



# American SkiBike Association

## ASA Newsletter

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*Here Come the SkiBikes!*

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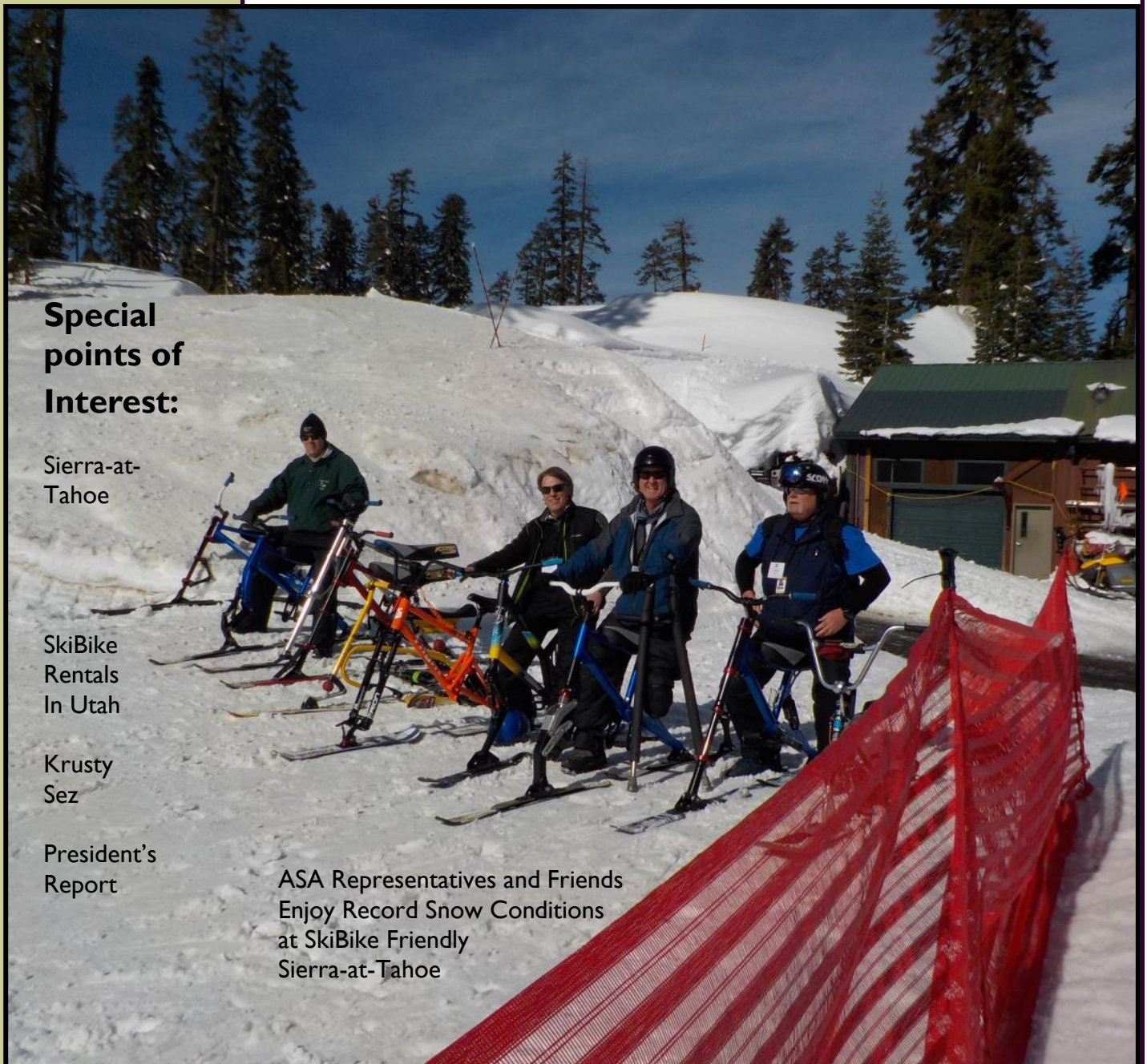
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- President, ASA
- Co-owner **SkiBikeFun LLC**

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- Board Member, ASA
- Owner/Manufacturer **Koski Snowsports**

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## President's Report

### **ASA MEMBERS STAY TUNED -**

### **THE BEST IS YET TO COME!**



John Rice (General Manager at Sierra-at-Tahoe) and Don Koski (ASA Board) relaxing after a great ASA SkiBike Clinic

What an interesting season it has been yet again for the SkiBike Community.

