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# From The President *Greg Nordstrom*



Hello snow lovers

I guess it's that time of year again that we start to think about the upcoming snowmobile season and the fun we can have. With the covid virus that hit us in March and continuing now it is making it a challenge to do just about anything. Sure glad we live in South Dakota where we still have the freedoms to make the choices for ourselves as to what to do or not. We do however have to consider the Health of those around us who are the most vulnerable. Clubs and other groups have had to meet virtually by zoom or conference calls this is making it a challenge to recruit new members and to stay socially connected with those we ride with. This year so far we have had the ISC canceled, the DC fly in canceled and the ACSA meetings by conference calls.

Now we have to look at the SDSA convention being planned in Rapid City for December 4th & 5th that is still a go. We will need the clubs to step up and nominate people for the SDSA board when we have elections. This year we have elections for President and President elect as we do every year and for Board positions for districts 1,3,5 and 7 which are two year terms. There will also be a one year for district 4 to fill out the term that Duane Stahl resigned from.

This next year I hope we can move on from all

the craziness that happened and get on with being able to get out and enjoy the life that

God created us for and do it without fear. If you have events planned get them to Mary Anne so she can put them on the SDSA website. Check with your local clubs and let others know of the events that will be happening.

I have something of a challenge for all members. We all know someone who rides but does not belong to a club or SDSA. We spend hundreds or even thousands of dollars to go on our snowmobile trips so here is the challenge. Pay for that person's membership to they can start to receive the Snow Plainsman and to have them informed when things come up about riding area legislation both here and other states where others want to shut us down. We need numbers because that is what counts when talking about issues. SDSA, ACSA and ISMA are the ones who are fighting for our rights to keep our trails and riding areas open so let's support them.

Greg Nordstrom

## District Six Director Jason Shepherd



I hope everyone has enjoyed theirsummer. It has been a strange summer compared to others. Most of the clubs summer activities have been canceled this summer. I think most of us are all looking forward to getting the snowmobiles back out of storage and start getting them ready for winter.

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From  
The  
Past  
President

# *Jon LaFramboise*



Welcome to another season of Snowmobiling! I hope everyone had a great summer! It seemed a little short but now we get to look forward to winter and hopefully some great riding.

The Black Hills club has been working diligently on the upcoming convention and with the survey results that came back it looks like we will actually have an in-person convention. So plan on attending! It is shaping up to be a great time, and I am looking forward to seeing you all again.

As your clubs start having meetings don't forget to invite potential new members to come to the meeting. Membership in SDSA could really use a boost! The more people we have in the group the stronger our voice will become.

I guess it's time to look over the sleds and see what needs attention. Hopefully I can find all my riding gear and check it all out too. It's never too early to get out the radios, avy bags, beacons and clothing to give them a good once over and make sure they all will do the job for another season.

Well not much to talk about this early in the season, so hope to see you all in Rapid City at the Convention.

Until next time. Stay safe!

Jon.

**November 1 deadline!**  
**Snowmobiler of the Year**  
**Groomer of the Year**  
**Hall of Fame**  
**Bids for Convention 2022**  
**Nominations for 1,3,5 & 7**  
**and District 4 for one year term**  
**Membership incentive**  
**(if you wish to be in the drawing**  
**for \$100 cash or \$200 (if present at convention))**

forms are on our website



# DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

## *District 1 -2-3-4-5-6-7*

### District Three Director Kelly Weaver

Who's ready to get on a snowmobile in do some social distancing? Count me in! It seems like just yesterday we were at the Governor's Ride and it's been Groundhog's Day ever since. Hopefully we can get safely to the winter season and enjoy the crisp winter air and beautiful scenery on a bed of fresh powder! The board and the Black Hills club have been discussing plans for the convention. It appears that the event will move forward with appropriate safety measures in place. There'll be more details elsewhere in the SnoPlainsman. Please help as much as you can by getting your registrations in and collecting items for the auction.

With some of the challenges this year, fundraising for SDSA is even more important this year. You should have received your "Everyone Wins" tickets to your club by now. We have sent out all the tickets to be sold and expect that the tickets sent to your club will be sold prior to the drawing. With cash prizes, everyone wins! Thanks to all the clubs who submitted their charity reports this spring. South Dakota was 4th for funds raised and 3rd for hours donated – thank you for all you do!

If you are looking for travel plans for next summer, the 2021 International Snowmobile Congress will be held in Omaha next June 9-12. It will be held at the Omaha Hilton and you can get more details here: <http://www.snowmobilers.org/isc/>

A couple updates from the Advisory Council meeting. There is no change at this time for the Fat Tire bikes so they will still have

access to the snowmobile trails near Big Hill Lot like last year. Heads up! You may recall that a tornado passed through the Hills early this summer near Roughlock Falls. Clean up work is being done around trails #1, #3 and #4. So be aware in that area this winter, especially off trail. Unfortunately, a large number of the snowmobile accidents that occur each year involve rental snowmobiles. Based on records for the past few years, rental sleds are involved in over 70% of accidents reported. In an effort to help, SDSA will be sending a letter to all sled rental businesses with information about the free snowmobile safety information available from ISMA that they can share with their renters in advance of their trip. Need a safety reminder for yourself or new riders in your family? Check it out here: <http://www.saferiderssafetyawareness.org/>

Until next month, make your winter plans and get your equipment tuned up.

Kelly Weaver  
District 3



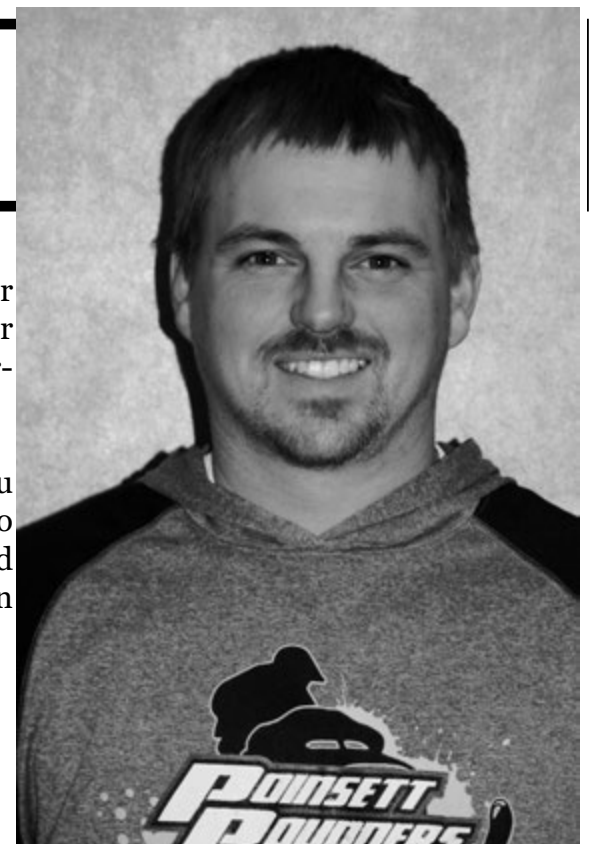
### District Seven Director Trace Damm

Hello Everyone,

This Summer turned into a long and crazy time in all of our lives. Covid 19 has changed our lives in many different ways. There has not been many meetings. Hopefully by this winter which is fast approaching, things will have straightened out and we can get back to a "normal" life.

On the state level we have had a few zoom meetings to keep in touch with one another. If you have any questions regarding what we discussed on the state level, please don't hesitate to call or email me. The recent cold temperatures and seven plus inches of snow at Trailhead has me excited for the upcoming snowmobile year. Can't wait to see everyone at convention and on the trails.

Until next time,  
Trace Damm



# DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

## District 1 -2-3-4-5-6-7

### District Five Director Duane Duerr



## 1000 New Members can Make it Happen!!!

Wow, Labor Day snow in the Hills and over 10 inches. This could be our best season yet!! The Farmers Almanac says it will be a snow filled winter for much of the area with heavy snow in early January.

