

WYOMING SNOWMOBILE WRANGLER **JANUARY 2023**

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Brenda Miller

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had time to spend with family and friends over the holidays.

Fun Days is just around the corner and will be here before we know it. Are you registered? If not be sure to check out the information on their website https://ridealpine. com/2023-wssa-fun-days they also have a schedule of events. Hopefully you have sent in your nominees or the state awards along with your nominations for the Wyoming State Trails awards, there are many deserving people in all of our clubs. I am also looking forward to reading all of the scholarship ap-

Snow came early to Wyoming and then of course the extremely cold temperatures followed. Then up in the northwest corner of the weather got warm and melted all of the snow in town and we haven't gotten any new snow in the mountains since Christmas. All the while it seems that the rest of the state was blessed (and some areas over blessed) with more snow.

I know that there are a lot of Avalanche trainings going on in Wyoming from Awareness to Avy 1 and Avy2 classes. We have riding areas in Wyoming or close by that are prime avalanche riding. Unfortunately there have been avalanche deaths already this season which is just heartbreaking. To my knowledge none of them have been in Wyoming. If you have not done any type of Avalanche training, please plan to do so.

Again the Snowmobile Manufacturers are challenging snowmobilers to take "The Pledge" to ride only where it is legal and to be respectful. They appreciate any videos where you are taking the pledge and encourage you to post them on your social media sites. Why should we take the pledge?

• Protect Snowmobiling access so we and future generations can continue to enjoy the riding freedoms we currently have.

• Protect the Landowners that allow trails to cross their property.

• Protect snowmobiling by riding offtrail ONLY where it is legal and allowed.

If you have not taken the pledge yet please do so, our riding areas are in jeopardy. I know that trails are being lost in the Midwest all of the time due to illegal riding. Again, you can find information at: https:// snowmobilerspledge.com/

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.

2023 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 is fun to find a check in your mailbox! If you haven't gotten a calendar, it isn't too late. Contact your club's representative or contact the WSSA Secretary directly (WSSASunny@gmail.com)

See you on the trail, and stay safe!

WSSA President | WSSA Secretary/Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello everyone! Fun Days 2023 is fast approaching! It will be March 3-5 in Alpine. The Top of the Rockies and Rev It Up Girls will be hosting this year's

If you haven't registered for Fun Days yet, head over to https://ridealpine. com/2023-wssa-fun-days to register online. There is also a schedule of events on the Top of the Rockies website.

Here are the important deadlines coming up:

Due Feb. 1:

- Wyoming State Trails Awards Send to Forrest Kamminga at forrest.kamminga@wyo.gov. Awards include: Ron McKinney Trails Stewardship Award, Pioneer Award, Groomer of the Year
- Scholarship Applications Send to Shannon Glandt at shannonglandt@ gmail.com
- Club Awards Nominations Send to Holly Sinclair at wssaholly@gmail.com Due Feb. 24:
- Club of the Year Questionnaire Send to Sunny at wssasunny@gmail.com We are still looking for someone to take over the Secretary/Treasurer position. Check out a full job description in the article of the Wrangler. As always, let me know if you have any questions!

Lander Snowdrifters

PRICE PURDUM

Hello from the lower Wind River Mountains. Well winter finally arrived this past month. We have about 20 to 30 inches of snow on the ground in Lander. I'm almost tired of clearing snow from the driveways and sidewalks. I saw a snow machine running past my house a week ago, I know that's not all that uncommon in some areas, but from around here it hasn't happened all that often these last several years. The State and club groomers have been out so the trails are groomed. For those riders looking for some snow come on up and ride our trails. Our club is still suffering from the Pandemic slow down. Our club was able to make a donation to the Lander Care and Share store this past month. They do a good job of providing food to those who need a little extra help at this time. For those who like to ice fish, Christina Lake is a good spot. Louis Lake is also an ok lake to fish, there are large lake trout out there somewhere. Stay safe and have fun.

WSSA Secretary/Treasurer Job Opening

The WSSA is looking for someone to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position. This is a paid position at \$500 per month. This position is appointed by the WSSA President and affirmed by the WSSA Board of Directors.

Duties included, but are not limited to the following:

- · Monthly bank reconciliations of checking and savings accounts
- · QuickBooks is used for all financial record keeping
- · Issue 1099s to vendors and file forms with IRS annually
- · Prepare and submit annual reports for Wyoming Secretary of State and American Council of Snowmobile Associations
- · Schedule fall meeting location and book block of hotel rooms
- · Prepare agenda packets for district representatives and officers prior to meetings. This includes previous meeting minutes, reports, and financial statements.
- Take minutes and be prepared to answer questions at all meetings
- . Work with Scholarship Chairperson and Awards Chairperson to prepare for Fun Days and distribute information to clubs
- · Answer emails and phone calls from clubs, members, officers, and directors
- · Distribute necessary information to officers and directors, club officers, and members
- · Collect membership information and dues from clubs
- · Track Club of the Year points
- · Collect all raffle ticket money and auction money raised at Fun Days
- . Distribute scholarship checks to schools and raffle ticket sales checks to clubs
- · Prepare membership master list for monthly mailing of The Wrangler
- . Write monthly article for The Wrangler
- · Pay monthly bills and send out invoices when necessary
- · Order raffle tickets and WSSA swag as necessary
- · Attend meetings such as the D.C. Fly In, at the direction of the WSSA President and
- October to April are the busier months. May to September is fairly slow.

