

FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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2016 Snow & ATV Show & Swap Meet

Well, it is almost over! Not the Snow Show, the paperwork that always follows. Now about the show. The 36th Annual Snow and ATV Show will go down in history as one of the great ones. Starting with the "Food". Some of you out there may not realize that the kitchen provides meals for about 400 people. Now multiply that by 3 meals and it equals to about 1200 plates. This does not include coffee, doughnuts and cookies for 2 mornings as well. This year the volunteers in the kitchen were also delivering food to the exhibitors that couldn't leave their booths. The Bar was put out of sight! All I can say is Thank You to all that made up the kitchen crew and to the many that brought the crock pots full of their family favorite dishes. Many of the exhibitors tell me that they come to the show just for the food and

also great friendships that have been made while attending.

I would also like to thank the Spokane Fair and Expo Staff for all they do to take care of us. They make sure we have everything we need to put on this event. Their actions show that they really care about Winter Knights and that our show will be successful.

To the Exhibitors, thank you! Without your commitment to this show we would just have 4 empty buildings. Thank you for being part of this event. Everyone at Winter Knights and all of the attendees appreciate the time and money you spend to bring your Items and Expertise to us.

Thank you to all the attendees of this 2016 Snow Show! Thank you for all your purchases, as it is what keeps the show and all the exhibitors alive and well. Remember, 36

years of shows you have supported. Thank you.

To all of the Winter Knights volunteers, 92 of you that worked the show, thanks to you as well for your dedication to this annual event. It takes all of you to have an event such as this one to run smoothly and without a hitch. When the pressure builds and things are not the best they can be, you step up to the plate and calm the storm! It has been a pleasure and privilege to work with all of you on this Snow and ATV Show! Thank you again. As a reminder, mark your calendars for November 11th, 2017 as that will be our 37th Annual Snow and ATV Show.

In closing: Great Show with Great People. Thanks again to all.

Respectfully submitted;

Dean Meakin

Snow Show Director



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From the President

Thanks to all who made our 2016 Snow Show a success - Winter Knights members, friends of members, members' children, grandchildren, friends of grandchildren, vendors/exhibitors, and especially Dean Meakin for all of his work as Chairman of the Snow Show!! As I stand at the membership booth when the Snow Show doors are opened at 9:00, it's always amazing to watch the people stream into the building, intent on getting to a certain part of the building.

LIFE FLIGHT, PREVIOUSLY MEDSTAR

Our Life Flight, previously MedStar, group renewal date is upon us. I must pay the renewal fees on December 9, 2016.

Therefore, you **CANNOT** renew at the Christmas party – **I must have it before December 9, 2016.** The cost to renew is \$45, payable to the Spokane Winter Knights. If you are renewing your membership and have dependent children at home or elderly relatives living with you, you will need to complete a renewal form with their names and birth dates and submit it with your renewal fee. If you already have a 3 year membership, it will continue until your 3 years have expired. Life Flight is no longer offering a 3 year membership, only a one year membership. 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 or friend. You can find a copy of the application form on our website. Please mail it to me at: 1128 E Gordon, Spokane, WA 99207.

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

LET IT SNOW LOTS AND LOTS!!

Sharon Crockett,
President



Upcoming General Meeting



Our next business meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the NEW-TECH Skill Center, located at 4141 N. Regal. Please arrive by 6:00 pm. 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 5, 2017

6pm

Location TBD

VP's Message

With another successful Snow Show behind us, current groomer and ride meetings, all that is left is a good dump of white gold and the Winter Knights will be out tearing up the mountains again. Getting the season up and running is never without its challenges and this season is no different. We are still dealing with the aftermath of the Tower Fire at the Baldies. Since the end of the 2015-2016 riding season, myself and others on the Board, have been in constant contact with the Forest Service and State Parks trying to obtain solid information about which routes will be available to us and if we will be able to travel off trail or not. As of this time, things are looking quite promising for riding the Baldies, with some exceptions. The major obstacle for riding at the Baldies is the fact that salvage logging is still under-way and will continue for as long as it is feasible and cost-effective for the logging company to continue plowing the roads. In other words, let the snow dance begin! Pray for the big dump! I'll keep you posted as soon as we receive more information. Should things not work out at the Baldies, rest assured that an alternate ride schedule is already in the works.