### Why join SDSA and your local club?

- Your Support keeps The Trail System and Groomers going.
- Membership Discounts for SDSA Members at Key Locations.
- You receive 7 issues of the Sno Plainsman
- Website snowmobilesd.com keeps you informed.
- SDSA provides youth Scholarships.
- SDSA meets with legislators.
- Provides Governor's Ride and Veterans Ride.
- Supports SnoCross in Deadwood.
- Annual SDSA Convention with Member Awards.
- Supports youth in Snowmobiling (YETIS)

### •Why Local Clubs:

- Meet area Snowmobilers
- Help locate deals on Sleds
- Club Rides- Black Hills, Yellowstone, Wisconsin, Big Horns...
- Informative meetings.
- Local rides.

-Youth Safety Course with Certificate  
-Establish Local Trails.

There are so many reasons to be members both Locally and SDSA.

**Did you know if every club member found one new member we would add nearly 1000 new members.** Many young riders are looking at what they will get by joining: Many clubs get group discounts on cabins or rooms; may help in sharing the cost of the trip or meals, have people to ride with, in the mountains may have safety gear to share, experienced riders teach less experienced, just have more fun.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FIND SOMEONE NEW AND ASK THEM TO JOIN YOUR CLUB AND SDSA!!!**  
Duane Duerr District Representative.

### District Two Director Mike Boock



Hello snowmobilers!  
I'm sure everyone is thinking the same thing... Can we get back to something normal? Hopefully, YES! We just got our first snowstorm of the year, so I am hoping for another great year of winter fun in the Black Hills. I know a lot of clubs are starting to get together after the long summer off and are making plans for the year. The Southern Hills club got together over the holiday weekend and had a Bar B Que hosted by Duane. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend, but I'm sure they had a great time without me. The Black Hills Club also had a Bar B Que at Angustora Lake to get their season started. Since their End of the Year banquet was cancelled back in April, they handed out their "Juel and Sally Rall" Award at the get together. Congratulations to Brian and Summer Boock on receiving the award! The Boock family loves to snowmobile and has been instrumental in helping keep the BHSC going over the years. Brian got me into snowmobiling and invited me to my first BHSC meeting. The rest is history they say. Haha!

Now is a great time to start preparing your equipment for a safe riding season. I like to replace my batteries in my beacon, recharge my avy bag canister, make sure I have a 10mm socket and/or wrench in my bag, and replenish my sled with a handful of zip-ties and baling wire. Them trees like to jump out and grab me from time to time! Also check all your flu-

ids and grease your track. Yes, I said that. I didn't know it was there either, but there is a grease zerk on your track suspension. Hit it with a few pumps from the old grease gun and you should be good to go. Also, I like to do a visual inspection of my sled and make sure nothing has come loose. Them spring bumps can take a toll on your sled and you'd be surprised at what can come loose. After that, pray for more snow and go get it!

The Black Hills Snowmobile Club is planning a fun and unique 2020 SDSA Convention this year thanks to COVID-19. The event will be December 4-5th at the Ramkota in Rapid City. I encourage you to make plans to attend this great event if you are able. There will be guidelines in place to make it a safe convention for those who are healthy and not at risk. If you are at a higher risk and don't feel like you should be attending an indoor event at this time, they totally understand.

Until next time,  
Mike



# From the Treasurer

## Diane Hiles

Well here we are – Labor Day marking the end of summer and at the same time, just a few hours west, 7” of snow on the ground greeted kids as they started back to school. Just another crazy to add to 2020.

I'll start out with just a brief recap on SDSA's financial picture from the past year. Our financial outcome presented a somewhat stable condition, even though we ended with a negative balance again this year. We had lower memberships, advertising/website revenue and fundraising income, but had higher Governor's Ride income. We had significant reduction in travel expenses with the DC Fly-in and ISC being cancelled. Other expenses under budget included fundraising, Governor Ride expenses, office and website. In addition, the \$8,000 in temporary transfers from the Savings account was returned. The ending balance was negative \$1,342.53 but was still a \$172.13 improvement from the beginning of the year.

We will be operating under a non-balanced budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Both income and expenses were lowered to reflect the most current 3-year averages. Travel expenses were adjusted according to event locations. Temporary Transfers from savings will be necessary at least until dues income is received. The Board will review the budget at each meeting since we will be operating without a balanced budget. Once again it is very evident that the fundraisers must be successful, we must maintain and increase our membership numbers and we must bring in new advertising accounts as well as maintain the accounts we have had over the last 3 years at the very least.

Clubs are starting to have their first meetings of the season and we will soon see this year's dues trickling in for both regular memberships and associate memberships. Remember SDSA dues are \$25.00. Associate Membership dues are \$50. The dues are allocated among the following cohort.

Cohort	Regular Membership Dues	Association Membership Dues
SDSA	\$19.00	\$45.00
Sno Plainsman	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
Right to Ride	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
ACSA Dues	\$ 1.00	
Total Dues	\$25.00	\$50.00

✓ Dues can be sent in as soon as you receive them. In fact, it is best if you submit them periodically and not wait for everyone to get their dues paid. Membership Benefits start once dues are received at the Office. We will continue to handle club dues paid online the same as we did last year. Once SDSA receives dues online with club dues included, Mary Anne will notify me and I in turn will send the club their dues from that online membership. Please cash these checks once you receive them!

As we start our 2020-2021 snowmobiling season, now is the time for everyone to start recruiting memberships and recruiting advertising accounts to make our operating budget work and for everyone to start doing a fancy and effective snow dance!!! Looking forward to a great year for SDSA!!

If there are any financial questions that I can answer for you, please do not hesitate to ask. I would be happy to explain what needs to be explained. Feel free to call my cell 605-203-0059 or send me email me at [dj.hiles@hotmail.com](mailto:dj.hiles@hotmail.com).

Diane Hiles  
Treasurer




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**Board of Directors**  
**Conference Call 7:30 p.m. May 3, 2020**

President Greg Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Roll call showed Greg Nordstrom, President; Jon LaFramboise, Past President; Mike Boock, Kelly Weaver, Duane Stahl, Jason Shepherd, Trace Damm, Kirsten Vandenhemel, Diane Hiles & Mary Anne Grabow. Not present were Tim Lund and Duane Duerr. (Later we learned that Duane didn't receive the emails alerting him originally). Ryan Raynor was also on the call.

Trails report: Black Hills Report: Ryan Raynor reported that March 21 was the last day of grooming in the Black Hills. 37,682 miles of trail were groomed in the Black Hills. 5,111 miles groomed in Wyoming. 42,793 total miles groomed for the season.

Last year traffic counts : 97,000 clicks - this year 137,762 41,000 more clicks than last year. Last year was a really good snow season as well.

Fat tire bikes – Less traffic on the trails now that they are legal than previous years when they were not. A few miles of the trail were never signed. Kelly questioned whether interim Forest Supervisor can make decisions on fat tire issue. Ryan didn't know the answer but he can certainly look into it. Mike asked about the parking situation in the Black Hills. Kelly questioned signage so that people know Trailshead is full especially on Governor's Ride Weekend. It would be helpful to know if the parking lot is full before you pull your trailer into the lot!

East River –Total expenses 15 clubs this year \$131,043 compared to \$175,240 last year. Mitchell trail wasn't there this year. Webster groomer was down for repairs roughly a month and a half. They did have great snow there, however. Lots of miles under water this year too (probably affecting 100 miles.) Great snow year 2 years in a row. Grooming hours 1568 this year 2271 last year .

Miles of trail submitted for next year was 1064 miles. Total funding request: \$311,301.

There were 23 motorcycle permits sold which was a big jump for snowbikes.

25 accidents this year. 19 of those were on rental sleds. Kelly suggested that we share the safe rider info that is provided by ACSA with the vendors who rent out snowmobiles in a partnership between GFP & SDSA.

Government Relations: Greg made the comment that he hoped the snowmobile funds won't be used in general budget for the state. Ryan said he will keep an eye out on that situation. DC Fly In was cancelled.

Agenda review added Snowest Ad Program and also ISMA Grant under old business. Jon made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Kelly. Motion was carried.

Minutes: Motion to approve was made by Duane Stahl. Motion was seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Financial reports: Diane went through the report. Kelly asked about the potential snocross donation that was supposed to be coming to us. No one has seen anything on that. DC Fly In and ISC cancellations should affect our year end positively.

