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Klamath Basin Snowdrifters Keith Blackman, President

The weather lately has sure felt like November instead of October. There has already been substantial snowfall in the mountains and it looks like we'll have a great winter!

The last Club meeting was held at Winger's on October 9th and was well attended. The food, service and the company were great, and the meeting room worked well. Thank you to all of those who attended. We had several new members attend and I appreciate the interest in the Club and snowmobiling.

We are going to need help with the upcoming trail work. Watch for more information from our Groomer Chairman, Scott Blower.

The Convention planning is moving along very well thanks to the efforts of all those who have been involved. Teamwork is essential with a function of this size and we know that we have a lot of people who will commit their time to make it the best convention ever!

Our next meeting will be a potluck at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. Hope you can make it!

Chiloquin Ridge Riders Marvin Schenck

Editor Note: Sorry, Marvin is out hunting; so, we don't have a report from him for this issue.

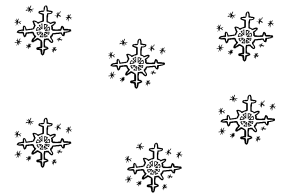
Reminder - CRR Club meeting are the first Monday of every month at Elmer's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

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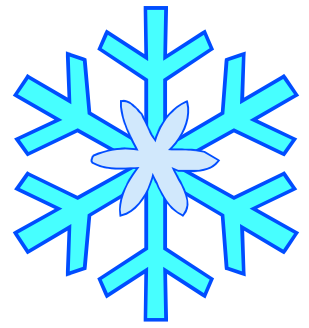
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keeps the
snowmobilers
at play!*



WINTER FUN IN THE KLAMATH SUN!

2008 OSSA CONVENTION

Don Ambers - KBSD Committee Chairman



Over the past few months, the KBSD Convention Committee has met four times and has made very good progress in each meeting.

We have penciled in four Major sponsor's (Klamath Basin Equipment, Line-X, Harvest Ford & Les Schwab) to get the up-front costs of the convention going in the right direction.

We have Yummy's Catering going to put on Saturday's Banquet Dinner and are going to use all the local pizza restaurants for the Friday night pizza gathering. A live band will also be playing on Friday night for all you people who want to dance or just hear some good music. Games and raffle's will be a big part of the Convention; so, a chance to win a good prize will be there for all!

A 2008 OSSA Convention long sleeved T-Shirt or Sweat-Shirt with awesome snowmobile graphics will be available to purchase during the convention and will be in short supply; so, let me know if you want to place a pre-convention order. Guided snowmobile trips will happen daily from Tuesday - Saturday and will leave from the Fairgrounds parking lot around 8 a.m. If you are interested in being a guide, please let Dave Miller or I know.

I am going to try to attend a few Club meetings around the area to let snowmobilers know about the convention and encourage them to attend. For the members of the Klamath Basin Snowdrifters, please sign up early and fill out the registration form completely. I am really looking forward to this convention as it looks like it will be a fun time for all!

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

MECHANIC'S CORNER

by Dave Miller



Last month we talked about getting your sled running and inspecting the exhaust system and motor mounts. This month we'll go over the track, rear suspension and front suspension.

First, we'll start with the front suspension. Start by elevating the front of the sled. Inspect the condition of the skis and carbides. Look for cracks and gouges in plastic skis and check for apparent damage from rocks or other things. Inspect the condition of the front shocks and springs. Look for leaking or bent shock shafts and missing spring collars or adjusters. After the front suspension has been checked over, set the machine back on the ground. Next, we'll check the ski alignment. Locate a 6- or 6-ft piece of flat bar that has a good straight edge. Lay the straight edge against the track and along side of the ski. Make sure the handlebars are centered. Measure the distance from the ski to the straight edge at the front and rear of the ski. If the distance at the front is greater than the rear, you have toe-out. If the opposite is true, you have toe-in. Without moving the handlebars, repeat this on the other ski. All brands of sleds will have a different toe setting. Check with your dealer for the right setting. Usually, 1/8- to 3/8-inch toe-out is preferred on Polaris sleds. Next, grease the front suspension and steering rods. Look for bent steering arms and check for loose bolts and nuts.

