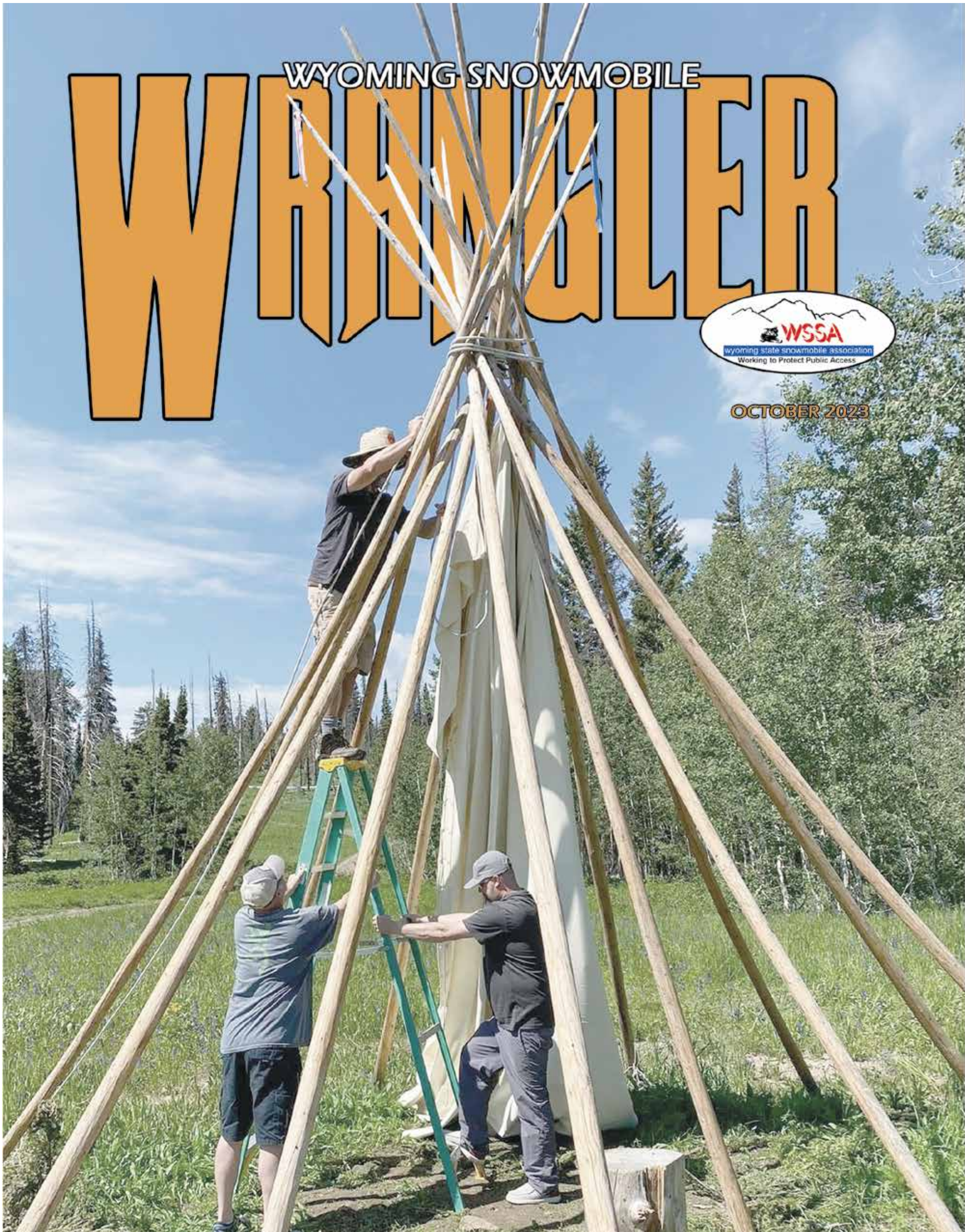


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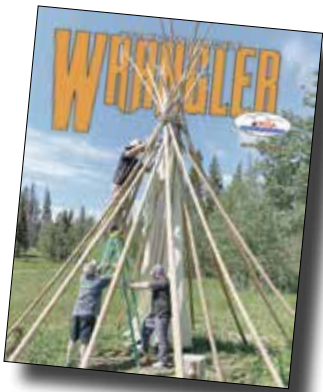
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On The Cover



Top of the Rockies members take down their Tipi Safety Shelter at Squaw Creek in July.

