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On The Cover



Ashley Huskey enjoys some Fun Days powder.

Photo courtesy of Aunt Holly Sinclair

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WSAA President

BRENDA MILLER

Happy Spring WSSA. I hope you all had a good time at Fun Days! Congratulations to all of the award winners!

Again, I want to thank the Top of the Rockies and the Rev It Up Girls for co-hosting our convention. You all did a fantastic job. I know it is a lot of work, it is so worth it. I heard lots of great comments about the paint class and the rides (Friday and Saturday) even though the visibility was not that great due to the continuous snow that fell over the weekend. I am not sure if anyone went cross skiing or not since I did not hear any comments about that activity. Once again, we raised a great amount of money to go to Wyoming Cares, Access Wyoming, and our Scholarship program. We are a very generous group of people I am very proud to be a part of this organization.

We had a great meeting on Sunday as well. Lots of great discussion and some topics were tabled until our Fall meeting. I hope you all had a safe trip home.

As an organized snowmobile association, we will continue working with our partners in the Forest Service, Wyoming State Trails, Trails Work Consulting, BLM, Wyoming Trails Council, and AMPL. We will also continue to keep an ear to the ground for any legislation that may be detrimental to our trails, riding areas, or access to our public lands.

I want to thank everyone for your confidence in me as the President of WSSA and for re-electing me for another two-year term. I can't do this alone and I am so very thankful that I don't have to. The WSSA has a great group of district representatives. So, feel free to reach out to any of the WSSA officers or directors if you have questions or concerns. This includes previous officers as well.

I want to thank Sunny Madden for serving as my Secretary/Treasurer during my first term and Justin Madden for serving alongside me as the Vice President. Secondly, congratulations Jay Slagowski for being elected as the new WSSA Vice President. Welcome to Mandy Nichols who has accepted the appointment as the new WSSA Secretary/Treasurer.

While it seems that the season is coming to a close, we still have a couple more events before the flowers start blooming. See you all at the Hill Climb in Jackson at the end of March and don't forget about the Battle of the Bighorns Hill Cross at Antelope Butte on April 15 hosted by the 307 Riders out of Gillette.

Mark your calendars for the WSSA Fall meeting, which is scheduled for September 16, 2023 in Saratoga. Stay tuned for more information. As always, the public is welcome to attend.

Have a good time out there spring riding and have a safe and happy summer!

Until next season,
Brenda

WSSA Charity

BRENDA MILLER

For those of you that were able to make it to Fun Days it was great to see you. For those of you who weren't, we missed you.

As discussed at the meeting on Sunday regarding the Charity reports, I have received information from some clubs but not everyone. No matter the size of your club I know that you are either donating money and/or donating your time to others. Remember that when your club has a meeting count each person that is at the meeting and how long your meetings last. This is all donated time. When you work on a float for a Christmas Parade, each person for every hour that you work on the float counts as hours donated. It is easy to underestimate the hours that we donate. We also underestimate the amount of money that we donate. Every dollar counts.

So, with that said, I am resending out the forms to report on your charity efforts. If you think that what you already reported is accurate then that is fantastic. If you think that the numbers that you gave me by Fun Days aren't quite right, I would love to get updated numbers. For those of you that have not sent your information in yet there is still time. I was just reminded that I will need to report Wyoming's numbers in April.

If you don't have a way to fill out the form and then get it back to me electronically, that's okay just email me with the information. I am really hoping to get all of the WSSA clubs to report their information this year. It doesn't matter if you only have 10 hours and \$10 that you donated. Everything matters.

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	

WSSA Scholarship

SHANNON GLANDT

Fun Days lived up to its name again this year! Thank you to the Top of the Rockies and Rev It Up Girls clubs for hosting such an amazing event. Thank you as well to all our clubs and club members who donated to the WSSA's 2023 scholarships via the Schnapps bottle auction. Because of your kind and generous support of the WSSA's scholarship program we are providing nine scholarships this year, between \$500 and \$3,500, for a total of \$19,500.