We are hoping to find the right person for the job as soon as possible. Training would ideally start at Fun Days 2023 in Alpine and continue through the coming year with the new Secretary/Treasurer fully taking over after Fun Days 2024 in Dubois. During this training period the monthly salary would be split between the current Secretary/Treasurer and the trainee.

Please contact Sunny at wssasunny@gmail.com or (307)360-7609 if you are interested.

JANUARY 2023 WYOMING SNOWMOBILE WINDELER



Top of the Rockies

Andrea Burchard

Safety first is a core belief of our club and to support that we've made efforts to place relevant safety equipment in our area. Our Beacon Check Stations are up and running at the Greys River and McCoy Creek trailheads for the season and our safety shelter is in place at Murphy Creek. For the last several years we've used a tipi to provide shelter at the top of Squaw Creek and it's going to be there again this season. The setup is bit more complex but it will be up the second week of January. In addition the annual reminder to check all equipment and at the beginning of the season was given at our December meeting.

Our club members have been out celebrating winter and having a grand time! We are blessed to live in such a beautiful area and are able to enjoy it in a variety of ways. We are pleased that our members not only enjoy snowmobiling but also skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and fat tire snow biking. The most important part of winter is to do what you love!

Just a reminder - Top of the Rockies and Rev It Up Girls are co-hosting WSSA Fun Days this year March 3-5 in Alpine. Registration is up and running on the Top of the Rockies website www.ridealpine.com. We encourage early registration so we can get an idea of how many we'll be hosting. There is also a preliminary schedule of events posted on the website – we look forward to seeing everyone!









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District 9

GEORGE PRYICH

Happy Holidays!

Hope we have plenty of snow this season. Remember to be aware of avalanche potential; several avalanches have been recorded already. Check the Bridger-Teton Avalanche Center site (https://bridgertetonavalanchecenter.org) for current conditions. Always wear and carry your avalanche gear with you when riding. Does everyone in your group also have safety gear? Be prepared! The Snowpokes annual Avalanche Awareness class on Dec. 9 is one way to raise our level of awareness about conditions, where to find information, and learn about safety gear (probe, shovel, transceiver (beacon), avalanche packs). This year we learned to think about the Avalanche Terrain-Unstable Snow-Trigger triangle when planning to ride. You are invited to join us on rides to Crooked Creek on Jan. 21, the annual Fun Run from Kendall Valley Lodge on Feb. 18, and other activities. The calendar for the Snowpokes is online at https://www.facebook.com/Snowpokes/. Have you seen and shoveled enough snow in your driveway? I hear that the powder in the mountains is great. Trail grooming may have been delayed due to winter weather or road closures. Today I saw an article about no snow in the Alps! Can you imagine?! Be careful and be prepared. See you on the snow!





Sweetwater Snowpokes

ANGELINA PRYICH

The "Are You Beeping?" sign was installed at Horse Creek along the trail near the Sherman Guard Station. Thank you to all who volunteered part of their Thanksgiving weekend.

The Snowpokes participated in the Annual Lighted Holiday Parade in downtown Rock Springs. Thank you to WWCC for the space to work on the float, Pete for the trailer, Ryan for the truck, new members the LaPorte family and all the volunteers who assembled the float, endured the cold on the float, or drove in the parade. We thank you all for the pleasure and smiles you brought to all the parade watchers. The Snowpokes won second place as the People's Choice!

We enjoyed delicious food at the Christmas party and the white elephant gift exchange was entertaining, as always. Thanks to all who attended; we hope to see more of our members next year.

Thank you to the Santa Fe Southwest Grill for accommodating our meetings for several years. We appreciate the great service and the food is always delicious.

Please check the club Facebook page for meeting notices and locations.

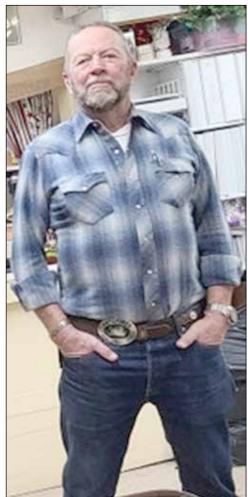
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Dubois Sno-Katters

JOHN LEE

Happy New Year, fellow snowmobilers,

The riding has been getting better weekly in our areas and we're seeing a lot more trailers rolling through



The Dubois Sno-Katters had our Christmas dinner at Crooked Creek Lodge this year and it was great. I met the new owners, and they seem like really nice people. They have made some great improve-

ments there and upgraded their Wi-Fi. Across the meadow Joel Jensen has Union Pass Rentals running renting snowmobiles and fuel available. I would like to take this time to thank our associate members. They are great year after year. Be sure and



look at the list in the Wrangler and if you come to Dubois, please patronize these businesses. They keep us going. You will see SnoKatters signs and WSSA stickers at these places.