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WSSA President

BRENDA MILLER

Welcome everyone to the 2023-2024 snowmobile season! It is hard to believe that the summer has come and gone already. I certainly do not know where it went or September for that matter. I have seen that the clubs are getting things prepared for the season like cutting firewood for the shelters, cleaning the shelters, and trail work just to name a few. Congratulations everyone, great work.

This past April snowmobile leaders across the snowbelt again convened in Washington D.C. to learn about legislation and to lobby for snowmobiling. This year marked the 21st year snowmobilers have been to Washington D.C. We had some American Council of Snowmobile Association (ACSA) meetings and had a visit with Ed Klim, the President of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association. He stated that sales were up 1-3% in the US and down 3-5% in Canada. Snowmobile registrations are almost identical to last year.

We also had lots of good speakers on day 2 of the D. C. Fly-In. We met with the Associate Deputy of the U.S. Forest Service and discussed their priorities for this year. We met with a representative from Senator Chuck Grassley's office to discuss Waters of the United States (WOTUS) and federal overreach that could in turn affect snowmobiling since there are many of our trails that either cross creeks, rivers, or even lakes. We spoke with a representative from the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee that works with Senator Barrasso and talked about their path forward on the Outdoor Recreation

Act. We also discussed Senate Bill S873 and focused on the travel management sections of this bill and getting the appropriate wording in the bill. We also had a meeting with the BLM Division Chief for Recreation and Visitor Services with the BLM. These were just a few of our speakers to fill out our day. On our final day we all went to visit with our respective legislators. Sometimes we can't make an appointment work with some of the representatives, but Wyoming has always been able to visit with their staffers if the legislators are unable to meet with us themselves. Some of the other states do not have that opportunity.

The International Snowmobile Congress was hosted by the Illinois State Snowmobile Association in June. They hosted around 375 attendees and did a great job! Lots of information to absorb in 3 ½ days. They had great speakers, good meetings, and multiple breakout sessions. One of the more interesting breakout sessions for me was the Volunteer, Recruitment, Development, and Retention session, I need to take the time to review all the information that was shared. Their off-site event was a dinner cruise down the Mississippi river. There is plenty of time for camaraderie and a silent auction.

We had a good fall meeting and I want to thank everyone that was able to attend. We set a budget for this season, and we had lots of good discussions on multiple things. WSSA has great people at the State level and it always good to spend time with them and get to know them better.

Remember Fun Days is always the first full weekend of March, it sounds like the Dubois Sno-Katers have a rough idea of things they are planning. It will be fun to see what they come up with.

Until next time, enjoy your fall!

WSSA Vice President

JAY SLAGOWSKI

Hello again Fellow Snowmobilers!

Fall is upon us and it won't be long before we are snowmobiling again!

If you didn't catch it in the March Wrangler last spring, I am now writing to you as your new WSSA vice president. I'm still not sure how it happened? but, I'm really excited to help represent all of you, your clubs and the WSSA.

For those of you that don't know me, I am a Wyoming Native, born in Cheyenne and raised in the Bridger Valley in the town of Mountain View. I started snowmobiling around 1976 at the age of ten, putting around a local trap line in the Smiths Fork drainage of the Uintas on a 1972 Suzuki Nomad. It was at that time I learned a lot about carburetors and what a person needs when stranded.

My high school years were filled with countless hours of ditch banging alongside the county roads and drift busting in the seemingly endless native hay meadows of the area. I still remember one of my first mountain rides with some family friends. We rode from The Place at Cora to Dubois and back. It was at that time I was hooked forever.



I attended Central Wyoming College in Riverton on a Rodeo scholarship and graduated in 1989 in spite of some very average marks. I started a career as a firefighter for the US Forest Service in 2002 and recently retired in 2023.

All of my kids were born and raised in Fremont County having lived in the Riverton area, Shoshone (during the oil and gas boom) Lander and Dubois. We have been members of the Dubois Sno-Katters since 2010 having held the offices of vice president and president. Most recently I have served as the district 12 representative from which I have learned a lot about the WSSA and everything it does as an organization.