There are many other challenges that face us in this

upcoming season and the not so distant future that will stretch our resources and test our mettle. The need for volunteers in this club has never been greater. State Parks and the Colville National Forest are presenting the Winter Knights as what a snowmobile club should be. This great club has always practiced good stewardship for the Baldies and Mt. Spokane by providing trail maintenance, firewood cutting, storm clean-up, trail grooming support, signage and so much more. We are now looking at the possibility of expanding these services into other regions of the Colville Forest. As some of you may already know, our groomer Josh has picked up grooming contracts in the Chewelah and Calispell Peak area. This alone will have a huge positive impact in regards to the areas we all love to ride, and have been so hard to access for many years due to the lack of grooming and trail maintenance. The clubs in these areas are struggling for members and the word is some may fold. This will create a void that must be filled.

I would like to personally thank everyone that volunteered and took time out of there busy lives to help at the Snow Show, because without you this event would not be possible. The response from all the exhibitors continues to be "The Winter

Knights put on the best show in the business". Great job everyone!

So, as I finish swilling down another 6-pack of RedBull while sitting on my completely rebuilt totaled Summit that all you backcountry wanna-be's are going to have to deal with this season, I stare into the soul of a MXZ known to some as Franken Sled due to its scary amount of performance upgrades and is now ready to ravage the trails, I will leave you with this.....

LET IT SNOW !

Have a safe and fun winter.
Thank you all for
your continued support.

Glen Mumm

Vice President

Ride Coordinator

Promotion & Marketing Chair



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 2017 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, 2017 to:

Sandy Ross

P.O. Box 398

Veradale, WA 99037

Questions: Sandy Ross 509-230-7677 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, 2017.

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

Search and Rescue (SAR)

First snow of the season is now falling at the house as I write this which is great since we have already “swapped” out the ATV for the snowmobile in the club SAR trailer following the Snow Show. Now quickly to “call outs” which was a mixed bag of events. First, last September there was an almost call out for a 60 year old female with dementia, barefoot wearing only her nightgown missing from her house in the vicinity of Dennison Chattaroy Road. Apparently, both husband and wife woke up around midnight to go to the bathroom...him first, then back to bed to wake up again around 3:00am for another bathroom trip (sure many of you can relate to that) only to find the wife not in bed nor anywhere in the house. The call went out a little after 4:00am only to be cancelled 35 minutes later as she was found in the basement of neighbor's house approximately ¼ mile down the road. Then on Tuesday night, October 11th at 10:24pm a request for additional SAR resources was made to support efforts to locate a lost hunter, 63 year old male, in Kootenai County, Idaho. Subject was last seen mid-day the previous Monday on the north side of Bernard Peak above Bunco Road. Search efforts ended late Wednesday afternoon with a helicopter sighting of a body below cliffs overlooking Lake Pend Oreille. The how and why is unknown,

however, speculation is the subject may have been disoriented, caught up by darkness and walked toward lights from Bayview not aware of the cliffs. Finally, there was a request for volunteers to assist in setting up tents and other logistical support for personnel displaced by the Spokane House of Charity Norovirus outbreak. The timing of the request was Saturday during the Snow Show. Obviously, the potential exposure of a debilitating virus compared to working the Snow Show did not pose a significant conflict in the minds of SAR team members. Speaking of Snow Show....another big thanks to Tracy Malone for her outstanding support to the 50/50 raffle selling over 1,000 tickets.

In other SAR news, the fall County Mock Exercise was an overnight event in Farragut State Park, Idaho, September 10th & 11th. This was the first time to hold this event outside of Spokane County and another first to be conducted with individual training stations ranging from land navigation, GPS, first aid, etc. to rope recovery. Attendees were allowed to pick and choose what station training interested them and training overall was so praised, it is expected to be repeated next year. Additionally, I am happy to report that our own Eliot Mohr had the

winning ticket in the Spokane County SAR Council raffle for a 308 Weatherby rifle. Eliot might be talked out of it if the price is right. Also, we have one existing member, JoAnn Post, and one new club member, John Moyer, currently in the County SAR Academy with expected completion this January, 2017. With team training normally held the 4th Thursday of the month and considering Thanksgiving and Christmas, it's an easy early call to cancel and to pick up again in January.

Lastly, we will soon be hitting the trails and back country for some long awaited snowmobiling. I have repeatedly stated a SAR snowmobile call out in Spokane County is a low probability due to improved cell coverage and limited access around Mt. Spokane, and that our SAR skills will most likely be used in support of a club ride for our own members or for others we might come across outside the County boundary. “Safety in numbers” is a key reason to belong to the club and participate in club rides. I still encourage you to stay prepared....that is, carry sufficient gear to build a fire and overnight shelter should the need arise. Hopefully, it will not. If you have questions or ideas how to prepare....talk to a SAR member.

