

FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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2015 Snow & ATV Show & Swap Meet

The odds were not in our favor of having a successful Snow Show this year. Following a low to no snow season has a history that is not fun to talk about. However, we broke the pattern for sure! We had a great show and beat the odds. You may ask, how is it that we survived when other shows were down 15-25% in attendance? Three special ingredients contributed to our success: Dedicated Exhibitors; Faithful Attendees; and 90 plus Die-Hard Winter Knights volunteers.

Exhibitors, thank you for investing your time and money coming out to our show. Your smiling faces and great merchandise are the highlight of our day and show. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in 2016.

Attendees, thank you for coming out and

spending your hard earned dollars. Your financial support through your purchases each year is what stabilizes this show. The Exhibitors and Winter Knights appreciate your faithfulness to us and the sport of snowmobiling. WK Volunteers, Thank you, thank you, thank you. Did I mention thank you? It takes all of you to make this event happen. When I read the report on all the volunteer hours and some even having over 20 hours each, I was blown away. That is commitment like nothing else! Thank you.

To all the Crock-Pot owners, a special thank you to all of you for preparing a feast fit for a king. Thank you for donating and sharing your special recipes with all of us. A little secret just for you; some of our Exhibitors only come to experi-

ence you spoiling them rotten! On a scale of 1 to 10 you get a 9999999. Ron Kelly, thank you from all of us for your dedication and commitment in making this the best part of the show.

In closing, I have one more special thank you to Glen Mumm. Thank you for stepping up to the plate in designing, delivering and setting up our new advertising sandwich boards. Then, thank you for going around after the show and picking up all the signs and taking care of them. I really believe your efforts contributed to a good turnout this year. Thank you to any others as well that were involved in this campaign. I can't wait till 2016.

Respectfully submitted;

Dean Meakin

Snow Show Director



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From the President

Thanks to all who helped at the Snow Show – including Winter Knights members, friends of members, members’ children, grandchildren, and friends of grandchildren. And a big THANKS to Dean Meakin for all of his work as Chairman of the Snow Show!!

During the snow show we met with two representatives from the Washington State Parks and two Washington Forest Rangers to discuss our trails at Kings Lake/North and South Baldy. I was very

impressed with how all of the representatives were willing to come to Spokane and discuss the situation with our members at the meeting. Hopefully, we will have some trails to ride on this winter and SNOW to cover those trails.

Our MedStar renewal date is December 14, 2015. If you have a one year membership, the cost to renew is \$48. If you want to renew for three years, the cost is \$126. If you have children over 18 who would like a membership, you can sign them up. Or if

you have friends or relatives who want to join, they can sign up also with our group. It’s a great Christmas present also for a family member. I can email you the membership form if you email or call me.

Hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving and hope to see you at the Christmas party. Remember, there is no club meeting in December.

Sharon Crockett,
President

Upcoming General Meeting



Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the NEWTECH Skill Center, located at 4141 N. Regal. Please arrive by 6:00 pm, dinner is at 6:15. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Light dinners are \$10.00 per person (this includes tax and tip). We will continue to have the

“Student Shoe Fund” donation jar at the check-in table to help support the students in the culinary arts program!

Next Board Meeting:

January 7, 2016
6pm, at Abacus,
2928 N. Nevada.

Kings Lake Riding Area

I wanted to write a short article on what we should expect for riding at Kings Lake (Baldies) this winter. With the wildfires this summer, much of the Kings Lake area burned and is still closed to public access until the dangerous trees can be removed from the areas around the trails. This affects the trails to South Baldy, North Baldy, and the warming hut, which will all will be closed this winter. However, all is not lost for

this season. The Bead Lake trails, which we recently brush cut, will be open. Additionally Norris, Josh (our groomer), and Frank are working with the Panhandle Forest Service on maintaining a route through the area to keep the Kings Lake trails connected to the Priest Lake trail system. So while it will be a different year of riding, Kings Lake will be open for snowmobiling. More to follow when

details become available.

Greg Figg



Club Rides

Due to the current situation at Kings Lake, please check Facebook for up-to-date ride information regarding this and other areas. If you would like to help with any of the rides, please contact Glen Mumm at 509-993-3159.

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Scholarship Program

Spokane Winter Knights is a non-profit recreational snowmobile club which works to promote and enhance the sport of snowmobiling by sponsoring safety issues at the state level, supporting a grooming program, working with law enforcement in search and rescue programs, and contributing to philanthropic organizations in the Inland Empire. The 2016 Scholarship amount of \$2,400 will be awarded amongst multiple recipients.

Scholarship Qualifications:

Graduating high school senior

3.0 GPA

Attend an accredited college

Preference will be given to an active club member or relative of the Winter Knights

Awards/Accomplishments Guidelines:

Awards received in school

Awards received in community or church

Activities participated in school

Activities participated outside of school

Work and Volunteer experience

Applicants must include:

1. An official high school transcript
2. SAT/ACT scores
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Summary of awards/accomplishments (see above)
5. Essay (see club website)
6. Application (see club website)



Please send all required documents to the following address (email will not be accepted) postmarked by March 15, 2016 to:

Sharon Crockett

1128 E Gordon Ave

Spokane, WA 99207

Questions: Sharon Crockett 509-484-7273 or visit club website for detailed information.

No extensions will be given. ALL paperwork must be included in application. If application is submitted incomplete it will not be included in the review process. Presentation will be an important part of the scholarship application evaluation.

Awarded participant/s will be notified via e-mail by March 29, 2016.

Scholarship money will be mailed directly to recipient's college of choice.