It's important for all of us to recognize that we have a really good thing going here in Wyoming with our winter motorized program. This is the result of all of the hard work from all those that have served before us as well as those carrying the torch now. We will continue to work with our partners to maintain and improve the program and keep a watchful eye on the horizon for traps and pitfalls that may be detrimental to our sport.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns or new ideas. I'm looking forward to serving you all and absolutely love talking snowmobiles and riding the mountains.

Always Look Ahead!



WSSA Charity

BRENDA MILLER

Look at the Charity efforts information that was received from the International Snowmobile Congress this past June? Wyoming is one of the smaller organizations across the snow belt and I think we should be very proud of our efforts.

Everyone that is 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 until Fun Days in March 2024.

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

International Snowmobile Congress Charity Report 2023

State/Province/Territory	Charity Contributions(1)			Hours Donated	Number of Clubs	Clubs Reporting
	National	Local	Total			
Alberta	\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500	40	35	1
British Columbia	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	60	0
Colorado	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	35	1
Idaho	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	1,034	33	33
Illinois	\$12,471	\$4,700	\$17,171	297	40	40
Indiana	\$250	\$889	\$1,139	0	9	1
Iowa	\$1,450	\$1,900	\$3,350	125	40	1
Klondike/Yukon	\$0	\$0	\$0	8	1	1
Manitoba	\$0	\$950	\$950	536	53	2
Michigan	\$29,700	\$21,375	\$51,075	18,256	69	15
Minnesota	\$1,938,178	\$195,075	\$2,133,253	0	40	40
Montana	\$0	\$27,000	\$27,000	80	25	25
Nebraska	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	5	0
New Brunswick	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	49	0
New Hampshire	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0	0
New York	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	228	228
Newfoundland/Labrador	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	1	1
Nunavut	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	1	0
North Dakota	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	37	0
Northwest Territories	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	1	0
Nova Scotia	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	0	21	21
Ohio	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	8	0
Ontario	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	213	0
Oregon	\$12,000	\$26,086	\$38,086	1,986	25	25
Pennsylvania	\$0	\$500	\$500	20	57	1
Prince Edward Island	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	3	0
Quebec	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	200	0
Saskatchewan	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	63	0
South Dakota	\$10,720	\$34,470	\$45,190	6,876	23	23
Vermont	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0	0
Utah	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	5	0
Washington	\$0	\$0	\$0	200	37	37
Wisconsin	\$11,100	\$76,038	\$87,138	7,465	625	47
Wyoming	\$4,450	\$204,502	\$208,952	7,465	13	13
Totals	\$2,026,819	\$598,485	\$2,625,304	44,388	2,055	556

*Thank you to all Associations, Provinces, Territories and Clubs. No report from: British Columbia, Nebraska, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, New York, Nunavut, North Dakota, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Vermont, Utah. Note 1 - funds listed in United States Currency

List of many National Charities financially supported:

- Red Cross Nat. foundation for Cancer Research-Breast Cancer Am. Heart Fund-Disabled Vet's
- Special Olympics Elks Nat. Foundation
- Nat. foundation for the Blind ACSA Legal Defense Fund
- Disabled American Veterans - DAV and Veterans of Foreign Wars ALS - Lou Gehrig's Disease American Cancer Society
- Am. Cancer Society American Red Cross
- Lions club international flood victims, eye bank Canadian Cancer Society

Blue Ribbon Coalition Easter Seals Spina Bifida Make A Wish Stars and Stripes Honor Flight University Clean Snowmobile Team

St. Helen "We Care", St. Helen Helping Hands American Diabetes Association

Children's Miracle Network List of many local charities financially supported:

- Contributions to snowmobile related charities Local Fire Departments, Food Pantry
- Local Lions Club Local Food Pantries Avalanche Centers
- Local scholarship funds and schools Local Spina Bifida
- Local Chamber of Commerce State/ Provincial Snowmobile Association Veterans Ride
- Libraries
- Local Volunteer Fire Departments Youth Snowmobile Groups Veterans Home

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WSSA Secretary/Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

I hope you all had a great summer and are ready for the cooler weather and for the leaves to start falling! We recently had the WSSA Fall Meeting in Saratoga. It was a productive meeting with a lot of good discussion about the upcoming snowmobile season.

I have handed everything over to our new WSSA Secretary/Treasurer, Mandy Nichols, as she is taking over the position full time. Please start sending all your WSSA correspondence and membership information to Mandy at wssamandy@gmail.com.