CONGRATULATIONS to:

- Gracie Hardeman – Jackson Hole Snow Devils
- Lorin Jones – Sweetwater Snowpokes
- Lilly Fisher – Top of the Rockies
- Kaitlin LaFave – Casper Snow Gypsies
- Rebecca Campbell – Powder River Sno-Buffs
- Hailey Hardeman – Jackson Hole Snow Devils
- Heaven Mackler – Casper Snow Gypsies
- Mattie Bloomgren – Powder River Sno-Buffs
- Koryn Heikes – Sweetwater Snowpokes

The first place scholarship essay, submitted by Gracie Hardeman from the Jackson Hole Snow Devils is included within the Wrangler. Awesome job, Gracie, and to all our scholarship winners.

We are proud to announce 140 scholarships worth \$210,650 have been distributed to our club students over the past 15 years (and so many more were given prior to this as well).

See you next year in Dubois!

WSSA Scholarship Program

Year	# of Scholarships	Total Amount	\$ Range of Scholarships
2009	6	\$6,000	\$500 - \$1,500
2010	5	\$4,950	\$500 - \$1,500
2011	10	\$9,000	\$500 - \$1,750
2012	10	\$14,000	\$500 - \$2,500
2013	13	\$15,900	\$500 - \$2,500
2014	11	\$19,250	\$750 - \$3,250
2015	7	\$17,050	\$1,500 - \$3,500
2016	7	\$6,500	\$500 - \$2,000
2017	9	\$14,000	\$500 - \$3,000
2018	12	\$13,000	\$500 - \$2,500
2019	10	\$20,000	\$500 - \$4,000
2020	9	\$16,500	\$500 - \$3,500
2021	11	\$15,000	\$500 - \$3,000
2022	11	\$20,000	\$500 - \$3,500
2023	9	\$19,500	\$500 - \$3,500
TOTAL	140	\$210,650	

Scholarship Essay by Gracie Hardeman

It's harder in this day in age to attract young members to any organization. The young generation doesn't require a membership card or networking in the traditional sense. Thirty years ago many people identified by their membership in organizations such as Shriners, Elks, Homemakers Club, and snowmachine clubs. These groups would gather with a common interest to provide each other with networking, information, and most importantly a social life. Over the years all of these clubs have seen their numbers dwindle significantly. The younger generations are fulfilling their needs via social platforms on their cell phones and computers. In order to get this next generation involved, we must go to where they are hanging out, and that is on the internet.

Young people are tech-savvy and often use social media to stay connected and informed. Snowmobile organizations can use platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok to promote their events, share exciting stories, and engage with younger members. "4.70 billion people around the world now use social media, and 227 million new users have come online within the last 12 months. The average daily time spent using social media is 2h 29m." Snowmobile clubs can create official pages or accounts on social media platforms to reach a larger audience it is important to hit social platforms kids are on not just Facebook. The local clubs can appoint a youth member to be the social media director. This allows them to share updates, events, and other important information with members and potential members. Social media is a visually driven platform, so snowmobile clubs can use eye-catching photos and videos to promote their activities and events. This can include pictures of club rides, videos of events, and even tutorials for new riders. Encouraging members to share their own experiences and photos on social media can create a sense of community and help attract new members. Snowmobile clubs can also create hashtags and challenge members to share their own content. The clubs can utilize paid advertising on social media to reach a wider audience and attract new members. This can include targeted ads to reach potential members in a specific geographic area or with specific interests.

Snowmobile organizations can encourage families to participate in events together and make it a fun, family-oriented experience. This will not only help attract younger members but also provide a supportive environment for them to learn and grow. Clubs can offer events and activities that cater to different age groups and interests, including families. This can include organized rides, skills clinics, races, and social events. Gaining new members means that everyone will be a different level of rider. Offer a variety of events and activities that cater to different age groups, interests, and riding experiences. Clubs can also provide educational resources for families, such as safety training and hands-on instruction. This helps to ensure that all members are safe while riding and promotes responsible riding practices. Snowmobile clubs can work with local businesses and organizations to promote family-friendly riding destinations. This can include highlighting local trails, parks, and epic meadows. The local clubs need to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere for families by promoting inclusivity, kindness, and respect. This helps to create a positive community for all members, regardless of age or experience. Younger members may be more likely

to participate and become involved if they have hands-on learning experiences. Snowmobile organizations can provide opportunities for members to work on equipment, participate in trail maintenance, and more to encourage learning and hands-on engagement.