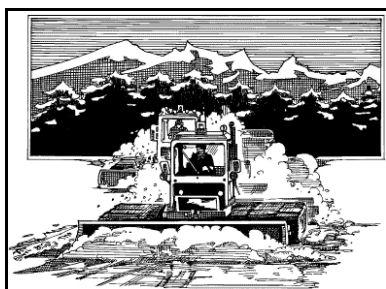
The next thing we'll cover is the rear suspension. Start by elevating the rear suspension 1 to 2 feet off the ground. Manually rotate the rear track one full rotation to look for track damage like torn or missing lugs. This will be a good time to look at all suspension wheels and bearings. Spin all wheels and check that all wheels spin freely and without noise or excessive play.

Next, grease the rear suspension. Most manufacturers recommend that you grease every 500 miles to keep the suspension working smoothly. Greasing also forces out any water that can cause corrosion that will make the suspension bind up.

Check track tension and alignment. Look at the track clips next to the hyfax and see if the gap between the clip and hyfax is the same on the both sides. Check the track tension by looking at amount of gap or sag in the track at the center of the rear suspension. Most sleds will have little or no sag, but we also don't want the track too tight which will rob horsepower.

Check hyfax. Most manufacturers have a lone on the side of the hyfax for service wear limit. If there is no line, check with your dealer for minimum specs.

Next month, we'll go over the last few things to make sure that your sled will be ready for the snow. So long for now. . .



GROOMER'S REPORT: Chiloquin Ridge Riders - Well it's almost here! Remember that white stuff they call snow? I saw some in "the bowl." The Groomer is almost ready to go to work, only a couple of small things left to do. It may sound kind of corny to keep saying thank you to the crew that has worked to make everything ready, but—THANK YOU AGAIN!!!

The Forest Service is still working on our trails with the grant money. It will be so nice when the job is done. Trails will be wide enough to have a good margin of safety. We, the CRR Trail Crew, will be removing the big stuff; so, when the OSSA Convention comes to Klamath Falls, trails should be in pristine shape.

Gotta go now. So we will see you in January!

John Briggs, CRR Grooming Chairman

Klamath Basin Snowdrifters - Well, during the last month, many good things have happened with our Tucker. The cat has been at Sunny D Manufacturing under the watchful eye of Ed Majors. Ed and his staff have been making some much needed repairs to the blade push frame and the brush rack that protects the cab mirrors. They have also placed their expertise in applying a new coat of Line-X to the Idaho drum in efforts to keep the snow from sticking to the Idaho drum. Things are looking great. Thanks Ed Majors!

Ed Fenner, Ray Gibson and I have also worked hard trying to get the general service completed. They have been busy changing fluids and filters. There is also an effort to replace many shims and bushings to tighten things up. Next, we'll be spit shining of the cat so that we are ready and willing when the results of your snow dance arrives. Thanks Ed and Ray!

Thanks to a combined effort from Dwight Johnson and the Chiloquin Ridge Riders in receiving a grant to brush many of our trails. This effort has lead to many dollars to which the Forest Service awarded a contract to begin brushing trails in the Lake of the Woods and Annie Springs areas. They have been working for a few weeks now and I hear that things are looking great. When finished, we can expect to see approximately 90 miles of trails completely brushed out between the

two areas. With this grant, we need to contribute a small percentage of trail work. This is being planned for November 3rd at the Great Meadow. Dwight Johnson is currently working the details as this is National Trails Day for the Klamath Ranger District. As details are finalized, they will be coming—so keep your ear to the ground!

I'm also trying to get a date for our chainsaw re-certification and schedule a First Aid/CPR class for operators and riders. This will be forth coming. The grooming program also continues looking for a good dependable snowmobile to place on the groomer. If you should know of one, please contact Ed Fenner or myself.

