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# WSSA Vice President



## JAY SLAGOWSKI

Hello again fellow Sled Heads!

As the sun sets on fall 2024, and the bears are getting ready to hibernate, its been nice to finally have some clean air to breath here in the Upper Wind, as we are finally thru with the summer wild fires for the most part. For those clubs that did have wild fires in their areas, please keep in mind that depending on how long the area closures were in place, many of our trails and safety shelters may need some extensive clean up prior to grooming season, and after talking with Wyoming State Trails, they plan to focus on the areas most impacted by the fires ASAP but it may be something we can give them a hand with once the initial impact assessments are finished.

After a very busy summer filled with WSSA business and a couple of fishing trips thrown in for good measure, I'm starting to get excited for winter to set in. As I reflect back, it doesn't seem that long ago since we had the massive snow storm at Fun Days in Dubois last spring and I hope we get those types of storms a little more

often this season.

It was great to catch up on what your clubs have been up to in the October issue and as always, you are all "knocking it out of the park" when it comes to service projects and volunteering in the community. Keep up the good work, and be sure to let me or any of the other WSSA officers know if you need help with club things as we move forward.

We have been able to work through the last couple glitches you probably noticed with the new WSSA outreach request form and the sponsor membership application so hopefully by the time you're reading this, both will be fixed and up live on the WSSA web site so when you get a minute, go check out what they have to offer.

To close things out for the month, after you finish putting away the summer power toys and deck furniture, don't forget to go through your tunnel bags and any packs to check for really old, half eaten lunches and make sure those tools are ready to go and then check out The Rev it up Girls Rider Check List also on the WSSA web site

Always look ahead.



## On The Cover



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## WSSA President

**BRENDA MILLER**

Did you know that the first snowmobile was invented in the 1920s by a young Canadian named Jowph-Armand Bombardier? He designed it to help navigate snowy terrain more easily, paving the way for the snowmobiles we love today!

Happy fall everyone! Congrats to all of you for all the hard work you are all doing. Cutting wood, clearing trail, and getting your safety shelters ready for the season. It has also been fun to see the other things that the clubs are doing to get into the swing of things like hosting bingo nights and planning for the season ahead.

As we all ramp up the 2024-2025 season remember that we are all working towards the goal of protecting, improving and enjoying snowmobiling in Wyoming. With that said, remember that if your mailing address or your email address has changed be sure to let your club know. It is important that everyone's information is current and up to date, this is how you get the updated information from your club and from WSSA. Each club will soon receive forms from the WSSA secretary asking for the current information for each club officer, we want to make sure that we have the correct details on file for your club.

Also remember that as the season progresses keep track of all your volunteer hours as well as any money that you donate to charities. We gather this information at the end of the season (the weekend of Fun Days) and we report it on a national level. Wyoming is a small state, but we have done big things, and we should continue to be proud of the things that we do.

We are continually recruiting others to join clubs in the areas where you ride. Don't hesitate to reach out to the representative in your area or to any of the association's officers. Remember that your involvement in your club is key! Without volunteers like all of you we would not be able to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the thrill of snowmobiling, just as you do today.

Recently I reached out to Arctic FX Graphic to inquire about their "Partnership Program". This program will be an incredible opportunity for our association to generate additional revenue while providing discounts to our members. They are currently working on our onboarding process. I would love to know of any events that your club has planned for the season so that I can share that information with them. More information to come soon!

Here are some upcoming WSSA and national events and deadlines that you can put on your calendar for you and your club to keep in mind as the season progresses:

- January 11-19, 2025 – International Snowmobile Safety Week
- January 15, 2025 – No Trespassing Snowmobile Awareness Contest Deadline (<https://www.snowmobilers.org/docs/ACSA-no-trespass-contest-2024.pdf>)
- February 1, 2025 – WSSA Scholarship deadline, WSSA Awards deadline, Wyoming State Trails Awards deadline
- February 1, 2025 - American Council of Snowmobile Association (ACSA) Scholarship Deadline (<https://www.snowmobilers.org/acsa-scholarships.aspx>)
- February 8-17, 2025 – Take a Friend Snowmobiling Campaign
- February 20-23, 2025 – ACSA Mountain Riding Summit – Elk View Inn, Bighorn Mountains
- March 7-9, 2025 – Fun Days, hosted by Sweetwater Snowpokes, Rock Springs
- March 20-23, 2025 – World Championship Hill Climb, Jackson
- June 2025 – 57th International Snowmobile Congress – Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada

In closing, I hope all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving and that you have started making out your Christmas list. The holidays will be here and gone before we know it.