Checks for membership dues should be mailed to WSSA PO Box 2656 Alpine, WY 83128. I will be helping Mandy learn the ropes of the Secretary/Treasurer duties through Fun Days, so if you have any questions I'm still available.

We recently sent out the Club Officer Info sheet via email. Please return those forms to Mandy as soon as officers are elected for the 2023-2024 season. This helps us make sure we are emailing the right people for your club. Please start sending in your membership information for the upcoming season as well.

Have a happy fall!
Sunny

Snowmobilers Taking The Pledge

ED KLIM

ISMA

The members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha) are joining together again this season with the snowmobile community in promoting the Take The Pledge campaign. The Pledge is designed to ensure snowmobilers protect existing riding areas and trail systems for current and future generations and landowners who give us access to their property. Those that take the pledge agree to the following:

- I Pledge to ride off trail only where I know it's legal and accepted.
- I Pledge to check before going off-trail if I don't know.
- I Pledge to protect access for future generations by doing the right thing.
- I Pledge to protect access by encouraging those I ride with to take the Pledge also.

Snowmobilers enjoy over 120,000 miles of trails located on public and private land and have been built and maintained by snowmobile volunteers for over 40 years.

Snowmobilers are joined in this effort by snowmobile clubs, snowmobile dealers, lodges, local chambers of commerce – all of whom have a

vested interest in maintaining responsible access. The campaign has been joined by snowmobile community leaders, ambassadors, and celebrities who have also taken the pledge.

The pledge was created to make snowmobilers aware of the importance of recognizing the ownership of the land we ride on, and the impact we have on the landowners, their pets, and their livestock. The record level of interest in enjoying the great winter outdoors demands our attention to the awareness of legal riding areas and making sure everyone with us knows the rules.

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association members invite every snowmobiler to take the pledge at www.snowmobilerspledge.com and encourage those they ride with to also take the pledge.

We have designed the following logo for the Take The Pledge Campaign. Please use this logo on your websites, communications that you send out, Facebook page, etc. Encourage people to take the pledge. Snowmobilers can scan the QR code to be directed to the website or they can type in the website address directly. We made the logo into a decal to send to interested parties that can be distributed at clubhouses, meetings, etc. Contact the ISMA Office for decals.



Facts About Snowmobiling - 2023

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As we begin the 2023-24 snowmobiling season, we thought you may be interested in the following facts while you are preparing to go ride this season:

1. Snowmobilers come in all ages. The average snowmobiler, however, is 54 years old.
2. The average snowmobiler last season rode 1,154 miles / 1,857 kilometers (a 4% increase in ridership compared to 2022.) The number of miles ridden, on average, is dependent on snow cover, so we will see if Mother Nature brings us more days of snow for riding this season.
3. Many snowmobilers belong to a club and participate in many of their club's events. Clubs hold great riding events, great parties, and are made up of wonderful people that become great friends. Join a club and have a great time!!!
4. About 50% of the people that snowmobile, trailer their snowmobile to their riding area. The other 50% ride from their home or cabin.
5. Snowmobiling is a family friendly activity. Most of all those responding to surveys report that they snowmobile with family and with friends and with club members.
6. Snowmobilers are outdoor recreationists all year

around. Following is a list of recreational activities that snowmobilers participate in when they aren't out riding:

- 59% go ATV Riding
 - 48% go Camping
 - 51% go Fishing
 - 57% go Boating
 - 43% go Hunting
 - 30% go Hiking
 - 25% go Motorcycle Riding
 - 29% go Golfing
 - 18% go Personal Watercraft Riding
 - 11% go Downhill Skiing
 - 14% do other recreational Activities
- Yes, we are a year around active group!
7. Approximately 85% of the snowmobilers are male.
 8. Snowmobilers are a big part of the winter economic engine by spending an average of \$2500 each year going snowmobiling, traveling to their snowmobiling spot, and food, gas, and lodging. In many places of North America, snowmobilers pay the bills for people involved in the Winter Tourism Industries and related businesses.
 9. To help snowmobilers promote their sport, the snowmobile manufacturers have created a number of supporting communication tools.
 - a. We have created a Dropbox where interested

individuals can access the most current family friendly snowmobile photos. (Just click on this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/0cp7tj1aayce3az8ne3sz/h?rlk=ey=yl0hd7pe49hwffb7socbnslyb&dl=0>) We encourage people to use these photos in the development of trail maps, advertising pieces, or just flyers supporting a snowmobiling activity. The photos are free and can be used in promoting recreation family snowmobiling.