Kelly made a motion to approve the financial report and file it for review. Mike Boock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presidents report: Greg expressed concern about our year. Revenue and expenses will be affected.

Sno Plainsman office report: The last issue went to press and was mailed out to members/businesses. Mary Anne's been working on year end things earlier than normal since we have to stay home more with the COVID 19 going on. Scholarships were sent to the committee for review and Mary Anne is also in charge of the ISMC Scholarship this year. She was also part of the Planning meeting to cancel ISC.

Convention : The Convention Committee includes Kelly Weaver, Mike Boock and Trace Damm. To assist clubs bidding future conventions, the Committee has prepared a report with input from a few past convention chairs. This report would be completed by the host club after their convention, prior to disbursement of auction proceeds. The Convention Committee can then accumulate a history of convention activities for use by clubs preparing bids for future convention. The report was shared with the board and any input would be welcomed. Reports for the 2020 and 2021 Convention will be shared later in the agenda. Greg made a positive comment on the history form that was presented. Kelly suggested not disbursing the funds to the club until this form is filled out. Diane doesn't send funds out until all checks have cleared. Mike asked questions regarding sales tax. Usually sales tax is collected on the vendor booth – and the vendors usually collect sales tax for their wares (but the club has nothing to do with that.)

Fundraiser: Committee suggests Everyone wins this year instead of a UTV raffle due to Covid 19. Discussion was held. Jon made a motion to sell 500 tickets at \$50 each and let the committee decide how to break it all down. Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tickets need to be ready to hand out at August meeting. Discussion was held on how to distribute to the clubs.

Awards - No report

Membership – Diane reported that she & Mary Anne agreed on 736 members and 85 associate members.

Bylaws & Right to ride – No report Safety – No report

Charity report – Diane reported 16 clubs reported (including SDSA).

\$1675 major charities , \$15,452 local charities , 11,083 volunteer hours.

Scholarships: Scholarship Committee includes Kelly Weaver, Trace Damm and Duane Duerr. The Committee created a letter to send to scholarship applicants. Winner letters include pertinent details including the timeline for claiming the scholarship which is May 1, 2021. After the large number of applications last year, we received just two scholarship applications this year. The committee reviewed them and the highest scoring entry will also be submitted for the CJ Ramstad Memorial Scholarship awarded by ISMC. This year's winners were Kirsten VanDenHemel from the Trailbusters Snowmobile Club and Jarret Brown from the Town and Country Snowdrifters. Unfortunately, circumstances this year did not permit presentations in person but Mary Anne was able post announcements on the SDSA website and facebook page. Congratulations to Kirsten and Jarret!

Governor's Ride: As far as the no shows go, perhaps we could have Hardy Camp # listed for last minute cancellation issues.

Yetis: Haven't had a meeting due to covid 19. Kirsten questioned if they could send out thank you notes after the Governor's ride to the dignitaries attending. The board was in favor of this.

ISMA Grant: We received \$2500 in advance for the Governor's Ride of the \$3000 total grant. We didn't request the final \$500 as the \$2500 covered our expenses especially since the Black Hills Snowmobile Club donated back \$250 for breakfast! \$651.11 is still left from the grant for the website. Jon made a motion to use that for hosting our website. Kelly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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# Mary Anne's moment

## Mary Anne Grabow, Secretary-Editor

2020! COVID. Everyone knows the story – and no one really wants to re-hash it all. I hope you all are well and healthy.

Summer had some violent storms and some really HOT days. One of those violent days, we came home to see the tree that has been the focal point of our yard every since we've known of our place laying across the yard. Nice thing is, it missed our house and all of the vehicles. Thanks to friends and family, the mess was cleaned up rather quickly and I'm getting used to the view without the tree. I did notice the lack of shade, though.

Reports of snow in the hills and out west are already starting to come in. The guys all want to get the trips planned already. It feels like the snow season is racing in as quickly as it possibly can this year!

SDSA hasn't had a face to face meeting since Governor's Ride. We've been forced to do our business by ZOOM and by conference calls. ISC 2020 was cancelled and ISC 2021 will be held in Omaha, NE this summer. I'm heading out to a planning meeting for that here in about a week.

These last few weeks have been busy- busy -busy. I've been on the phone selling advertising and Duane Duerr has been on the road doing the same thing. We are planning to have a successful year for our publication this year. Dealers are reporting positive sales while COVID has forced everyone to cancel travel plans. That's one positive that's come out of this virus. We've picked up some new advertisers and welcomed back some as well. Please do your part by supporting those businesses who support SDSA!! If you have a business that would benefit from advertising in the Sno Plainsman, shoot me an email at [sdsa@itctel.com](mailto:sdsa@itctel.com). I'd be happy to talk you through our pricing, etc.

The SDSA convention in December is in planning stages and it should be a good one. Details will be in this issue. Get your reservations made and fill out your registrations! I will be sending out info to the clubs for voting etc. very soon. I try to send as much out by email as we possibly can. It helps reduce postage rates if we can email it out to you.



We have the Everyone Wins fundraiser this year. Someone gets a chance to win \$10,000! That's a healthy downpayment on a new sled! But you can't win, if you don't buy a ticket! Only 500 of them will be sold and the winner will be drawn at convention. Second place winner will receive \$2000 and \$500 will go to the third. The person who sells the winning ticket will receive \$500! \$1000 to the club that sells the most tickets! \$500 to the person that sells the most tickets! \$1000 goes to the Scholarship program and \$1250 to the club that hosts convention.

It's not too early to send in your dues to either your club or to SDSA. Our new year began in July. The faster funds come in the easier it is to operate our organization. Do all the guys that you go on trips with belong to a South Dakota club? Maybe it's time that you asked them to join!

To the left is my youngest granddaughter, Nora. She has learned the term "CHEESE" and poses for the camera most days. She doesn't sit still for very long so you have to be quick to capture a photo though! Right now Grandma and Papa are two of her favorite people in the world and we're enjoying every minute of it too!

I hope that I'll see YOU at convention!

Mary Anne



# YETIS

## DIRECTOR'S REPORTS ***YETIS SDSA Representative*** ***Kirsten VanDenHemel***

It is that time of year again, time to start thinking and talking about snowmobiling. As I am writing this it is snowing in Deadwood. It still seems too soon for snow, but I am ready for it. Something special that snowmobilers share, is a love for winter. Even though subzero temperatures are not fun or wanted, the snow is worth it.

I am also excited for what the YETIS have in store. We are trying to get as many YETIS members to ISC in Omaha, NE (June 2021). It was an amazing experience to attend ISC in Grand Rapids, MI, and I hope that we can provide the opportunity for more YETIS to have that experience. Other than ISC, I am looking forward to having a good time at convention, in hopes that it still happens. I am ready for more normalcy in life, as well as to have a break from Zoom and other online only meetings and classes. This will also be my last season with the YETIS, and I hope to make it the best season yet!

Let's remember that we all want to have a good time this year, and to do that we all need to make smart decisions and stay safe! See you all very soon.



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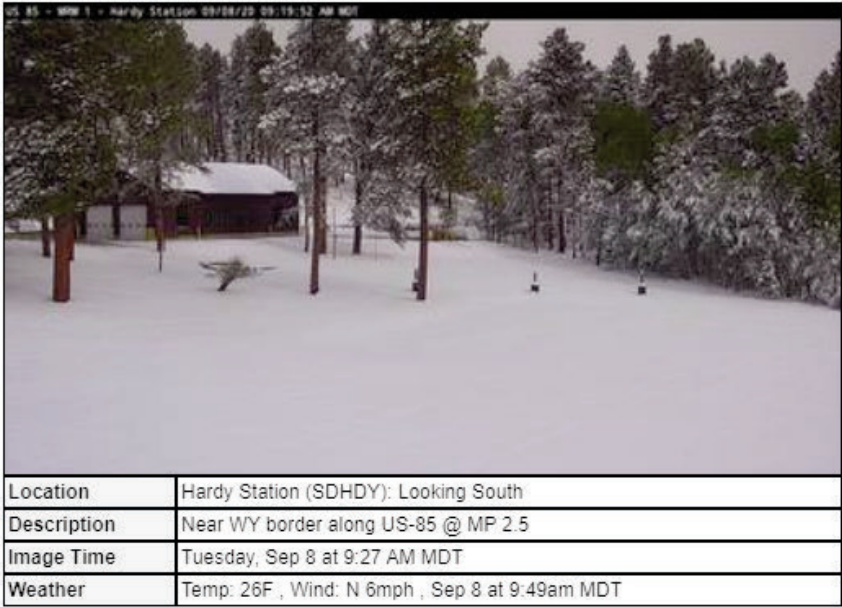
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# On The Trails

## Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

Right when you think the year 2020 can't get any weirder, it snows between ten inches and one foot in the northern hills between September 7th and the 8th. We have lows in the 30's in Pierre with high's in the low 50's, and coffee suddenly tastes really good this cold morning. See the attached picture from the Hardy Camp Camera in case you don't believe the one foot of snow.