Looking forward to a GREAT snow season!

## Scholarship Chairman

**SHANNON GLANDT**

Hello Fellow Snowmobilers!

The 2025 WSSA Scholarship rules, application and essay topic are now available. You can reach out to your Club or WSSA District Rep for details, find on the WSSA website, or feel free to contact me for details ([shannonglandt@gmail.com](mailto:shannonglandt@gmail.com)).

There is an additional fun activity included again this year for students to potentially win a \$500 gift card so don't miss out!

Last year the WSSA was excited to give away 8 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 - \$4,000, for a total of \$20,000. You are all AMAZING! Your support for this program over the years has made it such an incredible success and we look forward to continuing to provide scholarships to our club high school seniors and college students.

Over the past 16 years we have given away 148 scholarships totaling \$230,650 (and this doesn't count the years prior to 2009 so this total is significantly more). WOW!

The WSSA Scholarship submission deadline is February 1, 2025, and winners will be announced at Fun Days in Rock Springs in March. See you all there!

## 2025 WSSA Scholarship Application

Please submit all questions and completed forms to:  
Shannon Glandt – [shannonglandt@gmail.com](mailto:shannonglandt@gmail.com)

The Wyoming State Snowmobile Association (WSSA) will again be offering scholarships to either graduating high school seniors or persons currently enrolled in college full time (12 semester credits), either physically or online. Scholarships will be given to the winners regardless of other grants or scholarships that the students may also receive.

Requirements are as follows:

- The applicant or immediate family must be an active paying member of a club in the WSSA. That club must confirm the applicant, or immediate family is in fact active. A letter of approval with a signature from the club President is required.
- The applicant must submit the completed application form.
- The applicant must submit a cover letter.
- The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular activities.
- The applicant must submit an essay (essay subject located on the application form). The essay MUST follow the format below to be accepted and should be sent in Word or Google Docs:
  - Minimum of 2 pages – typed.
  - Double-spaced.
  - Font – Times New Roman.

**SEE "SCHOLARSHIP: PAGE 4**

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**SCHOLARSHIP:**

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- Font size – 12 point.
- Margins – set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
- Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1” margin).
- A one-line header can be added 1 inch from the top of the 1st page, and then enter a double space and begin your essay. Do not include the full topic - one line only.
- Do NOT include your name, OR the name of your club, school, town, business, etc...anywhere within the essay. For example, you should use “my local club”, “my high school”, “my local riding area”, and “my hometown”, instead of actual names.
- (NOTE: This information will be included within your application/resume/cover letter where applicable, just not within the essay).
- Do NOT use bold-faced type or other special settings.
- If work is cited, please add an additional ‘work-cited’ page at the end of the essay. This information will NOT be counted as part of the 2-page minimum.
- The essay must follow the essay topic or be disqualified.
- Students are not allowed to use any kind of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology such as ChatGPT to write the essay.
- The applicable documents must be received by the WSSA Scholarship Chairman by February 1, 2025.

\*Any entry that does not meet ALL of these requirements will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS\*

Additional rules:

1. Students must use the scholarship within one year of receiving it.
2. All scholarship checks will be written directly to the college and not to the student - no exceptions.
3. The student ID#, college name and address to send the scholarship check to, needs to be provided to the WSSA Scholarship Chairman by August 1st of the current year OR within 30 days of enrollment.

**Essay Topic:**

Conduct an interview with a BLM, Forest Service, or Local Conservation District employee, to determine their thoughts on snowmobiling and travel management. Please share your questions and their responses, as well as your personal thoughts regarding the interview.

Here is a list of a few questions to potentially ask to get you started:

\*Possible questions to pose during the interview (please be creative):

1. What are your thoughts on snowmobiling?
2. What are your thoughts on travel management?
3. What are your thoughts on multi-use on public lands?
4. Who are their partners in managing their trails program?

