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WSSA President

JAY SLAGOWSKI

Happy New Year, fellow snowmobilers!

I hope you have had a great holiday season and have been able to get out on the snow with family and friends.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter we traveled on the 13 of December to draw the winners for the WSSA sled and avy gear raffle. The folks at RSC Power Sports in Cody were awesome partners throughout the project, not only providing us a great deal on the 2025, 850 Khaos Boost, but were also generous enough to host an open house on the day of our drawing.

A big thanks also goes out to Cameron Chimenti of 3C Guiding of Laramie for providing us with the top-of-the-line BCA Avy Gear Package and finally, to all of the hard-working WSSA members that made this project a great success.

Congratulations to the 2025 WSSA Sled and Avy Gear raffle winners!

- Third place winner of the \$1,000.00

Dollars - George Prych, The Sweetwater County Snowpokes

• Second place winner of the BCA Avy Gear Package – Elite Oilfield Services of Laramie WY

• Grand prize winner of the 2025 850 Khaos/ Boost – Elite Oilfield Services of Laramie WY

As we move into 2026, I'm looking forward to more time out on the snow and hopefully to seeing many of you in West Yellowstone at the ACSA Mountain Riding Summit or at the very last at Fun Days in Cody.

Please take the time to "make a plan" for your rides and share that information with people that you can count on if needed. Make sure your sleds are maintained, and your safety and survival gear are in good working order and always remember the end game is for everyone to come home tired and smiling. Always Look Ahead.



Wyoming State Snowmobile Association Fun Days 2026

BEARTOOTH RIDES AND GUIDES RIDING CLINIC

Hosted by Beartooth Rides & Guides "A Ride Rasmussen Style Provider"

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026

Location: Beartooth Mountains, Wyoming
Meeting Location: Beartooth Hwy Parking Lot at 8:30AM

Time: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
(On the road back to Cody by 3PM to make it back to Cody for 5:30PM Happy Hour)

BUILD CONFIDENCE and PROGRESS YOUR BACKCOUNTRY RIDING SKILLS.

Clinic is open to Beginner through Expert riders. Participants will be divided into two groups based on riding ability to allow for skill development at all levels.

BEGINNER / INTERMEDIATE GROUP

- ✓ Rider Positions
- ✓ Line selection fundamentals
- ✓ Beginner Slope Traversing(both directions)
- ✓ Momentum management "trottle and brake control"
- ✓ Efficient unstuck techniques
- ✓ Confidence-bulding in terrain

REQUIRED GEAR

- Newer Mountain sled in good mechanical condition
- Backpack, Beacon, Shovel, Probe, Radio

ADVANCED/ EXPERT GROUP

- ✓ Progress your riding technique in technical terrain
- ✓ Technical tree riding
- ✓ Moving through rider positions with less effort & faster transitions
- ✓ Terrain reading & line choice and flow
- ✓ Efficient movement in complex terrain
- ✓ Advanced recovery skills

LIMITED SPOTS – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Secure your spot for this exclusive FREE WSSA Fun Days Clinic.

Call or Email: Jake at Beartooth Rides and Guides

beartoothridesandguides@gmail.com 307-254-5703



2025 WSSA Raffle Grand Prize won by Elite Oilfield Services of Laramie, Wyoming.

Deadline for the next Wrangler will be Feb. 9!

Please send all news and advertising to stan@sundancetimes.com

WSSA Scholarship Chairman

SHANNON GLANDT

Happy New Year!

Just a reminder that the WSSA scholarship deadline is coming up on Feb. 1. The essay topic and paperwork can be found on the WSSA website or feel free to reach out to me for details – shannonglandt@gmail.com.

Also, please encourage the students to submit their video (information on the scholarship form below the topic) for a chance to win \$500!

I look forward to seeing you all in Cody in March for Fun Days!

WSSA Secretary/ Treasurer

SUNNY MADDEN

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! I can't believe we are already in January and the temperatures are still in the 40s here in Laramie! This weather is no fun for someone who loves winter. Thankfully Fun Days will be here before we know it and that has seemed to cause some fairly significant snowfall the last several years in the hosting towns.

On that topic, you can now register for Fun Days online at: <https://snowmobilewyoming.org/wssa-events/>. Be sure to register before February 1st when registration fees increase. If you prefer to register via mail, you can download the registration form from the website as well.

I still have a bunch of raffle tickets for the WSSA Visa gift card raffle. Please let me know how many you need and I can get them mailed out. Just a reminder to please bring a check from your club or checks from the ticket buyers for all raffle tickets sold. As a cash handling safety precaution, I am asking that you DO NOT bring me a huge stack of cash.

Also please be on the lookout for an email from me with the Club Awards nominations. Please have those filled out and returned to myself and/or Holly by Feb. 1 so we have plenty of time to get the plaques printed. Holly's email is wssaholly@gmail.com.