How cool is this!!!

As always with this first article, it's good to remind everyone who has a trail grant about the steps we need to take to prepare for the upcoming season.

The sooner we get in trail sign orders to the prison in Sioux Falls the less competition we have with other state agencies that order signs this time of year, which is mostly the Department of Transportation. Please let me know what you need and how many and I'll place the order. Remember to buy the rebar and nuts and bolts from your local hardware store and keep receipts so you can be reimbursed for those purchases through your grant. If you are interested in the lightweight fence posts for those regulatory signs that you saw me pass out at the convention last year, let me know and I'll get those ordered for you.

Speaking of grants, I'll be sending out Grant in Aid Agreements and Equipment Agreements to those clubs who had their grant application approved back in August. I'll provide an envelope with stamps ready to send back at no cost to the club.

I'll start the process of applying for Right of Way agreements so if the reroutes you proposed added or eliminated a highway crossing, please let me know. We'll need to notify the proper DOT office so the signs can be added or removed accordingly.

Due to travel restrictions and a busier than normal camping season, I was not able to get out this summer to inspect grooming equipment. I plan on getting this done this early fall so we can decide which groomer will be surplusd from the eastern side of the state. If you know of some drag or groomer maintenance and repair concerns, please let me know and these items will be reviewed during the inspection which will be scheduled with the club.

2020 has been a year of more questions than answers unlike any other. No matter how many curve balls this year throws at us, the department of Game Fish and Parks looks forward to another year working with the snowmobile community to provide world class snowmobiling opportunities in the state. Department staff continue to meet quarterly with the Snowmobile Advisory Council and South Dakota Snowmobile Association to ensure your best interests are being considered and look forward to meeting again in December.

Stay safe!  
Ryan Raynor Snowmobile Trails Coordinator

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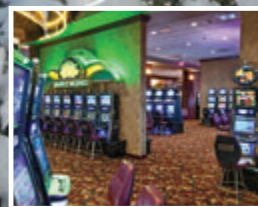
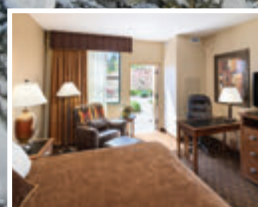
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Budget: The budget was discussed at length. Kelly questioned approving a negative budget. Greg challenged everyone to sign up their friends and pay their way this year. Perhaps that will spark a surge in membership! It was suggested that we review the budget at each meeting since we'll be operating on a negative budget. Someone suggested that we look at ad rates in the local papers.

Jon made a motion to raise the advertising rates by 20%. Mike seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Mary Anne asked if she should still offer a discount to those who prepay and do 7 ads in the paper. She was advised that the discount should still be offered as it doesn't affect a lot of the advertisers...so it doesn't amount to a great deal of \$. Motion carried.

New Pricing is listed below:

Rates per issue	Black & White Ads	Live Ad size	Color ads	
Full page	\$325	10 x 12	\$385	
Half Page	\$190	10 x 6 3/8	\$230	
Quarter page	\$ 95	5 x 6 3/8	\$110	

Mary Anne will let MSPN know.

Jon made a motion to approve the budget as is and that Diane should transfer \$ back to savings at year end and then reborrow it in the new year if it is needed. Trace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Advertising: Duane Duerr has expressed interest in selling. Greg will visit with him and let the board know details.

ISMA Grant for Governor's Ride: Board would like this to be done again this year. Diane emphasized that the follow up work has to be done on it (i.e. media coverage, etc). Diane did the grant writing this year and Mary Anne did the press releases and reached out to media. KOTA was there to do a feature story this year and did an excellent job!

Sponsorship for ISC in Omaha: Diane requested that we sponsor the upcoming ISC. She suggested somewhere in the \$500 - \$750 range but is not aware of the exact package details as of yet. This will be allocated in August per the board.

2021 Convention bid: Trailbusters have bid the convention for November 5 & 6 in Mitchell SD at the Highland Conference Center.

Hotels:

Hampton Inn – connected to convention center

10 rooms at \$139 per night

Comfort Inn – connected to convention center

30 rooms at \$109 per night

Days Inn – not connected to convention center

40 rooms at \$89 per night

Kelly Inn – not connected to convention center but closer than the Days Inn – we will negotiate for prices

\*\*\*The Trailbusters have voted to arrange for their own rooms outside of the room blocks to make sure everyone attending has accommodations.

The facility has ample meeting space for all typical convention needs.

The Comfort Inn has a pool and waterslide park for the kids – we will make sure wristbands are provided for everyone who wants one.

The Hampton Inn also has a small pool and hot tub.

Registration: Tentative – determined by final food prices

\$105 with Saturday Breakfast Buffet

\$90 without Saturday Breakfast Buffet – due to hotels having continental breakfast

(to be determined by the board)

There are 2 hospitality rooms available at the Comfort Inn for clubs to rent along with available hotel rooms for additional needs.

Jon made a motion with Kelly seconding it that we accept this bid. This had been done earlier by email but wanted it to be an official vote. Motion approved. This is the second time that the Trailbusters have stepped up to help SDSA out with a convention bid when none had been received and it is very much appreciated!

BHSC 2020 convention: Committees are set up and conducting zoom meetings. There is concern regarding the auction with the COVID 19 issues. Dueling Pianos have been hired for entertainment. They are debating having a mechanical bull at the beer & bull. They are planning to send out save the dates. Working on registrations and getting it on line. Kelly suggested checking into Eventbrite. Booths have been set at \$100. John Green has been contacted and will be working on something using Needles Highway.

Snogoer Ad Program. Kelly made a motion to participate again and get the info out to clubs. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

## SDSA Board Meeting -Zoom Call August 17, 2020 7:30 p.m.

President Greg Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Anne called roll with the following present: Greg Nordstrom, Jon LaFramboise, Kelly Weaver, Tim Lund, Duane Duerr, Jason Shepherd, Trace Damm, Kirsten VandenHemel, Diane Hiles & Mary Anne Grabow. Mike Boock joined the meeting later. Ryan Raynor and Shannon Percy were also on the call.

Jon made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kelly made the motion to approve the minutes as presented for the May meeting. Duane seconded. Motion carried.

**Financial report** was gone over. Tim Lund made a motion to file the report for review. Duane seconded. Motion carried.

**President's report:** Everything's been cancelled pretty much due to covid 19. Duane Stahl tendered his resignation. ISC is coming next summer in Omaha. Dave Kennedy is the new president of Governor's Advisory Council.

**Office/Sno Plainsman:** 8 clubs plus SDSA participated in the Sno Goer ad that will come out this season. I chaired the media scholarship program this year. Brice Henry from WI was the winner of the scholarship. I sent the board the MSPN list of advertisers so far. I also have an ad from Deadwood Doghouse. Thanks Diane for that lead. First issue of the Sno Plainsman will go to press September 14. Have your article and any ads in by September 8th. I'll be going to ISC planning in September. Last year we did the unifiip for \$200 per issue and I'll need guidance on what the plan is for this year. Duane has made 8 – 10 contacts so far with advertisers. He said that the general attitude is optimistic in the industry at this point. Most dealers report sales as being up as people want to get out and have some fun!