Collaboration between snowmobile clubs, schools and youth organizations can be a powerful tool in promoting the sport and preserving its future. By partnering with these organizations, clubs can reach a wider audience, attract new members, and promote the responsible and safe use of snowmobiles. This can also help to build a strong relationship with the community and increase the visibility of the organization. One way to promote the clubs is by offering educational programs and workshops in schools. These programs can teach students about snowmobile safety, the importance of conservation efforts, and the history of snowmobiling as a sport. Through these programs, students can learn about the benefits of snowmobiling and be inspired to become involved in the sport. Another way to promote the clubs is by collaborating with youth organizations, such as scouting groups or after-school programs. These organizations often offer outdoor activities and adventure programs, and snowmobiling can be a great addition to their offerings. By working with these organizations, clubs can provide opportunities for young people to experience the thrill of snowmobiling and learn about the sport in a safe and controlled environment. Moreover, clubs can also participate in community events and festivals, showcasing their sport and attracting new members. This is a great opportunity for clubs to demonstrate the excitement and thrill of snowmobiling, and also to educate the public about the importance of the safe and responsible use of snowmobiles.

One last topic the snowmachine industry could address is the lack of age-appropriate sleds for kids 7-12. Growing up on snowmachines I had a first-hand experience with this problem. At the age of 7, I had outgrown my 120 Polaris, but the 600 Polaris had too much power for my riding ability and was too big for me to navigate alone. The snowmobile industry faces a gap between the performance and capabilities of a 120 sled and a 600 sled. This gap can be challenging for snowmobilers who are looking for a sled with intermediate performance but may not be ready for the power and complexity of a 600 sled. This is not necessarily a topic we have much control over but with encouragement from snowmobile groups to our industry leaders perhaps they could fill this gap for us in the future. Filling this gap would keep families and children interested in the sport through important growing years.

Keeping snowmobile organizations' membership up will be a continuous work in progress. I am glad that our local, state, and national organizations are searching for ideas on how to increase interest amongst the youth. I believe that through social media, broadening organization activities, and collaboration with schools we can make a significant impact on snowmobile club membership. Creating interest at a young age is the secret to keeping organizations thriving in future years.

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WSSA Secretary/Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello everyone! I can't believe Fun Days has come and gone already. I had such a blast in Alpine. Thank you to Top of the Rockies and Rev It Up Girls for an amazing weekend!

We raised \$26,295 on the Schnapp's bottle auction! Congratulations to the Sweetwater Snowpokes for winning the bottle for the second year in a row. The money raised is then split 75% to the Scholarship program and 25% to the Access Wyoming program. We also had an additional \$2,600 donated to the Access Wyoming program. Thank you all for your generosity!

The WSSA raffle sold a record number of tickets this year totaling \$16,585! Half of that goes back to the club who sold the tickets and the other half goes to WSSA. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets! Awesome job!

At the Fun Days meeting, Brenda was elected to serve a second term as WSSA Vice President and Jay Slagowski, from Dubois, was elected as the new WSSA Vice President. Congratulations to you both!

Brenda also appointed a new Secretary/Treasurer, Mandy Nichols. I will be sticking around for the next year to help out with the transition and to get Mandy all trained up on the job. Mandy's email is wssamandy@gmail.com. Please feel free to email both of us with questions over the next year. Congratulations Mandy and welcome to WSSA!

The fall meeting will be on September 16 in Saratoga. Meeting details will be emailed out soon. I hope you all have a great spring and summer!

District 9

GEORGE PRYICH

Hard to believe it is March already and with all the snow it still seems like the season flew by! Another great Fun Days in Alpine thanks to the Top of the Rockies and the Rev It Up Girls. There was plenty of snow, activities, and more snow. I was honored as the Pioneer of the Year by State Trails and the WSSA. I never thought about receiving an award like this for doing something that is fun and a lot of work. I was humbled by the recognition and thank all who were involved in presenting it to me. It still hasn't sunk in that I received the award! With all of that said, keep fighting for access, never give up, work with all your clubs and especially your local government agencies to keep them informed of our right to public land use. Stay Safe and have fun at the Jackson Hill Climb.

This is the last
Wrangler of
the season -
See you in
the fall!