5. What may restrict or prohibit motorized use in their travel management plans?
6. How do they enforce and educate travel management rules and laws?

Extra, FUN activity – this does NOT count towards your essay judging and is not required, but we hope you will enter a video!

- Create a 30-second video (TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, your phone, etc...) letting your peers know why they should join a snowmobile club. Make it fun and creative! The person who creates the best video will receive a \$500 Visa gift card.

\*\*Disclaimer: providing this video allows the WSSA to use the video on our website and social media sites, as well as for various events.

**WSSA Scholarship Program**

Year	# of Scholarships	Total Amount	\$ Range of Scholarships
2009	6	\$6,000.00	\$500 - \$1,500
2010	5	\$4,950.00	\$500 - \$1,500
2011	10	\$9,000.00	\$500 - \$1,750
2012	10	\$14,000.00	\$500 - \$2,500
2013	13	\$15,900.00	\$500 - \$2,500
2014	11	\$19,250.00	\$750 - \$3,250
2015	7	\$17,050.00	\$1,500 - \$3,500
2016	7	\$6,500.00	\$500 - \$2,000
2017	9	\$14,000.00	\$500 - \$3,000
2018	12	\$13,000.00	\$500 - \$2,500
2019	10	\$20,000.00	\$500 - \$4,000
2020	9	\$16,500.00	\$500 - \$3,500
2021	11	\$15,000.00	\$500 - \$3,000
2022	11	\$20,000.00	\$500 - \$3,500
2023	9	\$19,500.00	\$500 - \$3,500
2024	8	\$20,000.00	\$1,000 - \$4,000
TOTAL	148	\$230,650.00	

**WSSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2025**

**Applicant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State / Province:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State Association / Provincial Federation:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Member of which local Club(s)?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Graduated from what high school or GED equivalent?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending which college, technical or vocational institute?**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**If already enrolled in a program, what year are you in?** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School or Equivalent GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If applicable, College, Technical or Vocational GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Have you attached a cover letter introducing yourself?**
- Have you attached a resume detailing your involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular school activities?**
- Have you attached an essay on the following subject (must be at least 2 pages, double-spaced and typed)?**
- Have you attached a letter of approval with a signature from the club President verifying you or your immediate family is an active, paying member of the club?**

Essays will be judged on depth of content, clarity, organization, and persuasiveness.

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# Lander Snowdrifters

CAL ANACKER

Hello from the Lander Snowdrifters!

Highlights of our first Club meeting of the year in October included: discussions on our membership drive, received a report from District 7 Representative Bruce Kamminga on the WSSA fall meeting held in Riverton, plans for the season schedule of events and handed out some awards from last season's WSSA Fun Days.

The Club is making progress on clearing the Lander Area Side Trails as well with two out of the three done, parts of these trails follow hiking and ATV trails on Forest Service lands. What is always amazing is the amount of snow needed to cover the boulders for smooth winter time trails and how much nicer it is to ride a snowmobile to a destination versus the bone jarring, teeth clenching ATV adventures.

On a sadder note, the Lander business and snowmobile community lost three members this past summer and fall with the passing of Bob Jacob, Rolly Gimple and Kenny Hewitt. These men served many roles in the Club and/or the development of the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail.



Steve Waldrep, Male Snowmobiler of the Year. Chad Franke, Groomer of the Year.



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## Rev It Up Girls

ÉVA KIRCHLECHNER

### HOW DO YOU KNOW WINTER IS COMING?

It's now dark when we wake and it's dark when we get home from work. The beautiful fall leaves have made their descent to the ground. Snow blankets the higher elevations. It's time for pumpkin lattes, beanies, winter boots, and flannel shirts. While most are dreaming of the snow ...

We are diligently planning for our 5th Annual Avy Savy and Survival at the Community Center in Etna, Wyoming, on December 6th and 7th, 2024. Our guest speakers include Bridger Teton Avalanche Center, 801 Mountain Riders, and a few other surprises. On Friday evening, we will have indoor avalanche preparedness sessions, with beacon and probe practice, and discussions on high-altitude medical topics. Saturday will feature an on-snow beacon search and medical preparedness from 9 AM to 12 PM, if we have enough snow, we'll also enjoy a short afternoon snowmobile ride. Please bring your avalanche packs, probe, radios & shovels to both Friday and Saturday FREE events.