b. Also, ISMA has created a Facebook page www.facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling. If you are on Facebook and want to see snowmobiling posts, please FOLLOW our page. You can also share your snowmobiling pictures, events, etc. on our page and they will be viewed by followers from around the world!

c. We have two websites: www.snowmobile.org and www.gosnowmobiling.org that contain a lot of information, links, downloadable materials, etc. to help support you and educate you on key issues related to snowmobiling and help you better know the activities going on. Our websites are connected to other websites around the world including all of the United States and Canadian State and Provincial Snowmobile Associations which contain all of the local information that you may need.

The winter outlook is looking good for snowmobiling and we are looking forward to a great season!

Deadline for the next Wrangler will be Monday, November 6

A Night Out!

By TAIDEN KAMMINGA

In Wyoming backcountry snowmobiling is pretty popular, and my passion for it has grown throughout the years. Being a 17-year-old boy and living in a small town there is not really much else you can do during the winter season, other than go for a rip on your snowmobile as much as possible.

It was Friday, March 3, 2023 the weekend of Wyoming State Snowmobile Association "Fun Days". Something my dad (Forrest Kamminga) and I look forward to every year. My dad had made plans with Pete Leibe for a Friday ride before the fun days event to learn some country that we had never ridden. My Dad, Jordan Weller and I planned to meet Joey Clarke and Pete at the Horse Creek parking lot at 10 a.m. We were staying in Alpine at the time so we had to ride 60 miles of trail to meet them.

The weather for that day looked really bipolar and we were not sure what to expect. As we were riding the visibility would go from five hundred yards to miles within minutes throughout the whole day. The snow was epic, in some spots it was over the bars powder. As we kept making our way back towards Alpine the visibility started to decrease, and the temp was dropping.

We got to an area in the Hoback river drainage where Pete said "that's the point of no return". As I looked at the valley of the most rough and rugged terrain Wyoming has to offer, there were more than a few things that ran through my mind. "Am I prepared for this, what's the weather doing, how much daylight do we have, how's the visibility?" I believe all those things come into play as a backcountry rider because one minor mistake can cost you your life.

We decided to keep poking through, even with the low visibility. This might not have been our smartest decision and was one of the major things that led to the following events. The snow and the terrain was definitely something I've never been in before and it was probably the best riding I've personally ever done. The sun was hanging low in the sky which meant dusk was closing in, and it had me worried.

We got to this point probably five miles from the little Greys River snowmobile trail that Pete called "Greyback ridge" after we got over that we were

"home free". This hill was the most technical hill of the day and you could barely see the top. We decided to wait for an open spot in the clouds so we could see a line to the top, but that open spot never came.

I had all kinds of things running through my mind. Are we gonna make it out? Do we have to stay the night? Who should we tell? How will we survive? All of us put our heads together and decided to find some shelter and start a fire so we can stay the night. I could tell everyone was tired, stressed out and very anxious to be in a warm bed. But we had to keep a cool head and be smart.

These kinds of situations can be very life threatening but we were prepared for this, just like anyone riding a snowmobile should be every single time they ride no matter who you're with, because it can happen to ANYBODY. I'm glad I got stuck with the people I did because if it would have been my normal riding buddies, I'm not sure I'd be writing this. We had multiple ways to start a fire, we had the right clothing, (except Joeys Socks) a Garmin inreach, we had space blankets, and the intelligence to stay alive and warm.

We sent an inreach message to "Kenny", a buddy of Pete's that was staying in Pinedale at the time. The message told Kenny where we were, what we needed, and where we planned to meet up with him. We sent a message to Lettie who knew our riding plan and was in Alpine so she could relay the message to the group expecting us. We made sure she knew we were safe, warm, healthy, and that the visibility had closed in on us causing us to find shelter for the night and that we did not need any help. As the night went on, I thought about how every decision you make in the backcountry and how it has an impact on whether you're gonna make it home that night, the next day, or not at all.

It was about 7 a.m. Saturday, March 4 and the sun was coming up, we still had low visibility and it wasn't gonna change. So, we decided to pack up camp and try to find a line up Greyback ridge. We just sat there for what seemed like forever trying to regroup and see if an opening in the clouds will show up, but I knew that wasn't gonna happen so I said "screw it I'm tired of this" and with the tiny little bit of visibility we had, I cut a line all the way to the top of the ridge which gave the group a line to follow up the hill.