**Trails Specialist:** Shannon Percy reported that things have been crazy with COVID. Fat tire bikes want more miles for their trails. They felt that it went well. They want 3 c down into Spearfish Canyon. There are still questions on liability. At this time, the Forest Service is moving to keep it as is.

Ryan reported 15 grants were approved. It includes 12 state owned and 3 private owned groomers. \$313,000 grant request. FY 20 ended \$ 832,000 revenue \$ 870,000 expenses. Loss of just under \$38,000. Snowmobile trails fund balance just under \$730,000. Gas tax # 10,869 registered sleds. Down from last year 11, 623. The drop in numbers is surprising with the good years of snow we have had recently. We are purchasing 2 groomers this year for the Black Hills thru RTP. This will allow 7 groomers in the Hills so that Shannon can keep the groomers on the trails. With breakdowns the additional groomer will be a blessing. The groomer pricing will go up by \$15-20,000 next year.

Ryan submitted a letter that he had drafted regarding accidents on sleds. The letter would come from SDSA and the Governor's Advisory Council. Shannon & Ryan would provide the addresses for this letter so it can be sent out to businesses that rent out sled as roughly 80% of the accidents are people who have rented sleds.

5 day temporary permits: 142 resident 5 day permits were sold. It will be looked into on whether it can be linked to the gas tax. Convention: The committee will be meeting on August 25. They are unsure what direction to take with covid. Jon suggested that we proceed as we are. It was suggested that emails be sent out to members with a link to a survey monkey poll, Facebook poll or google poll. Mike will send the link to Mary Anne soon so it can be sent out to the masses. We were encouraged to have this done by month end. If we were to cancel convention, is it feasible for the Trailbusters to move their convention back a year? Convention committee will gather information from the poll and we'll have a special meeting of the board. Ramkota is large enough that social distancing would be possible. If we aren't going to have a convention, we'll have to figure out how the annual meeting would happen.

**Fundraiser tickets** are at the printers. Everyone wins. Mike will contact the office when it's time to distribute.

**Membership/website:** no report **Awards:** no report

**Bylaws & right to ride:** Ethics and nepotism policy and SOPS should be reviewed by the committee (Greg, Jon & Tim).

**Safety:** Clubs should be planning safety courses for the coming season. Contact Duane or Ryan.

**Charity:** Diane reported that SD was the 4th largest in \$ and 3rd largest in charity hours on ISC's reports.

**Scholarship** – no report

**Governors Ride** – Do we want BHSC to do breakfast? Group was in agreement to request Black Hills to do this as they have in the past. Jon will check with Trailhead regarding sleds and deadlines considering Covid 19. We need to be thinking about whether covid is going to affect the Governor's Ride.

**Snocross** – We need to order a pop up for Snocross to replace the one that Brian provided in the past. Jon will bring extension cords, heaters, etc.

**YETIS** – No meetings due to Covid 19. Kirsten requested the list of who attended Governor's ride so that the Yetis can send out thank you's.

Tim made a **motion** to have Wilkinson & Schumacher of Desmet do our taxes. Jon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Duane said that the dealers who are on the member discount program are planning to participate again. Duane will continue contacting them and see if we can add a few for this year.

**Sponsorship for ISC** – Don't have that info yet. We did approve \$ for this already. Early registration was extended to the end of August. Mary Anne & Greg are registered already. ISC is June 10 – 12, 2021. Kirsten questioned how the YETIS can be involved. Mary Anne will ask some questions at the ISC planning meeting.

Jon questioned spending \$200 per issue for flip pages. Younger members do prefer the flip page program. Mike found the program for \$40 a month with unlimited uploads. Mike will be on the **website committee** and the committee will check into the program.

We do have an opening in District 4. Town & Country's club meeting is Wednesday at Siouxland @7:30 on the patio.

Motion to adjourn 9:10 p.m. (these minutes have not been officially approved)

# S.D.S.A. Legacy Members



1. **Donald R. Larson** - Milbank, SD -  
Whetstone Valley Snowmobile  
Association 11/2013



2. **Jack Colwell**- DeSmet, SD -  
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 1/2014



3. **LeRoy Erickson** - Ramona, SD -  
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 1/2014



4. **Duane Hojer** - Oldham, SD -  
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 1/2014



5. **Thomas C. Keimig** - Gary, SD  
Dakota Trailblazers - 1/2015



6. **Todd Wilkinson** - DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters -11/2015



7. **Greg Hiles** - DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters - 11/2015



8. **Russell Johnson** - Beresford, SD  
Trailbusters - 12/2015



9. **Lisa Johnson** - Beresford, SD  
Trailbusters - 12/2015



10. **Mick Hehn** - Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers - 12/2015



11. **Neal Boeke** - Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers - 12/2015



12. **Courtney Livingston**- Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club - 01/2016



13. **Neal Grabow** - Silver City, IA  
Dakota Trail Blazers - 3/2016



14. **Jakob Hohm**- Willow Lake, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 3/2017



15. **Brian Erickson** Arlington, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 11/2017



16. **Jay Hojer** Oldham, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 1/2018



17. **Steve Wess**, Watertown,SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club 3/2018



18. **Jay Schilling** Rapid City,SD  
Black Hills Snowmobile Club 3/2018



19. **Rich Nelson** Miller,SD  
SDSA member 3/2018



20. **Marty Grabow** Gary,SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers 10/2018



21. **Mary Anne Grabow** Gary,SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers 10/2018



22. **Dan Boone**, Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club 12/2018

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# S.D.S.A. Legacy Members



23. **Carey Holt**- Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trailblazers- 03/2019



24. **Dean Austad**- Sioux Falls, SD  
Sioux Falls Sno Trackers 09/2019



25. **Bob Wertz** Aberdeen, SD  
Aberdeen Driftbusters 12/2019



26. **Hazel Seloover** Sioux Falls, SD  
Sioux Falls Sno Trackers 12/2019



27. **Virginia Hojer** Oldham, SD  
Town & Country Snowdrifters 02/2020

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### Government Relations

1.Greg Nordstrom  
2.Jon LaFramboise  
3.Brian Erickson

### Scholarship

1Kelly Weaver  
2Duane Duerr  
3Trace Damm

### By Laws & Right to Ride

1Greg Nordstrom  
2 Jon LaFramboise  
3Tim Lund

### Safety

1Duane Duerr  
2Mike Boock

### Grants

1Diane Hiles  
2Greg Nordstrom  
3Duane Stahl

### Snocross

1Jon Laframboise  
2Brian Erickson

### Membership/Website

1Tim Lund  
2Jason Shepherd  
3 Mike Boock

### Awards

1Jon LaFramboise  
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### Convention

1Kelly Weaver  
2Mike Boock  
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# SDSA announces scholarship winners



## *Kirsten VanDenHemel*

Kirsten VanDenHemel will receive one of our \$500 SDSA Scholarships. Kirsten plans to go to Dakota State and study Biology (pre-optometry). Kirsten is the daughter of Mike & Kari VanDenHemel of Sioux Falls. She is a member of the Trailbusters Snowmobile Club and is the YETIS representative for both the SDSA Board and the Governor's Advisory Council.

Here is her winning essay:  
Education is a crucial part of life. People are always learn-

ing, it never stops. School is oftentimes considered "boring" or a "waste of time," but it is a wonderful way to further education. Buildings with desks and whiteboards are not the only place to learn. I have learned a large set of skills regarding leadership and communication outside of school. These skills were brought to me through my involvement in the South Dakota Snowmobile Association.