Another Feb.1 deadline is for the WSSA Scholarship applications. Those must be submitted to Shannon no later than Feb. 1 to be eligible for the scholarship money. Shannon's email is: shannonlandt@gmail.com. Please contact her with questions about the scholarship program.

Let's all get to work on perfecting those snow dances!

On The Cover

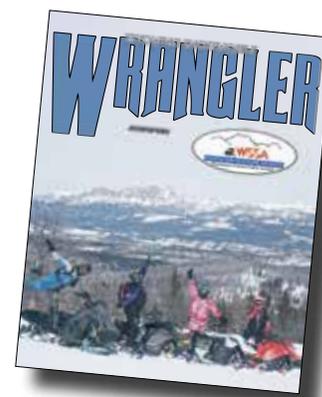


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WYOMING STATE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION FUN DAYS MARCH 6-8, 2026

Host: **Cody Country Snowmobile Association – PO Box 1745 Cody, WY 82414**
Register by mail or at <https://snowmobilewyoming.org/wssa-events/>

Name(s): _____
 Youth Name(s): _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Club Name _____

Registration Fees (for whole event):

| | | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Adults: | \$125 (\$135 after 2/1/26) | x _____ = \$ _____ | T-Shirt Size(s) _____ |
| Youth (7-12) | \$ 85 (\$ 95 after 2/1/26) | x _____ = \$ _____ | T-Shirt Size(s) _____ |
| Child (≤ 6) | \$ 20 (\$ 30 After 2/1/26) | x _____ = \$ _____ | T-Shirt Size(s) _____ |

Saturday Dinner only (includes registration):

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|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Adults: | \$50 x _____ = _____ | T-Shirt: \$15 x _____ = _____ | T-Shirt Size(s) _____ |
| Youth (7-12) | \$25 x _____ = _____ | T-Shirt: \$15 x _____ = _____ | T-Shirt Size(s) _____ |
| Child (≤ 6) | \$5 x _____ = _____ | T-Shirt: \$10 x _____ = _____ | T-Shirt Size(s) _____ |

Registration Fee for the whole event Includes:

- Friday Night Social
- Friday Night Singo Event
- Swag Bag
- Saturday Ride/Lunch
- Saturday Night Dinner
- T-Shirt

Saturday Rides: (OSV registration required & proper avalanche safety gear)

Trail & Intermediate Ride - Qty: _____ Advanced Ride - Qty: _____
 Skills Ride (see attached flyer) - Qty: _____

Lodging: Mention **WSSA Fun Days** for blocked room rate (both hotels are on the same property)

- **Holiday Inn Cody – 307-587-5555** (restaurant on site)
 - **Comfort Inn Cody – 307-587-5556** (continental breakfast included)
- Must call the number(s) above to get discounted rate.**



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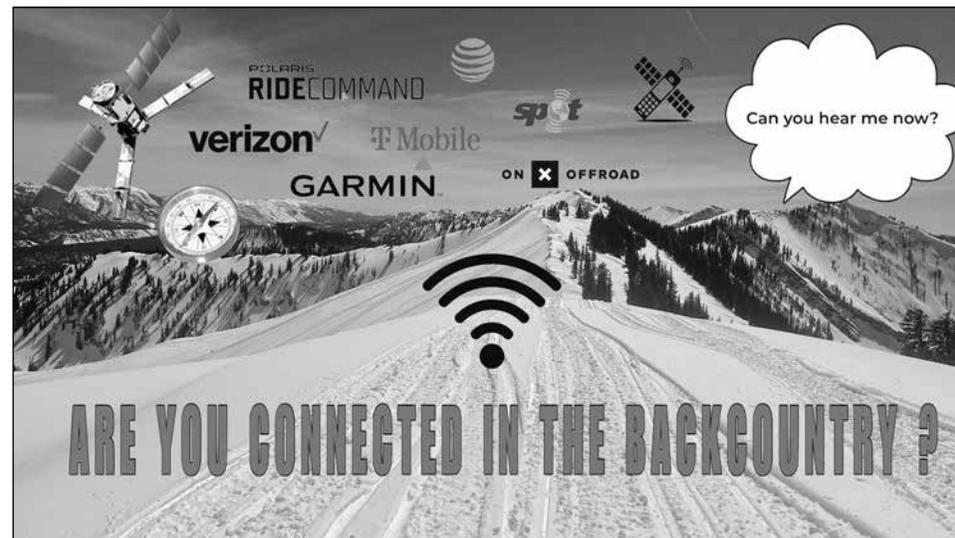
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Rev It Up Girls

ÈVA KIRCHLECHNER

Rev It Up Girls Safety in the Backcountry



Communication with your partner and riding buddies is critical in the backcountry. It's a key safety check with Rev It Up Girls pre-ride checklist. Before every ride, we ensure everyone has:

- A fully charged, functioning radio
- The correct pre-set channel

We always test radios at the trailhead before leaving. We do not depart until everyone is connected on the same channel. Your radio must be securely attached to your body, not in your vehicle. If you get separated from your snowmachine, dirt bike, side-by-side—or even your horse—how will you call for help?