Until next month, tune-up and polish that sled and keep the snow dances going as the weather is in the process of changing and I see snow starting to appear in them mountains!

Scott Blower, KBSD Groomer Chairman

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Klamath Basin Snowdrifters - Oregon State Snowmobile Association

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member

Renew

Date _____

Name _____ / _____ Spouse Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Number of Snowmobiles _____ Number of Persons in Family _____

Club Affiliation (Not Required) _____ Sponsor _____

Where are your favorite places to ride: _____

State Association Dues	\$ 25.00 (per family)	If you already belong to OSSA, you can join Klamath Basin Snowdrifters for only \$20.00.
Club Dues/Per Family	\$ 20.00 (per family)	
Total Enclosed	\$ _____	

Klamath Basin Snowdrifters
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Klamath Falls, OR 97601

- I wish to be contacted by phone regarding club events.
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GUESS WHAT?!

Welcome new members Andrew and Paula Nelmes, and Brad and Susie Aspell!



Hello Klamath Snowdrifters and Chiloquin Ridge Riders! This is the second combined Newsletter for both of our Clubs. We hope all of you will contribute to the Newsletter to make it one of the best in Oregon.

You'll notice some changes to the Newsletter – new format with combined “Messages from Our Presidents” and “Groomer’s Report.” We also combined the names from the two Clubs into ***Drift Rider***.

We need your help with articles, etc. If you have pictures (jpg format) and a short story to go along to add to the ***Drift Rider***, please pass them on—we need your help; we can't do it without you. Send them, along with captions and related information, to Donna at donnajgibson@charter.net.

Again, we need email addresses from you that have computers—the best way to receive the ***Drift Rider*** is by email. There are many advantages to receiving the ***Drift Rider*** (PDF format) by email – first, no stamps are required, saving the Clubs' money – second, the ***Drift Rider*** is all in color – third, you get it before the postal mail version – and last, you can print out as many copies as you want!



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OSSA Convention - Banquet 2008

The Klamath Basin Snowdrifters are hosting the OSSA Convention - Banquet in Klamath Falls, Oregon, January 22 - 26, 2008.

We are inviting everyone; as, it will be a fun vacation to explore different riding areas as well as our Banquet / Convention.

There will be scheduled rides for the beginner to the extreme rider, Tuesday through Sunday starting at 8:00 a.m..

Friday will be OSSA meetings and seminars. In the evening, a social with pizza, raffles, games and live music.

Before Friday meetings & rides on Saturday, breakfast will be served at 7:00 a.m./paid at the door--Followed Saturday evening with the OSSA Banquet!

Mark your calendars and come see what Klamath County has to offer.

RIDES

Which days will you be riding and for how many?

Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Extreme _____

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**Klamath Falls, Oregon
January 22 - 26, 2008**

MOTELS

Cimarron Motor Inn 1 800-742-2648
(A block of 50 rooms have been reserved at \$50/night plus tax. Sign up early and be sure to mention OSSA for discounts.)

Best Western/Klamath Inn 541-882-1200
Best Western/Olympic Inn 541-882-9665
Red Lion Inn 541-882-8864
Motel 6 541-884-2110

RV CAMPGROUNDS

Klamath County Fairgrounds 541-883-3796
(Limited number available - call Fairgrounds to make reservations)

KOA-Kampgrounds 541-884-4644

Banquet Dinner Reservations

Adult Dinner.....\$25
Kids under 12.....\$15
Kids under 6.....Free

Name _____ Spouse _____

Kids/Ages _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of Kids _____

Tri Tip _____ Chicken _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Interested in reserving a sweatshirt or a long sleeve T-shirt? Sweatshirt Size _____ T-shirt Size _____

Early Bird Special
Signing up for the Banquet before December 15th will get your name in a drawing for a \$250 shopping spree!

Make checks payable to Klamath Basin Snowdrifters / OSSA Convention and mail to:

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For additional information or questions, please contact Don Ambers (541-884-6180) or Keith Blackman (541-884-4345).