Sweetwater Snowpokes

ANGELINA PRYICH

The Snowpokes were 19 members strong at Fun Days 2023 in Alpine! The Top of the Rockies and the Rev It Up Girls hosted a fun time for all. The snow was already plentiful for good riding and more fell while we were there. Congratulations to the recipients of our Club Awards: the Heikes Family, Ryan Heikes, Koryn Heikes, Western Snowmobile, and Tim Habeberger. Nine students received scholarships including Koryn Heikes and Lorin Jones. George Pryich received the Wyoming State Trails Pioneer Award. Congratulations!

The day of the February Fun Run was cloudy and cold but lots of people showed up for the fun. The first stop transported us for a moment to the warm islands and everyone who stopped there got a lei. Thanks for the fun!

The Drift 100 (<https://www.thedrifting100.com/100-mile-course/>) is happening the weekend after Fun Days. We volunteer to help check on racers on the trail, especially after the first day. Each year of this event has brought new challenges. What will it be this year?

The club calendar will be updated soon and posted to the Facebook page. Meetings will be held throughout the year with a few fun events. We enjoy playing in the snow and exploring in our off-road vehicles. Join us anytime!



Thanks to everyone who braved the roads and the backcountry to be in Alpine for the annual gathering of Wyoming snowmobilers. To all who were honored, congratulations. Your passion for your achievement inspires us to band together for fun and to keep public lands open for use by all who enjoy being outdoors.

Until next Wrangler season!

2023 MEETING SCHEDULE (FIRST TUESDAY)

- April – Hitching Post, Green River
- May – Holiday Inn, Rock Springs
- June – Holiday Inn, Rock Springs
- July – To be determined
- August – Holiday Inn, Rock Springs
- September – Holiday Inn, Rock Springs
- October – Hitching Post, Green River
- November – Holiday Inn, Rock Springs
- December – Holiday Inn, Rock Springs



2023 WSSA



FUN DAYS



Cody Country Snowmobile Association



BERT MILLER
DISTRICT 5 REP.

Well folks we finally received snow in the Beartooth Mountains and the Big Horns. Also, a lot of snow means a lot of snowmobiling fun. The Park County Sheriff department (Bill Brown) installed a new 911 push button emergency calling device to replace the emergency phone at the Beartooth Safety Shelter. It looks like this new device will work fantastically for emergency response. In February RSC Power Sports held an Open House ride day at the Safety Shelter. I have heard this was well attended by about 70 folks to see and ride a few new products from Polaris and Ski Doo. Bluebird day and great new snow thank you for attending.

A few of us attended the American Council of Snowmobile Association ACSA's Mountain Riding Summit in Alpine Wyoming in February as well. Starting out with a three-day level 1 Avy training class. 14 folks attended the class and are now all Aiare Level 1 certified. Thank you to Forest Kamminga, manager of Wyoming State Trails for putting this great training together along with the Bridger Teton Avalanche Center for putting on this great training.

During the Summit we also held a great meeting which was attended by about 35 folks from about 12 different states. Visiting about the issues that face all of the Mountain states and snowmobiling in general. Like access, trespassing and of course the non-motorized folks. Great discussions. We also took time to have some fun and raise some money for the ACSA Scholarship and Legal Defense fund, \$1,040 was raised. Great Job folks. Plus, we went on a great snowmobile ride with two groups. Brenda and I snowmobiled to the BOX Y Ranch for lunch, about a 70-mile ride. Fantastic lunch thank you Tim and Cindy Haberberger; you run a great ranch.

The first weekend of March we head back to Alpine for the Wyoming State Snowmobile Association Fun Days. Wow what a fun weekend, five of us attended and it snowed every day we were there. Friday night's meet and great was a lot of fun seeing folks again. Saturday's ride was a blast with two feet of fresh powder



and the Greys River was a beautiful ride. The Saturday night banquet did not disappoint, fantastic food and a lot of fun. Congratulations to the Top of the Rockies for achieving club of the Year. Also, thanks to the Top of the Rockies and the Rev it Up Girls for co-hosting Fun Days. We all had a blast and we all came together and raised over \$26K for the Scholarship and Access Wyoming!

Great to see the awards and Congratulations to Brion Peterson for receiving the Wyoming State Trails Ron McKinney Trails Stewardship Award. Also Congratulations to George Prych for receiving the Wyoming State Trails Pioneer award. It is a great feeling seeing these fantastic folks receiving awards for Wyoming State Trails, and very well deserved. Now we start looking forward to Dubois next year.

