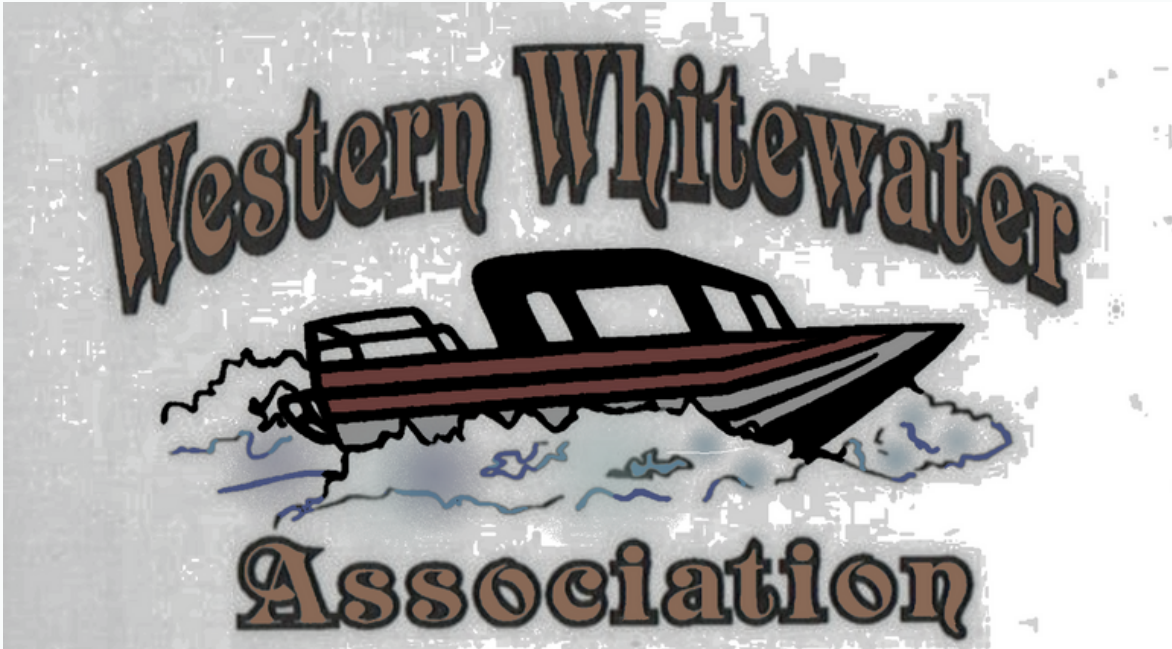


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**IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CHET THORSON  
2024 EVENTS**

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**2ND QUARTER BOARD MEETING: APRIL 2, 2024**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 9, 2024  
FIESTA GUADALAJARA - NAMPA ID**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/ EVENTS :  
MAY 14, 2024 | SRJBR APRIL 19-21 2024**

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT EASTER SHARED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THE WEATHER WAS QUITE NICE, MAKING IT ENJOYABLE TO BE OUTSIDE HUNTING EGGS.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE PARTICIPANTS WHO MADE THE TRIP TO GLENNS FERRY FOR THE CLUB'S ANNUAL RUN. THE WEATHER WAS SUPER. WE HAD A GREAT TURN OUT OF BOATS FOR THE RUN, A GREAT STEAK DINNER AFTERWARDS AND A WONDERFUL BREAKFAST THE NEXT MORNING. THANKS TO JIM AND BRANDI MOORE FOR CHAIRING THE EVENT AND A BIG HAND TO THEM ON THE GRILL AND GRIDDLE AND TO ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE WHO HELPED WITH COOKING.

LOOKING AHEAD IN APRIL TO THE SALMON RIVER RUN AND JET BOAT RACES IN RIGGINS IDAHO. APRIL 19-21. THIS YEAR IS A MILESTONE OF YEARS, IT IS THE 40TH YEAR OF RACES. THIS YEAR IS ALSO SPECIAL IN THAT WE ARE HONORING BOB HAYS. HOPE TO SEE AS LARGE A BOATER TURNOUT THAT WE HAVE SEEN ON PREVIOUS RUNS THIS YEAR. WITH THE CURRENT SNOWPACK AND MILD WEATHER AHEAD, WE HOPE TO HAVE A RIVER THAT WILL GIVE US A GOOD RUNNABLE FLOW (SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 8,000 CFS – 20,000 CFS). IF YOU PLAN TO RUN THE SALMON RIVER, BE SURE THAT YOUR FUEL TANK IS FULL.

THANKS TO JIM AND BRANDI MOORE FOR ALL THEIR HELP WITH SETTING UP THE WWA SAFETY BOATS FOR THE RIGGINS JET BOAT RACES. THE CLUB HAS A LONG TRADITION OF ASSISTING WITH THIS EVENT. CURRENTLY, WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE BOATS AND CAPTAINS TO HELP SUPPORT THIS EVENT. PLEASE CONTACT BRANDI MOORE IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING.