Communication is just as important before and after a backcountry adventure, especially with your emergency contact. Always have at least 1 contact, that can be a reliable emergency contact.

Your designated contact person (or people) may change depending on your location and activity. Mine varies by state and whether I'm snowmobiling, camping, hiking, paddle boarding, jet skiing or dirt biking. We recommend having at minimum 2 communication sources to contact your personal contact(s), in case one fails.

Communication besides a walk-talkie radio or helmet to helmet devices includes:

- Garmin GPS – Reasonably priced month-to-month subscriptions. <https://www.garmin.com/>
- SPOT GPS – Reasonable month-to-month subscription options. <https://www.spotgps.com/>

BACKCOUNTRY SNOWMOBILING Trail Etiquette

Watch out for Groomers

- Ride with caution
- Be patient and courteous - wait for groomer to pull over before passing.
- Respect the groomer's work and avoid tearing up freshly groomed trail

Trash

Pack it In - Pack it Out.

Dealing with Wildlife

- > Do not stress wildlife
- < Give large animals plenty of room
- > Photograph wildlife from a distance

Respect others on Trail

- * Ride on the right side of the trail.
- * Ease off when others are passing.
- * Don't stop in corners—keep sight lines clear.
- * Use hand signals to communicate.
- * Be observant and help fellow riders.
- * Slow down, leave plenty space for non-motorized users.
- * Observe trail speed limit, or ride within your comfort zone.
- * When stopped, don't bunch up and block trail
- * Always wait for the person behind you before turning off the trail.

Trail Head

- : Winter permit decal must be visible on all snowmobiles and snow bikes.
- : Don't block trail entrance, other trailers, driveways, or roundabouts.
- : Leave the bathroom how you'd like to find it. ☹️
- : Know where you are legally allowed to ride, respect closures, private property and wildlife boundaries.
- : Donate to the local snowmobile clubs who keep the warming huts clean and stocked with firewood, medical and emergency rations.

findmespot.com/

• Zeleo GPS – Seamless global messaging system, connecting your phone or tablet; however, it does not track your location like Garmin or Spot. Reasonably priced month-to-month subscriptions. <https://www.zoleo.com/>

• Satellite Phone – Phones are often free now; pay month-to-month for service (Can be pricey for short-term use), there are other Satellite phone providers. <https://www.bluecosmo.com/>

• T-Mobile Global Sat Service, I recently switched to T-Mobile from ATT (I have iPhone 14 with Apple SOS connect). T-Mobile uses Star Link, where no other mobile carrier does. When no mobile service is available I've tested my iPhone14 in Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Florida, Georgia & Tennessee and it works great in places that have NO MOBILE SERVICE. T-Mobile Sat Connect, is faster than Apple SOS, or ATT and Verizon even Garmin when sending messages and can send photos. Will I get rid of my Garmin, No - Garmin still has its purposes. Am I telling you to switch to T-mobile, No. But I would keep an eye on this partnership between T-Mobile and Star Link. Currently as I write this you can use GoogleMaps, OnxOffroad and AccuWeather, with no additional fees or delay when sending messages or retrieving data from these apps. More apps, and technology upgrades will most definitely occur. <https://www.t-mobile.com/coverage/satellite-phone-service>

• GPS Map App or compass and know how to use them. In an emergency GPS coordinate is important to help Search And Rescue (SAR) or your contacts help find you. Some options we ride with are: OnX Offroad, Garmin Voyager, Polaris Ride Command, Google Maps, Apple Maps, Avanza, there are more. The KEY is to know how to use them, just having them on your phone does not help you.

• Polaris Ride Command along with Garmin Tech, to see your other buddies is also used on our group rides. However, this technology is only good within a 1 mile range without cellular coverage. If you plan to go offline, you will need to download the territory you are adventuring in.

Do you have Search And Rescue(SAR) coverage?



Search and Rescue Insurance
SAR 100 Annual Plan
PART NUMBER 010-13001-SU

Price per year:
\$39.95 USD

Plan Type

SAR 100 ANNUAL PLAN SAR HIGH RISK ANNUAL PLAN SAR HIGH ALTITUDE ANNUAL PLAN

Do you worry about medical airlifts in the backcountry in winter and summer for yourself or your partner, I do. Many of our medical health insurances do not cover Search and Rescue costs. Cost can range from \$1,000 to \$100,000 dollars. Imagine having to owe money due to an accident in the backcountry, and your medical insurance or having no medical insurance in case of an airlift. This type of stress puts strain on recovery and can put a large financial burden on the entire family. I've had Garmin SAR for about 5 years now, and have never had to use it and hope never to snowmobiling or dirt-biking. Garmin has SAR plans starting at \$39.95, per year, per person to cover transportation costs only. If you have questions, contact Garmin. It's so worth it if you use Garmin devices in the backcountry everywhere in the USA and Canada. Scan the QR code below, to learn more about Garmin SAR insurance.

