



**American  
SkiBike  
Association**

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## Meet Our All Volunteer Team

### ASA SkiBike Festival Purgatory Purgatory, CO 2022



Purgatory Mountain Resort in Durango Colorado was the host to our biggest event in 2022. The February Festival ended up having 75 officially registered participants, but there were well over 100 people including family, friends, and vendors that joined us. They were primarily from all over the Colorado, Utah region but plenty came up from Texas, AZ, and as far away as Virginia.

Lenz SkiBikes, and SkiByk were on hand showing off their latest Type II Freestyle offerings. Kris Klockenteger was there with his company Snow Bike Fun showing off classic SkiBikes from Brenter and Stalmach. Don Koski was there with some SkiBike history with Roy Meiworm the founder of the event almost 20 years ago.

Highlights of the event included the

Saturday Eve "Jump Jam" hosted by Lenz and annual BBQ hosted by SkiByk, Lenz, and the ASA. Also of note was the group ride led by Devin Lenz on his DJ music sled with over 60 riders following the music down the slopes of Purgatory. Talk about turning heads!

Sunday featured the NASTAR racing competition where 30 Freestyle bikes showed up to challenge the Type 1 SkiBobs. Chris Marriott (NASTAR National Champ) still won the best time, but the Lenz and SkiByk riders all challenged him and had a great time.

**Next January is the 20th Anniversary  
Purgatory Event February 25-26, 2023.**



Riding DJ Devin Lenz

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We are always welcoming volunteers that want to contribute to the sport they love. If you are interested in joining our team, contact:

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## The Loveland Pass Shuttle Rally

The Loveland Rally finishes a great season this coming Saturday April 30th. This has always been a fun event that meets at the bottom of Colorado's Loveland Pass to shuttle riders up the road to the nearly 12,000 foot summit. There is great springtime riding the backcountry down to the bottom of the pass for a big tailgate party full of laughs with great food & drink. It always draws a big group of riders from all over Colorado, but this year there are Utah and California riders headed over for this springtime tradition. For more information call 801-792-0150

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## SkiBiking on Social Media's Slippery Slopes

Facebook posts in the many SkiBike forums have been getting nicer and the tone has improved over the past few years as our sport grows. We have more brands and personalities than ever as we end the 21/22 season. We still have a diverse crew out there exercising their freedom of speech. Many constructive ideas and critiques are exchanged along with some entertaining ideas arguing for the best brands, models, and styles of bikes out there.

We are starting to see ideas posted regarding the efforts of the ASA in the marketplace. We really welcome these as we are constantly evaluating what we can do to improve the ASA and focus on enhancing our value for our members.

We are also always available to field your questions and hear your ideas at:

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## SkiBiking Best Practices

One of the many behind the scenes projects that our ASA volunteers do is helping with suggested SkiBiking guidelines. "Best Practices" has become a more common term lately, but we have been examining these for many years. The American SkiBike Association offers these based on our experience and the practices ski areas have developed over the years. These guidelines are intended to help SkiBike riders be safe and courteous. They are also a guide to assist ski areas to develop reasonable, safe and effective policies relative to SkiBike use. This is a living document that can be found on our website. Please contact the ASA for the latest version, if you have any questions, or to suggest revisions to this document.

The established National Ski Areas Association (NSAA) Skier Responsibility Code applies equally to all resort guests – skiers, snowboarders and SkiBike riders. However, the American SkiBike Association holds all SkiBike riders to a higher standard - we expect each SkiBike rider to follow all resort rules, to courteously and safely integrate with all other resort guests, and to be an ambassador for our sport. Everyone is watching us. The ASA understands that each ski resort may have differing equipment, terrain, and safety concerns, so adopted SkiBike regulations may vary. SkiBike riders should always follow resort rules and manufacturer's recommendations.

If a ski resort has questions, special needs, or would like assistance in developing appropriate SkiBike safety standards, please contact the ASA for assistance in customizing your SkiBike program to meet your specific needs, and to help integrate SkiBikes safely into your customer base. We want to be your source for information and help developing a program to grow the sport of SkiBiking in a safe and responsible manner.

"Know the Code"

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# SkiBiking with Lyme Disease

## Profile of Colorado's Anne Fields



Why am I so dedicated to the sport of skibiking? It has changed my life, helped me regain a sense of purpose and nourished my soul.

This year, the Ski Bike Rally at Purgatory was a fun-filled and inspiring event. Members of the American SkiBike Association's board, volunteers and industry experts shared their knowledge. I am excited about the great work they are doing to promote SkiBiking and inclusivity at ski areas across the country. It was great to connect with others interested in this growing sport. This experience prompted me to think about my own story – how I came to SkiBiking, and why I love doing it.

I was diagnosed with a chronic disease about 20 years ago. At the time, I was living my dream life, working for a global non-profit organization focused on the environment. Outside of work, I was an avid outdoor recreationalist and accomplished traditional climber. I climbed, paddled, hiked and camped in the mid-Atlantic region. I also loved skiing in Colorado and Washington. It was disappointing when, because of my illness, I eventually became unable to participate in the outdoor sports that I loved so much. The loss was devastating to me. When I relocated to Colorado, I found myself struggling to make connections and fit in.

