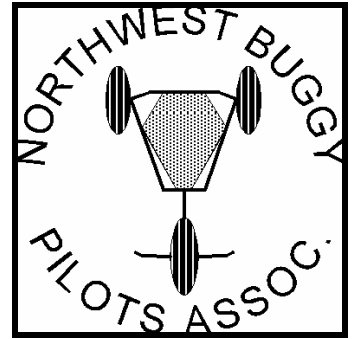


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Ken in the PVC buggy before the crash (above). It's been a good ride. The remains of the buggy (below). Photos courtesy of Ken Serack

The End of an Era

By Morrie Williams

On Saturday, August 26, 2000, Ken Serack's famed PVC buggy went for it's last ride. Ken reported the buggy's demise in these words:

"Last Saturday at Sunset Beach, I had just gotten back to the truck after going all the way up to the Peter Iredale, when I ran through some water and hit a hole in the sand. The buggy broke into 3 pieces and I went flying. Neither I nor the kite was hurt, but the buggy is finished! It had held up very well, and I'd gotten a LOT of great bugging on it. Oh well, I think I'll buy a buggy now, and probably build a land-sailor."

It's sad to see a part of Northwest bugging history pass on. Our condolences Ken.



Get Ready For Rolling Man 2

Howdy all,

Planning a Buggy Thang for Ivanpah Dry Lake for the beginning of the New Millennium.

Ivanpah is the famous dry lake just outside Las Vegas. Giant casino/hotels just at the top of the lake bed make good, cheap accommodations available and convenient. Good, cheap food too.

If you missed Rolling Man last year at y2k at El Mirage... well, this is your chance to make it up.

We will be there before the new year, and buggy through it.

As an addition to the Millennium Buggy Thang Rolling Man 2001 we plan to visit other dry lakes the weekend prior to the turn of the year. (New Years Day is a Monday)

We have choices: El Mirage, Silver (at Baker, Ca), Solara (just north of Silver about 18 miles) Superior #3 (between Elmers and Silver), Jean, Eldorado, Pahump and Mesquite Dry Lakes. Maps will be made available.

Also... the KTAI is holding their trade show at Buffalo Bills at Primm in January 2001. Upon the end of the KTAI show on Sunday, a buggy thang will commence at Ivanpah (which is right there).

All attendees are invited to stay a few extra days and join us on the playa for some unforgettable buggy running.

See ya speeding across the playa, buggy buddies.

Want to know more? Just ask.

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Corey Jensen

We're Still in Business!

By Kelci Williams

It took several nominations and several refusals, but in the end the NWBPA members found a willing candidate and elected a new President. Mark Davis from Spanaway was the brave soul who stepped up to the challenge.

Riding on the wave of enthusiasm from Mark and the crowd, Mike Eason was chosen as Vice President. As I offered in the last newsletter and since no one else leapt in, I was re-elected to the Treasurer and Secretary posts. And as a surprise bonus, Richard Ridgeway opted to take over the newsletter duties.

So there you have it—your new slate of NWBPA officers for 2001. Let's all thank them, welcome them, and help them to accomplish the tasks ahead.

As has been mentioned in the past, this is our group and it takes more than the efforts of the officers to keep it going. All of us should think about what we can do to help.

Organize an event where buggiers can get together and enjoy our sport. Write an article or two for the newsletter - we've been quite lacking in that area lately, as you can see. Come up with some new ways to promote bugging to a new crop of prospects. Do what you can to help the club grow!

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Are You Due to Renew?

Don't lose out... Don't miss an issue... Don't be a buggy butt!

Check your renewal date on the mailing label on this issue.

Quick! check it out and get it in - before it's too late.

Spring Break Buggy Blast 2001

Spring Break Buggy Blast 2001 is being held Wednesday, March 14th, through Monday, March 19th at Ivanpah Dry Lake.

This year, Fran is holding an Event Logo Design Contest. The deadline is January 2, 2001, so get your graphic done now and send it to the event organizer, Fran Gramkowski.

There will be three additions to the regular activities taking place prior to and during the event.

An annual warm-up will be held at El Mirage Dry Lake near Adelanto, California from March 10th to the 12th featuring a GPS Challenge put on by dean jordan and Jeff Howard.

Then, there will be a Five Lake Challenge where buggiers will have to buggy on designated lakes (between California and Nevada) on the days specified and get checked-in by the officials in order to receive a commemorative keepsake. The lake challenge starts at El Mirage Dry Lake on Monday, March 12th.

Also, on March 15th and 16th, there will be a Boomerang Competition held featuring five different events.

