



American SkiBike Association

ASA Newsletter

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Special Points of Interest:

**ASA PHOTO CONTEST!!!
Share your SkiBike Photos - Enter and Win!**

New Koski TKO Saddle
Convert your ride for Pure Comfort and Performance

SkiBiking in Austria!
An International Perspective

ASA Event Calendar:
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Feb. 10, 2018
Brighton Ski Resort
Salt Lake City, Utah*

*Sipapu SkiBike Rally
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Sipapu Ski Area
Vadito, New Mexico*

*Purgatory SkiBike Festival
Feb. 23-25, 2018
Purgatory Resort,
Durango, Colorado*

*Sierra-at-Tahoe SkiBike Rally
March 3, 2018
Sierra-at-Tahoe
Twin Bridges, CA*



Devin Lenz—Making it Look Easy

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President's Report

2018—Our Best SkiBiking Year Yet! - Jim Weiland, ASA Board Chair

Dear SkiBikers,

Happy New Year! 2018 is bringing some exciting new changes to the ASA.

We have added some amazing new talent on the Board of Directors, including Area Representatives to help you make the most of your SkiBiking season. Contact your area representative if you have any ASA or SkiBike questions by emailing info@americanskibike.org.



Jim W., Your ASA Board Chair & Adaptive Rep

2017 was quite a year!

- The SkiBike industry added three new major US manufacturers - TNGNT, SkiByk and Boomerang
- Several western ski resorts have set up new SkiBike rental programs
- The list of SkiBike friendly resorts continues to grow, and now stands at 97 US SkiBike Friendly resorts
- The ASA provided instructional SkiBike clinics for Ski School instructors at Sierra-at-Tahoe, Sunrise Park Resort and Arizona Snowbowl ski resorts
- ASA added two new SkiBike festivals: at Sierra-at-Tahoe and Brighton in Utah
- ASA developed a class of Tier 2 international representatives/advisors made up of SkiBike owner/manufacturers in Austria and New Zealand
- ASA established task force committees including Safety/Best Practices, Education/Certification, Administrative, Promotional, and Website/Internet
- ASA produced a SkiBike Best Practices document to help assist ski resorts to establish minimum consistent, safe and appropriate SkiBike policies
- ASA produced a draft Beginner SkiBike Instructional Guide for Ski Instructors
- ASA set up a member database to be able to report member demographics
- and Randy Kimball retired with honor after serving as President and Chairman of the Board for 5 years - Enjoy the RV!

In 2018 the ASA plans to:

- Upgrade our ASA Website and online presence
- Increase membership numbers and enhance member participation
- Develop an informational packet for ski resorts interested in adding SkiBikes
- Upgrade and improve the Newsletter
- Take over maintenance of the online database of SkiBike Friendly Resorts in US
- Reach out to ski resorts to help develop SkiBike programs, with the main goal of:
- Expanding the list of ski resorts that welcome SkiBikes.

The ASA Board is working to make SkiBikes as universally accepted in the US as skis and snowboards! To do that, we need for each SkiBiker to be an Ambassador for our sport— when you are on the slopes, know the resort's SkiBike rules and follow them, be extra careful to avoid any accidents, know and follow the Skier Responsibility Code. (Check out my video [SkiBike Skier Responsibility Code](#). :-)

Come out and say "Thanks!" to Randy K. at the ASA Sipapu and Purgatory events!

Have fun, be safe, and Think Snow! -
Your ASA Board Chair, Jim Weiland

**Thanks for your
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Arizona Snow Bowl
Date TBD
Flagstaff, Arizona



The New Koski TKO Saddle

By Jim Cameron, ASA Utah Rep

Most of our ASA members know the smile and enthusiasm of pioneering SkiBike designer Donny Koski. His company, Koski Snowsports, has been helping to create the Freestyle movement in our sport for decades. Many new SkiBike riders rarely sit down anymore!

From a guy who has been building SkiBikes since the 1970's, Koski has been in the forefront of innovative design. Donny heard from many riders that there was a need for a Koski Moto-style seat, that would fit on many Freestyle SkiBikes that use a standard bicycle-style seat mounted on a seat post. There was demand from ski schools teaching new riders, adaptive users, and from riders who want to ride both sitting Classic style and standing Freestyle. Donny set out to make a comfortable saddle that will work for both.