I became a part of the South Dakota Snowmobile Association (SDSA) when I was 14 years old. Snowmobiling seemed like an exhilarating way to enjoy the winter, but it became so much more! I was in 4-H when I was younger and there was an aspect of leadership involved, and I have also been exposed to leadership training in the YETIS (Youth Empowerment Through Involvement in Snowmobiling). When I heard SDSA was starting a group for the youth, I was all on board. I loved 4\_H and I thought it would be

fascinating to have the leadership training mixed in with snowmobiling. Throughout my time as a YETIS member and officer, I have improved on my public speaking. This has helped me in school, and in voicing my opinion in other groups I am involved in. I still get nervous, but I am told I am a great speaker, and I give all of the credit to my experience in the YETIS. I am also learning more about parliamentary procedure, and with that knowledge, I hope to someday be a voting member on the SDSA board. Through the YETIS, I was able to attend ISC in Grand Rapids, MI. This experience allowed me to meet the KAOS (Kids and Adults on Snowmobiles) group from Wisconsin and learn how they have been successful. It was also interesting to meet members from other states trying to start their own group for the youth and share how the YETIS started. My new public speaking skills were put to work several times at ISC and I am thankful for the opportunity. I would not have been able to make these memories and have these experiences without snowmobiling.

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# POWER BROKERS INC UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

submitted and written by Duane Duerr

Many of our readers have already heard the News but for those who have not.... Jim and Teresa Le Tendre from Power Brokers INC. in Sioux Falls have sold their business. Effective September 1st Steve Nunn and his family have taken over operations at Power Brokers Inc. Steve has been at Verne Eide Motorcars for 24 years and has a wealth of management experience and is a true powersports enthusiast so the transition should go smoothly. Jim will be around until November to help with the training and getting the New ownership up to speed.

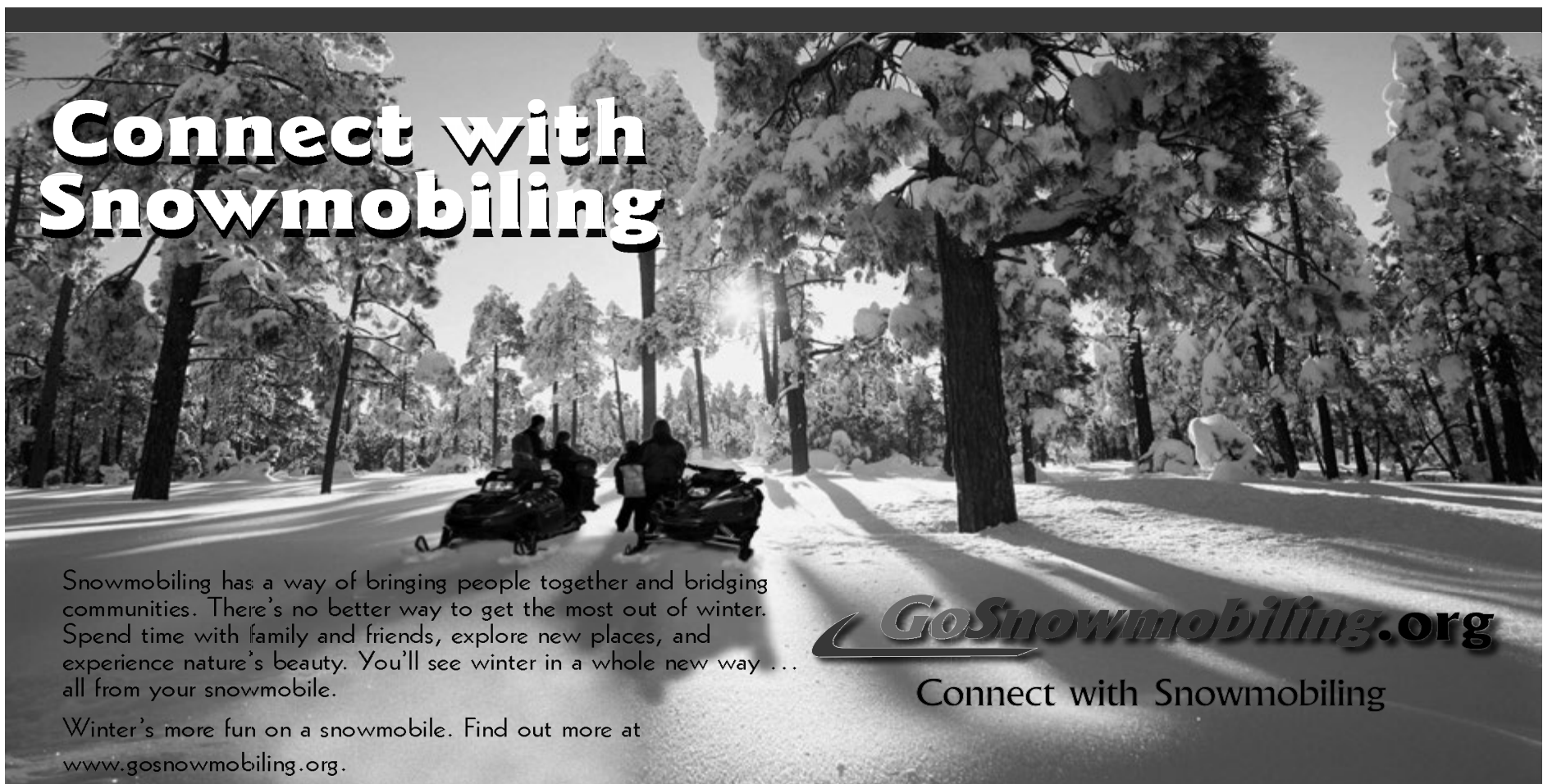
Hats off to Le Tendre and his crew for being one of the best region's most trusted Powersports stores specializing in consignment sales for motorcycles, ATV's, UTVs, Snowmobiles and Trailers. It is Pretty amazing but on average Power Brokers INC. sells over 150 used snowmobiles every year... all brands, sizes, and price ranges. Jim is an avid snowmobiler and supporter of SDSA for over the years with sponsorship of the Trailhead Trail Cam.

Jim has deep roots in snowmobile business with over 32 years of selling snow machines and loves to ride. He grew up in Slayton, MN. and his first exposure to snowmobiles was when the neighbors gave his brother Mike and he rides on their Arctic Cats, Sno Jets and Ruppys. When snowmobile drag racing was popular in our area he would help with events around the region. A self-proclaimed "Ditch Pounder" Le Tendre has ridden a lot in Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan over the years but still loves the Black Hills and an Occasional trip way out west. If there is a trip going, and he can make time he will do his best to get his sleds in the trailer and go.

Jim was Diagnosed with cancer 2 years ago and it has not slowed him down much. He is still been at the store for 60 or more hours a week all spring and summer. He is currently getting Chemotherapy and things seem to be headed the right direction, so we are glad about that. The Cancer "Thing" is one of the big reasons for the sale of Power Brokers Inc. Jim is looking forward to taking time and enjoying traveling with his wife Theresa.

We want to wish the Le Tendre's the best as they retire, and we want to encourage our readers to stop ad meet Steve Nunn at Power Brokers Inc. Jim says the decision to sell to Steve had more to do with doing right by his staff and customers than the money. He and Teresa really want to see Power Brokers Inc. continue to grow and prosper and with several options of people to sell to... Steve rose to the top and got the deal done.

Best in Everything to Jim and Theresa Le Tendre!!!!



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“Over the entire history of the Polaris Snowmobiles brand, we have used racing to develop and prove out our high performance snowmobiles,” said Chris Wolf, President, Snowmobiles. “That tradition is strong today, pushing technology with the 600R, and demonstrating the strength and performance of our production sleds with the XCR and Khaos.”

#### **2021 Polaris 600R Race Sled**

The 2021 600R Race Sled continues on the proven, championship winning AXYS R platform for this season, with industry leading suspension and racer first ergonomics. The legendary Polaris Race IFS and 136” RX2 rear suspension, with the Walker Evans Racing Velocity shocks, are ready to tackle the toughest tracks race after race. The narrow racer first bodywork, the inspiration for the all-new Matryx production snowmobiles, allows the racers to push the 600R to the limit, keeping them in complete control.

“The 600R is a proven, race winning chassis that leads the pack in handling and rider ergonomics. For the 2021 season, the powertrain was our primary focus, and that resulted in our brand new, purpose built 600 race engine” said Tom Rager, Jr. Polaris Race Manager. With decades of developing industry leading engines, including the Patriot engine architecture, the all-new 600 race engine is purpose built for racing, with proven Polaris Racing technology. The lightweight, low inertia powerplant features an all-new throttle body EFI system, lightweight crank and flywheel, new head and port design, and more. The result – a 10 horsepower gain at peak power, and a staggering 18 horsepower gain in the midrange over the previous 600 race engine.