Garmin Plans <https://www.garmin.com/en-US/p/906397/pn/010-13001-SU/>
Garmin SAR FAQs <https://support.garmin.com/en-US/?faq=avYgK25GBO4TyEkzrdVuu6>



Jan. 27 to February 1: 3rd Annual Women's Retreat» Kodiak Resort, Wyoming

Feb. 20 to 21: Island Park, Idaho Club Ride

Feb. 28 Club Ride Star Valley, Wyoming

Spring 2026

March 7-8 Wyoming State Snowmobile Association End of Season Event

March 7-8 Montana State Snowmobile Association End of Season Event

March 13 Club Meeting Star Valley, Wyoming

March 13 Wyoming COED Club Ride Star Valley, Wyoming

March 28 Montana COED Club Ride Caribou Warming Hut, Montana

May 2 Female International Ride Day (ATV & Dirt Bikes only) - Idaho Falls, Idaho

Business Member

Welcome our newest Business Member, Fred Grande Ford. Thank you to Patricia Grande for bringing Fred Grande Ford into Rev It Up Girls Community. Perhaps your next pick-up will be Ford Tough!

Fred Grande Ford has a large selection of new Ford models and budget-friendly used cars to car loans and Ford leases and friendly service, there's a variety of reasons why our customers continue to return to our conveniently located showroom. Whether you're in the market for a new or pre-owned vehicle, or you simply need the assistance of our car service and maintenance team for the one you already enjoy driving, our team will provide you with the



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Snowy Range Snowmobile Club

MITCH HELLING

As 2026 begins, our trails are groomed, safety shelters are in place, beacon check stations are installed, and the snow is stacking up! We are grateful for all our supporters and members. We have made some updates to the Lake Marie safety shelter with a solar panel that charges a battery to power an interior light. The other shelters are stocked with firewood and ready for use. It has been unseasonably warm this winter with little snow in the valleys, but up high there is enough snow to get out and have fun, with many riders reporting being pleasantly surprised with conditions. Several members were out riding early January and found a supportive base that made exploring tighter drainages and trees fun and forgiving. Keep doing your snow dances and hope for a weather pattern shift, but in the meantime, get out there and enjoy the snowpack we do have!



3C GUIDING

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Email: Cameron@3cguiding.com

Let's Ride!!!

Guiding on Snowy Range, Sierra Madres and Togwotee Pass
Snowmobile and side by side rentals on the Snowy Range
Level 1 and Level 2 avalanche classes
Ride Rasmussen Style Clinic

Rev It Up Girls Events

Winter 2026

January 9 Club Meeting Alpine, Wyoming (Pre-Mixer for our BoxY ride)

January 10 - 11 Greys River Club Ride (BoxY Overnight) Alpine, Wyoming

January 17 - Montana Club Ride

Powder River Sno Buffs

WALKER SILBERNAGEL

Is there a better way to ring in the New Year than on a sled in the backcountry? The Powder River Sno-Buffs didn't think so. With the sleds fueled and all the snacks we could imagine for a fire, we headed up into the Bighorn mountains at



7:30pm for a midnight ride. Our goal was simple: have an enjoyable backcountry ride in the last few hours of the New Year, build a fire and roast some snacks.

Five Members of the Sno Buffs decided to participate under the full moon. Including the Sno Buffs president. Starting at the Baby Wagon parking lot and dropping down into the Sitting Bull Campground, we made a nice moonlit loop. The snow was hard and iced up from days of heat and solar events. Our sleds barked and whined with heat from the lack of powder, but the moon was full and so was our sense of wild adventure. From the perspective of many, it was enjoyable to be out after dark with a feeling of relaxation opposed to panic and hustle.

For the Sno Buffs the midnight ride was a new tradition. Certainly won't say there's never been a midnight New Years ride of some capacity, the members don't seem to recollect. The Powder River Sno-Buffs will continue to expand the ride and hope to see more members next New Year's ride!



REACH YOUR TARGET AUDIENCE!

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**Deadline
for the next
Wrangler will
be Feb. 9!**

**Please send all news and
advertising to
stan@sundancetimes.com**

Sweetwater Snowpokes

Club Representative
GEORGE PRYICH

If you ride in the Wyoming Range and visit the Blind Bull safety shelter, please take a few moments to fill the wood box inside the shelter, clean up anything that needs it, and shovel the snow out of the outhouse if needed. Please take a moment to share your efforts with the Snowpokes or to report a need for supplies. Same for the Strawberry safety shelter in the Upper Green of the Wind River Range. The donation box in each safety shelter helps fund maintenance of the shelters and the phones in each. Your assistance is appreciated. Let us know about your volunteer time so we can add you to our charity report! Thank you for your support. Please be careful wherever you ride so you can ride another day!



