

FRESH POWDER NORTHWEST

Spokane Winter Knights Snowmobile Club

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From the President

People tell me Winter is here, but I'm still not convinced. Sure, it's frigidly cold outside and there's still a thin coat of snow on the front yard, but Winter to me means depths of snow and trees laden with straining branches of white. I openly acknowledge that patience is not one of my most comfortable of virtues and realize it's all just a short matter of time before I'm hip-deep in frozen bliss. Before I know it, I'll be running the snow blower up and down the driveway and cursing at the snapped shear pins, wondering why I ever decided to move north from sunny California. Oh, I know why.....snowmobiling!!!

In the past few months, this Club of ours has been very busy. It started this Summer with the Board getting together a couple of times to brainstorm its direction. From all that, we've tackled a slew of administrative things that will help the Club move forward more efficiently and safely. To minimize our liability exposure, we purchased insurance and instituted participation waivers to reduce financial risk. We built a woodshed at the warming hut that sets the firewood away from the building and acts as the next step in the process of turning over the liability of the hut to the Forest Service. Our Search and Rescue arm of the Association is in the middle of handing over their trailer, sled and 4-wheeler to the County to allow less of a financial footprint for them. This has in turn allowed us to save money by reducing the size of the rental storage facility that houses all our equipment. We sent out a survey to poll our membership on a variety of topics including ride

preferences and locations. This information will be useful as we design this season's schedule with the intent to encourage more participation at our rides. We've decided to increase our donations to charitable organizations to help those in need, while also getting our name out there in the public's eye. Our latest donation went to Tom's Turkey Drive and occurred on-air during one of KREM 2's afternoon broadcasts. We also just wrapped up our annual fundraising Snowmobile and Power Sports Expo/Swap Meet. At first glance, it looks like the show was a great success and everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. I may be missing something, but I think you get the idea.



Now that the groundwork has been laid and Winter is on its way, it's time to refocus on the fun part of it all. Time to purchase 3 states-worth of registrations and groomer tags, dust things off and make all the needed adjustments, break the bank on a gallon or so of oil, and grease the squeaking hinges on the trailer. There's nothing like cold air and blinding white to get me motivated. I probably should have been doing all of this earlier, but for some reason it slipped through the cracks. Thanks to everyone for stepping up this Summer and getting a lot of stuff accomplished. Know well that we can now put all that behind us and go out and play. I'm looking forward to a great season with all of you!!!

Al McCarty, President



November 2022

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Rides

Hi everyone. Are you ready to ride? As I started filling in the schedule with places and ride leaders, I looked at the survey that people took the time to do and am trying to make sure I have my bases covered. We will have a full schedule this year with weekday, weekend, night and trips. Once again, just because there is an out-of-town trip, that does not mean that there won't be a local ride somewhere. Some of the places I'm trying to schedule are Nordman, Coolin, Wallace, Baldies (both), Tollgate and more. The schedule will be published soon. There are 3 different types of rides: Family-Friendly Trail, Less Aggressive Off-Trail, and More Aggressive Off-Trail. If you are not sure what the ride "terms" mean, check out the club website page, <https://spokanewinterknights.com/ride-definitions/> to see the definitions to make sure you are



comfortable on the ride. ALSO, we encourage and welcome kids of all ages, so please bring them to enjoy in the fun!! Please also make sure that you have the appropriate state and groomer stickers for the various areas we ride. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 509-768-3344 or k_rwigen@yahoo.com.

THANKS again and let's have a fun safe season!!

Rene' Wigen
Ride Coordinator / Treasurer

Membership News

Thank you everyone for renewing your membership dues this year!

We are up 10 new members so far this year: 9 joined at our Snow Show earlier this month and 1 was referred to our club by a previous club member.

There are still about 16 members that have not yet renewed. If you are one of these, please mail in your \$30 check, made payable to Spokane Winter Knights, as soon as possible to: P.O. Box 1255, Mead, WA 99021-1255. You may also renew on-line by going to our [website](#), completing the renewal form and paying with PayPal.

Please renew by November 30th!

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, or email us at spokanewinterknights@gmail.com.

Snow Show Note:

Thank you to all
99 club members
that volunteered
1,050 hours
between the Snow
Show and the set-
up day on Friday!

Nellie McCarty
Membership Chair



Life Flight Renewal

It is time to join or renew Life Flight memberships through the Winter Knights. Our 2022 memberships expire on December 31, 2022.

The membership fee is **\$65** a year. The membership will cover any dependents claimed on your tax return and elderly or disabled family members living in the same household.

1. If you are **joining** for the first time, please send your completed Enrollment Form (see back page of this newsletter) and your check for **\$65 MADE PAYABLE TO THE SPOKANE WINTER KNIGHTS** to me by December 4, 2022. You can mail it to me at the address below.
2. If you are **renewing** and there are no changes in your household, you do not need to complete a membership form. I just need your check for **\$65 MADE PAYABLE TO THE SPOKANE WINTER KNIGHTS or cash**. You can mail it to me at the address below.
3. If you would like to give a membership to a family member or friend, or invite someone you know to join our group membership in Life Flight, you can do that also. I just need the application completed and a check for **\$65 MADE PAYABLE TO THE SPOKANE WINTER KNIGHTS**. You can mail it to me at the address below.

Life Flight is not offering the 3 year membership any longer - you can only renew for a 1 year membership. If you have any questions, please call me at 509-484-7273.