We all gave that hill hell, and due to the potential avalanche danger on one section we had to cross before you got to the saddle, we made sure it was one at a time. After me was Joey, then after a few attempts and a stuck Pete. After this the hill was trashed with a ton of tracks that were causing some issues for my dad and Jordie. Joey went back down to help Jordie get unstuck and after what seemed like forever Jordie came flying up the ridge.

The only ones left in the bottom were Joey and my dad, then the worst-case scenario happened. The hill decided to break at the persistent layer causing a D2 avalanche to slide right past my dad and Joey. Which made them think they were stuck at the bottom, but after my dad studied the slide for a few minutes he decided there was a safe path above the avalanche debris on the opposite side of the slide to climb the hill.

He wasn't gonna let some hill be the death of him so he told Joey "I'm going to try it" and he made it up. Joey came right up after him. We met up with Kenny about 30 minutes after we got out of the hole. Kenny led us to the little Greys River trail and from there it was back to the truck.



The feeling of relief was a blessing and I was just happy to be warm and alive.

There are so many things that come into play when it comes to being safe in the backcountry. Being prepared for the worst is always necessary. Always pack extra gear, always be avalanche aware and have the right training so you know what to do just in case someone gets buried. Have a spot or inreach, don't wear cotton clothing, always have something to start a fire with, tell someone where you're going and when you're gonna be back, don't ride alone, ride with the right group, have a backup plan or two, and keep calm in threatening situations.

These are all ways to prepare yourself for survival and I'm glad I take these precautions, if I didn't there's no way of knowing if I'd be here or not. Don't be the person who thinks "oh that will never happen, it never has, so how could it?" It WILL save your life!



District 9

GEORGE PRYICH

Since Fun Days, several Snowpokes members volunteered at The Drift ultramarathon (100+ miles) on March 10, 11 and 12. Every year the weather brings a challenge for the runners, skiers, bikers, and the snowmobile support and this year was no exception. The event started on Friday during a blizzard that already obliterated the groomed trail. Of the 49 participants who started the event, only 11 finished!

The Snowpokes meet every month; watch for the calendar on our Facebook page. The Fall meeting of the WSSA was held in Saratoga at the Platte Valley Community Center. Thank you to everyone who made the trip. Welcome and good luck to our new WSSA officers and Directors. The BLM released a Draft RMP for the public lands managed in much of Sweetwater County and parts of Lincoln, Sublette, and Fremont counties and the Forest Service is working on Travel Management Plans. These plans will affect all of us. Let's hope the weather brings plenty of snow so we can enjoy riding on public lands this winter. Be prepared. Hope to see you on the trails!

Sweetwater Snowpokes

ANGELINA PRYICH

The Snowpokes held a Fun Run in June at a new location. The route started at Buckboard Marina on the west side of Flaming Gorge Reservoir. The weather was beautiful, the vegetation was green (all the snow and rain), and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Another Fun Run was held in August starting at Kendall Valley Lodge. We had a great turnout and wonderful weather. Thanks to all who rode that day, to the Lodge, to all who support this event. We're glad you enjoy our events and hope you will continue to support the Club by becoming a member.

The safety shelters were tended to for annual maintenance in anticipation of this winter. Thank you to all who check on Strawberry throughout the year. We enjoy hearing about the notes left by visitors from around the world. The woodshed is full! Thank you to all the volunteers who met at Blind Bull the day after the August Fun Run. They put a new coat of stain on the cabin, a new cabinet in the outhouse, trimmed the grass, cleaned the interiors and filled the woodsheds. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way!

We continue to meet every month. Watch the facebook page and future issues of the Wrangler for location and dates.

Here are a few photos of our activities...watch for more in future issues.



The Drift - Everyone got stuck on Friday!



The Drift - Taking participants back to Kendall Valley Lodge on Saturday from Strawberry.



June 3, 2023, near Flaming Gorge.



August Fun Run scenery.



August Fun Run.