### REV IT UP GIRLS RECIPE CORNER

Looking for your next snowmobile recipe? Here's a list of our club's favorites. Bon appétit.

LEFT OVERS, were number 1 on the list to bring snowmobiling.

WHAT'S HOT runner ups included: Sliders, brisket with veggies, buffalo chicken, meatballs and sweet bay rays, beef stew, ham and cheese sandwich-

es, lasagna, shepherds pie, smoked brisket, eggs sausage potatoes omelet thingy, Sweet sour chicken, teriyaki chicken, roast beef with potatoes and carrots, pizza, smokies in bar-a sauce, Frozen burritos, Breakfast burritos, package of breakfast sausages, bratwurst, cheesy sausages, pizza rolls, chili, shrimp scampi, and for dessert apple pie in muffin put is scrumptious.

Have you tried Sushi, deli sandwiches or charcuterie board; best way to bring these delicacies is use a thin tackle box.

Snacks: power/ protein bars get boring... we prefer jerky, pitted dates, apples, clementines/cuties, frozen grapes, cookies, jelly beans, chocolates Gummi bears, gummi worms, Reese peanut butter cups, Oreos, chicken n basket, mixed nuts, M&Ms, trail mix, dried fruit, Smoked salmon, carrot sticks, sugar snap peas,

honey stingers, mango bears, pickles and anything last minute find at the fuel stop.

### ANNUAL PRE-SEASON CHECKLIST

Before using the Wrangler to start your next chimney fire on these cold, brisk days, take a pair of scissors, cut out our checklist. Then hang it on the fridge or in your snowmobile trailer. Better yet, use our QR code to download it to your phone.



It's time to get out your snowmobile gear, including avalanche packs, boots, and helmets. Discard any old, nasty yellow tissues. Re-examine your medical kit and your snowmobile or snow-

bike tool kit. Make sure to charge your radios, GoPros, GPS units, avalanche packs, beacons, and gloves. I take it a step further: once charged, I turn them on for 10 hours to check if they hold a charge. If they don't, it's time to replace batteries and/or equipment. Wash and waterproof monosuit, jackets and pants. Check boots for holes. Now repack everything you have and get yourself a hot totty and wait for snow to fly.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Here is a list of our winter events and locations.

November 22, 2024 Star Valley WY Club Meeting (Season Opener)

November 23, 2024 Star Valley WY (Snow Dependent)

December 6-7 Avy Savy and Survival Etna, WY

December 20, 2024 Star Valley WY Club Meeting

December 21, 2024 Star Valley WY Club Ride

January 10-11, 2025 Box Y Ride Alpine, WY

January 18, 2025 Utah hosted ride

January 25, 2025 Montana club ride

January 29-February 2, 2025 >>> 3rd Annual Riding Retreat Afton, WY

February 20-23, 2025 Club Meeting and Club Ride Island Park, ID

March 7-8, 2025 WYSSA Rock Springs, WY

March 14, 2025 - Club Meeting

March 15, 2025 COED Ride Star Valley, WY (WY Season Finale)

March 22, 2025 Montana Club Ride (MT Season Finale)

For more information go to our Facebook book page.

