

# FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

## Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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### 2018 Snow & Power Sports Expo

Attendance was better this year than in 2017! Yahoo!

My first thank you goes out to all the attendees that could have just gone somewhere else that day or stayed home because of the weather. They came out to our Snow Show and supported the Club all of the Exhibitors with enthusiasm and hard earned dollars.

My next thank you goes out to all the Exhibitors. I hope 2018 was the year to talk about as being the greatest ever as it was great to see all the smiling faces at the close of the show Saturday night. I hope to see all of them back

for more in 2019. A special thanks goes out to Mountain Addiction, True Adventure Gear and Van Amburg. I know it was a difficult choice for each of them to come out this year. Please keep us in the loop as you go forward for the snowmobiler.

Thank you to all the Volunteers! This show can't be successful without your countless hours of volunteer labor. It takes more than just a handful or a committee, it takes all of you. Thank you!

Thank you Snow Show committee for your time and professionalism needed to manage each area of this event.

That is commitment in action! Thank you again.

2018 was a great show with great people! Thank you. Because this year's show was so great, many of the exhibitors have asked for more room or a different location for 2019 already. We will do our best to accommodate all of their requests next year. I hope to see all of you November 9th, 2019!

**Dean Meakin**

Snow Show Director



## November 2018

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**2019 Snowmobile & Power Sports EXPO & Swap Meet**  
39th Annual Show  
sponsored by: **Nov. 9, 2019**  
9AM - 5PM Spokane Fairgrounds  
Fun & Prizes for the Whole Family!  
"Help Us Help You"  
Info: [winterknights.org](http://winterknights.org) & [spokanewinterknights.com](http://spokanewinterknights.com)

### Snow Show Kitchen Report by Ron Kelley

What a great turnout! The kitchen crew served 200+ donuts, 275 hot dogs, 7 ½ gallons of chili, and over 1,000 drinks in two days. We also provided meals to two of our exhibitors that were alone in their booths. Our volunteer club members provided 46 varieties of crock pots full of delicious foods. Several of the exhibitors commented 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 your help setting up, serving, and seeing the 2018 snowmobile event through to the end. And, if you forgot to put a crock pot liner in your crock pot this year, be aware that the club provides free liners if you ask.

## From the President

As I write this article, another Snow Show is now in the books!! Speaking of the Snow Show, what a great show we had this year!! From the increase in attendance, to the vendors reporting great sales, this year's show is one to be particularly proud of. I wanted to personally thank all the Winter Knights for volunteering so many hours to make this show great!! Last, but not least, I wanted to also thank all the vendors and those that attended the show. I am betting that next year will be even better as the Snow Show team further refines the show for next year.

I would also like to thank Bob Walker and his crew of wood cutters, cleaners, and rock

placers for the hard work in getting both the Baldies and Mt. Spokane cabins ready for this coming winter.

With that said, our riding season is almost here. One good snowfall and we will all be out riding again!! We have some great club rides planned for this year, including the over-night Priest Lake Ride, the WSSA rides at Hills Resort (Priest Lake), as well as the traveling rides at West Yellowstone and McCall again this year. I know both Glen and Al are planning a full [Ride Schedule](#) again for trail, off trail, and backcountry this year.

I hope to see many of you out on some rides this winter or at our Christmas party on

December 8th. Have a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

**Greg Figg - President**



## Life Flight Renewal

Our Life Flight group renewal date is December 1, 2018. The cost to renew is \$50, payable to the Spokane Winter Knights. Contact Sharon Crockett if interested.

## Board Positions

There will be two board positions opening up for next year. Nominations begin at the January Business Meeting with elections occurring the following month. If you are interested or know of someone that is, please let the Election Committee members know and they'll take it from there.

## Upcoming General Meeting



Our next business meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7pm at the NEWTECH 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 13. 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 3, 2019

6pm Location TBD

## VP's Message

So after a very successful Snow Show, it's time to prepare for the business at hand, RIDING! Once again we have a new ride schedule, with new rides, new ride hosts and new ride leaders. You'll notice that the mountain ride schedule only has dates on it. This is because Mother Nature has become so unpredictable that we will be waiting until the Friday before the scheduled ride to announce the location so we can provide the best ride possible. The mountain ride location will be posted on our [Facebook Group](#) page, so if you haven't joined our group page yet, make sure you do to get all the latest updated avalanche forecasts, snow conditions and ride location reports. Also, you will notice that this season the mountain rides are broken into 2 groups. The 101 ride is for the person looking to learn some new off-trail skills and practice basic avalanche awareness. So if you have a beacon, be sure to bring it with you and get some practice. The

201 is for the person that is already comfortable riding off-trail in deep snow and has good off-trail & mountain riding skills, is looking to challenge themselves by learning more advanced riding styles and increase their Avi IQ. A beacon, shovel & probe are required for everyone that attends the 201 rides.

The Winter Knights is hosting the [WSSA Rendezvous](#) on February 15, 16 & 17 at Hills Resort in Idaho on Priest Lake. If you have a good working knowledge of the trail system at Priest Lake and the trail system at the Baldies, and would be interested in helping us with the trail rides for this event or any of the upcoming rides for the 2019 season, please contact Al McCarty, Trail Ride Coordinator, to find out how you can help your club put on the biggest rides of the season.

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of the

Winter Knights volunteers that took time away from their busy personal lives to help put on one of the most successful Winter Knights Snow Shows in our history! Without your support it would not be possible to host the biggest one-day snowmobile and power sports expo in the West. You guys are awesome!

Now lets get that snow dance started. It's time to RIDE!

Snowbikes Rule!!!

