo Summit SP donated by Rocky Mountain Powersports and Ski-Doo, Treager Timberline 850



Grill donated by Teton Rental, Generac Generator donated by Jenkins Lumber and \$500 Gift Card donated by Jackson Hole Snow Devils.

The Jackson Hole Snow Devils would like to wish everyone a safe and happy adventures for the remaining riding season!



Support those who support our efforts!

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307 Riders

KYENNE WEEKS



Hello everyone! Busy New Year so far, busy winter for the 307 Riders. To kick off the year we had our first annual club ride! The club provided lunch for those who had shared the amazing pow with us! Hopefully, the year is full of great rides and many memories! Our main focus recently has been our club's contribution to wood cutting for the Paint Rock safety shelter.

Unfortunately, we were notified that someone had stolen the wood from the shelter, however, that didn't dim our spirits, our monthly meeting discussed ways we will try to get wood back up there as soon as possible and discussion of the hope for constructing a new one to put up on the mountain!



Make sure within this season you are riding with others and have the proper gear! There have already been many losses since the first of the year! Ride safe and ride aware!




Casper Snow Gypsies

BECKY THORNE

Hello fellow snowmobilers! What a year for snow here in Casper! As of today, it is snowing again! We have snow on top of snow and Casper Mountain is having a great snow fall! Last weekend we had our first Poker Run! We had a great turnout and some of our youngest riders on their own sleds. Parker, Ollie and Jackson! Great job boys! Lily and Braxley spent some time on their sleds too! Starting out young there are sure to all grow up to be great riders!

Have a great riding season from all of us in Casper!


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Crash Detected

Technology can be a great thing for those of us that like to recreate off of the beaten path. We now have super bright LED lights to light the way, GPS units to tell us where we are on the map, satellite phones and even Personal Locator Beacons that can summon help should we ever need it. One recent innovation however, has become a serious problem for emergency services across the US and Canada.

The Apple iPhone 14 and the Apple Watch now have the ability to detect when you have crashed using the accelerometer and speakers to detect when you have experience severe impact, rolled over or have simply fallen down. Your device will then sound alarms and vibrate giving you 10 seconds to cancel. Apple will then notify the nearest 911 dispatch center using cellular or satellite communications providing your location, emergency contact info and any medical alert information that you put into your device. This is all GREAT and it works well for its intended purpose.

However, the problem arises when a person carrying these devices participates in activities such as mountain biking, skiing and snowmobiling. These rough and tumble activities have the tendency to trigger this feature. If not cancelled by the user emergency services are activated. Often the user is not aware that the activation has even happened because they could not hear the alarm notifications.....it just can't be heard over the WOOOOHOOOOs and the BRAAAAP BRAAAAPs of a great time in the mountains!

Star Valley Search & Rescue, for example, has responded to six of these calls since December and all of them have been accidental activations. These VOLUNTEERS leave work and families to load up gear and drive to the nearest trailhead for the given coordinates. We deploy our hasty teams to the scene while others prepare to launch evacuation resources for the injured. The hasty team arrives at the location and after determining that there is no longer anyone at the location, then attempt to locate any persons in the area in order to identify the potential victim. Sometimes we locate them and they get educated. On average EACH of these events cost our local unit about \$500 in fuel and approximately 60 man hours. There is an emotional cost to the rescuers as well. Often they are out past dark searching in places of high risk. This same scenario is being played out all across the US and Canada creating a significant strain on emergency resources.

It is recommended to disable this feature if you are participating in an



activity that is likely to trigger it. Airplane mode WILL NOT DISABLE THIS FEATURE! If it is accidentally triggered please follow the onscreen instructions to cancel it and answer any incoming message as dispatchers will be trying to contact you to confirm your status. In a true emergency these devices can still be used to manually activate SOS and get you the help you need!

Instructions to disable this feature are as follows:

iPhone 14:

1. Go to settings
2. Go to Emergency SOS
3. Toggle off the feature called "CALL AFTER SEVERE CRASH"
4. Confirm "turn off"

Apple Watch:

1. On your phone open the Watch app.
2. Check the bottom of the screen to make sure your are in the "my watch" tab.
3. Now tap on "EMERGENCY SOS"
4. In the Crash Detection section find "CALL AFTER SERIOUS CASH" and toggle it OFF.
5. Then confirm by clicking "turn off"

Dubois Sno-Katters



JOHN LEE

Greetings from the Dubois Sno-Katters, It's a great year for snow across the Cowboy State! The riding has been terrific!

We rode with a group of young riders from Minnesota a few days ago. I know we sent them home with smiles and great riding memories. The group said they came out with their parents as youngsters and now they are trekking out here on their own. So glad to see snowmobiling passed on to the next generations. The ride and company were great!

The Sno-Katters Club keeps chugging along with a strong membership, not too many active members but a solid base. Thank you to all those that continue to support the Sno-Katters. The club certainly appreciates the Dubois businesses that support snowmobiling! Thanks to Trent and Callie Slagowski for all your work the last couple years to keep the club going in the right direction.

Just want to keep the offer out there that if you are in our neck of the woods and wanting someone to show you around to some different places, just give Jay or myself a call. Enjoy the winter and ride safe!