We got a chance to test a prototype Koski TKO Saddle early this season at my rental operation in Park City on a TNGNT Carve Freestyle SkiBike. We discovered it did exactly what Donny had envisioned!



It has the comfy motocross feel, but measures considerably smaller at 22". Your riding style can transform with a few turns of your Allen wrench - use the bicycle saddle for Freestyle standup riding, and change over to the TKO Saddle and ride skibob style, with or without foot skis.



I took off the pedals and carved up solid turns with my foot skis. Running gates with this setup could be very fast!

Donny was quick to point out that this was developed to cross the bridge between the two styles of SkiBikes, with many patents pending. Several rental operations are eager to get TKO Saddles for their demos. Teaching and learning are easier, and there is great adaptive potential. Barbara Szwedel, Vail Adaptive Product Manager, is riding the TKO Saddle this year on a TNGNT—SkiBike donated by Scott Carr, and seat donated by Donny—and sees the TKO Saddle opening opportunities to use more Freestyle SkiBikes in many adaptive SkiBike programs.

Koski Snowsports is taking orders for next season, price will be \$300-\$400.

Thank You, **Joey and Cathy Bonang**

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An Action Photo— by Devin Lenz

ASA PHOTO CONTEST

Extended to February 28, 2018!

Q. What is the cost to enter?

A. Entry is FREE for all ASA Members!

Q. How many Photos can I enter?

A. Enter as many photos as you want!

Q. What are the rules?

A. Photo must include SkiBike(s)

Q. What will I win?

- First prize in each category - ACTION, SCENIC, OTHER Wins an ASA T-Shirt!
- GRAND PRIZE wins a \$50 dinner and the COVER PHOTO!
- All entries will be featured in your ASA Newsletter during 2018/19!
- Every photo entry is a winner!

Q. Sounds like fun?

A. YOU BETCHA!

Q. How do I enter?

- Just send an email to skibikejim@gmail.com
- One photo entry per email
- Subject line is : **PHOTO CONTEST**
- Include your name and a short caption or description of your photo
- Attach the Photo as JPEG
- Enter by February 28, 2018
- It's just that easy!

Q. What if I have questions?

A. Email us! Skibikejim@gmail.com

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The International Perspective—SkiBiking in Austria by Gregor Schuster, Sledgehammer

With thousands of ski resorts in a relatively small area, Europe must seem brilliant for Americans. There were more resorts 20 years ago, before the rush of the modern Carving Sport—addicted to artificial snow and super steep, hard and perfectly shaped slopes—closed many of the smaller resorts. Unfortunately, the big, endless Austrian resorts, like Kitzbuhel, Arlberg and others, are not very SkiBike friendly.

The remaining smaller, more laid-back Austrian resorts are the best for SkiBiking! In general, SkiBiking is allowed on all slopes in Europe, and you will be OK wherever gondolas give you the lift upwards, and there are many. Some chairlifts do not allow pedestrians, and you won't be allowed to ride them officially unless you have gliding devices on your feet—such as foot skis.

In Europe at the small resorts, if you go there and do your thing, nobody will be concerned. The lift staff will

chat with you about the fancy gear you have, and probably will even want to try it out. But call them in advance and ask, they may see a risk.

There are many resorts in Austria that are very SkiBike friendly, especially all the Glaciers like Kitzsteinhorn, Kaprun, and Kaunertal. I personally like Flanchau, and the whole Sportwelt Amade—which is a huge resort, Zell am See, and also my little resort just around the corner and very close to Vienna, the Stuhleck.

In Austria, every 20 km you will find a resort to discover with a SkiBike. My suggestion is to stop more often and enjoy the small, casual, laid back ones.

Tell your Friends! The ASA Board wants to expand our ASA membership this season to show ski resorts that allowing SkiBikes is a good business decision.

FREE ASA personal memberships and renewals are available through November, 2018 only. Sign up online at www.americanskibike.org



SkiBike Alley - Dedicated to Randy K. - Have fun RVing!



Sponsorship

ASA Sponsors and Business Members



<http://www.americanskibike.org/sponsorship.html>

ASA Business Memberships are available for only \$150 per Year!

Benefits include:

- Up to three Personal Memberships
- One free half-day lesson and all day equipment use
- Your Business Link and Logo on the ASA Website Sponsorship Page
- Plus all the benefits of ASA Personal Membership, and More!
- See the ASA Website Membership Benefits page for details

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