SNOWMOBILE TOOL KIT	Rev It Up Girls	WHAT TO BRING IN YOUR PACK
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spring puller</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Exhaust Spring</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Allen/TORX combo wrenches</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Socket Wrench... 8-17 mm</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wrench (combo box/open) 8-17 mm</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small crescent wrench</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Multipurpose tool (Leather-man)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wire cutters</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Vice grip small</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Needle nose pliers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Zip ties... heavy duty, various sizes</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lock-tite or JB Weld stick</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Relays</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Spark plugs w/ wrench</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra clutch belt</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra drive belt</li> </ul>	<p><b>DECISION MAKING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check Avy and weather report</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Never ride alone</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Always bring your safety equipment even on short rides</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Group check... all beacons and radios are working properly</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tell someone where you are going and expected return time.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Always wear your tether</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use hand signals on the trail</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wait at all turns for all party members</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Avoid known Avy areas when possible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cross Avy terrain one at a time</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Don't park at the bottom of a hill</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> One at a time when playing on a hill</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Don't help a stuck sled in Avy terrain</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If someone is missing...go back to last known area</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> If you are lost...stay in one place make a plan to spend the night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Shovel (not plastic)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Probe</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fire starter / Signal Flare</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Radio</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight (Headlamp)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Compass</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Map</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Rope</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tape (Gorilla &amp; Electric)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> GPS/SPOT/GARMIN</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Batteries</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tissues</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hand and toe warmers</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency blanket</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Saw</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Snacks (emergency food)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Small metal bottle to melt snow for water</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dry socks, beanie, gloves</li> </ul> <p><b>WHAT TO BRING ON YOUR SLED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extra shovel</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Medical kit (See Left)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile Tool Kit (See Left)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bungees</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tow Rope / Para-cord</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tape (Gorilla &amp; Electric)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fire starter</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hydration</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Food (Lunch) / Snacks</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Thermos</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hatchet or saw</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Emergency blanket</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dry base layer, gloves, hat, balaclava and goggles</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Signal flares</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Gas siphon</li> </ul>

THIS LIST IS NOT ALL INCLUSIVE ON WHAT TO BRING OR DECISION MAKING

# Top of the Rockies

HOLLY SINCLAIR

Hello fellow snow lovers,  
We are very excited for the upcoming snow season. The Steer creek shelter is in place and ready for use. Murphy shelter and Squaw creek will be placed later.

Our collaboration with the American Legion Bingo nights has been a big success. We look forward to working with them again this season.

We will be serving up our annual Thanksgiving dinner so if you are in the Alpine area stop by and grab some grub at the Civic Center.

Hoping for a big winter,  
Holly Sinclair



When: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month  
Where: Alpine Civic Center  
When: Doors open at 6:30 pm  
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# District 9 Representative

GEORGE PRYICH

Since the last issue, the club anxiously watched the Pack Trail Fire burn in heavy timber in inaccessible terrain full of beetle-killed trees and deadfall. For 4 weeks, club members were checking the Watch Duty app and Forest Service updates daily. A collective sigh of relief was heard throughout the state when the weather brought rain, then snow to the Pack Trail and Elk fires.

The fire confinement is at 95% and the Bridger-Teton Forest office reopened the roads and lifted the Forest closure order, effective November 4. Please be careful if traveling into the fire areas. The roads may not be accessible and may be full of hazards. Stay safe. If you plan to drive to the Strawberry Shelter, please let the Sweetwater Snowpokes know as it may not be open to the public yet until we get club members in there to check it out. If you can help, please let us know by email.

The club will need to assess what cleanup is needed around the shelter. We will be planning work weekends depending on what is needed for fire protection and will be coordinating with the Pinedale Forest Service office.



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Close to Strawberry Safety Shelter and Fish Creek Guard Station. Strawberry Safety Shelter was wrapped and combustibles were cleared away. Fish Creek Guard Station buildings wrapped.**

There may be a significant amount of damage to the trails which will affect snowmobiling in the area. Once declared safe to enter the area, Wyoming State Trails and others may be busy clearing and marking the routes for snowmobile trails. please be aware of trail information pertaining to the fire areas.

This fire will probably affect the course of The Drift 100. The organizers will let us know what route they will choose depending on available trails not damaged

from the fire.

THANK YOU to all the Firefighters, Incident Management Teams and their updates, interagency cooperation, all the support that serves the Firefighters, and to the families of those who worked the Pack Trail Fire.

We are hoping there will be more snow this season. Be prepared.

The Fun Days preparations continue; be sure to register early.

# Sweetwater Snowpokes

ANGELINA PRYICH

Contributors include Margaret LaPorte, Pete Leibe, Chris LaPorte.

The Sweetwater Snowpokes had the opportunity to participate in International Snowmobile Day on October 26 at the Rocky Mountain Powersports Pinedale store "Pray for Snow" event. The Snowpokes participation in the event was made possible through sponsorship from the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association.