After many seasons of effort, we as an organization continue to see what I feel are huge wins and lots of movement forward as a direct and indirect result of our work and course.

This season we saw continued growth and acceptance in the use of SkiBikes both in the adaptive and non-adaptive communities. We saw the continued request for information about how to approach a mountain about getting access to a mountain for both categories.

We saw what I felt was a record amount of requests for information and statistics for SkiBike related stories all over the United States.

We saw 3 additional SkiBike manufacturers come online selling 3 new models of Production SkiBikes. Lastly we are currently in efforts to get ourselves in front of the NSAA (National Ski Area Association) at an upcoming convention in the very near future addressing questions and concerns as well as promoting the opportunities of allowing SkiBikes at ski resorts.

I have recently made some huge changes in my personal life that has already

empowered me with the gift of more time to direct to other efforts personal and professional in my life.

Things like the ASA and more time doing things like SkiBiking, Mountain biking, Hiking, walking with my wife and dogs and enjoying the outdoors as many days as this planet has planned for me. Stay tuned...the best is yet to come.

Moving forward, I have a personal goal of growing our ASA membership numbers simply because we need collect more statistical information on who is a SkiBiker and what we bring to the table when we walk up to the ticket window.

I want to show exactly who we are and the impact of letting us onto their mountain or the consequences of us taking our business to another mountain that will welcome us with open arms.

I have an amazing amount of excitement and energy about the possibilities that lay ahead in just the next year or two.

Best regards,

Randy Kimball

Your ASA President

## SkiBiking in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah



Englebert Brenter—1949

The Brenter brand of classic European Ski Bobs has been around since the first model, patented in 1949, and is still a leading producer of Ski Bikes worldwide. The Brenter family, who introduced the sport of Ski Biking in Austria over 50 years ago, is still innovating and improving their bikes.

In 1949 Englebert Brenter took an alpine transport device used in the Alps, and transformed it into an exciting new European sport in the 1950s and 60s. The Austrian brand was introduced to North America in the 70s. Currently run by the two grandsons, the Brenter Company has expanded their business to produce a wide range of classic style (skibob) SkiBikes, which all use footskis except the B6 beginner model and also their kid's models.

The focus of the Brenter company is primarily recreational riding, with several SkiBikes based around their most popular C6 All Mountain Bike. This Classic C6 Skibob model was upgraded from the C4 several years ago, with lighter and stronger components to address the rugged demands of the rental stations that have developed all over the world. Brenter currently has over 50 independent demo/rental stations worldwide to promote the sport and their brand.

Brenter footskis are now tailored to fit alpine or snowboard boots, and specialty skis are available including an awesome fat powder ski. The bike's frame geometry has evolved, but the proven design remains relatively unchanged. Components are very modular and available direct from Brenter at [www.snowbike.com](http://www.snowbike.com) or (970)389-7006.



### Brenter C6 HD

The same C6 Design with an added rear shock for heavier riders.

**Jim Cameron, Import Manager for Wintersteiger Sports**, the leading producer of Ski and Snowboard finishing machines, is based in Utah. SkiBikes caught Jim's eye 5 years ago, and he was hooked! Jim formed **Utah Ski Bikes** and developed a rental operation with a fleet of **Brenter** traditional European style Ski Bobs in Park City, Utah.

This year Jim expanded his mix of rental SkiBikes to include several Freestyle Bikes from **Tngnt** (a new Utah based manufacturer). Jim plans to expand his SkiBike rental program to additional ski areas next season. We recently asked Jim to update us on the **Brenter** line.



### Brenter C6

This is the Brenter flagship bike that has evolved over three generations. It features a Classic Ski Bob design to be used with footskis. Brenter switched to a more durable aluminum frame to withstand the rigors of demo and rental centers that have made this the rental model of choice.

When asked to compare the advantages of the newer category of freestyle bikes (foot peg style) vs the Classic style (bobbers) Jim replied: "Seems like a silly divide to me. I see the benefits of *both* classic and freestyle bikes.