Thank you to all our past WSSA officers who have served and keep on serving, Sunny and Justin thank you. Congratulations to Brenda Miller for another two years as our WSSA President and also Congrats to Jay Slagowski for being elected as Vice President.



Jackson Hole Snow Devils

COURTNEY HODGES

Happy March from the Jackson Hole Snow Devils! February was a great month we held our February Club ride in Bondurant with a great turnout of 29 attendees. This year our young riders attendance has been improving and to watch them grow and improve in the sport has been awesome.

With all the snow that we have been receiving and have coming the Snow Devils have been busy putting our final touches on the 46th Annual World Championship Snowmobile Hill Climb. The greatest show on the snow is looking great this year with a strong snowpack and more to come!

We have raffle tickets available on our website this year benefiting the Charles Reid Schouboe Memorial Scholarship fund. There are great prizes available like a 2023 Ski-Doo Summit SP from Rocky Mountain Powersports & Ski-Doo, Traeger Timberline 850 Grill donated by Teton Rental, Generac Generator donated by Jenkins Lumber and a \$500 Gift Card donated by the Jackson Hole Snow Devils.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the event to enjoy some fun in the sun and watch the best of the best compete to be the King. As always, we are always looking for more volunteers to help put on the event and sign-ups are available on our website www.snowdevils.org or visit the media trailer behind the pits if you are around and would like to help! See you all soon at Hill Climb!

Top of the Rockies

ALEX SINCLAIR

Hello from Alpine,
Thank you to all who attended Fun Days! We sure had a great time co-hosting with the Rev it Up Girls. A big shout out to Alana Carpenter and Andrea Burchard for all their tireless work to make it such a great event! The Rev It up Girls sure did great on the silent auction items! Snowy conditions didn't stop our four groups from having a great time with some exceptional pow!

With sponsors and attendees' support we raised money to help our sport through Access and state scholarships. With the Schnapps bottle we raised over \$24,000 for scholarships. The Pendleton was a record \$1800 to keep it in Alpine. Those funds go towards Access Wyoming to help keep our trails open and fight closures which impact our great sport.

Next up is the World Championship Hillclimb in Jackson Hole on the 23rd through 26th. For more info on that event, contact the Jackson Hole Snow Devils.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year in Dubois where we hope to repeat as Club of the Year. Oh, did I forget to mention that? Alpine Top of the Rockies is Club of the Year! Yeah!!

Ride safe!



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Big Horn Mountain Snowmads

DOUGIE NELSON

THE BIG RESCUE!

Super Bowl Sunday was unbelievable for the Big Horn Mountain Snowmads! So we were out on a ride that morning before the game and headed out north of Bear Lodge near freezeout point to a point called Riley point approximately 20 miles north of Bear Lodge. The snow was phenomenal and part of the group split off to go play in some deep steep and the other part of the group split off to just have a beverage break and discovered a horse that had been lost most of the winter from last fall!

Come to find out the horse had been missing since August of 2022! Now the horse looked in fairly good condition for spending the winter out there and we were able to walk right up to it and pet it so we knew it was someone's pet and not just a wild critter out cruising the neighborhood in four feet of snow! The Lord obviously was watching out for this thing.

So, the group then returned to Bear Lodge and started putting the word out and sending messages and making phone calls beginning with Mr. Jim Adams who is part of the mountain wood work if anyone knows him and he really went to work and got down to the bottom of the puzzle and found out who were the owner was.

So, a plan was put together and it was decided to send a group led by Lee Hart (another mountain icon) out with a rescue sleigh and build a road with snowmobiles so that the sleigh wouldn't sink. It was also strongly advised to not tranquilize the horse as for it may not survive the ride!



So, upon arrival and relocating the horse, without much effort the horse laid right down in the sleigh so it could be tarped and tied down for transport. Totally unbelievable if it would have not been witnessed. I would hardly believe that this was possible, but the horse was gentle as a lamb and seemed quite happy to be rescued and headed home!

Furthermore the Forest service had been contacted and asked if they knew anything about the horse before the rescue and they claim that there was a call that came in but never followed up on. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved and helped...this was really a group effort that should go in the books! I'm quite sure everyone who is

involved will never forget its awesomeness! It's just what outdoor people do to help one another!