The club was represented by the LaPorte Family who had a booth at the event displaying the Snowpokes club banner, safety posters made by club youth members, and snowmobiler avalanche safety gear and tunnel bag survival gear were on display to strike up conversations with attendees. And plenty of WSSA and Snowpokes swag. The Snowpokes had an avalanche beacon location contest for the fastest location of the hidden beacon, cornhole games, hot chocolate and s'mores, and Rocky Mountain Powersports provided a jumpy house for the kids.

There were club membership opportunities while we talked to folks on the importance of joining a club to help maintain our trails and safety shelters and keep our public land open for generations to come. Information displayed on the upcoming WSSA annual Fun Days that will be hosted by the Snowpokes in March.

Also at Pray for Snow was Tip Top Search and Rescue, Factory Can-Am and Off the Bench Food Truck & Catering. There was decent community turnout and members from other WSSA clubs such as the Snow Devils, Top of the Rockies, Lander Snow Drifters and Rev It Up Girls who visited the event.

Overall, it was a success bringing together snowmobile and winter sports enthusiasts to get stoked for this winter season. And the Pray for Snow event worked bringing the first winter storm to Sweetwater County the following week.



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Jona Eliason presenting the International Dealer of the Year award to Rocky Mountain Powersports prior to induction into Hall of Fame in Eagle River, Wisconsin. Booth at Pray for Snow Festival. Booth display. Thanks to LaPorte family. Friends visit!**



# Jackson Hole Snow Devils

COURTNEY HODGES RUDDAT

Happy November! Last month the Snow Devils kicked off our winter season with our first meeting of 2024-2025. It was great to see new faces joining the club and catch up with old friends that we don't get to see much over the summer months. We had our fall highway clean-up on October 19, with a great turnout from the members, we were able to get our section of highway cleared of the summer months trash. Our little devils decided to jump right in with their community service for the season. To start their year off they will be doing a Change Drive at our Novem-

ber meeting to raise money to help stock our local food cupboard for the long winter ahead. Can't wait to see what else the little devils have in store for the rest of the season!

We had our first snowstorm right on schedule to make Halloween a bit cold, even though the snow didn't stick around much we are anxiously awaiting the next storm. While we wait we will do our pre-season preparations on our equipment and double check all our avy gear to be prepared for when the riding gets good.

We're doing our snow dance in hopes of a great snow year so we can get out there and enjoy our favorite winter sport very soon!

# 307 Riders

BRANDON KLEMM

Hello all I hope everyone is getting geared up for the 24-25 snowmobile season! I'll take the blame for missing the first paper as well, everybody gets busy it seems. As everyone across the state noticed it was a really dry and hot summer, especially around the northwest corner of the state. We suffered wildfires around most of Campbell County and Johnson County around Buffalo. The Elk Creek Fire in the bighorns has consumed close to 100,000 acres and the northern Big Horns will never be the same. Hopefully this year mother nature will take care of the drought and give an epic season of snow across the state and the entire rocky mountain region for the mountain riders!

With all of the fires going on the mountain we have been off to an unusually slow start for our fall activities. We haven't made it to our warming huts yet to check on the fire wood supply but we may take advantage of it this season and use snowmobiles to go the shelters and restock as needed supplies, etc. We had a very low snow year last season and the shelters had minimal use unfortunately.

As we kicked off the season, we also voted in new board members! On behalf of the 307 Riders Snowmobile Club I would like to congratulate Lance Byrd, President; James Sanburn, Vice President; Heidi Weeks, Treasurer; Jamie Stephens, Secretary and Brandon Klemm District 6 Rep. Have a great November and let's get the turkeys out of the way and start getting ready for the snow to fly!



