



The Drifter

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SNOWDRIFTERS' STEAK FRY!

The Steak Fry, Poker Run & Rides will be on Saturday, February 17, at the Medicine Lake-Four Corners Snow Park. Rides and the Poker Run will begin at 10:00 a.m., and we'll start cooking around 4:00. The Club will provide steaks and baked potatoes. We are asking members to please bring a side dish and a raffle item. Any type of raffle item would be great with no minimum value.

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 13—The General Meeting has been canceled and rescheduled for Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. It's still going to be a potluck and the nomination of officers. We will be discussing the possibility of hosting the 2008 OSSA Convention in Klamath Falls.

The reason that the meeting is rescheduled is that Lane Lindstrom, who is editor of "Snow West" magazine, will be in town and anybody who would like to come to meet him is invited to The Creamery/Klamath Basin Brewing Company for dinner Tuesday night, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. He should be there between 6:30 and 7:00. Everybody is on their own for dinner and there is an area reserved for the Klamath Basin Snowdrifters.

SNOWDRIFTERS' PLAYDAY A SUCCESS!



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



The Klamath Basin Snowdrifters' Playday on January 27, was a beautiful sunny day—great for snowmobiling! There was a good turnout and many good rides to places like Buck Peak, Brown Mountain and Surveyor Mountain. One of the last rides had about 16 riders and did not get back till after dark.

The Poker Run took in \$95 and the winner was Ted Naccarati, who donated it back to the Club. Thanks Ted!



The Radar Run was busy with many trying out their sleds for 1/8-mile speed record. The top speed was over 90 mph! The story is that Brandi Johnson, Chiloquin Ridge Riders, did 82 mph on her 4-stroke Polaris sled!

GROOMER'S REPORT

In January, we groomed 805 miles with no major problems to the equipment. We logged over 200 hours of volunteer time on the various projects of trail maintenance, snow cat grooming and maintenance on the cat.

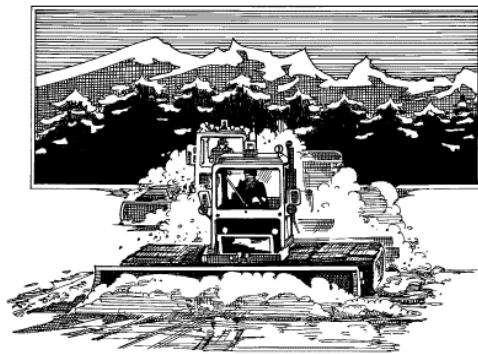
We also had a CPR First Aid Class at the resort on the 29th with all in attendance passing the class. During the class, we discussed the level of readiness that the snow cat was in for a real emergency. We evaluated our first aid supplies and made a list of things we needed to add to the kit to make it worthy of a real rescue situation. The snow cat is now equipped with a new First Responders kit that has the necessary supplies to treat the type of trauma injuries associated with snowmobiling and heavy equipment operations.

We also scheduled a work day on the cat to perform a 200-hr service and restocked the cat with our new supplies. There's a few more items on order, but the cat is very well prepared now for the rest of the grooming season and just about any emergency. We are also shopping for a new GPS unit for the cat. This will help the operators in emergencies and improve our trail grooming efficiency.

We have a batch of trail markers on order and I am asking for volunteers to assist in the application of the many new markers we need to install. I am hoping to have a date in the near future; where, we can send out teams of riders with the markers and have a full day of fun and work. Followed by a potluck BBQ. I think I can get some of the meat supplied and we can all bring our favorite side dishes. I would like to do this on a Sunday if possible.

Thanks to the Club for supporting your groomers and we look forward to seeing you all out on the trails!

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