Club News
ANGELINA PRYICH

Happy New Year! Weather tis nobler to ride (and possibly damage an A-arm) or not to ride in the minimal snow. This is the question. The photos show Horse Creek parking lot on December 7 - lots of snow for Christmas tree hunting! The next photo show the unveiling of the Are You Beeping sign and - what? A sort of snowy road? Heard today that it's not much better yet.

Please read through the Club's Calendar in this issue. Included are monthly meeting dates and location, the Fun Run on February 21, and other weekend dates. Follow the Snowpokes Facebook for more information.



Calendar of Activities

- January 2026**
 Jan. 16 (Fri.): BTAC Avalanche Fundamentals, Friday, 6:30 p.m., WWCC Rm 1302, Rock Springs
 Jan. 17 (Sat.): Avalanche Practical, Horse Creek parking lot 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.; Bring food, water, warm clothes, avalanche gear.
 Jan. 17 or 18: Maintenance – Blind Bull/ Club Ride?
 Jan. 24 or 25: Maintenance – Strawberry
 Jan. 31: Pinedale Club Ride (Crooked Creek) RSVP George 307-350-6759
- February 2026 – “Take A Friend Snowmobiling”**
 Feb. 1: Club Ride?
 Feb. 3: Meeting - Holiday Inn, RS - 6:30 p.m.
 Feb. 7: Wyatt Sheppard Memorial Ride, RSVP George 307-350-6759
 Feb. 7: Maintenance – Blind Bull
 Feb. 9: Wrangler deadline
 Feb. 14: International Snowmobile Ride Day – Junior Snowpokes Youth Ride (2nd annual)
 Feb. 14 or 15: Maintenance – Strawberry
 Feb. 21 (3rd Sat.): Fun Run, Kendall Valley Lodge
 Feb. 21 or 22: Maintenance – Blind Bull
 Feb. 28 (or 3/1): Maintenance – Strawberry

- SCRAPBOOK (2025-2026) ENDS HERE, before Fun Days
- March 2026**
 Mar. 1: Maintenance – Strawberry
 Mar. 3: Meeting – Holiday Inn, RS – 6:30 p.m.
 Mar. 6-7-8: Fun Days in Cody
 Mar. 7 or 8: Maintenance – Blind Bull
 Mar. 11: Wrangler deadline
 Mar. 13-15: The Drift 100 (2026) - Volunteers? (<https://www.thedrift100.com/100-mile-course/>)
 Mar. 15 (Sun.): The Drift 28 and 13 - anyone interested in participating?
 Mar. 19-22: 49th Annual World Championship Snowmobile Hill Climb, Jackson
 Mar. 21 or 22: Maintenance – Blind Bull
 Mar. 28 or 29: Maintenance – Strawberry
- April 2026**
 Apr. 4 or 5: Maintenance – Blind Bull
 Apr. 7: Meeting – Hitching Post, GR – 6:30 p.m.
 Apr. 12: Pinedale Club Family Ride (hoping for snow!)
 Any weekend labeled “Maintenance” could be a ride day. Maintenance of the safety shelters includes sweeping the shelter, filling the wood box, restocking toilet(s) with toilet paper if needed, and checking supplies. Please report your volunteer time and if any supplies are needed to the Club president. THANK YOU!

Kid Friendly Family Fun Event

ACSA MOUNTAIN RIDING SUMMIT
 Feb 18-22, 2026

HANNAH'S CHICKENS
 AMERICAN COUNCIL OF SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATIONS

Holiday Inn West Yellowstone
 315 Yellowstone Ave

2 OF 3 DAYS OF RIDING
 Snowmobile Association of Montana
www.snowmobilemt.org

Questions Contact Jason | 406.461.1032 | jkhowell@myyahoo.com

LET'S STACK THIS WEEKEND WITH KIDS
 DIFFERENT KIDS RIDES BY SKILL LEVEL | NO AGE RESTRICTIONS

FEW FUN HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT

- ▶ Broom Ball Competition
- ▶ Possible Freestyle Riders
- ▶ Pizza Party
- ▶ Sledding Hill, 120 Sled Rides, S'mores & Hot Chocolate
- ▶ Avalanche Session + Riding Clinic Demos
- ▶ Hannah's Chicken Auction
- ▶ Kids & Adult Bingo
- ▶ Kid Rides for all ages
- ▶ Youth Round Table Discussion (brand ambassadors)

MORE DETAILS & POSSIBLE CHANGES TO COME

Dubois SnoKatters

JOHN LEE

Happy New Year! Here's to 2026 with hopefully a lot more snow to come! The mountains around Dubois received some really great snow the last half of December and boy, did the snowmobilers show up right after Christmas.