There will be more information about SBBB 2001 in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, for up-to-date news, check the official website at www.sbbb.net. For additional information, contact Fran at frang@voicenet.com or write to:

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NWBPA Meeting Minutes—8/24/2000

- Morrie Williams called the meeting to order at approximately 6:45 pm. Morrie thanked Kurt, Linda and Eli Anderson, Dave Jam, Jeanette Mandanas, Luk Stanek, Jon Ellis, Dave and Susie Christenson, Gordon Wensley and everyone else who helped put the B-B-Q together. Sorry if anyone was missed - it's hard to keep track but we do appreciate everyone's efforts.
- Morrie asked what we were going to do with the club. He then opened the floor to nominations for officers for 2001. Gordon was nominated for President but declined the post. Then Richard Ridgeway was nominated but Richard stated that he would be unable to fill the position. Gordon nominated Steve Irby but he too declined due to his involvements in other areas. Mark Davis was nominated by Jeanette Mandanas and seconded by Dave Jam (I think). Mark accepted the nomination and was elected unanimously. Richard nominated Mike Eason for Vice President, Dave Christenson seconded, and Mike was elected by a unanimous vote. Dave Christenson nominated Kelci for Treasurer and Secretary, Carol Lord seconded, and Kelci was also unanimously elected.
- Morrie asked if there was anyone who was interested in taking over the duties of Newsletter Editor/Publisher. Richard Ridgeway volunteered. Morrie nominated Richard for the Newsletter position, Dave Christenson seconded, and Richard was elected unanimously.
- Morrie then called for someone to take over the duties of organizing buggies at WSIKF for 2001. He explained that it involved attending some meetings in Long Beach throughout the year as well as running the event during the week of WSIKF. There were some questions and answers about what the job involved. Mike Schoonover agreed to Chair a committee of folks who are willing to help out. Kurt and Richard offered to be on the committee with Mike.
- Morrie recapped that we have a new slate of officers for 2001 along with a new Newsletter Editor and WSKIF committee. New officers take over on January 1, 2001 as per our by-laws.
- Gordon asked if Morrie could put something in writing explaining the duties of the officers so that the newly elected officers would have some basis to follow.

- Morrie asked if we wanted to continue having a safety chair and a racing chair. Mike S. suggested that we have a racing liaison with NAPRA. Gordon made some additional suggestions along this line. Morrie asked if we should put something in the newsletter asking what the members wanted to do regarding racing. Luk indicated that we didn't always have races but could have treks, etc.
- The meeting was then abruptly adjourned at approximately 7:10 pm due to a rapidly rising high tide.

Note: Due to the meeting ending early, there was no review of the previous year's meeting minutes nor was the financial report discussed. The minutes of the 8/19/99 meeting were previously printed in the Winter 2000 issue of the newsletter. The financial report for 8/14/99 to 8/15/00 is included below.

NWBPA Financial Report - 8/14/99 to 8/15/00 Income vs. Spending

<u>Subcategory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income Categories	
Dues	460.00
Other Income	
Other Income (Potluck Contributions)	62.00
Total Other Income	62.00
Products	
1998 Pins	106.00
Total Products	106.00
Total Income Categories	628.00
Expense Categories	
Newsletter	
Postage	169.60
Printing	461.21
Total Newsletter	630.81
Misc. Expenses	25.00
Potluck Expenses	94.09
Total Expense Categories	749.90
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Grand Total	(121.90)

As you can see, we need to do something about either increasing income (new members, pin sales, etc.) or reducing expenses (newsletter costs). We have been working on reducing costs. How about seeing what you can do to bring in new members.



The WSIKF 2000 buggy ride line is a long one filled with both young and old!

Photo courtesy of Carol Lord

WSIKF 2000

By Morrie Williams

Once again, we had good luck at WSIKF. Although the weather wasn't the best - overcast with fog, and the winds weren't great - big kites were the order of the day, we were able to give over 77 buggy rides to people who were lining up well before there was even a breath of wind.

Our thanks go out to Richard Ridgeway, Eli Anderson, Luk Stanek, Steve Irby, Dana Dumond, Mark Davis, John Matteson, Gordon Wensley, Linda Anderson, Steve Millspaugh, Dave Jam, Jeanette Mandanas, Carol Lord, and probably many more who I have forgotten (things have a tendency to get a little crazy once we get going). Thanks to all of you who helped out, we were able to give a lot of people the experience of what our sport can be.

Sunset Beach BBQ 2000

By Morrie Williams

As has been the NWBPA's tradition over the past several years, Thursday of WSIKF week means it's time to head to Sunset Beach in Oregon for a day of buggying, pigging out at the BBQ, and attending our annual meeting.

The weather was good with moderate winds and we had a chance to get together with a GREAT group of both old and new buggy friends. After the afternoon of buggy fun ended, we had one of the greatest BBQ's yet.

Thanks to the Sunset Beach Bum Buggiers for the use of their home beach for this annual event. Additional thanks to Kurt, Linda, and Eli Anderson, Jon Ellis, Richard Ridgeway, Dave Jam, Jeannette Mandanas, and everyone else who not only brought food for the potluck but assisted in the preparation and serving of the feast. This is my favorite event of WSIKF!