Top of the Rockies

CHERYL DICKERSON

It was a busy summer for the club between philanthropy, community events, cooking and motor sports. New officers of the club were elected in the spring as follows: President Alex Sinclair, Vice President Andrea Burchard, Secretary Cheryl Dickerson, with Alana Carpenter remaining as Treasurer. In April, we hosted a hugely successful fundraiser for a longtime local family that had suffered a lot of tragedy. Over \$20,000 was raised and the family was overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and generosity of this community.

Our annual Greys River Clean Up was in early June, delayed a bit by a wet cold May. Like last year, we were pleasantly surprised with how little trash we picked up. The fourth weekend in June, the club set up their cook tent at Alpine Mountain Days, a fun three-day event with vendors, food and music.



As is tradition, club members participated in the 4th of July Parade and the following weekend had a club ride up Squaw Creek to take down our Tipi Safety Shelter.

In August, we hosted our annual Car Show, which was a successful and always fun event with an added bonus of live music this year.

We had a club ride in September to an old gold mine in Idaho. 8 side x sides, 17 people plus one sweet dog and only one mechanical issue.

We are gearing up for Bingo Season on October 6, in which we partner with the American Legion. Bingo is an exciting and popular activity for all ages in Alpine, which raises a lot of revenue for the club.

The Farmer's Almanac predicts a snowy winter, we say bring it on!



District 5

BERT MILLER

Well as the temperature cools down and the leaves on the Aspin trees start changing colors, we have started to see some snow storms up on the high mountains of the Beartooth Mountain range. We held our first club meeting in September and some scheduling for the season. For October we are like a lot of the clubs across the state, and it is time to get the wood cutting job done for the



Safety Shelters. We had a very good turnout this year of club members to kick the wood cutting off.

The Cody Club we would like to give a special thanks to the Nielson family for allowing us to cut wood on their property. This makes things so much easier for the club when you have a place to harvest the firewood. Thank you also to the Lynn Lamb family that owns Little Rock Inc for trucking the Safety Shelter up the mountain and bringing some heavy equipment to help us move the wood. After a long day of cutting and stacking wood we were treated to a great late lunch of homemade beef stew cooked by Ed Higbie. Sure did hit the spot! The Shelter is now on the Beartooth Mountains at Island Lake Campground all staged and ready for the upcoming snowmobile season. So, let's all start thinking snow and thank you all for what you for our sport of snowmobiling.



Ed Higbie 85 years old and going strong cutting wood.



Jamie Alexander leading up the stacking crew.



The Splitting Crew, looking good Trever and Tim.



Look at all that wood!



Look at the size of that log our President Lynn Lamb brought in, great to have that machine helping us.



Here comes the Safety Shelter up the road to it winter home.

Casper Snow Gypsies

BECKY THORNE

The Casper Snow Gypsies hopes you find you all well! Summer has gone fast, school is starting and we are getting geared up for the winter snowmobiling season!

This year the club tried our hands at working for the Central Wyoming Fair and Rodeo for a fundraising event. Club was directing people where to park. With such a great review of the volunteers we were asked to do it again next year. Next, we worked parking duty for Beartrap Festival. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time!

Our club meetings are the second Thursdays of the month at 6 p.m. at Pizza Ranch. Come early with the family and grab a bite to eat. You do not have to buy a meal to attend the meeting.



307 Riders

BRANDON KLEMM

Hello all and welcome to the 23-24 season! Its starting to change quickly outside and the higher elevations are starting to see some frost so it's right around the corner for the best time of the year... Winter! The 307 Riders meetings kicked off in September with a decent turnout and we hope it continues to grow with more members.

The club cut firewood for the Dayton Gulch shelter on 9/24. We had a pretty grim outlook for weather that weekend but Sunday shaped up to be a really awesome day for weather and to get stuff done. I read through the guest book and there is a lot of great things written down, some funny, and some out there but the efforts of what all of us do isn't unnoticed at least! I'm sure shelters across the state all received the same.

Let's continue to spread awareness and have so much fun doing what we love when the snow piles up!

Best regards from the 307 Riders!