**Glen Mumm**  
VP Winter Knights



## Snow Show Pictures





## Search and Rescue (SAR)

The old adage of “best laid plans” proved true once again with the team field training exercise discussed in the last newsletter scheduled in July which had to be cancelled due to the heat, drought and extreme fire hazard conditions. We did manage to pull it off the last of September with a good showing of team members participating and demonstrating their ATV riding skills, GPS knowledge, rope and hoist recovery and use of the backboard. The only miscue of the exercise was when Allan Maxwell....decked out as “Evel Knievel”....realized his “go anywhere” dirt bike just would not climb a steep hill covered with pine straw. All and all it was a fun learning experience culminating with a cook out of brats, burgers and hot dogs. You can check out pictures of the event posted on the club website. Just open the [SAR](#) tab and scroll to the bottom of the page.

We did have a “call out” Saturday morning at 8:45, November 3rd. It was an inter-agency request from Kootenai County, Idaho, for additional resources to look for a missing 19 year old female that walked off from a “special needs” facility the Thursday night prior. She reportedly had the mental capacity of a 10 year old combined with other health issues....fainting spells, etc. The

search area was off Ohio Match Road and encompassed heavily wooded areas and numerous ATV trails. While it’s not ideal to come into a search that is days old due to nagging feeling of it being a “recovery” rather than a search, this effort ended with a positive note. A hunter and his son went to check on their cabin just on the outside edge of the designated search area. As they arrived at their locked gate they discovered the word “HELP” scratched in the dirt and outlined in sticks. They immediately located a nearby search team who found the subject crouched in bushes just off the road 30 meters inside the gate. Apparently, the teen had spent the nights inside the hunter’s cabin and was medically checked out with only a case of mild hypothermia.

By their nature, “call outs” never occur at a convenient time. With three days remaining in the hunting season, I’m sitting at the table eating lunch with hunting buddy, Mike Harrison. We were just finishing up getting ready to go out again when my text notification goes off. I jokingly told Mike, “I hope that’s not a call out for some lost hunter!” Sure enough, just like the 1984 movie, Ghostbusters and the Pillsbury Doughboy, my thoughts became reality. The notification was for a 47 year old hunter missing in the vicinity of the intersection of N. Jefferson

and Spring Valley roads. Fortunately, the location was not specific enough and by the time I was able to convert grid coordinates to a drivable location and gather my gear, the search was cancelled....all within 25 minutes.

In other SAR news:

The Winter Knights Team Training Meeting normally held the 4th Thursday of the month will be pushed to the 5th Thursday in November thanks to.... Thanksgiving. We will be doing a comprehensive first aid review and anyone interested is welcome to attend. I only ask that you contact me in advance since we do not have unlimited seating. The training will start at 6pm (1800 hrs), Thursday night, November 29th at DEM located at 1121 W. Gardner, Spokane.

Spokane County is hosting an “Open House” 10am, Saturday, December 15th at the Sheriff’s Department Training Center at 6011 N. Chase Road, Newman Lake, WA. The Open House is to provide an overview of what Search and Rescue is all about....the training requirements and the upcoming Academy starting in early January, 2019.

As always, should you have any questions about SAR, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

**Wayne Smith**  
SAR Director (509) 690-7059

## 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 2019 Scholarship amount of \$2,400 will be awarded amongst multiple recipients.

Please send all required documents to the following address (email will not be accepted) postmarked by March 15, 2019 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, 2019.

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

## Christmas Party

If you RSVP'd for this year's 50th Anniversary extravaganza, we'll see you on December 8 at The River Hotel (formerly Red Lion River Inn). Don't forget your dancing shoes!



## Membership News

Thank you everyone for renewing your membership dues this year!

We are up 10 new members so far this year! 3 from the Snow Show, 6 on-line from our website, and 1 mail-in. However, there are still about 40 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](mailto: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.

Al & Nellie McCarty  
Membership Chairs

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## 2018-2019 Upcoming Events

### **December:**

8 Christmas Party - The River Hotel - Social 6pm / Dinner 7pm

### **January:**

3 Board Meeting - 6pm - location TBD

5 Mountain 101 Ride - location to be determined

5 or 12 Tune-up Ride (trail) - Mt. Spokane (exact date based on snow)

17 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center - 7pm

18-19 Greg Figg's Weekend Coolin, ID Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail)

19 Mountain 201 Ride - location to be determined

26 Bunco / Fernan Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail)

### **February:**

2 Newcomer's Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride) - Baldies

2 Mountain 101 Ride - location to be determined

4-8 West Yellowstone Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride)

7 Board Meeting - 6pm - location TBD

15-17 WSSA Winter Rendezvous - Hill's Resort

16 Mountain 201 Ride - location to be determined

21 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center - 7pm

23 Tacoma Creek Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride)

26-March 2 McCall, ID Club Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride)

### **March:**

2 Baldies Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride)

2 Mountain 101 Ride - location to be determined

7 Board Meeting - 6pm - location TBD

9 BBQ Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail ride) - Mt. Spokane

16 Bunco / Fernan Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail)

16 Mountain 201 Ride - location to be determined

21 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center - 7pm

23 Calispell Peak Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail)

30 Priest Lake Nordman Ride (trail/less aggressive off-trail)



### **- Club Officers -**

President - Greg Figg

Vice President - Glen Mumm

Treasurer - Sharon Crockett

Secretary - Ron Kelley

### **- Club Chairs -**

Snow Show - Dean Meakin

Search & Rescue - Wayne Smith

Membership - Al & Nellie McCarty

Marketing - Glen Mumm

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