Sharon Crockett

1128 E Gordon, Spokane 99207

2023 Scholarship

The application form for the Winter Knights 2023 Scholarship is now updated and posted on our club website. Please send all required documents to the address on the application (email will not be accepted) by March 15, 2023. Questions? Contact Sharon Crockett (509) 484-7273 or visit our club [website](#) for detailed information.



Upcoming General Meeting



Our next general business meeting will be on Thursday, January 19, 2023 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 \$16 per person (this includes tax and tip).

An RSVP for dinner is REQUIRED by Sunday, January 15.

We will continue to have the "Student Shoe/Coat Fund" donation jar at the check-in table to help support the students in the culinary arts program as well!

Next Board Meeting:

December 1, 2022

NewTech Skill Center

Snow Show 2022

Thank you to all the Volunteers (99) for stepping up to the plate for this year's Snow Show. I know your time is precious to you and that is why I appreciate that you donated it to this event and the Spokane Winter Knights.

Thank you to all the Department Heads, as your contributions of time during the year and organizing your helpers really saves me tons of hours of work. This makes for a Smooth-Running Show.

Thank you to all the Dealers and Businesses that participated in this 2022 Show. Without all of you, there would be no Snow Show. I hope that all of you did well and are planning for our next Show, November 11th, 2023. Please email or call me for any thoughts you might have to make this event better for you and your company. dean@abacus-llc.com 509-220-1001

Thank you to all the Attendees! You continue to amaze me as you return year after year (41 years) and support this event with your hard-earned dollars. Trust me, it is noticed and well appreciated.

Thank you to the Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club and any others that bring in the antiques. This really adds value to our show. It is always a blast to look to the past. It is that incentive that pushes me to continue forward.

Thank you to the Kitchen Crew and all the membership that provides the Crock-Pots full of flavor with a pinch of home. No other Snow Show compares in this country or the next. Phil with 509, told me that you have to go to

Sweden to see anything like what you all have done for our show.

In closing, Thank You to Karlene, my wife, for her patience with me as I volunteer my time for the cause of snowmobiling. I count this as privilege and a blessing in my life.



My puppy
(Kuma) says
"now we can let
it snow"!

Respectfully and thankfully submitted;

Dean Meakin,
Snow Show Director



Snow Show 2022 Pictures



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Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Charley's Catering Company

(801 N. Monroe St., Downtown Spokane)

Social Hour @ 6pm with a No-Host Bar

Dinner @ 7pm

Free = Member Volunteer working 8+ hours @ Snow Show

\$17.50 = Winter Knights member

\$35.00 = Guest (Non-Winter Knights member)

RSVP and PAYMENT Due by November 30



- By mail (P.O. Box 1255, Mead, WA 99021-1255)

- Online with PayPal on spokanewinterknights.com

****An RSVP must still be made even if you earned a free dinner. Email spokanewinterknights@gmail.com****

In the spirit of the season, please bring non-perishable food items to be donated to a local food bank. Receive 1 raffle ticket per item you bring. The more items you bring, the better your chances at winning a prize!!

Don't miss out on all the fun!

Great food! Great games! Great prizes!

Silent Auction to benefit local charities!

Bring your checkbook!



2022-2023 Upcoming Events

November:

25 Coeur d'Alene Lighting Parade - Come see our club float!

30 Deadline to RSVP for Christmas Party

December:

4 Life Flight Renewal Deadline

10 Christmas Party - Charley's - Social 6pm - Dinner 7pm

January:

12 Board Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

19 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

February:

9 Board Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

16 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

March:

9 Board Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

16 General Club Meeting - NEWTECH Skill Center

Search and Rescue

Hello from Search and Rescue and wishing all snowmobilers a safe and wonderful snowmobile season!! Please be prepared when you head out for the trails or backcountry! Remember to ride only in groups, carry emergency supplies, and be prepared for changing weather!!

So far, 2022 has been a quiet year with a few call outs, but none involving snowmobiles or ATV's. The big news this year is with the Winter Knights downsizing the rental storage shed, we are transitioning to the County Search and Rescue taking over ownership of our snowmobile, ATV, and trailer. This will still allow us to use the equipment for missions and training, but will be owned and stored by Spokane County. We expect this transfer of ownership to the County to occur this December. The Search and Rescue unit believes this will be the best long-term solution for our program.

We will be in contact with those that are interested in joining our program from the Snow Show. After being on pause, the Search and Rescue training meetings will resume after the first of the year.

Have a great Christmas and New Year!

Greg Figg



- Club Officers -

President - Al McCarty

Vice President - Bret Uhlich

Treasurer - Rene' Wigen

Secretary - Brenda Major

- Club Chairs -

Snow Show - Dean Meakin

Search & Rescue - Greg Figg

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Simon Triggs

Kevin Major

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Updates Only (Member ID #) _____

New Member _____

MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

Spokane Winter Knights Association

MEMBER ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Spouse/Domestic Partner: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Additional Eligible Household Members:

Includes any dependents claimed on your tax return and elderly or disabled family members (age 65+) living in the same household

	Date of Birth	Relationship
_____	_____	_____
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Member's Signature: _____

GROUP DISCOUNT MEMBERSHIP:

- ◆ Annual fee of \$65.00 per year per household.
- ◆ Discount rate is valid with enrollment through an approved group only.
- ◆ Return completed form to group contact.
- ◆ Complete Statement of Understanding is found on the reverse side of this form.

This form is valid through 12/31/2023. Contact your employer or group representative for an updated enrollment form if this form is expired. New and lapsed member benefits take effect upon receipt of payment. Life Flight Network transports patients based on medical need, not membership status. Medicaid beneficiaries should not apply for membership. Life Flight Network operates under its own FAA Part 135 Air Carrier Certificate.