NEXT UP IS THE VETERAN'S RUN MAY 18-19 AT PITTSBURG LANDING. THIS YEAR THE WWA WILL BE LOOKING FOR APPROXIMATELY EIGHT BOATS AND CAPTAINS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. SATURDAY, MAY 18 IS THE ONE DAY THAT WWA WILL PROVIDE A TRIP ON THE RIVER. I BELIEVE MOST WWA CAPTAINS AND PARTICIPANTS FIND THIS EXTREMELY REWARDING AND SATISFYING TO GIVE BACK TO OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH FOR US. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT CLYDE DURHAM.

SAFE TRAVELS AND HAPPY BOATING, CATCH YOU ON THE RIVER.

*KINDEST REGARDS,  
CNET THORSON*

# 2024 EVENTS & RUNS

- SALMON RIVER RUN 04/19 @ SPRING BAR
- SALMON RIVER JET BOAT RACES 04/19-04/21 @ RIGGINS ID
- HELLS CANYON VETERANS DAY 05/18 @ PITTSBURG LANDING CAMPGROUND
- PAYETTE RIVER - TBD DEPENDING ON SPRING WATER FLOWS
- SKILLS DAY - TBD MAY OR JUNE
- NWRR BOAT SHOW N SHINE JUNE 1, 2024
- WWA SUMMER BBQ - TBD JULY OR AUGUST
- CONFLUENCE 09/14 W/ DINNER & BREAKFAST 09/15  
PRE-RUN 09/13 PITTSBURG LANDING ID
- SALMON RIVER STEELHEAD 10/26 W/ DINNER @ SKIP & SHARON BAILEY'S HOME RIGGINS, ID



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**PAYETTE RIVER NR  
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# RIVER HAPPENINGS

MARCH 16, 2024 - ASOTIN WASHINGTON  
JUST AFTER NOON TODAY, EMERGENCY PERSONNEL FROM LEWISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT, ASOTIN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1, ASOTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE CITY OF ASOTIN WERE DISPATCHED TO A PLANE CRASH APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES SOUTH OF ASOTIN. THE PLANE CLIPPED A POWER LINE AND WENT INTO THE RIVER. FORTUNATELY BOATERS WERE NEARBY AND IMMEDIATELY RESCUED THE PILOT AND PASSENGER FROM THE WATER, AND TOOK THEM TO A NEARBY BEACH TO AWAIT RESPONDERS. WHILE WAITING THESE GOOD SAMARITANS APPLIED FIRST AID AND WORKED TO ENSURE THE PATIENTS STAYED WARM. UPON ARRIVAL OF RESPONDERS, LIFE FLIGHT WAS REQUESTED TO THE SCENE. ONE PATIENT WAS TRANSPORTED BY AIR AND ANOTHER BY GROUND WITH WHAT APPEARS TO BE NON-LIFE THREATENING INJURIES. WHILE THERE WAS SOME OBVIOUS TEAMWORK WITH THE FIRST RESPONDERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO NOT ONLY THE BOATERS WHO INITIALLY MADE THE RESCUE, TO THE LOCAL LAND OWNERS WHO ASSISTED WITH PROVIDING AN ATV AND A SIDE BY SIDE WHICH ASSISTED US WITH TRANSPORTING PATIENTS TO THE ROADWAY AREA FROM THE BEACH. THIS IS WHY OUR AREA IS AMAZING, EVERY PIECE OF THE PUZZLE WORKED TOGETHER TO HELP THESE PEOPLE! OUR HATS GO OFF TO THOSE NAMELESS OTHERS WHO HELPED TODAY.

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NORTHWEST RIVER RUNNERS 2024 BANQUET WILL BE REPLACED THIS YEAR WITH A BOAT SHOW N SHINE! WE ENCOURAGE ALL WHO CAN TO ATTEND THIS EVENT AND SHOW OUR SUPPORT TO OUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS IN THE LEWISTON VALLEY!  
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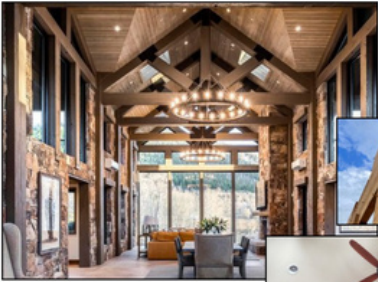
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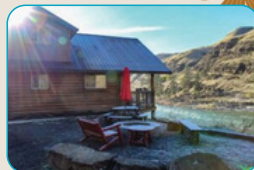
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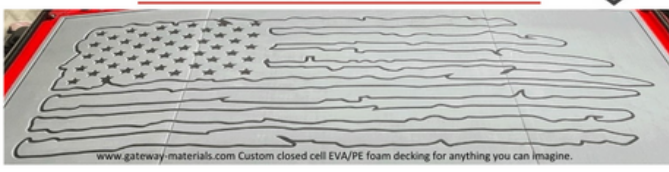


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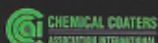
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