

FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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2017 Snow & ATV Show & Swap Meet

2017 was a great year for our event! Exhibitor participation was up 15%, Parking Lot Swap was up 45%, Parts-Clothing-Accessories up 20% and our Gate was up 20%. All this adds up to a fantastic year for everyone!

A special thanks goes out to Sandpoint Marine & Motorsports and Spokane North Trailers for filling up all the empty space in bay 4. You helped the show go on! Thank you. Also, a special thanks to all of the Exhibitors for your products and expertise that you bring to this show. It is what makes it so successful.

Great job Winter Knights volunteers! It takes all of you and your precious time that you contribute to this event to make it successful. Some of you work even harder than others as your responsibilities begin back in April. Thank you to all of you for making my job manageable and most importantly "FUN".

To all of the Attendees, thank you for coming out to this show! We appreciate your smiling faces and your excitement that we see when you come racing in the door. On behalf of the Exhibitors, thank you for spending your hard

earned dollars with them at this show. Attendees, "You Rock". Thank you.

I am counting on all of you to return November 10th, 2018 for our 38th annual Show. Until then, enjoy the snow and be safe.

Thanks again to all.
Respectfully submitted;

Dean Meakin

Snow Show Director



November 2017

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Snow Show Kitchen Report by Ron Kelley

What a great turnout! The kitchen crew served 200+ donuts, 240 hot dogs, 6 gallons of chili, and over 1,000 drinks in two days. We also provided and served meals to four of our exhibitors that were alone in their booths. Our volunteer club members provided 35 varieties of crock pots full of delicious foods. Several of the exhibitors commented that we give them special treatment and this is the best show they attend. Our Vets appreciated the extra effort to honor them with flags, as well. A great thank you to all for helping set up, serving, and seeing this 2017 Snowmobile event through to the end. And, if you forgot to put a crock pot liner in your crock pot, the kitchen crew thanks you for 'our dish-pan hands'.

If anyone is interested in co-hosting the kitchen with me next year, please call me at 360-739-0804.

From the President

I can just feel the excitement and anticipation building for a great snowmobiling season! Thanks to all who made our 2017 Snow Show a success - Winter Knights members, friends of members, members' children, grandchildren, friends of grandchildren, and vendors/exhibitors!! Now we can get down to the business of riding in the mountains!

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

LIFE FLIGHT 2017-2018

Our Life Flight group renewal date is December – I must pay the renewal fees on December 11, 2017. Therefore, I ask that

you renew before the Christmas party – **I must have it before December 9, 2017.** The cost to renew is \$50, 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 1 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. I emailed the membership form on November 5 – if you need it again I can email you the membership form if you email or call me. If you don't have email, call me so I can write down the information on the form for you. You can also print the form from our [website](#).

LET IT SNOW LOTS AND LOTS!!

Sharon Crockett,
President



Upcoming General Meeting



Our next business meeting will be Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7pm at the NEW-TECH Skill Center, located at 4141 N. Regal. Join us at 6pm for dinner, prepared and served by the culinary students for \$11 per person (this includes tax and tip). An RSVP is REQUIRED by Sunday, January 14. 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 as well!

Next Board Meeting:

January 4, 2018

6pm Location TBD

VP's Message

With another very successful Snow Show behind us, it's time to start riding. There is snow in the mountains with more on the way. I personally have already been riding and boy did it feel good! With our monster ride schedule this year, 14 trail rides, 11 mountain rides & 6 backcountry rides, we are going to be very busy. The need for ride helpers has never been greater. Please feel free to call, text or email me with any questions you have about the rides and how you can help us put on the most aggressive ride schedule this or any club in the state of Washington has ever had. Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with the [Priest Lake Vintage Races](#) on January 14th and February 18th. This is a really fun event and we need man power to help with pit parking, staging, corner flagging, promotion, and Winter