Search and Rescue (SAR)

Overall, this last summer was somewhat uneventful. While that is good news in general meaning there were few “lost souls” needing rescue, it does keep SAR bored while always in the starting blocks. The readiness and capability of the SAR Team was most recently greatly enhanced by two events. First was the procurement of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). The device is lightweight and portable which allows us to take it on snowmobile and/or ATV rides. Considering how most rides are well beyond rapid medical response, if ever needed, could make the critical difference. The second event was the First Aid Recertification of team members. This was necessary since the County’s grand plan to provide Wilderness First Aid training is currently on hold until an adequate number of instructors can be acquired

“in house”. The two events, combined with the enthusiasm and dedication of team members, comes with a friendly “tongue in cheek” warning. If you fall off your sled or ATV, best get up fast or you will be surrounded by guys ready to pound on your chest (CPR) and test the voltage of such a small device (AED).

Another important event was the “Maintenance Day”, October 3rd at the storage unit. With a great turn out, everything on the checklist was accomplished. Frank had a flashback to his California days where he owned/operated an auto repair shop. Even though only an oil and filter change on the ATV was the task, he removed cowlings, fenders, etc., getting to and tightening every nut, bolt and screw he could find. Bob assisted after sweeping out all the winter grit and grime off the storage unit floor. First he had to chisel

most of it loose using the backside of the floor broom and looked like a human jack hammer in the process. Dan and Kevin took on the project of applying a vinyl protectant to the trailer outside with the skills of part-time work at a detailing shop. Meanwhile, Steve added a shelf, cleaned and organized the inside of the trailer looking like a natural or perhaps, well trained by Shami. All this going on simultaneously while keeping a watchful eye on Denny, who with grease gun in hand was on a mission of injecting every fitting and moving part. Thanks to their efforts, club equipment is ready for another round of winter snow.



Search and Rescue (SAR) (cont.)

County SAR events were limited, but did include the following: “Call Out” on **7/17/2015** at 5:51pm for a missing 85 year old Alzheimer’s male in the vicinity of “University City Mall”, Spokane Valley. Search terminated 18 minutes later with no explanation given. Again, on **10/7/2015** at 12:18am text alerts went out for missing 19 and 20 year old males on dirt bikes in the vicinity of Kit Carson “3 Rocks” area. Subjects were located by Sheriff’s helicopter, Air One, which reported them appearing okay standing around a camp fire. A survival bag was dropped and a decision made to wait until daylight prior to initiating a recovery team to locate and lead them out. As expected, subjects found their own way back at daylight and the search was terminated shortly thereafter. Interestingly enough, the subjects never did see the survival bag drop and an off and on

follow-up search by State Parks Rangers and County Deputies took two weeks to recover. No doubt, some training and protocol issues need to be addressed there. **9/19/2015** was a County SAR Volunteer Appreciation Cook Out where several Winter Knights members received tenure awards. Of special note, in a short talk by Sheriff Ozzie Kenezovich emphasizing the importance of volunteer teams...the Winter Knights was the only organization mentioned as an example of “if called, knew he could count on to be there!” **10/10/2015** was the County’s fall mock exercise at Mount Spokane and lastly, Sunday evening, **11/22/2015** we received a text warning order in a rare interagency request from Grant County for ATV support Monday morning, **11/23/2015** to look for a lost 55 year old male. Individual actually went missing the previous Friday night while bow hunting approximately 10

miles SW of Royal City. Prior details were sketchy and after towing trailers 150 plus miles mostly in “ice fog”, upon arrival it became apparent (although never officially stated) we were on a body search rather than a rescue. Regardless, while unsuccessful in search efforts, it made for an interesting experience combined with a long fourteen hour day. The body was discovered the following day using the last location of a phone “ping” to narrow the search area. A big thanks goes to Bob and Denny for their time and effort.

In closing, the trailer wrap continues to draw club and SAR interest at the Snow Show and will, hopefully, result in new members. The 50/50 drawing was a tremendous success thanks largely to Traci Malone. With tickets in hand, she is as deadly in sales as Denny with a grease gun.

By Wayne Smith

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2015-2016 Upcoming Events

December:

12 Christmas Party - Ramada at the Airport - Social 6pm / Dinner 7pm

19 Tune-up Ride (on-trail and off-trail ride) - Baldies - 9am

January:

5-8 Seeley Lake, MT Ride (contact Glen Mumm for info)

7 Board Meeting - Abacus

9 Fast Trail Ride - Nordman, ID - 9am

16 Flowery Trail Ride (family ride) - 49° North - 9am

21 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

23 Newcomer Ride - Kings Lake - 9am
(on-trail and moderate off-trail ride)

29-31 Eric Holt Ride - Coolin, ID - location/time TBD

31 Back Country Ride - (expert level ride) - contact Glen Mumm for info

February:

4 Board Meeting - Abacus

6 Frank Young's 2nd Annual BBQ and Bonfire Ride - Kings Lake - 11am/5pm

12-15 WSSA Winter Rendezvous - Walla Walla / Marcus Whitman Hotel

13 Festivus Ride - 4th of July Pass (contact Glen Mumm for info)

17-21 McCall, ID Ride

25 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center
(date change due to McCall trip)

28 Back Country Ride - (expert level ride) - contact Glen Mumm for info

27- March 5 Island Park, ID Ride (contact Rob Skellenger for info)



- Club Officers -

President - Sharon Crocket

Vice President - Glen Mumm

Treasurer - Greg Figg

Secretary - Ron Kelly

- Club Chairs -

Snow Show - Dean Meakin

Search & Rescue - Wayne Smith

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Marketing - Open

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