Wayne Smith
SAR Director

WSSA Rendezvous

As your area WSSA representative and WK Treasurer, I wanted to remind everybody in the club to come to the WSSA Winter Rendezvous this coming February on President's Day weekend (Feb 17-19). This year it will be at the new 12 Tribes Resort and Casino in Omak. Omak is an easy 2.5 hour drive from Spokane with no mountain passes to get over. This is a three-day event with rides Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The rides will be for all skill levels from trail to mountain style. This is a great way to meet new friends and discover some new riding areas as well. I know you will enjoy it!

For more info please check out the WSSA website at: <http://www.wssa.us/>

The Hotel Website is: <http://colvillecasinos.com/12-tribes-resort-casino/index.php>

Hotel Reservations Number: (509) 422-4646

Or you can contact me at (509) 951-2654 if you have questions.

Best Regards,

Greg Figg

Winter Knights Treasurer

WSSA District 3 Representative



The agenda looks something like this:

Friday:

Rides - All Day

Social Hour - Bar will be set up

Dinner in the Evening at the hotel followed by a very short WSSA meeting.

Guest Speaker

Entertainment - Bingo for Prizes.

Pool and Hot tub open

Saturday:

Rides - All Day

Social Hour - Bar will be set up

Dinner in the Evening at the hotel followed by WSSA elections

Silent and Live Auction to raise money for Legal Action Fund

Pool and Hot Tub open

Sunday:

Rides - All Day

Evening Dinner - At hotel or on your own

Pool and hot tub open.

Christmas Party

It's here again!

The annual "Winter Knights Most Awesome Christmas Party"

A.K.A. "The Event Not To Be Missed"!

WHEN: Saturday, December 10, 2016

WHERE: Ramada at the Spokane Airport

They are offering special pricing for those of you who may enjoy the party a little too much and should not be driving home!

TIMES: Social hour starts at 6pm with a No-Host Bar

This is when I decide who has been naughty or nice this year, so you will not want to miss it!

Buffet Dinner will be served at 7pm (Please check-in by 6:45pm)

On the menu: Cashew Crusted Chicken and Raspberry Glazed Pork Loin

Is your mouth watering yet? If not, wait until dessert, which is a surprise.

Of course, games and shenanigans will abound throughout the evening.

We will again have a gift selection, and everyone will leave with something.

PRICES: 8+ hours of volunteering at the Snow Show = Dinner on Dean!

Your meal is free! Thank you for all the hard work!

Not sure if you worked 8+ hours? Ask me, I have a list.

WK members = Only \$15 for all of this awesomeness!

Non-WK members = \$30

Maybe you should join our club and save some money, but still worth it.

Please RSVP to me by Sunday, December 4, 2016, so I can give the hotel a fairly close dinner count. You can call me at **509-979-4852**, but the best way to reach me is text or email: **sixruggs@gmail.com**

I look forward to seeing everyone again this year!!

Shami Ruggles



Membership News

Thank you everyone for renewing your membership dues this year! A large number of you used our new on-line renewal and payment system, so we feel it was a successful new venture for the club. The winners of the "Try the New On-line Renewal System" drawing was Kai and Michelle Ogston. They won 2 Spokane Indians baseball



game tickets. As you can see in the picture, they had a great time at the game (and were very happy with the new online membership renewal system).

We are up 18 new members so far this year! 11 from the Snow Show, 3 on-line from our website, 2 member referrals and 2 mail-ins. However, there are still about 30 members from last year that have not renewed yet. If you are one of those, please mail in your \$30 payment (\$35 if you want newsletters mailed to you via USPS) as soon as possible to P.O. Box 1255, Mead, WA 99021-1255. Checks should be payable to Spokane Winter Knights. You may also renew on-line by going to our website, spokanewinterknights.com, to renew and pay with PayPal. Just click on the Membership tab and scroll down.

2016 Snow Show Kitchen Report

If the comfort of warm home-cooked foods contribute to a successful Winter Knights Snow Show, we are an amazing example of club spirit and hard work! Our amazing kitchen crew served: over 360 hot dogs; over 7 Gallons of Chili; over 200 donuts; and our amazing club members submitted an additional 32 crock pots full of the best home-made meals in town. As in the past, this year's exhibitors were extremely thankful for the club's food service. This unusual club service provides, and I believe, contributes to making our show a success.

Thank you from Ron Kelley and the Kitchen Crew.

Website - spokanewinterknights.com

Be sure to check out the website as often as possible. The "[For Sale By Owner](#)" page is a great place to advertise, "[Ride Schedule](#)" will keep you up-to-date on all the club ride details, "[Apparel](#)" has just what you need to stay in the latest of styles, and "[Snow Reports](#)" will help to keep you safe out there among the trees and deep powder. Let us know what you think and like. We want the site to suit your needs!