"We are trying to introduce new riders into this great new sport, and to match them to the best SkiBike to meet their personal needs." He added. "We should all focus on working together to get more SkiBikes on the slopes, and to demonstrate our sport's huge potential... just like the pioneers in snowboarding did."

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**Past Season  
2016/17 ASA EVENTS**

Hartfors Ski Spectacular  
Breckenridge, CO  
VA SkiBike Instructor  
Training  
Nov. 29-Dec. 2

Sipapu SkiBike Rally  
Sipapu Ski Area  
Vadito, NM  
Feb. 4-5

SkiAble Adaptive SkiBike  
Lessons  
Arizona Snow Bowl  
Flagstaff, AZ  
Feb. 12-14

Purgatory SkiBike Festival  
Purgatory Resort  
Durango, CO  
Feb. 24-26

Sierra-at-Tahoe Ski School  
Instructor SkiBike Clinic  
Sierra-at-Tahoe Resort  
Twin Bridges, CA  
April 22-23

**LOOK FOR MORE  
EVENTS in 2017/18**

**SEE YA THERE!!!**



## 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>

## Sierra-at-Tahoe is "Certified Unserious"

Sierra-at-Tahoe is a casual and SkiBike friendly resort in South Lake Tahoe, CA. In April, Sierra-at-Tahoe ski school management invited the ASA to train their ski and snowboard instructors with a two day Intro to SkiBikes Clinic.

Don Koski, ASA Board-member, ASA area reps Jeff Butcher and Jim Weiland, and TNGNT SkiBikes co-owner, Bill Pearce enjoyed the epic snow (625" in 2017!) and trained 12 Sierra-at-Tahoe ski instructors, including adaptive ski instructors, in SkiBike basics.

We brought 12 bikes including Koski and TNGNT Freestyle SkiBikes and also European skibob (footski style) SkiBikes.

The instructors preferred different SkiBikes based on their preferred riding styles. ASA West Coast regional



**Coming soon to a ski rental shop near you.  
Sierra-at-Tahoe rental shop folks gave our ASA  
SkiBikes a VIP parking spot during our visits.**

rep Jeff Butcher even uses a hybrid style - riding a Freestyle SkiBike with "Sled Dogs" sliding snow boots used just like footskis!

The two day Intro to SkiBikes clinic included SkiBike selection, equipment setup, chairlift safety and instructional techniques. The first-time SkiBike riders/ ski instructors had great time, and were enjoy-

ing easy blue runs by the end of the second day. There is nothing like a good SkiBike lesson from an ASA trained SkiBike instructor to jump-start your season! If you know of a ski resort or ski school that would like SkiBike information, training or assistance with SkiBike program development, please let us know, or have them contact us directly.

We will be glad to help!

## *Krusty Sez: **Be Aware of Your Ski Park's Rules***



In the coming months, your ASA Board and Representatives will be working to develop a set of standardized, minimal “Best Practices” for SkiBikes to recommend to parks—reasonable standards that will work to maximize our fun and freedom, while keeping things safe for all.

If you have ideas or suggestions, or would like to help, please let us know! Email Randy at [info@americanskibikeassociation.org](mailto:info@americanskibikeassociation.org)

Meanwhile, until we can standardize the rules, be aware that each ski park has their own set of rules, and often special rules apply to SkiBikes only. Below are the current rules for all **Vail Resorts**:

### **SKIBIKES/SNOBIKES:** Allowed under following parameters



- Bike Must have no more than 2 skis
- Must have metal edges on skis
- Must have seat
- Only 1 rider per bike
- Must be designed to load lift w/o slowing or stopping
- Must be loaded within envelope of chair; bike counts as rider on chair lift
- No homemade bikes permitted
- NOT allowed in Terrain Parks
- MUST wear leash at all times (on lift & on slope)
- May be restricted** in certain areas & lifts for safety concerns

### **SKI TRIKES**

**NOT allowed** : neither sit down nor stand up versions (too wide of a foot print to load/unload chairlifts safely)



**SNOWBIKES (bicycle conversion): NOT Allowed**  
(bikes not allowed to have gears/chain/wheels/tires or crank assembly)

***Krusty Sez – If you have better examples, please send them our way- Thanks***

*SkiBike Alley*

## 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

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