Travels with Bob and Mary

By Kelci Williams

In the year 2000, the calendar was aligned in such a way as to convince both Morrie and myself and our kite buggy friends from Michigan, Bob and Mary Neitzke, to depart from our usual summer routine and embark on a new path.

Since the end of WSIKF was just a week before the Labor Day weekend, when the annual Fall Buggy Blitz is held, we decided to make one big camping trip out of it. We drove to Long Beach on Tuesday in our truck and camper. Bob and Mary flew into Portland on Wednesday, picked up their 28' rental motor home, and headed out to meet us at the campground in Warrenton.

We all enjoyed the buggy day at Sunset Beach and took in the sights at WSIKF the rest of that week. While Bob and Mary visited the sights between Astoria, Oregon, and Westport, Washington on Monday and Tuesday, Morrie and I headed home to wash clothes, restock the camper fridge and gear up for the next phase of the trip.

It was a long but uneventful drive to the Alvord Desert outside of bustling Fields, Oregon (Pop. 10 maybe). Unfortunately, we arrived after dark so Bob and Mary did not benefit from the spectacular view that can be seen as you round the bend on the approach road and behold the vast expanse that is Alvord from this high vantage point.

For the next four days, we experienced a little bit of everything weather-wise. A lot of chilly temperatures and only a few warm spells, some good winds but very unpredictable, short spurts (usually) of rain and hail, magnificent lightening shows, and beautiful starry skies.

We had a great time except that Bob caught a nasty bug and had to fight that along with dealing with equipment problems. It's always fun to get together with friends who share a fondness for wind powered craziness.

On Monday, we headed home but made a brief (2 day) detour to Reno. Once the gambling itch was scratched, it was time to really hit the road. Thanks Bob and Mary - it was GREAT!

President's Prose

This is my last opportunity to write to you as your President. It's been a pleasure to be your representative for the past 5 years.

I hope that you have gotten everything that you expected out of being a member of our club. If you have some ideas on how the club could improve, please speak up and let the officers know your thoughts.

One of the reasons that I stepped down - besides the fact that I was burned out - was because I believe that the club was getting stagnant. We need new blood to invigorate our organization and show some of the different facets that other members can offer.

On January 1, 2001, Mark Davis will take over as President. Mark was one of the first people that Kelci and I met in the Northwest who buggied. He was also one of the original organizers of the club. My best wishes go out to Mark and the other club officers as they take over the reins of the club.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to THANK all of you who have volunteered over the years, especially those who have been there consistently. There would be no club if it weren't for you. THANKS AGAIN!

YOU ALL can help too! Send in an article, offer your help, volunteer, share your ideas with YOUR CLUB!

Morrie

Publishing Policies -

The purpose of this publication is to inform the members of the NWBPA about what is happening in the world of bugging. We consider all submissions to the newsletter based solely on their relevance in this regard. We neither endorse nor condemn the opinions of any individuals or groups, we simply publish the information so that our members are aware of what is happening.

Newsletter publication dates are the 1st of February, May, August, and November. Articles, calendar information, and classified ads should be submitted by the 1st of the month prior to the publication dates (i.e. the 1st of January, April, July, and October).

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To purchase, contact Kelci Williams at 360-268-0318 or williams@techline.com

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Newsletter ads must be received by the editors by the 1st of January, April, July, and October for publication in the following month's issues. Ads will only be printed **once** unless the sender specifically requests otherwise.

Mark your calendars for these events:

Nov 18-26 - 7th Galveston Buggy Blast 2000 - Galveston, TX. Contact Dick & Gail Bell - 972-423-3630 or dickbell@home.com, or Keith Anderson - 281-481-2723 or ktinker@swbell.net.

Nov 23-26 - Turkey Day Buggy Thang - Ivanpah Dry Lake, Primm, NV. Contact Scott Dyer - 702-220-4340 or info@windpowersports.com, or Dan Rubesh - 805-659-5769 or windwiz@windwizard.com.

Dec 30, 2000 - Jan 2, 2001 - Millennium Buggy Thang 2001 Rolling Man 2 - Ivanpah Dry Lake and others (see article on page 1 of this issue). Contact Corey Jensen - 702-255-0570 or coreykite@aol.

Jan 21-?? - Buggy Run Following KTAI - Ivanpah Dry Lake, Primm, NV. Contact Corey Jensen - 702-255-0570 or coreykite@aol.

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BOOBS Banter

by Kelci Williams

Well, 2000 is coming to an end and with it another buggy season is rolling to a close. It's time to enjoy the holidays and prepare for the next season of fun in the sand and playa.

Remember **BOOBS**, this is Morrie and my last issue as newsletter editors, so if you want to ensure that a woman's perspective is included, be sure to send some articles in to Richard Ridgeway, editor elect.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!

NWBPA Membership Application

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