

Snow Job provides the masses at Mt. Hood Meadows with a variety of entertainment

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Throughout the past few years, there has been an explosion in the number of music/sports events around the country, and even around the world. From the Warped Tour to the Sno-Core Tour, Oregon has seen its share of these extravaganzas. The most recent, and perhaps one of the biggest locally, was the second annual Snow Job, held on Saturday April 25 at Mt. Hood Meadows.

Judging from the number of cars pouring into the parking lot at 8:30 a.m., there were going to be quite a few people enjoying the various festivities during the day. The sun was shining, and a couple of inches of new snow had fallen overnight, making the atmosphere perfect for an event of this type.

Many attractions had been lined up to make this a successful venture. There was live music, a vert ramp featuring professional BMXers and skateboarders, tons of free stuff from the various companies setting up shop in front of the lodge, the finals of the Bud Light Big Air series, and above all, good riding!

The bands that were set up to play included *God Lives Underwater*, *Fastball*, *Absinthe*, and crowd favorites *The Specials* and *Pennywise*. They played throughout the day, with *Pennywise* finishing things off with their brand of Southern California bro-punk. Punk isn't dead; they refused to sign autographs afterwards like they were expected to do, which made the head honchos at KNRK angry!

At the trade show, snowboard and skateboard companies such as Ride, 5150, Planet Earth, Vans, Switch, and others gave away free product and also free demos of their snowboards. Stickers, posters, and candy flowed like water into the greedy hands of snowboard grommets everywhere.

On the vert ramp, action was going down all day. Legendary skateboard professional Steve Caballero was there, going bigger than anybody else with 540s, alley-oops, and various other goodies. He also did a doubles line with a biker, in which he

floated a backside 180 over the brave soul on the bike. The crowd loved it, and their appreciation for his talent showed when a line formed afterwards to receive his autograph. Others from the Vans team also skated the metal monster, which was daring considering the substandard quality of the ramp.

But the highlight of the day had to be the Big Air contest. Riders in this event had to have qualified at the previous events, which were held at Loon Mountain in New Hampshire, Sugar Bowl in California, and Snoqualmie Pass in Washington. There was over \$30,000 up for grabs, and riders both men and women were hucking themselves off the giant kicker and over a 40 foot gap in hopes of getting a piece of the pie.

Finalists in this event included Peter Line, Nick Francke, Jason Borgstede, Pete Iverson, Janet Mathews, Tina Dixon, and a few others.

Highlights were Line's switch-stance 900 tailgrab, Francke's huge switch 720 rodeos, and numerous other spins and flips. In the women's competition, a 16-year-old girl all the way from Pennsylvania nicknamed "Nugget" threw herself off of the kicker with huge aspirations, and huge she did go. She did a

gigantic backflip 180, bigger than anything else by either woman or man, and landed straight on her back. It looked extremely painful, but she stood up and rode the rest of the way down, probably to the biggest cheer of the day. She didn't place, but she should have won for sheer courage.

The whole day-long event went smoothly, and the entertainment was tremendous. From the bands to the great weather to the amazing riding, the day was fun for everybody. Hopefully, next year will be as good as this year's event.

On the same note, Mt. Hood Meadows will be hosting another snowboarding event this weekend. *Vegetate, Snowboarding for Native Wildflowers* has been going on for three years now, and raises money to reseed ski trails with flowers during the summer. There are four events: Halfpipe, Big Air, Slopestyle, and Boardercross. There should be some top quality riding going on, and it is for a good cause! So anybody who is interested in snowboarding, helping the environment, or both, should check out *Vegetate*. It won't disappoint.



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Above: Jason Chatfield wins the men's Big Air Finals with a switch-stance corkscrew 720.

Top right: An unidentified female Big Air competitor spins a blurry 360 stalefish.

Students Invited to Karaoke Lunch with Candidates

Dear Fellow Students,

I would like to invite you to lunch! I have hopes that I will get the opportunity to know you, and for you to learn more about me. We have planned a free lunch with a professional Karaoke D.J. Hopefully you will be there. Bryan Fuentez (Candidate for Vice President) and I want to help Clackamas Community College be a student friendly college through our student leadership. Please come find out how. We will be in the Skylight Dining Room on April 30 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. I hope we will get the chance to talk.

David LeDoux

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Spring Term Authors' Night

Authors' Night

Three authors--Tom Spanbauer, Chuck Palahniuk and Joanna Rose, will read from their works in the McLoughlin Hall Theater on April 29 at 7 p.m.

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This term's Authors' Night will feature three writers with a list of accomplishments.

Tom Spanbauer is the leader of a Portland writing group that had five of its members as finalists in the 1997 Oregon Book Awards. His novel, "The Man Who Fell in love with the Moon" won the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award and the Oregon Book Award. He is also the author of "Faraway Places." He will be reading from a third novel which is still in progress.

Joanna Rose has worked at a variety of jobs, but she is best known as the

organizer and leader of Powell's Book Store famous readings and events series. After introducing hundreds of writers over the years, she has had her own debut as a novelist with "Little Miss Strange," a coming-of-age novel about an adolescent girl in the "hippie" age of the late 60s and early 70s.

Chuck Palahniuk had his debut by winning the 1997 Oregon Book Award for his novel, "Fight Club." The book will be made into a movie starring Brad Pitt, Edward Norton and Courtney Love.

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