Knights recruitment at the races. Shaidon Storch is in the process of organizing a 2-day avalanche class with Idaho State Parks that will include both classroom and on-the-snow training for club members. Openings for this training will be limited. We will send out an email with details on how to register for this training as soon as we have finished working out the details, so stay tuned. Also, please go take a ride at Mt. Spokane every chance you get this season. Washington State Parks has spent a lot of time and money rebuilding the grooming program and securing a new 5-year lease with Bear Lodge for the easement across their property so as to maintain the current snowmobiling loop, and to ensure that the Spokane snowmobiling community can enjoy this jewel for many years to come. Our club is growing

and if we are going to maintain this growth we are going to need a lot of volunteers to help us with events, land use issues and rides. So please get involved and help us continue to be the premier snowmobile club in the state.

Hope you have a safe & fun snowmobiling season.

Glen Mumm

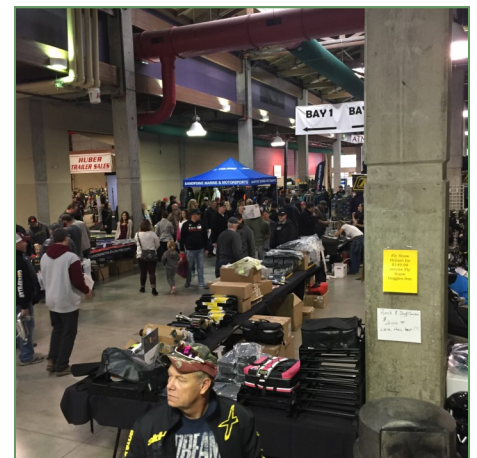
Vice President

Ride Coordinator

Promotion & Marketing Chair



Snow Show Pictures



2018 Mountain / Back Country Ride Schedule

MOUNTAIN RIDES (MT)

- Mountain rides will require intermediate off-trail skill level, and be a mix of on and off trail riding.
- Portions of these rides will be in treed areas with somewhat technical and challenging terrain, and some modest side-hilling.
- There will plenty of chances for attempting steep climbs and descents.
- Avalanche rescue practice will be a part of these rides.
- There will be plenty of opportunities to ask questions and learn advanced mountain riding skills.

MUST-HAVE ITEMS

Modern long track MT sled, Beacon, Backpack with Shovel & Probe, GMRS radio.

BACK COUNTRY RIDES (BC)

- All Back Country rides will require the participant to possess advanced to expert level rider skills and be proficient in riding in technical back country terrain.
- These rides will be in steep, technical mountain & treed terrain and may pass above or below hazardous areas such as cornices and cliffs.

MUST-HAVE ITEMS

All of the items for the Mountain Rides plus Avalanche Air Bag and Basic Avalanche Rescue Training. These are advanced to expert level rides. You must be prepared for extreme conditions and long days.

January		February	
6	MT Ride	3	MT Ride
13	MT Ride	10	BC Ride
20	MT Ride	17	MT Ride
27	MT Ride	24	BC Ride
March		April	
3	MT Ride	7	BC Ride
10	BC Ride	14	MT Ride
17	MT Ride	21	BC Ride
24	BC Ride	28	End of Season MT
31	MT Ride		Ride and BBQ

Launch point and time will be announced on Facebook the Wednesday before each ride based on snow conditions. All rides will be in Idaho, Montana and Canada.

Glen Mumm

VP Spokane Winter Knights

Ride Coordinator

2018 Trail Ride Schedule

- These rides will typically be 4-6 hours long and suitable for the whole family and all skill levels.
- All rides will be on groomed trails and ridden at a comfortable pace with frequent stops to ensure the group stays together.
- There will be numerous breaks with plenty of chances to ask questions and the possibility of practicing off-trail riding techniques.

