

AUTHOR'S NOTE

ABOUT THIS BOOK

Mountainboard Adventures NW is the product of years and years of thinking about, talking about and planning on doing. Also a relentless push on the trails with note books and pens and then countless hours at the laptop crunching baby crunch. I've done just enough to cover the basics of what I wanted the book to be. I'll do a yearly re-print, volume 2, which will include re-visits to some trails, new entries, fresh interviews, other content I find and it will probably be cleaned up a little bit.

Let me tell you a little story: One day I was at the Library. I looked into their system for anything related to Mountainboarding. Guess what I found. Nothing. Devastated and quite upset I set my goal on producing the first of its kind Mountainboarding Guidebook so that from then on when someone puts in the search term for their favorite sport they will actually get something. If the reader is not from the NW nor planning a trip up to ride then maybe it will inspire them to take a shred-cation or at least they can find something of interest, hopefully, in the other sections of the book.

The point of the book is to give riders in the North West, and visitors, an idea of the ride-able landscape of the region. My Club, Mountainboards NW, can give you lessons, rent or sell you a board, all that, but the question becomes: "Where do you ride?" The book has my notes from several locations all around the entire NW region so ideally you'll have spots to choose from all over. I expect upon distribution of this book and in its re-printing the number of spots should increase big time. The Club is always open to hearing where the spots are all around so submissions are always welcome:

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I had to put in some different types of content so it was more fun to read so I picked a how-to, an interview section and some stuff about my story so you know how lame I really am. I'll also use this project as a shameless way to re-publish anything I get in print anywhere too. Gooo me! But, the truth is that I always try to put the Club and the goals at large first. The point is to strengthen our community both with numbers of dedicated riders but also through avenues of interconnectedness. I wanted to be able to provide some larger context to the book and be able to accommodate the new rider who could possibly pick up the book before ever riding a board and be able to get something out of it. It's important that this publication lets some of the lifestyle and some of the history in as a staple too. Most of the legends of our sport are still out there ripping it up somewhere and the history is still very much alive. We won't be able to cover everything but the point is to give you a taste so you want more.

Mountainboards NW is just a Club of riders who keep our small scene real. We give to the communities by doing free Learn to Rides all summer and work with local skate and snow shops to promote them and the sport by teaming up in any way we can. We want to "spread the love" which was the instructions given to me by Jason Lee himself in an email when I first got ahold of him. Sounds like a solid platform if you ask me. We put on the Annual Shred Fest NW events where we invite riders of all levels to come and compete for King of the Mountain and ride some of the gnarliest places we have to offer.

As if you don't already, follow us on the book @mountainboardsnw for all types of constant Mountainboarding stuff and all of our local events.

Thanks for picking up this rag, it means supporting an underground sub cultural movement of anti-athletes who operate with impunity under the radar of most civilized comprehension and you are now enjoying a part of the mechanism I've put in place to further my mission.

Your humble Author and servant

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President, Mountainboards NW