Holeshots and top speed are greatly improved with the increased power output, and the low inertia, EFI engine brings throttle response to a lightning fast level. The new engine, paired with the 600R platform, will be a distinct advantage for Team Polaris racers this winter.

#### **2021 INDY XCR & RMK Khaos**

Racing provides the extreme conditions that are hard to replicate, and the ideal venue to develop and prove out production snowmobiles. The INDY XCR and RMK Khaos production snowmobiles demonstrate this race ready performance and strength.

The XCR's legacy in cross country racing is storied, and the 2021 600 INDY XCR is ready to write the next chapter. Walker Evans Velocity shocks, Polaris Race Technology spec brakes & componentry, and extensive strength reinforcements put the XCR out front.

The lightweight, rigid aluminum chassis of the RMK Khaos produces agile, predictive handling on the hillclimb course and in the backcountry. The power of the 850 Patriot and the Walker Evans Velocity shocks provide the power and response required to dominate the mountain.

“With the 600R and all-new race engine, the proven strength of the XCR, and the lightweight, powerful 850 RMK, it is going to be a dominating winter for Team Polaris.” said Wolf.

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# ACSA Update

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## Fires Rage

Oregon's congressional delegation urged President Trump yesterday to approve the state's request for an emergency declaration to help with wildfire recovery, as Western blazes reignited congressional debates over managing fire-prone lands.

"Given the severity and speed in which these fires are spreading across the state, we urge you to expedite the declaration process to ensure that local communities have the resources they need to respond to and recover quickly from these devastating wildfires," said Democratic Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden, as well as House members - four Democrats and Republican Rep. Greg Walden - in a letter to the President.

In Washington....Wind-whipped wildfires roared through the state of Washington on Tuesday, virtually wiping out an entire small town and consuming more than 330,000 acres of brush and timber, authorities said. Among nine significant fires across the state, at least three between Colfax and Malden, in Whitman County, had touched off Monday, officials said.

The Interagency Fire Center said a total of 4.7 million acres has burned so far this year, slightly more than the 4.2 million acres a year earlier but less than the 7 million acres that burned in 2018. This year is also behind the 10-year average to date of 5.7 million acres, the fire center reported.



## Avalanche Training

KLIM, Avalanche Alliance and AIARE have partnered to give away a custom-built 2021 Polaris 850 Pro RMK 165 to raise money for AIARE avalanche safety projects, including training more AIARE motorized avalanche safety instructors.

## In Case You Missed It....

\*The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee announced the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act will receive a hearing on September 16th.

Following this announcement, Senator Daines sent a joint letter with Senator Feinstein to Senate Leadership requesting their support in bringing this legislation to the floor in light of the wildfire activity.

As deadly wildfires continue to spread across Montana and the West, it is important now more than ever that we advance this bipartisan forest management reform bill," Daines said. "This hearing will demonstrate how our legislation will help protect at-risk communities, create jobs and contain wildfires before they get out of hand."

\* U.S. Senate committee on Wednesday heard the importance of getting the federal courts out of the grizzly bear debate is essential to preserving the Endangered Species Act. Wyoming Republican Sen. Mike Enzi's S.B. 614 would turn management of more than 700 grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem over to the wildlife agencies of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming and block the move from any judicial review.

## Calling ALL Snowmobile Clubs!

As you may know, Snow Goer includes a Snowmobile Club Spotlight in each issue. They understand the importance of snowmobile clubs. They want to put the spot light on all of the time and effort the clubs put into the snowmobile trails and their communities.

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# **SDSA announces scholarship winners**

## *Jarrett Brown*



**Jarrett Brown from Lake Preston, son of Todd & Lynne Brown, and a member of the Town & Country Snowdrifters was awarded a \$500 scholarship from SDSA. . Jarrett plans to attend Mitchell Tech in Small engine repair. Jarrett has helped put in and maintain snowmobile trails since he was 7 years old. He's participated in poker runs, state convention, Governor's Ride, Governor's Winter Games and has taken a safety course.**

Here is Jarrett's essay:

In this essay I will be talking about how snowmobiling is important to South Dakota and to me. Snowmobiling is important to South Dakota because it brings income to our state with the out of state rides wanting to ride our trails and just exploring our areas. Therefore, they're going to need places to stay and somewhere to eat. They support our hotels, restaurants, gaming and other tourism related industries. This also helps revenue for South Dakota snowmobile retailers. There are also other impacts as these businesses purchase goods and give jobs to people, which therefore use that money in supporting other aspects of the state economy. Snowmobiles also tend to break down and therefore there will need to be mechanics.

Snowmobile rentals also bring in a lot of money for people who own the business, depending on how expensive the snowmobile rentals are. Also, in certain areas you have to get sticker/licenses to ride. The Game Fish and Parks or whoever maintains the trails, will then use that money to put back into plowing for the trails, and other things for snowmobiling to keep good business rolling. Snowmobiling can also bring in a lot of income in gas stations because they have to buy gas and supplies for their sleds.

Also more ways snowmobiling helps South Dakota is when people have poker runs or even just have a fundraiser for a certain reason. A lot of money is brought in for the fundraiser but a lot is also brought into the gas stations and other mechanical places if something breaks down. One time I was on a poker run with my dad and he won me a little kids Polaris Snowmobile which was very cool at the time. My whole family has been a part of poker runs for a long time now. We go on one almost every year.

Another thing my family and I do is help with signs on the trails. We have to put signs in sometime in October every year. Then in about April or whenever the snow melts we have to go and take them out and make sure that we have them all so that people who mow the ditches don't mow over them in the summer time.

Snowmobiling is important to me because it gets me out of the house during the winter. The experience snowmobiling gives is awesome. I use my snowmobile for not only snowmobiling but I use it for ice fishing and just to get around sometimes. It's not only just for fun but it's also part of my future. In the future, I plan on working on snowmobiles for a living. Snowmobiling can have a lot of feedback with money in my business in the future because I'm going to be a small engine/power sports mechanic and snowmobiles are a big part of the small engine repairs.

All in all snowmobiling is such a fun thing to have in life, just the over all bonding we get to have with family and friends. I mean, you don't have to just snowmobile around home either. My dad & I have traveled really far, like to Togwotee and the Big Horns snowmobiling before. They have alot more snowfall than we do around here but around here the trail riding is definitely better for sure.

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# Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association

COVID-19 – need I say more? Our meetings were canceled until August. Our 25th Annual Antique & Vintage Snowmobile Show and Swap Meet had to be postponed – we’ll try again next year! The Antique Snowmobile Club of America has agreed to join us for next year’s show. Hopefully things will get back to normal soon!

Our trail boss and head groomer, Chris Block, has moved to Rapid City. He will be missed by the club – he was a valuable member and always willing to help with activities and events.

We are starting to make plans for our poker run in 2021. Watch for details in the coming months.

Steph Hansen, WVSA Secretary

# Watertown Snowmobile Club

It is finally that time of year to get those sleds dusted off and ready for our favorite season of the year....SNOWMOBILING! My husband already had ours running a couple weeks ago, he just could not resist! With fall approaching our club is busy planning our Annual meeting and Supper which will be held Saturday, September 26th at 2nd Street Station at 6pm. If you are looking to join a local snowmobile club we would love to have you! Please contact Amy Sowers for more details at [basowers@midco.net](mailto:basowers@midco.net) We will be electing new officers and deciding where to have our monthly meetings as our last meeting place is no longer available. Meetings are still planned for the first Tuesday of every month and we will update our new location as soon as possible! Russ Werning will be our new President. We are excited to see what he brings to the table and would like to thank Jason Shepherd for serving the last two years as our President! We will be planning our winter events, our holiday float and setting a time for trail marking! It sounds like snow is already making it’s presence in western SD so maybe that is a good sign for us that we will be in for an early winter and lots of snow! We will update you on more club news after our Annual meeting!