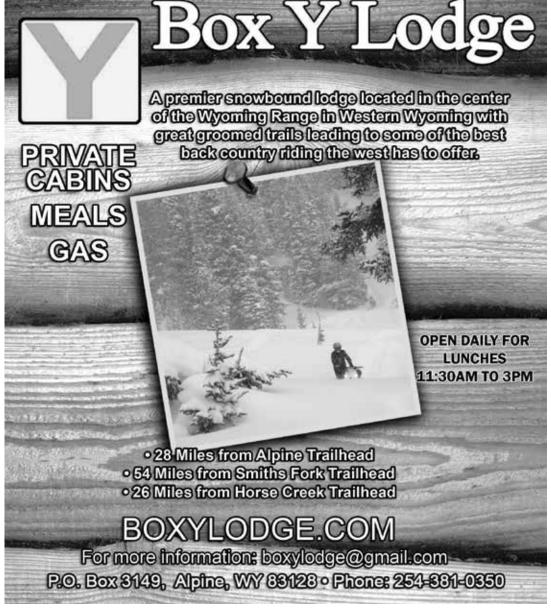
As usual the offer is always out there if you are coming though Dubois and want to ride Union or Togwotee. Give Jay or myself a call and we'd be happy to show you around our neck of the woods. See you soon.











Cody Country Snowmobile Association

BERT MILLER **DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVE**

Hi all.

Well, we started off well with snow, but we could us a little help from mother nature and maybe even Mr. Jack Frost LOL. The Cody Club just finished our Avalanche Training weekend. WOW we were happy to see the turnout. Friday night the classroom night we set a record, we set up for 70 folks and 78 folks attended the training. We started at 6:30 and ended at 9 p.m., great material covered by Eric Knoff and his crew from 6 Points Avalanche Education Sponsored by Wyoming State Trails through the Teton Avalanche Center.

Our host was the Holiday Inn in Cody. Cheyenne Biliu and her crew did a great job with the room set up and the Sandwich bar was very delicious. Great Job guys. Our field day began at 10 a.m. sharp at the Beartooth Safety Shelter. We hosted approximately 65 folks on the field day training on the mountain. With four trainers we broke out in four different groups. For lunch we served nine gallons chili with all the fixins; what a great lunch.

After the training folks had time to play. Now here is where additional training comes in with the lower snow levels. There are some BIG rocks showing and yes you guessed it, we hit a few. One gentleman jumped his sled off of a small cornice and flipped over backwards and hurt his back. We radioed our Search and Rescue (SAR) teams still doing training to respond back to the Safety Shelter. SAR members Dr. Billin, PA Nagle, and another doctor that was attending our training (Dr. Harvey) responded back to the Safety Shelter. Dr. Harvey examined the hurt rider and determined he would have a bruised back and advised him to follow up on medical help when he returned back to Cody.



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Does lighting strike twice! Yes, it did on that day. Another rider hit a very large rock and was helped back to the Safety Shelter where Dr. Billin, Dr Harvey and PA Nagle were visiting with other folks. Dr. Billin introduced himself Dr. Harvey and PA Nagle and the medical team took

charge from there. SAR member Robert Lind took control of the Sheriffs radio in the Safety Shelter and the doctors did a very thorough examination of the rider. It was determined that the rider was badly hurt and from there the SAR members got the rider ready and packaged him into the rescue sled. SAR member Robert Lind called for an ambulance to meet

the SAR team at the Hwy junction. The ride begins, approximately 15 mph for 12 miles in the rescue sled. The dispatched ambulance from Cody had a 70-mile drive to get to the mountains which was about an hour and a half. Thank goodness the roads were in good condition and

not snow covered or slick. The rider was placed in the ambulance and headed to Cody Regional Hospital for care.

I watched the SAR members in action, and I can tell you this group of dedicated folks are second to NONE! Their compassion and profes-

> sionalism were unbelievable, and it showed. Their training shined this day. It is very hard to know how good your emergency response teams are until you see them in action. From myself and all of us from the Cody Club we thank you! From what we have heard our fellow rider was doing well recovering from broken ribs, collar bone and a possible punctured lung.

The Cody Club would like to thank all our sponsors who helped us put on the Avalanche Training this year. You helped us raise close to \$5,000 to be able to host this great training. You also helped us purchase fantastic avalanche gear that was given away. This year we had items like

an AVI Bag, Avalanche Beacons, a Garmin InReach, Radios, Shovels, Probs and more. Visit our Facebook page for more information and to see more pictures.

On Sunday the Cody Club rode most of the trail system to pack the trails and install the junction signs. Hopefully in the next week or so we will be able to install the trail markers. So, let's do the snow boogie.

