



The Drifter

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KLAMATH BASIN SNOWDRIFTERS' PLAY DAY



JANUARY 27, 2007

9:00 A.M.

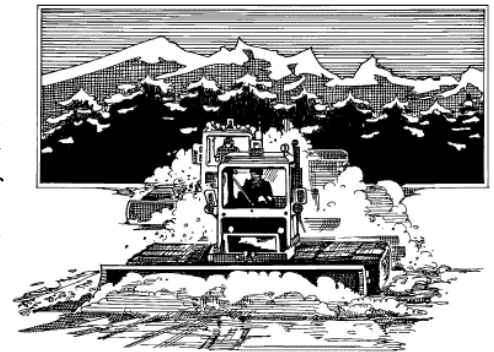
CLUB RIDES,

RADAR RUN & POKER RUN

We'll meet at the Great Meadow at Lake of the Woods! All of us like to ride; so, call your family and friends, get a group together for a great day of fun!

GROOMER'S REPORT

We groomed approximately 125 mile in December. Currently we are grooming every day of the week. We have had a couple of mechanical issues, but nothing serious. We lost the speedometer drive in the transmission—it has been replaced. We also had the ball hitch on the Idaho snap off yesterday. Jim is bringing a new ball and I am welded it up.



The Grooming schedule when conditions allow is as follows:

- Monday** - 4-Mile Lake and associated trails
- Tuesday** - Pelican
- Wednesday** - Buck Peak & Sunset or Surveyor Area
- Thursday** - Brown MT & Resort Trail
- Friday** - Pelican Butte & Cold Springs



*A snowflake a day
keeps the
snowmobilers
at play!*

The Schedule varies a little each week depending on trail conditions and the weather. We have been grooming all the trails north of 140 with the exception of the old Pelican Trail into Rocky Point. Other areas we will try to get groomed before the play day are Surveyor area and Varney Creek.

We will also attempt to groom a snow cross track and radar run in the meadow near Hwy 140 before the weekend Play Day. This is a bit tricky because of water issues. The other news is that the new trail we set up on the north side of the meadow is now in use. We are grooming it but not all the way through the meadow due to water issues. We are monitoring the water in the meadow very close with the help of Dwight Johnson of the Winema. The Forest Service is looking at a modification of the dam, culvert and drainage canal in the meadow to solve the water issue. They are hoping to have the problem solved before next winter. However, it will require some volunteer efforts to help defray the cost of modifying the meadow drainage system to allow for more regular use of the meadow in the winter. The Forest Service Staff are supposed to meet to decide what options will best solve the problem, the requests of the Snowmobile clubs, and the resort and the homeowners at the Lake for permanently fixing the mess that the dam has caused. I have been spending a lot of time trying to get the problem with the water in the meadow solved. If anyone wants more information on the problem of water in the meadow, you can contact the Forest Service at 885-3400 for information on the current status of the proposed actions, ask to speak with the District Ranger Rich Kehr for an update. We need everyone in the club to get informed, stay informed and keep the pressure on the Forest Service. Remember, the squeaky wheel get the grease.

Thanks for the recent outpouring of support for our grooming efforts and please keep it up. Your groomers need your help.

Thank you,

George Gregory
Grooming Chairman

NOTE: GROOMERS--CPR Class Monday, January 29 at Lake of the Woods Resort. Call George Gregory to confirm date & time (541-821-2407 or lowoffice@aol.com)

CLUB RIDES!

December 30, 2006 - Medicine Lake



One of two groups riding at the Four Corners Snow Park. This is a picture (taken by Ray Gibson) from the smaller group led by Rich Buchert. Pictured are Rick and Jean Buchert, and Ted Naccarati. We rode to Medicine Lake and on other area trails.

Last Year - Swan Lake Lookout

Picture of a snow sculpture taken by Bob Stiles.





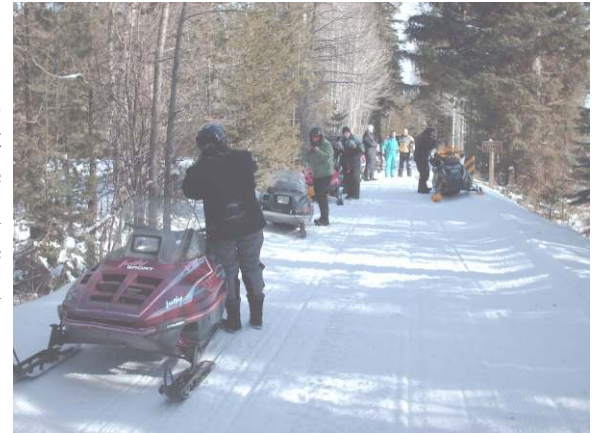
January 13, 2007 - Seven-Mile Loop - Led by John Briggs

Those who rode were: John and Cathy Briggs, their son Eric and his two sons; Dennis Baune, Jim Pinniger, Bob Stiles, and a new couple wanting to join our club (names unknown).

Picture taken by Bob Stiles during a rest stop overlooking the Lake.

January 20, 2007 - Sevenmile Loop - Led by Bill Glodowski

This picture (taken by Ray Gibson) is from a trip led by Bill Glodowski from Annie Creek. We went (among other trails) to Goose Nest and Sevenmile Loop. We had lunch at Sevenmile Creek Bridge before making the Sevenmile Loop. We stopped at many play areas; though lacking snow in some of the play areas, we did have fun. The trails were groomed well and we had a good long smooth ride. We had 11 people on the 4 to 5 hour ride.



Thanks Bill for a great ride!

2007 Calendar of Events

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January

Sat. 27 Club Play Day - Lake of the Woods, Great Meadow, 9:00 a.m.

February

Tue. 13 General Meeting, Fairgrounds Meeting Room B, 6:30 - Potluck
Nomination of Officers

Sat. 17 Steak Fry - Medicine Lake/Four Corners Snow Park
Poker Run - Rides



March

Tue. 13 General Meeting - Old Town Pizza, Main St./Party Room, 6:30
Election of Officers

Sat. 18 Club Ride - TBA - Meet at Fairgrounds

April

Sat. 14 Annual Banquet - Shield Crest Restaurant - 5:00 Social Hour - 6:30 Dinner



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Klamath Basin Snowdrifters welcome new members Jason and Tasha Flowers to our group! A friendly reminder to those who haven't yet, please send you dues to Barb Naccarati.



JACKSON / KLAMATH WINTER TRAILS GUIDE

The USDI Bureau of Land Management and USDA Forest Service have just printed a new waterproof map of all the marked snowmobile trails and junction marks for the areas. A nice map to have when you are out riding! The map are available from the Klamath Ranger Station, 2819 Dahlia Street, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 or from George Gregory (Grooming Chairman) at Lake of the Woods Resort for only \$3.00/ea!



USDI Bureau of Land Management and USDA Forest Service

SKIDOOS VICTIMS OF CAR WRECK

Larry and Shelley Redd sent along this picture of their two wrecked Skidoos! The accident occurred on December 24, 2006. Larry still has a new 800 Polaris to ride though, and we hope to see them at our Playday!



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