So, moving forward I thought I was retiring from doing this article but decided to do one more until the club finds an alternate writer. If anyone is interested in this high paying job, please contact one of the club members or come to one of our meetings and we can get the information to you.

Speaking of meetings our next meeting is going to be March 18, 9 a.m. at Bear Lodge after the meeting that day we're going to have our annual bowl sledding party which is behind Arrowhead Lodge. Everyone is welcome. Food will be



provided. Bring the kids and have a good time. We normally have a hayride, but since Rick and Roberta have sold the lodge I'm not sure how that's going to work out? There will still be a lot of sledding, tubing, snowmobiling and good camaraderie!

The burger fry back in January went without a hitch it was a beautiful day had about 60 people show up for hamburgers out of the Woodchuck warming hut thank you for everyone who supported us, it was a hoot! Also, a huge thank you to Bear Lodge and Sandy for providing the hamburgers for us.

Speaking of Bear Lodge, Sandy the new owner has totally taken control of the lodge from Rick and Roberta and is doing a fantastic job! He's already making a mark on the hill by all the hard work and effort trying to improve an already fantastic lodge! He has a fantastic crew and is a lot of fun to be around so if anyone's up for a road trip to do some sledding this is a great destination and the snow this year is phenomenal. I've been going there for 30 plus years and it's the best I think I've ever seen!

Furthermore the WSSA Fun Days were this past weekend March 4 and 5. Yours truly did not make it but we did have representation there and it sounds like fun was had by all and I heard the snow was amazing there as well! Hopefully see everyone in Dubois next year!

I've included a few pics from the horse rescue. I'm sorry they're not real clear on some of them but I think you get the gist of how it went down! The other pics are from the Alpine ride and by the way thanks Alpine and all the people who put the fun days on this year I heard it went off quite well! Well I think I've babbled long enough I need to check off I think this is the last article of the year and possibly the last ever for me. It's been an honor to do the article. I appreciate all the pics, info and compliments throughout the years it has made my job a much easier.



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Sno-Katters in Alpine.

Hello again everyone from the Dubois Sno-Katters
The riding in the upper Wind and Togwottee pass has been very good in February and early March.

Mother nature has been treating us with consistent storms to keep all the powder hounds happy.

Our nonresident visitation to the area has been very high and its not uncommon to see the parking lots and trails busy at any time throughout the week.

In late February some of the Sno-Katters put on a one-day, intermediate skills clinic for the Shoshone NF. Most of those attending were the folks that help Wyoming state trails with snow patrols and registration enforcement. They had a great time and learned a lot throughout the day.

Fun Days in Alpine was amazing! Thanks to The Top of the Rockies and Rev it up Girls for an exceptional weekend. The food and festivities were second to none, and the snow on Saturday was amazing! Shout out to Alex and Brandon for showing us some awesome country and bringing everyone home in one piece and smiling.

Once again, we have to thank all of the Dubois members and business's that donated their time and merchandise to support the event. Our Dubois Sno-Katters/ WSSA groomer of the year for 2023 was Action Services (Brad Johnson), and our WSSA Business of the year was Bert Milton Realty (Jeff Milton and Juleen Leseberg). Congrats to them and thanks for the support you give the club year in and year out.

The WSSA scholarship action raised around \$26,000.00 for nine student essay award winners on Saturday night as well as other sizable donations to Wyoming Cares and Access Wyoming programs,

All being very worthy and important causes. Awesome job everyone!

As this is our last publication for the season, we are especialy graetful to all of our local members and associate members. We are very proud to be one of oldest standing clubs in the state and to be a part of the WSSA. We couldn't do it with out your support and we will continue to help protect and promote snowmobiling in Wyoming. And finally, Thanks again to all of our partners, Wyoming State Trails, The US Forest Service, ACSA and The Teton Avelanch Center for helping us do what we do.

We are looking forward to hosting Fun Days in Dubois in 2024 and will be planning accordingly. Be sure to stop at the WSSA tent and say hi if your at the world championship hill climbs in Jackson, and we hope to see you out on the snow.

Always look ahead.



Intermediate skills day with the US Forest Service.



Dubois Sno-Katters on "The Boundary" 2023.



On "the Rim" with the intermediate skills group.