



# American SkiBike Association

## ASA Newsletter

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President's Report

Boomerang SkiBikes -  
A new hybrid that will  
blow your mind !

SkiBiking New Zealand  
Style

Sled Dogs - a new  
alternative to Footskis

Contest Winners

Krusty's Used SkiBike  
Korral - Member Ads

Jason Buckley, ASA New Zealand International Resource and long-time ASA Director's "3 Ski Snow Bike", shown being ridden by Jason's nephew, Chris Darby, shredding the slopes at the Cardrona Alpine Resort on the South Island of New Zealand.

Event Calendar

Membership Info

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## ASA Board Members and Representatives

### **Randy Kimball**

- President, ASA
- Co-owner **SkiBikeFun LLC**

### **Melanie Kimball**

- Vice President, Treasurer, ASA
- Co-owner **SkiBikeFun LLC**

### **Don Koski**

- Owner/Manufacturer **Koski Snowsports**

### **Devin Lenz**

- Owner/Manufacturer **LenzSport**

### **Scott Carr**

- Co-owner **TNGNT SkiBikes**

### **Jim Weiland**

- **Adaptive SkiBike Instructor**

### Representatives

#### **Jeff Butcher—California**

- **Koski Snowsports R&D**

### **Jim Cameron—Utah**

- Owner –Utah SkiBike Rentals

### International Resources

#### **Gregor Shuster**

- Owner/manufacturer **Sledgehammer SkiBikes**, Austria

#### **Jason Buckley**

- Owner/Manufacturer **3Ski Snow Bikes**, New Zealand

### **Early Membership**

#### **Renewal Contest**

##### **Winners!**

**\$50 dinner**

*Jim Chamberlin*

#16001

#### **ASA T Shirts**

*Tim Jordan*

#14006

*Brian O'Connell*

#12036

*Stan Williams*

#13013



**Thanks for your Support!**

## President's Report

October 10, 2017  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

### **Dear SkiBikers,**

I woke this morning with reports of snow on the mountains in northern New Mexico. Winter is on its way. As we descend into this new season, I do so with some of the highest optimism for the industry and our sport that I have ever had to date!

With lots of new resort SkiBike purchases and expanding programs at several mountains, new manufacturers offering up great equipment at very affordable prices, and some of the best work the ASA has ever completed, we are well on our way to unprecedented success this upcoming season.

We have added some major talent and industry experience to our organization and board of directors over the summer with folks like Jim Weiland who started with the ASA as an Arizona Adaptive Representative, Scott Carr from TNGNT SkiBikes and Jim Cameron from Winter Steiger and Utah SkiBike Rentals in Park City, Utah.

With lots of events planned for this season already, we hope to see you at some of our ASA events, or to help you start your own event at your local mountain.

Please invite your friends to take advantage of our "first time free memberships" at the ASA. Have them sign up on the ASA Website Membership Page.

[www.americanskibike.org/membership](http://www.americanskibike.org/membership)

This will allow them to join you as a member, and enjoy the discounts offered by our Business Partners and Sponsors and will also help give us the data needed to show the ski industry who we are and what we bring to a mountain.

Dreaming of an awesome winter!

Randy Kimball  
President-ASA

**Here's wishing you the best SkiBiking season yet!** With warmest regards,  
**Your 2017/2018 ASA Representation:**

**Randy Kimball**-President-Board of Directors-New Mexico  
**Melanie Kimball**-Vice President/Treasurer, Board of Directors-New Mexico  
**Devin Lenz**-Board of Directors-Colorado  
**Don Koski**-Board of Directors-California  
**Scott Carr**- Board of Directors-Utah  
**Jim Weiland**-Board of Directors-Arizona  
**Jason Buckley**-World Resource -New Zealand  
**Gregor Schuster**-World Resource-Austria  
**Jeff Butcher**-ASA Regional Representative – California and the West Coast  
**Jim Cameron**-ASA Regional Representative-Utah



My intro to ski bikes was in 2004 on a K2, after a great week of riding I was ready for more. In 2005 and the years to follow, I moved up to full suspension bikes and kept modifying the bikes to work better for me and my riding style.