A Tribute to Russ Anderson and Don Willis

Two longtime Winter Knights members have passed away in the past four months. Together, Russ Anderson and Don Willis have been club members for 74 years. Russ and Don were passionate snowmobilers and both of them continued riding actively until about age 80. Hopefully, we will all be so lucky. Russ and Don each contributed countless volunteer hours for club projects such as wood cutting, trail clearing, and construction of the warming hut at Pelke Ridge (aka "The Ritz").

Russ Anderson

Russ joined the club in 1985 and was a Golden Member, with 31 years of longevity. As long as I have known him, Russ was an Arctic Cat rider. Russ and his wife, Joan, owned a timeshare week at Seeley Lake Montana, where they rode for many years. It was possibly his favorite snowmobiling destination. He also rode at Yellowstone, McCall, the Blue Mountains, the Baldies, and at various WSSA Rendezvous meetings. Russ was a member of the Search and Rescue Team for many years and also served on the Board of Directors for several years, and became the Club President for the years 1996-1998. Russ and Joan were selected as the Winter Knights Family of the Year in 1992-1993. Russ served as the District 3 Representative on the Washington State Snowmobile Association for several years, and attended many WSSA Rendezvous meetings. Russ was a great story teller, and his recollection of past snowmobiling experiences was both entertaining and humorous. It was a great honor to have spent time sitting in front of the fire at the Seeley Lake Condo with Russ and Joan listening to stories about the early days of snowmobiling. Russ passed away on August 12, 2016 at the age of 86.



Don Willis

Don joined the club in 1973 and was a Golden Member, with 43 years of longevity. Don was a Polaris rider, and he was a superb mechanic. His sleds were always in pristine condition, and he helped me more than once with problems on my sleds. One time when the brakes on my wife's sled were overheating, he immediately recognized that they had air in them and needed to be bled. Don's favorite riding location was at the Baldies. He also rode at McCall, Stanley, Yellowstone, Mt. Baker, and more than 10 years at Seeley Lake. Don always enjoyed riding from Seeley Lake to Ovando for a hamburger at Trixi's Antler Saloon. He rode Mount St. Helens only 4 months before it erupted and blew the top off the mountain. They were staying at the Spirit Lake Lodge, which was obliterated by the eruption. Don and Jim Lewis (deceased) were part of the beginning of the Search and Rescue Team and the two of them led it for quite a few years. One notable search was near Wenatchee looking for a crashed airplane. Don was on SAR for at least 10 years. Don was the District 3 Representative on the Washington State Snowmobile Association for at least 2 terms. Don and his wife, Emma, were selected as the Winter Knights Family of the Year in 1987-1988. Don Willis passed away on November 5, 2016 at the age of 84.



Written by Bruce Rawls

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2016-2017 Upcoming Events

November:

25 Coeur d'Alene Lighting Parade - 5pm - Come see our entry!

December:

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

17 Tune-up Ride (trail and off-trail ride) - Mt. Spokane - 9am

January:

5 Board Meeting - 6pm - location TBD

7 Nordman, ID Ride (trail ride) - 10am

14 Beaver Lodge to Calispell Peak Ride (trail and off-trail ride) - 9am

15 Vintage Snowmobile Race - Priest Lake

19 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center - 7pm

21 Newcomer Ride (trail and off-trail ride) - Kings Lake - 10am

27-29 Eric Holt Ride (trail ride) - Coolin, ID - location/time TBD

February:

2 Board Meeting - 6pm - location TBD

4 Frank Young's 3rd Annual BBQ and Bonfire Ride (trail and off-trail ride)
Kings Lake - 11am and 5pm

11 Mountain Ride - location/time TBD based on snow conditions

16 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center - 7pm

17-19 WSSA Winter Rendezvous - Omak/12 Tribes Resort & Casino
- contact Greg Figg for more details

18 Festivus Ride (trail and off-trail ride) - 4th of July Pass - 8:30am

19 Vintage Snowmobile Race - Priest Lake

22-26 McCall, ID Ride (trail and mountain rides) - updates in January 2017

25- March 4 Island Park, ID Ride - CANCELLED

March:

2 Board Meeting - 6pm - location TBD

4 End of Season Ride (trail ride) - Kings Lake (lunch at Millie's) - 9am

11 Mountain Ride - location/time TBD based on snow conditions

15 Deadline for Scholarship Applications

16 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center - 7pm



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