Luke Sander, owner of the Rustic Pine Tavern on main street, (and a fun place to spend some time) went up the mountain to sled a few days ago. Luke said every parking lot was full, and they finally found a parking spot just west of Togwotee Lodge. Luke also said the Rustic Pine was packed for two weeks with great people having fun and enjoying time in Dubois. Our son's two VRBO's were booked with same day turn around and I could see the same for all the other rentals. Great news for the town of

Dubois and a boost for the economy in many ways. Snowmobilers generate a lot of money for local businesses here.

The Dubois SnoKatters continue to offer our invitation to anyone heading this way and would like to ride with any of our club members. Just let us know and we would be happy to show you around. My email is jolee@wyoming.com and Trent and Jay Slagowski's emails can be found in the Wrangler. We've ridden the trails with other WSSA members and have always had a blast.

When you stop at the safety shelters at Sheridan Basin or at Green Creek, you'll see memorial plaques honoring Owen Schilreff. Owen's family generously donated money to our Dubois Club. All upkeep and first aid kits were through the memorial funds. Our club sincerely thanks the family for their gift.

It's been snowing on the mountain the last few days with reports of more snow coming. Our club hopes everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. It's time to get out there and enjoy another great year snowmobiling! Stay safe and enjoy the ride!

Happy riding!



Big Horn Mountain Snomads

JIM ADAMS

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas with a lot of new snow. As 2026 begins, the Big Horn Mountain Snomads All Season Recreation will take a look back at 2025.



Our biggest accomplishment was a new safety shelter. Through a major donation from the Bear Lodge Bad Boys Riding Club the building and a trailer to move it on were purchased. The Snomads spent several work days removing the old shelter and getting the new building in place. Then the Snomads turned the building into a Safety Shelter. Wood Stove, steps, lighting, a table, storage, mounting the Rescue Tobbogan and new signage was part of what was needed. We also placed a wood storage building to protect the fire wood and reduce theft problems we had been experiencing.

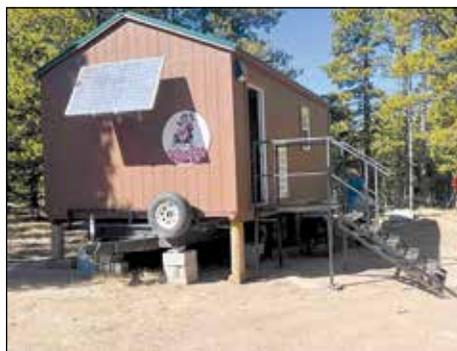
On a sad note, we lost one of our longest-term club members. Dennis Loomis passed away the first of November. Dennis groomed trails in the Northern Big Horns for over 40 years. Dennis was very active in the club. Whenever there was work to do or hamburgers to fry you could count on Dennis. He loved the Big Horns and what the Snomads offered. An opportunity to be with friends. RIP Dennis. We miss you.

As I write this, before Christmas, we are behind on snow levels in some areas of the Big Horns. Hopefully, with all the people having snow on their Christmas lists, this will have changed by the time you are reading this.

Happy New Year!



2025 was our first full year as a snow and dirt club. This move brought more people into our club. Some snow, some dirt and some both. 2025 was a very busy year. We had ten winter rides and activities. We had nine summer rides and activities. Our summer poker ride was well attended, lots of fun and very successful. The silent auction we held, after the poker ride, was our biggest fund raiser of the year. Great sponsors led to lively competition on the bid sheets.



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Star Valley Sno-Skippers

BY NATAUSHA KENNINGTON

Star Valley Sno-Skippers Gear Up for the Season Despite Unusual Winter

The Star Valley Sno-Skippers Snowmobile Club has been busy this month, even as an unusually mild winter tested the patience of local riders. While snowfall was slower to arrive than normal in the valley, club members made the most of the downtime by preparing for a safe and successful snowmobile season.

During the early weeks of winter, members spent time in their shops and garages wrenching on snowmobiles, completing maintenance, upgrades, and safety checks so machines would be ready the moment snow conditions improved. That preparation paid off when winter finally arrived and riders were able to hit the trails.

The Sno-Skippers also hosted their annual cornhole tournament this month, which proved to be a great success. The event brought together community members for a fun evening and helped the club welcome several new members. The tournament continues to be a big fund-raiser and social event for the club, strengthening connections within the snowmobiling community.

With snowfall finally blanketing the mountains, club members have been out enjoying the fresh snow and improved riding conditions. In addition to getting out and riding, the Sno-Skippers prioritized safety by installing beacon check stations at key access points, including in

Dry Creek Canyon, Cottonwood Canyon, and the Smiths Fork trailhead. These stations help riders ensure their avalanche beacons are functioning properly before heading into the backcountry.

The Star Valley Sno-Skippers remain committed to promoting safe, responsible snowmobiling while supporting local trails and recreation areas. The club looks forward to the rest of the season and encourages anyone interested in snowmobiling or supporting local trails to get involved.