Always looking for the next level of performance, I went through multiple rounds of suspension and ski upgrades on several different bikes. Incorporating longer travel shocks led to designing and fabricating new frame, seat, and suspension components.

The experience I gained from modifying and riding these bikes became the inspiration to develop a new type of ski bike design. This new design rides on a single ski and utilizes frame geometry that evolved around a long travel shock absorber. The forward placement of the single shock absorber allows for 20 or more inches of suspension travel which translates into a downhill experience unlike anything else!



The bike utilizes a foot plate that clamps into an alpine boot binding and allows the rider to select the ski of their choice. Meaning you can use an alpine ski to carve groomers or go with your favorite powder ski. The ski is released from the bike just like you would release it from a ski boot. No tools are needed and changing skis takes only seconds.

Ride height, compression, and rebound settings are easily adjusted with the Fox FLOAT 3 EVOL air shock. This gives you the ability to easily tune the suspension to your riding style and favorite terrain. A limited production run is underway for the 2017/18 season. For product or demo information please contact us at boomerangskibikes@gmail.com and find us on Facebook.

### **Sled Dog Boots — a more comfortable alternative to Footskis** by Jeff Butcher, ASA California/West Coast Representative



The first Skibike I rode was a Brenter with foot skis back in 1971. Foot skis allowed me to have Catamaran like stability. You could ride anywhere, groomers, powder, trees, etc. I eventually got into racing slalom courses, and the foot skis would sometimes catch an edge. Then I learned about Sleddog Boots.

Don Koski introduced me the Mountain Manager at Boreal where they rented Sleddog Boots. I found them to be the perfect stabilizer while Skibiking, and I've been Skibiking with them ever since. I have 8 pairs of their various models, including their top of the line boots that look fantastic! Their website is <http://sleddogs.com/>. The boots are beautiful and high quality and range from \$199 up to \$395, plus shipping. For people with disabilities, balance issues, bad ankles, bad backs, bad knees, etc., Skibiking with foot skis or Sleddog Boots is very forgiving on the body. It doesn't put a lot of stress on the rider. Very comfortable and super easy.

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## Event Calendar

**Utah SkiBike Rally**  
**Feb. 3-4, 2018**  
**Brighton Ski Resort**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Sipapu SkiBike Rally**  
**Feb. 10-11, 2018**  
**Sipapu Ski Area**  
**Vadito, New Mexico**

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

**Sierra-at-Tahoe**  
**SkiBike Rally**  
**March 3-4, 2018**  
**Sierra-at-Tahoe**  
**Twin Bridges, CA**

**Arizona Snow Bowl**  
**Date TBD**  
**Flagstaff, Arizona**



## The American SkiBike Association is here to help you...

- Gain access to resort for all SkiBike riders, adaptive and able-bodied alike.
- Gain knowledge to help you learn to SkiBike or to improve your riding abilities.
- Be part of a growing community.
- Find all the events and competitions.
- Keep in touch with what the American SkiBike Association is doing for you.

## Here's how you can help support SkiBiking: Join the ASA!

- **Just \$25 a year (Business Memberships \$150 /year)**
- **Benefits include:**
  - Discounts on new SkiBikes, Rentals, ASA Merchandise
  - Free Demo Rides
  - Free or reduced entrance fee to all ASA events, and More!
  - <http://www.americanskibike.org/membership.html>

## The International Perspective- SkiBiking in New Zealand

New Zealand Update Winter 2017  
by Jason Buckley  
The Southern Hemisphere 2017 Season so far provided some of the best snow fall this decade with many resorts in the central South Island reporting up to a 2.5m snow depth at base level. You would be forgiven for thinking snow sports in New Zealand was a low key activity however with the 2018 Winter Olympics the 2017 New Zealand Winter Games based in the lower South Island are looking to be the biggest yet with athletes from 40 nations setting the New Zealand event to be 2nd only to the Winter Olympics on the world stage.

New Zealanders enjoy 23 ski fields predominately in the South Island and although of a smaller scale 16 of these have lifts suitable for Ski Biking. The largest field Whakapapa on the North Islands active volcano Mt. Ruapehu has 11 lifts covering 550 hectares of maintained terrain. Ski/Snow Biking in New Zealand has been around for decades however in the modern format only for about 10years. With the local development of 3ski Snow Bikes the 3-ski or Trike concept is very much the normal and we enjoy 100% access at all the resorts with compatible lifts, most of the major resorts have official policies covering the use



SkiBiking Kiwi Style—lots of fun on 3 skis!

of Snow Bikes which are generic between 3-ski types and Board Bikes such as Snowscoot.

