



Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club

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I want to start this falls newsletter reminiscing of our great summer events.

First was the Cool Desert Nights event. What a great way to start out our summer shows! The Cool Desert Nights car show in Richland Washington is great fun. This was the third year that we were invited to participate. The weather was perfect, and there were a lot of classic cars with food vendors throughout the display area. On Friday night the folks who registered to display for Cool Desert Nights were invited to parade their cars to the public. We had a great time sitting and watching them enjoy their treasures.



Then on Saturday we handed out ribbons for first and second Place People’s Choice and Best of Show. This year first place for People’s Choice went to Steve Gustin for his restored 1967 Johnson Ski Horse, and second place People’s Choice also went to Steve Gustin for a beautifully restored 1964 Bolens Hus-Ski 444. Then Steve went on to also win first place for the Best of Show with the 1964 Bolens 444! But he missed out on a clean sweep when Troy Bergstresser picked up a second Place win for Best of show with his always popular 1970 Sno*Jet Star Jet.



Our next event was the Bob Rhea Sr. Vintage Snowmobile Classic. There were predictions of thunder showers, but it turned out to be a gorgeous weekend. The Hop Festival is always a lot of fun, and just keeps getting better every year. Friday night we sat around in the display area enjoying fireworks. Then on Saturday morning we discovered we set up behind the contestants of the barbecue cook off. Throughout the day there was the sweet smell of barbecue, and baked beans floating over our display. But the best part of being so close was at the end of the judging there were FREE SAMPLES! You got to love that.

We had a show, and towed a vintage snowmobile float in the parade. This is also the year we held our bi-annual election of officers and the annual meeting. Election results were: President: Ray Bergstresser; Vice President: Kevin Hancock; Treasurer/Secretary: Ed and Marlane Buckner. Also as a part of the meeting we discussed the shows for the upcoming year, and other club business.

As for the judging; first Place People’s Choice Pacific went to the Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club for our restored 1968 Ski Daddler Wide Track 22 and original Arctic Cat Kitchen Cutter Barbecue (must have been the barbecue guys that got us the top award), and second place went to Ray Bergstresser for his original 1982 Kawasaki Interceptor. First Place Best of Show went to two new members, Clayton and Joyce Busch for their restored 1969 Sno Coup, and winning second Place Best of Show was Kevin Hancock’s restored 1974 Skiroule RTX.



The last show of the year was our annual display is also a part of the largest snowmobile exposition and swap meet in the western US of A! This was WSSA's 23rd and our 14th year at this great event! This year we had more memorabilia; snowmobile suits, patches, banners, and helmets on display than ever before. The Expo has a lot of vendors, and a huge swap meet. It is hard to believe but while some of us were walking around

the swap, they found vintage snowmobiles and parts are still available. What a great chance to get locally that hard to find part.

We handed out ribbons for People's Choice and Best of Show. First Place People's Choice Greg Byrd's Original 1971 Arctic Cat King Cat, and second Place People's Choice Pacific Northwest Vintage Snowmobile Club's 1968 Ski Daddler Wide Track 22 Restored. Goodness, the old Daddler has claimed its fair share of the ribbons this year. First Place Best of Show Ray Bergstresser's 1965 Restored Evinrude Skeeter with matching tow behind trailer, and second Place Best of Show went to Tom Binder's 1971 Ski Daddler Original **AUTOGRAPHED XX-1650 Race Sled**.

Now for our upcoming events:

The Apple Country Snowmobile Club's annual Play Day in Wenatchee, Washington is scheduled for Sunday January 5, 2014. We have participated with this event for many years, and really enjoy the cook out, poker run, radar runs, and fire. This is a great event and always a lot of fun. Come out and support a local snowmobile club.

We discussed out plans for this year's 3rd Annual show at the Last Resort in Ronald, Washington. It is scheduled March 1 – 2, 2014. We are still working on the details. We had vintage one-lunger racing the first two years, but this year getting insurance has become complicated. We are still working on it and it might happen. If it does I will let everyone know. But for sure we will have a vintage show on Saturday and a vintage trail ride on Sunday. We will also have the area in front of the display to ride and parade our sleds. We might have the barbecue available depending if a youth group sets up their own concession. We want everyone to support the local youth groups with their efforts, and do not want to take away from their fund rising efforts.



We were asked several years ago to have a display at the Western Antique Areoplane and Automobile Museum (WAAAM) in Hood River Oregon. We were always fully committed for the year. But, there has been a change and we will not be at Moxee next summer.

Since our August is now open, we decided to move our show to the WAAAM next August. We will be showing the same weekend as a group of antique and vintage motorcycles. There will be a lot of activity that weekend, and we are happy to be a part of it. The museum will announce their 2014 schedule after the first of the year. I will pass it on more details when I learn more.

Howard Briggs will be sponsoring a couple vintage snowmobile rides this year. We have done this several times throughout the years, and it is always a great day out. In the past we barbecued, and plan to do so again with the club's Kitchen Cat. Keep an eye on the website or contact Howard for when and where.

We will have more information on all of these events as they are get firmed up and scheduled.

Now about financing the club; the 2014 are due by the end of December. It is important that we receive your support. We use the money to pay for the website, newsletters, flyers and other promotional items. To help to make it easier to keep current with the dues, we added an easy pay option through PayPal. If you want to give it a try but are not sure how to go about it, Ed set up the account and understands how to use PayPal. He is happy to answer any questions you might have. If you do not have PayPal accounts you can still mail in your renewal.

Thank you for your all of your interest, involvement and continued support. I look forward to seeing all you this winter at the events.

Wishing you a wonderful and Happy Holiday Season!



Ray Bergstresser
President



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