Lander Snowdrifters

Greetings from the Snowdrifters!

The New Year has brought a few snow showers to the higher elevations on southern end of the Winds. Accumulation has been above normal there, but marginal riding conditions in the lower elevation areas exist where warm temperatures and high winds have dominated. The Club has been removing trees and track packing the side trails.



The Snowdrifters and State Trails Program co-hosted the Christmas party in December. The turnout was very good and as usual, Forrest's smoked brisket was exceptional!

The Club made its annual donation to a local charity; this year's contribution was to the Lander VFW Post.

We would like to thank long time Club Business member Auto-Medic LLC (Shane Hart, owner) for installing tires on our grooming equipment trailer.

Remember to support those local businesses that support our clubs!

The Lander Snowdrifters meet monthly on the second Thursday at the Oxbow Restaurant; 6pm dinner and 6:45 p.m. business meeting. Come join us if you are in town. We can also be reached at landersnowdrifters@gmail.com.



Casper Snow Gypsies

BECKY THORNE

Hello from Casper! We are still waiting for Snow for Casper and Muddy Mountains! November we had our Annual Bingo Night and December our Christmas Party. Thank you to everyone who came.

We are proud of our two longtime member who have graduated this December from Nursing school. Heaven and Kaitlin we are proud of you! Both have received WSSA Scholarships over the years. We hope everyone had a great holiday season and looking forward to a wonderful 2026 season. Keep doing the snow dance as we need it!



Top of the Rockies

PATRICIA NAUMOFF

Festive Fun, Community Spirit and Real-Life Sled Stories

December was a great reminder of what makes Top of the Rockies such a special club – strong community ties, generous hearts, plenty of laughter, and the ability to adapt when winter decides to take its time showing up.

Bingo Night Brings the Holiday Cheer

Our December Bingo Night at the Alpine Civic Center delivered exactly what it promised – festive fun, friendly competition, and a whole lot of Christmas spirit. Members showed up in their best ugly (and some surprisingly fancy!) Christmas sweaters, and the photos say it all. The creativity was impressive – seriously... which sweater was your favorite?

A big thank-you goes to Jeremy with Alpine Trails & Pathways, who kept everyone well fed with a delicious meal (the tamales were a hit!). Between bingo cards, laughter, and good company, it was a night that perfectly captured the heart of our club.

The evening also wrapped up our Dark Horse AR-556 raffle, with Carl Corn taking home the winning ticket. Congratulations, Carl—and thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and supported our fundraising efforts.



Ginny Sinclair and her boyfriend.

Festival of Trees: Clubs Working Together

This season, Top of the Rockies, Sno-Skippers, and RevItUpGirls teamed up with other Valley clubs to create a beautiful tree for the Star Valley Festival of Trees. Huge thanks to Megan and Tash, whose creativity and teamwork made our tree one of the standouts at the festival. Even better, all proceeds benefited valley food banks – proof that when snowmobile clubs come together, great things happen.

We also want to recognize Ginny, Alex – our President's – daughter, who volunteered her time and talent as photographer for the Santa and Mrs. Claus visits. Her photos captured so much joy and holiday magic, and we're thrilled to include one of her images alongside this article. Thank you, Ginny, for helping preserve such special moments for our community.

Gratitude in Action: A Record-Setting Thanksgiving

This year's Thanksgiving effort was truly one for the books and marked a record year for our club. Thanks to an incredible group of volunteers, we served an esti-



Sled deck wrap.

mated 270 plates and to-go boxes, reaching more neighbors than ever before.

In addition to the meals served, we received \$1,400 in cash donations, the largest amount yet, along with a very large volume of food donations for the Alpine Food Bank. A special thank-you goes to the Alpine Fire Department, who helped deliver meals to those who couldn't attend or were working—an invaluable part of making sure no one was left out.

These numbers tell a powerful story, and they reflect the generosity, organization, and heart of this club.

Giving Back Beyond the Table

The spirit of giving didn't stop with Thanksgiving. Throughout the holiday season, Top of the Rockies helped families in need by providing Christmas gifts for local children. This year, the club supported 18 kids, ensuring they felt remembered and cared for during the holidays. It's another reminder that our impact reaches far beyond the trails.

Safety First: Avalanche Awareness

Safety remained front and center with an excellent avalanche awareness presentation by Scott Zienkiewicz. Members walked away with valuable information, practical reminders, and a renewed focus on preparedness before heading out to ride. Thank you, Scott, for sharing your knowledge and helping keep our riding community safe.

Warm December, Cold Sled Stories

With this being the warmest December on record, snow has been slow to arrive – but that didn't stop TOR members from getting ready. After a club email went out, several members shared photos of their first rides of the season, making the most of what snow we did have.

Others shared what happens before those first rides – garage time. New sled deck wraps, clutch work, and preseason prep filled inboxes and group chats. One



Patricia's pull cord surprise.