While we do see 2-ski Ski Bikes both Ski Bob & Footpeg styles they are less common for resorts and although still allowed riders usually need to figure out how they will comply with specific resort rules designed around 3-ski concepts, typically this is ensuring the use of Safety Leashes and Safety Bars on Chairlifts. Licences are not required however most resorts will want to know your skill level before riding, also homemade or

conversions bikes are typically not allowed at the larger commercial resorts.

This season we have seen the first of the European Hillstrike Ski Trikes arrive in New Zealand and we are looking forward to putting together a National event series for the popular platforms being 3-ski (both Hillstrike & 3ski) and Board Bike platforms. While Ski/Snow Biking is still a niche alternate snow sports activity in New Zealand the scene is certainly changing and we are well set up to become as main stream as Skiing and Snow Boarding in the future.





## Krusty's Used SkiBike Korral: Free Member Ads

*Krusty Sez "You Need a New Ride this Season!"*

**Sledgehammer Free Rider 5.1.** Like new. This bike was purchased new and used only 4 times last season. \$800.00 OBO. I'm located in the Reno/Tahoe area and will consider shipping. If interested you can email me at [quikstryke@gmail.com](mailto:quikstryke@gmail.com) or call/text me at (775) 843-8504



**Breter C4 Classic Snowbike/Skibob** For Sale From our rental fleet in Park City. Some dings and bruises, but rides great and still has seasons to go. Bike only: \$499.00 With footskis: \$599.00 Call Jim @ (801) 792-0150

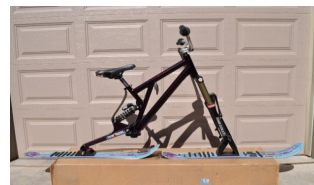
**2012/13 Lenzsport Blip**, size extra small for sale. Color: Blue w/ yellow print. Fork: Manitou Circus 5" travel. Shock: Fox RX, 4" travel. Skis: Lenzsport Blip. Bar/stem: Urbane 8 MX mini rise. Headset: Cane Creek. Price \$1800.00 Used, in excellent condition. Contact Josh Westfall, at (970) 214-3045 or [steamboat.skibikes@gmail.com](mailto:steamboat.skibikes@gmail.com)



**2013/14 Lenzsport Sortie**, size small for sale. Color: white with red print. Fork: Manitou Minute 5" travel. Shock: Stock Lenzsport 4" travel. Skis: Lenzsport Blip. Bar/stem: Urbane 8 MX mini rise. Headset: FSA. Price: \$2000.00. Used, in excellent condition. Contact Josh Westfall at (970) 214-3045 or [steamboat.skibikes@gmail.com](mailto:steamboat.skibikes@gmail.com)



**2014/15 Lenzsport Launch**, size medium. Color: Merlot. Fork: Fox built Marzocchi 350 R 7" travel. Shock: Fox Van 6" travel. Skis: Lenzsport Commanders. Bar/stem: Rompride. Headset: Cane Creek. Price: \$2500.00 (BFS upgrade add \$150) Used, in excellent condition. Contact Josh Westfall at (970) 214-3045 or [steamboat.skibikes@gmail.com](mailto:steamboat.skibikes@gmail.com)



**Geary Ski Bikes** for sale. I have at least 2, and possibly as many as 6 available. Metal frame, Marzocchi front shock, Coil rear shock, 90mm skis. Ready to ride, good used condition. \$550.00 plus shipping. Contact Chris Schuler at (253) 266-2160

**2016 SkiByk SB100** demo model for sale. 6061-T6 Alloy frame, Zoom 140mm front shock, DNM 160mm rear coil shock, 99 cm skis - ready to ride, great condition, ridden all last season! \$795 plus shipping. Contact Chris Schuler at (253) 266-2160



## *SkiBike Alley*



## Sponsorship

### ASA Sponsors and Business Members



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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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