Then, about six years ago, I learned about Adaptive Sports Association's winter program at Purgatory Resort. I scheduled a lesson, hoping to find a way to ski

again. When they showed me a skibike instead, a world of possibilities opened for me! I spent several years taking lessons, slowly working to rebuild muscle

strength and regain confidence. Eventually, I became much better at skibiking than skiing. As I worked my way through every run at Purgatory, something I never imagined as a skier, the mountain that had been inaccessible became welcoming to me. I had forgotten what it was like to feel joy and, when I did, it was visceral. Adrenaline, excitement, balance and social connection returned to my life, and the energy began to carry over to my other experiences. I still deal with my illness on a daily basis, but when I skibike, I focus only on what is possible and not my limitations. This sport has gotten me, literally, out of bed and into the outdoors. Doing it, I am surrounded by amazing friends and positive people, and I'm focused on celebrating life.

A few years ago, I was introduced to the NASTAR program, which gives recreational racers the opportunity to compete. Now, I spend most weekends training on Purgatory's NASTAR course on my Stal-mach World Cup SX3. This season I qualified for the NASTAR National Championships in Snowmass, CO, April 4-9, 2022 and won my division! Many riders tried NASTAR at the Purgatory Festival and I hope more search out their program at your local resorts.

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### Chairman's Message



*What a great 21/22 season we are finishing! My sincere thanks to all of our volunteers for your hard work. So many of you dove in deep this past year to help us do some good work and put on some great activities. I know we all had fun, but realize these contributions take financial sacrifices and your valuable time. Please know that this is truly appreciated!*

*The ski area world seems to be slowly getting back to normal. Honestly, I wasn't sure what would happen to our Association through these crazy Covid times. Happily, we survived and actually thrived. Our business members weathered the pandemic without too many scars. Some even grew their sales.*

*The ASA added 12 more SkiBike Friendly Resorts to our ranks last season. We also have managed to grow our revenues with personal and business memberships and donations. When I took over as chairman 4 seasons ago it was my goal to strengthen our financial position and modernize our marketing presentation and website. The overall objective was to professionally connect the SkiBike Association to the ski industry I believe our NSAA member outreach has established us as the voice of the sport and has resulted in ski areas starting to reach out to us as a reliable resource for information.*

*I'm proud to say we have planted our flag. But, we really are just getting started! More racing & better member events are on the horizon. We need to continue to welcome a younger generation of members and volunteers into our ASA leadership so we can continue to keep this organization great.*

*Enjoy your summer!*

*Jim Cameron*



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My most rewarding role with skibiking is as a volunteer SkiBike instructor for Adaptive Sports Association in Durango, CO. This inspiring program was one of the first adaptive programs in the United States to incorporate SkiBikers for its students. It is important to me to give back - by introducing others to SkiBiking - because it can help heal in so many ways. I am passionate about teaching folks of all abilities who, like me, want to get involved in outdoor recreation, remain active, make memories with friends and family, and enjoy the mountains.

So, what do I love the most about SkiBiking? For me, the swish of the snow is like riding a pillow of powder. I crave the rush that comes from having the wind in my face and moving at speed. My heart leaps as I see the never-ending smiles and the glistening eyes of my companions, and hear their laughter-filled whoops and hollers. I love the silence of a fresh snowfall, the peace that comes from

being truly in the moment, and the delight of sharing that joy with others. It is, simply, exhilarating.

I'm excited to see how I can help the American Ski Bike Association and look forward to attending other rallies and introducing racing to other SkiBikers. If you visit Durango or Purgatory Resort, I would love to connect with you!



Anne Fields on Course Purgatory 2022

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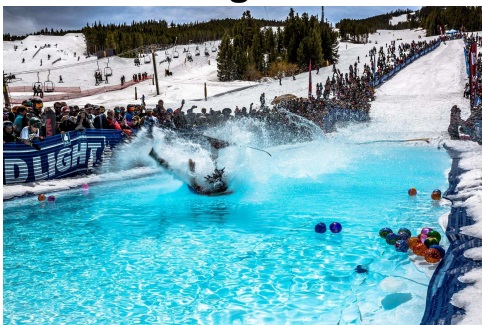


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## Parting Shot



Plunging into Summer at Breckenridge



## Stowe Becomes SkiBike Friendly!

Stowe is Vermont's oldest ski area with a colorful history dating back to the 1920s. Also known as Mt. Mansfield, the first developed runs were cut into the mountain for downhill skiing in the early 1930s by the depression era Civilian Conservation Corps. Rope tows gave way to some of the longest chairlifts in the East during the the '50s and New England's first Gondola the '60s.

Stowe grew into the East's premier destination resort and one of the longest continuously owned ski area by the same company. Fast forward to 2017 when it was announced that the Vail Resorts was buying Stowe from the Mt. Mansfield company for 50 million dollars. The sale was completed that summer and Vail is now in it' 5<sup>th</sup> season running the resort with many new management initiatives. One of those was the announcement this season that they are allowing SkiBiking! To say that Stowe is a leader in Eastern Skiing is an understatement! Having them allow us to ride is a huge step forward growing our collection of SkiBike Friendly Ski Areas in the East.