Pull cord work on Patricia's sled.



Rick's clutch work.

member proudly showed off a fresh sled deck wrap, while others shared snapshots of wrenching sessions.

And then there's this classic TOR moment...

You'll spot a photo of Rick and me working on our sleds, deep into clutch maintenance. Here's the backstory: my sled has an electric start, and when Rick's sled went down, he figured he'd just take mine. Easy solution—until he discovered my battery was dead. No problem, right? Pull start to the rescue?

Except... the very next photo shows me holding a broken pull cord. Dead battery. Broken pull start. Perfect timing.

Sometimes preseason checks teach lessons the hard way—but at least they make for great stories and even better photos.

Looking Ahead

Between bingo nights, club gatherings, Winter Jubilee events, and trail days still to come, Top of the Rockies is rolling into the heart of winter with momentum, humor, and a strong sense of community.

Thank you to every member who volunteered, wore a festive sweater, shared photos, turned a wrench, or simply showed up to support the club. Whether we're riding, waiting for snow, or fixing what broke, one thing is clear – Top of the Rockies knows how to have fun together.

See you on the mountain... or in the garage.



Heath and Kiesha on their first ride of the season.

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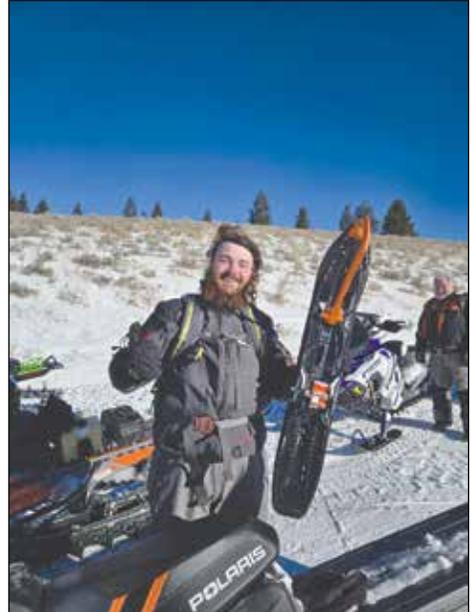
BERT MILLER

The snow dance has been working! Up high we have about 60" and some of the best riding we have had in a few years. We are working hard on our upcoming Avalanche Training this coming Jan 9th and 10th. We will follow up with some pictures for you in the next Wran-

gler. Fun Days planning is going very well, and we hope you all will get signed up early as soon as you can and thank you for the early registrations. Looking forward to seeing you all!

Check out some of the fun we have been having: Yes, that me the Arctic Can fan- One of my friends got me an Arctic Cat neckless. Do you think it is a little too much? LOL. Oh by the way, I can still really get stuck with my new Cat in 60" and boondocking. Check out the next picks of the Alexander crew sailing through the fresh powder Eric, handle bars deep and Jamie giving a thumbs up!!!

While we have great snow the rocks are very big on the Beartooths. Levi Lamb struck one and broke the spindle on his sled. He has quite the trophy for this mishap.



307 Riders

BRANDON KLEMM

Hello everyone! I hope everyone has had the opportunity to get out and ride at least once. We have had a pretty slow and painful start to our season in the north east. A few people from the club have been frequent flyers to Dubois, and there has been a little bit of luck riding wind pockets in the horns. I'm almost certain the Sno-Katters have had the best start out of all of us! Let's hope and pray it can only get better as the season continues on and we start seeing some actual winter weather.

The club has been busy getting out sled raffle finished up and by the time you are reading this, we will have given away a new Polaris boost. We participated in the parade of lights this year and lone behold I completely spaced it for last month's article along with typing it. With fun days coming up soon, we hope Cody gets the goods for us all to enjoy!



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Jackson Hole Snow Devils

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Happy New Year from the Jackson Hole Snow Devils! It's sad to say that we ended 2025 with less snow than we have had in 30 years! Any of you looking for something to do, we hear the snow dance is a great way to concur those New Years Resolutions. Hope everyone had a joyous Christmas surrounded with friends and family. The Snow Devils held their annual Christmas party at Virginian Lodge celebrating the season with an amazing turnout and a visit from Santa. There wasn't enough snow for a club ride this year but we are anxiously awaiting the "massive snow storm" they keep calling for so we can get out and ride.



Big Horn Sno Goer & ATV Club

Members of Big Horn Sno Goer & ATV Club came together to put a float in the December Christmas parade. It was a chilly and light rain(?) what's that?! In December! Really!

With some snow on the mountain, extreme caution is advised. Rocks! And more rocks! And even a few tree stumps sticking out to humble even the best riders. And

with the high wind we have had, avalanche danger is high, even in the Big Horns... Be careful out there and be aware of your surroundings

The warming huts are stocked with wood, fire starter and safety supplies. Have an awesome season on the mountains.