	January		February		March
6	Tune-up Ride Mt. Spokane - Trail Ride	3	Eric's Ride at Coolin Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail. Host - Eric Holt.	3	Nordman 302 Lot to Trapper Warming Hut. Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail.
12-13	Greg Figg's Weekend Party Hard Ride Coolin, Idaho. Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail. Host - Greg Figg	5-9	West Yellowstone Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail. Host - John Peterson.	10	Fernan Trail Ride. Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail. Hosts - Axelsson & Vass Families
20	Newcomer Ride The Baldies. BBQ at the Ritz Warming Hut. Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail.	10	Frank's BBQ Ride Mt. Spokane. Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail.	17	Hanna Flats to North Baldie. Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail.
27	Bunco Night Ride - Trail Ride. Host - Dean Meakin.	11	Beaver Lodge Trail Ride Host - Bruce Rawls	24	OPEN
		17	Festivus Ride at 4th of July Pass - Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail. Host - Al & Nellie McCarty	31	OPEN
		16-18	WSSA Winter Rendezvous. Host - Greg Figg		
		21-25	McCall Club Ride - Trail ride/less aggressive off-trail. Hosts - Sharon Crockett & Mike Harrison.		

If you are interested in hosting a ride of your choice in your favorite location for any of the open dates on this ride schedule, please send an email to us at spokanewinterknights@gmail.com.

We will be happy to help assist you with all the details associated with scheduling and the promotion of your ride.

Thank you for your continued support.

Glen Mumm

VP Spokane Winter Knights & Ride Coordinator

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 2018 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, 2018 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, 2018.

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

Search and Rescue (SAR)

The way some people describe “life” can be applied to this year’s fall season. “It’s like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes!” You may be asking what that bit of colloquialism has to do with SAR? Answer is.... absolutely nothing, which is exactly what has happened since the summer “call out’s” discussed in the last newsletter. The pace for Winter Knight SAR does pick up, however, with monthly training meetings scheduled September through March. There is still the potential for lost snowboarders, skiers and the growing number of dementia subjects that tend to wander off the reservation. Additionally, team members remain current in first aid, winter survival and recovery techniques should the need arise

even outside of Spokane County.

In other news, Spokane County is hosting an “Open House” for those individuals thinking of participating in Search and Rescue and looking for more information, particularly about the upcoming SAR Academy. The date is Friday, December 8th, 6:pm (1800 hrs) at the Sheriff’s Department Training Center, 6011 N. Chase Road, Newman Lake, WA 99025. The “once a year” Academy starts January 5th and involves most Friday evenings once a week until the end of March. The exception being two or three Saturdays set aside for field training. Overall, the Academy is highly informative and can be fun for those that are seriously interested in SAR. Again, any Winter Knight

member interested in joining the SAR Team is encouraged to contact me at any time with whatever questions you may have.

Lastly, another year and another Snow Show is in the history books. With that goes a tremendous thank you and congratulations to Tracy Malone for a personal best of selling over one thousand 50/50 tickets for the SAR Team drawing. Now as we are unofficially in snow season, the SAR sled is in the trailer ready for “call outs” and looking ahead to participating in the Coeur d’Alene Christmas parade and club rides.

Wayne Smith
SAR Director



Membership News

Thank you everyone for renewing your membership dues this year!

We are up 10 new members so far this year! 6 from the Snow Show, 2 on-line from our website, 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](#), complete the renewal form and pay using PayPal.

Golden members, even though you are free from paying your Winter Knights dues, you still need to make sure your contact information is correct. Please return your updated form, call us at 509-238-6370, or email us at spokanewinterknights@gmail.com. Also, you will need to send \$5 if you want your newsletters mailed to you, as that is not included in the membership.

Thanks - Al & Nellie McCarty

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 16-18). This year it will once again be at the new 12 Tribes Resort and Casino in Omak, which 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.

The 12 Tribes Hotel, which is very nice, has rooms for the WSSA event at \$86/night for 2 Queen beds. The resort fee is also waived for the event.

To reserve a room, go to the hotel website: <http://colvillecasinos.com/12-tribes-resort-casino/index.php>

or call the Hotel Reservations Number: (509) 422-8500 Group Code : 180215SNOW

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

Best Regards,

Greg Figg

Winter Knights Treasurer

WSSA District 3 Representative



To register for the event, please fill out the enclosed registration form.