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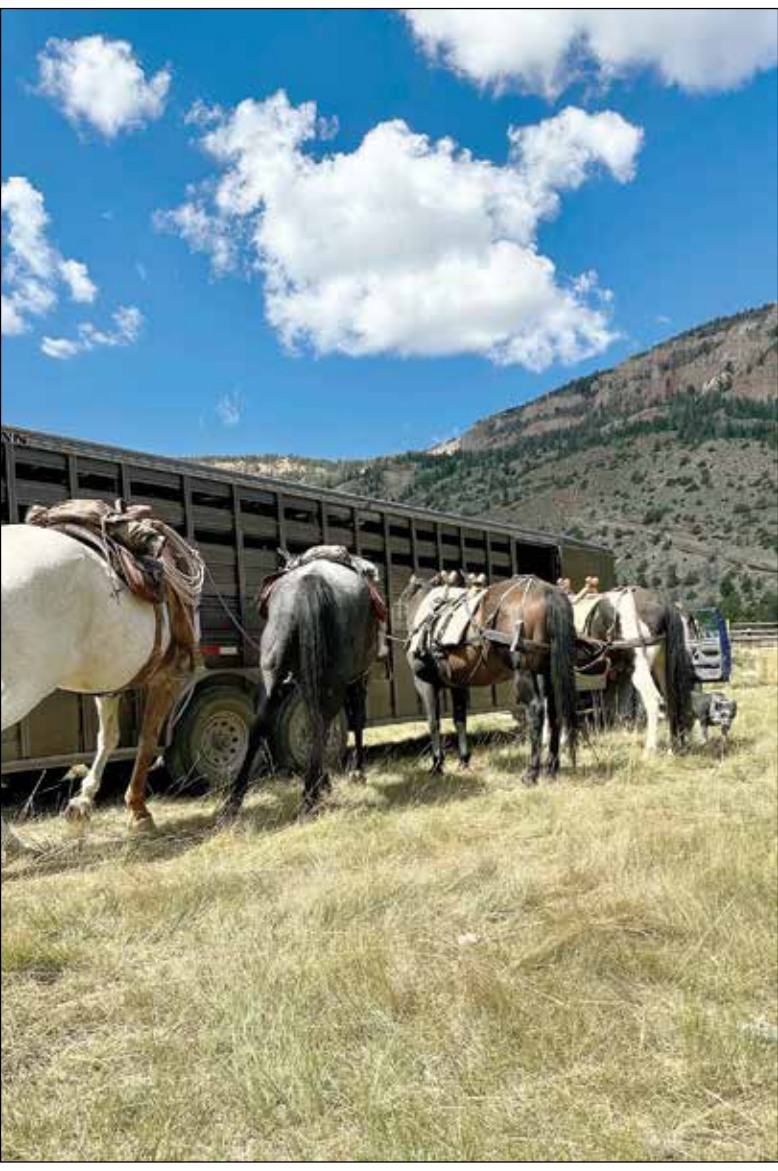
Greetings from the Dubois Sno-Katters. As we start into fall, I hope you've had a great summer. I hope everyone else was as lucky as I in being able to spend some time in the woods. This summer we found ourselves slowly bouncing down the trail on an ATV or a horse for hours on end to travel what would be a quick journey on a snowmobile.

Some of my family's highlights were spent in the mountains using our horses and moseying around the hills in a 1946 Jeep Willy's that I've spent years restoring. It's given me a whole new respect for the pioneers who forged the trails that we often take for granted today. They must have made folks tougher back then.

But as it cools down, I'm sure looking forward to throwing a leg over a snowmobile. I'm trying not to get too anxious looking at the predicted snow forecast. I've learned

my lesson in early-season riding, and I am all too familiar with the parts department of our local dealer. So, I think I'll keep my sled in storage just a little longer and stick to watching videos of people riding bar-deep powder, allowing myself an occasional snowy daydream.

As far as our club goes, we are only just getting ramped back up for the season. I anticipate we'll be spending some time this month preparing the safely shelters and visiting our members. I hope everyone has a great fall and I'm looking forward to seeing you on the hill this season.



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Jackson Hole Snow Devils

COURTNEY HODGES

Happy fall everyone. The temperatures are getting colder and our favorite season of all is on its way. Over the spring and start of summer the Snow Devils were a little busy. We began May with our spring highway cleanup, which had a great turn out from our membership. In June, we celebrated a successful 2023 season and Father's Day by having a fabulous end of year celebration for our members. The weekend was filled with a golf tournament, catching up and games that even the adults joined in on.

Now as we head into another season, the Snow Devils are dusting off their to-do lists before the snow flies, and preparing for our first meeting on the 4th of October. We will also be completing one final highway cleanup for the year as a club to help keep our roadways clean.

Everyone stay safe and we will see you on the hill!



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