## WYOMING STATE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION FUN DAYS

MARCH 7-9, 2025 – Rock Springs

HOSTED BY: Sweetwater Snowpokes – PO Box 1731 Rock Springs WY 82902

Register by mail or at <https://snowmobilewyoming.org/wssa-events/>

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fees (Dinner included):

Adults	\$125 (\$135 after 2/1/25)	x _____	= \$ _____	Shirt Size _____
Youth (6-12)	\$75	x _____	= \$ _____	Shirt Size _____
Child (≤ 5)	\$25	x _____	= \$ _____	Shirt Size _____

Dinner only: \$45 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Menu: Ribeye - Qty: \_\_\_\_; Chicken Alfredo - Qty: \_\_\_\_; Vegetarian Lasagna - Qty: \_\_\_\_

### Registration Fee Includes:

- ✓Friday Night Pizza                      ✓Swag Bag                                      ✓1 Drink Ticket
- ✓Saturday Ride                              ✓Saturday Night Dinner                      ✓21 & over Tour Bus Pub Fun Run

Friday: Charter Bus Pub Crawl - 21 and over - Qty: \_\_\_\_

Saturday Rides: (subject to weather conditions and ORV / OSV registration required)

Snowmobile: Trail Ride - Qty: \_\_\_\_; Intermediate Ride - Qty: \_\_\_\_; Advanced Ride - Qty: \_\_\_\_

SxS/ATV Ride to Killpecker Sand Dunes (Flag on machine required) - Qty: \_\_\_\_

Paint party at Holiday Inn Banquet room - Qty: \_\_\_\_

### Lodging:

- Holiday Inn Rock Springs 1675 Sunset Dr. Rock Springs WY 82901 (307-382-9200) (event will be held at Ballroom on location) (must book by 2/20/25 for discounted rate)
- Discounted group rate: Standard King \$99
- Discounted group rate: Standard two queen \$99
- Discounted group rate: Standard single queen \$99
- Discounted group rate: Executive King \$109
- Discounted group rate: Executive two queen \$109
- Old Chicago 2+2+2 Breakfast for \$5 per person. Children 12 and under eat free off kids menu when accompanied by a paying adult.

# Deadline

# for the next

# Wrangler is

# December 9

# Support those who support our efforts!

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# Dubois Sno-Katters

**CALLIE SLAGOWSKI**

Greetings from the Dubois Sno-Katters!

I hope everyone had a great summer and fall! Our family sure had a lot of wonderful adventures in the off-season. We spent a lot of time in the mountains and had some quality time with family. While us adults have been thinking about getting fall chores wrapped up, every time we get a snow-skiff our daughter has been thinking about getting out her snowmobile! Our club will be working on getting the safety shelters stocked with wood and doing whatever maintenance necessary to keep the shelters in good condition. We are sure glad the fires on the mountain are no longer blazing and are very grateful to the firefighters and crews who worked so hard on the multiple

fires in the area. Here's to hoping for much more snow as the winter progresses and to seeing many of you on the mountain this season!



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# Cody Country Snowmobile Association

**BERT MILLER**  
DISTRICT 5 REPRESENTATIVE

Hi all,  
We have had a great fall, the leaves on the trees have turned beautiful colors and now are hitting the ground. By the time you read this article CCSA will have had three meetings and we are happy to say the meetings have been well attended. Our meeting host this year is the Holiday Inn in Cody.

At our meetings we have been blessed to meet some new members who have recently joined CCSA and we are very excited about the upcoming season. We are planning and setting budgets for the upcoming Avalanche training this coming January 3 and 4. Friday evening the 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have classroom training at the Holiday Inn that will also include sandwiches for those who attend. Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> will be the field day training with lunch provided for those how attend. We will also have special drawings on both days.

We have also had a great turnout for the back trail A clean up this year. This portion of Trail A is the back trail that leads from the junction of Wyoming Hwy 296 and Hwy 212 to Pilot Creek. The parking area that links our trail system to Cooke City, Montana's trail system. We are so lucky to be able to link our Wyoming and Montana trail



systems. Just think about it, you can ride the Beartooth mountain range and Cooke City in the same day. But a word to the wise, these two trails' systems have so much to offer, take two or three days and enjoy!

As we get ready for the upcoming season, we will have the U Turn area on trail A headed up the Beartooths at the bathrooms as we did last year. Thank you to our partners Park County Road and Bridge, WYDOT, and Wyoming State Trails for your help. Please enjoy a few pictures we have sent in from the back trail clean up and some sign repairs as well.

Let's all do the snow DANCE!