Thursday:

Check-in

Meet and Greet in conference room

Pool and hot tub open

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

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.

Winter Rendezvous 2018

Feb. 16th -18th

Guided Rides

Friday-Sunday

Information / Sign up @ Check-in

Great Fun for the entire Family

Photo Contest

Triton Trailer Raffle

Silent & Live Auctions (proceeds go to Legal Action Fund)

Awards Ceremony & Dinner (Fri & Sat Night)

Entertainment & Prizes

12 Tribes Resort Casino

Rooms from \$86

Omak, WA

(509) 422-8500

Group Code *180215SNOW*

www.colvillecasinos.com



Registration Form

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Children Names/Ages _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # (____) _____ E-Mail? _____

Friday Night Dinner (Adults & Children 13+ @ \$30/each) (Children 7-12 @ \$15/each) Under 7 free

Adults _____ x \$30 = \$_____ + # Children _____ x \$15 = _____ Sub Total \$_____

Saturday Night Banquet (Adults & Children 13+ @ \$35/ea) (Children 7-12 @ \$15/ea) Under 7 free

#Adults _____ x \$35 = \$_____ + # Children _____ x \$15 = _____ Sub Total \$_____

Method of Payment: Check or Credit Card (Visa/Master Card only) TOTAL AMOUNT \$_____

Make payment out to WSSA and mail form to:

Fred Pitzer

P.O. Box 668

Yakima, WA 98907

(509) 534-3417

Credit Card # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card _____

Signature _____

Christmas Party

It is time for the annual "Winter Knights Most Awesome Christmas Party"!

WHEN: Saturday, December 9, 2017

WHERE: Ramada at the Spokane Airport

They are offering special pricing! Just tell them you are with the club.

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

This is when I decide who has been naughty or nice this year!

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

On the menu: Wild Salmon Fillet and Pit Ham

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 Nellie, she has the list.

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

Non-WK members = \$30

No tickets will be sold at the door this year!

Please RSVP to Nellie McCarty by Saturday, December 2, 2017.

You have 4 options:

- call Nellie at 509-238-6370,
- email her at spokanewinterknights@gmail.com,
- go to the club [website](#) and pay online with PayPal (for a small convenience service charge),
- mail her a check (payable to Spokane Winter Knights) to P.O. Box 1255, Mead, WA 99021-1255

I look forward to seeing everyone again this year!!

Shami Ruggles



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2017-2018 Upcoming Events

November:

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

December:

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

January:

4 Board Meeting - 6pm - location TBD

6 Tune-up Ride (trail ride) - Mt. Spokane

6 Mountain Ride - location to be determined

12-13 Greg Figg's Weekend Party Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride) - Coolin

13 Mountain Ride - location to be determined

14 Vintage Snowmobile Races - Priest Lake, ID

20 Newcomer Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride) - Baldies

20 Mountain Ride - location to be determined

27 Bunco Night Ride (trail ride)

27 Mountain Ride - location to be determined

February:

1 Board Meeting - 6pm - location TBD

3 Eric's Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride) - Coolin, ID

3 Mountain Ride - location to be determined

5-9 West Yellowstone Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride)

10 Frank's BBQ Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride) - Mt. Spokane

10 Back Country Ride - location to be determined

11 Beaver Lodge Ride (trail ride)

15 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center - 7pm

16-18 WSSA Winter Rendezvous -Omak/12 Tribes Resort & Casino

17 Festivus Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride) - 4th of July Pass

17 Mountain Ride - location to be determined

18 Vintage Snowmobile Races - Priest Lake, ID

21-25 McCall, ID Club Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride)

24 Back Country Ride - location to be determined



- Club Officers -

President - Sharon Crockett

Vice President - Glen Mumm

Treasurer - Greg Figg

Secretary - Ron Kelley

- Club Chairs -

Snow Show - Dean Meakin

Search & Rescue - Wayne Smith

Membership - Al & Nellie McCarty

Marketing - Glen Mumm

- Board Members -

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Bob Walker

Dennis Parshall

John Peterson

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