Live Laugh..SNOWMOBILE!  
Secretary Amy Sowers

# Trailbusters

Hope everyone had a good spring and summer. Our club has a couple of club members get married this summer and one still to come this fall.

We are anxiously waiting for snow to come. The hills saw some snow already.  
Trailbusters





# Sioux Falls SnoTrackers

Sno-Trackers had a Board meeting on August 20th to get the new season started. We voted to have a Burger and Brat Feed on October 3rd in Garretson, SD. at the Johnny Houg Home. All members having paid their dues by that date Qualify to win \$100 in a membership Drawing. Members bring a dish to share with the group. At that meeting we will also vote on Board members as our Annual Meeting was cancelled due to Covid 19.

On October 22nd we have an open house at Verne Eide Motoplex, to get the season started. There always seems to be a good attendance.

On October 24th at Power brokers we will have a Vintage Show to Kick off the new Snowmobile Season. Normally we have great weather and have had as many as 65 vintage sleds at the show. We also have food available at the show for all in attendance. If you have a Vintage Sled to Show come join us or would like to judge the best Vintage Sled at the show Join Us. With Power Brokers having New Owners it is a great time to meet the New Owners.

On September 12th there is a Swap Meet and Vintage Show in Rock Rapids. With Hay Days being cancelled this year it is a great close to home opportunity to attend. Might be a great Buy there for you.

In late October early November we will install trails, On November 5th we will have our First Thursday of the month monthly club meeting at The Brandon Steak House. We hope to have some great club trips for riding and with good snow we hope to ride regularly at Home. With the Hills getting 10 inches off snow now in September this may be our best season ever!!!!

Duane Duerr Sno-Trackers.

# Aberdeen Driftbusters

A love letter from a Snowmobile, to its owner:

Dear John,

It has been 7 months since we have spent time together. I wonder if you have missed me too. You came in the garage the other day. I was hoping it was my time to shine. As you know, a snowmobile needs a little love and attention too. It wouldn't hurt a guy to check a plug or two and remove the mouse nest under my hood. Instead, you took the Harley out. I'm not going to lie, I was a little jealous. But I understand, she does have some nice curves. Since we are on the subject, the camper and the boat have been used extensively this summer as well. All the while, I sit here in the back of the garage patiently waiting, collecting dust. At least the Yamaha next to me has a tarp over its head. I'm not sure if that is out of embarrassment or to keep it clean. I was excited when someone came and sat on me. Unfortunately, it was just the neighbor's cat, who was hunting the mice. I've been listening to the radio in the garage and understand there is something called "The Rona" outside that requires people to maintain distance from each other. I'm thinking that is promising for our future.

When we are together, there is always 6 feet between people. Also, everyone is already wearing masks and unable to touch their faces. I hope this means that riding the trails is an approved safe social distancing activity. Only 2 more months until the trails are marked and we can be together. I long for the day when I hear you say, "I'm just going to SEND it!". And I will respond with

"BRAAAAAAP!!!"

Till we see each other again,  
Ms. Arctic Cat. (AKA: Kitty)

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# Black Hills Snowmobile Club

**Covid Crash!** As with most of you, we were affected by the Covid Pandemic this year as we had to cancel our ‘Annual End-of-the-Year Banquet’. It is always a fun wrap up of the year of snowmobiling stories and our club snowmobile award. But due to the fact that snowmobilers wear helmets (masks) and it is not hard to social distance in our sport, several members still enjoyed some of the late snowfalls in the mountains!

**2020 SDSA Convention:** Monthly meetings for the 2020 convention, that our club is hosting next fall, continued through the summer... but in the ‘new format’ called Zoom!! There were lots of things that were ‘put on hold’ due to the Covid issues, but our intent was positive to have a great convention in December. For those of you that took our survey this fall, THANK YOU!! We really appreciate your input and comments to help us formulate a final plan for the 2020 Convention. **Yes, we are going to have our 2020 SDSA Convention on Dec 4-5,2020!** You will find details for the convention in this addition of the Sno Plainsman. Any questions, please contact Mike Boock 605-484-5681.

**‘Annual Fall Picnic’** for September 19, 2020: We are all anxious to gather together again, so we are taking precautions and making plans for our Annual Fall Picnic this month. It has proven to be a fun, family-orientated club event that includes all family members, even those that do not snowmobile! We have a big BBQ and potluck meal providing food, fun and fellowship, with games and camping at Angostura Lake. It is a great way to start the Snowmobile season...and we have snow in the weather forecast this week!!

**BHSC Members, don’t forget it is time to pay your dues and get friends to join!!**

Sally Anne Rall, BHSC Secretary

# NorthEast Trailblazers

Hello from the Northeast side of the state.  
The Summer seemed to have flown by and the farmers are starting the harvest. Hoping for an early harvest. Northeast Trailblazers will have the first meeting October 13th.  
Due to the Covid restrictions we had to cancel our Annual Fathers Day 4-Wheeler Fun Run. Then the Annual Step Outside Program for the youth was also canceled. The club had a much quieter Summer with so many cancellations. Our club did recently sponsor a 50-50 raffle for two people in our community that are fighting cancer. The raffle brought in \$1200, we have such an amazing, generous community here.  
So before we know it ,we will be putting up trail marker signs. We will be pulling them sleds out of the shed, hopefully for a good sledding season. 6 feet social distancing and wearing a mask will not be a problem for the snowmobilers! Stay warm & drive safe.  
Gina Steen

# ACSA UPDATE

## Public Land Access

This week the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining held a hearing. Two of the 15 bills discussed at the hearing impact snowmobiling.

\* S 1765, sponsored by Senator Tester from Montana is a Wilderness Bill, Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act. It would add 80,000 acres to the +3.5 Million acres that have already been designated Wilderness -- and are not accessible by motorized or mechanized means.

Forest Service Deputy Chief Chris French said the agency has concerns about access to two proposed recreation areas contained in Tester's bill because it may not be able to handle the analysis workload.

\*S 4431, sponsored by Senator Feinstein from California and co-sponsored by Steve Daines (Montana) along with Jim Risch and Mike Crapo from Idaho. This is the Emergency Wildfire and Safety Act which is timely given all of the Forest fires in the West right now. Senator Daines testified "The West is burning, people are dying, and the smoke is literally starting to cover our country." Senator Feinstein pleaded, "We can't just sit here and do nothing."

S 4431 would give the U.S. Forest Service expanded categorical exclusion powers to cut fire breaks up to 3,000 acres large along roads, trails and power lines; accelerate post-fire restoration; and create a new prescribed fire research center to direct more forest fuels reduction burning.

The 2-hour time frame allotted for the hearing was very short, given all of the legislators and agency leadership that addressed each bill, along with senators expressing concern over the wildfires in the West, it was difficult for some bills to get much time. There was no action taken.

## Fires

Nearly 300 miles of roads remain closed across Oregon with no timetable for reopening and "hundreds of thousands" of trees need to be removed along Oregon 22 alone before highways are safe for travel. That's according to the Oregon Department of Transportation, which released preliminary information Wednesday showing how significantly intrastate travel could be affected by the wildfires for months to come.

## Did You Know.....

Many environmental advocates feared that even noncommercial forest management actions, such as clearing brush, thinning undergrowth and removing dead trees, could reopen the door to commercial logging.

So in the mid-1990s, conservation organizations began challenging routine forest management activities. And they often won.

Between 1989 and 2008, environmental groups filed 1,125 cases against the U.S. Forest Service seeking to limit logging or management activities, and won or settled 520 of those cases. As a result, the agency was unable to conduct management activities that might have lessened the danger of fire.





2020 SDSA CONVENTION  
REGISTRATION FORM  
Rapid City - December 4th & 5th



COVID-19 Protocols:

- Hand sanitizer will be available at the main entrance to the convention
- Social distancing will be encouraged
- Masks will be available but will not be mandatory
- Temperature checks will be available if needed
- We encourage everyone to self-assess their health before and during the event
- **Refunds will be given this year for all cancellations due to health**

**Full Registration:** *Includes Friday’s Beer-N-Bull and Saturday’s Breakfast, Lunch, & Banquet/Entertainment.*

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PRE-REGISTRATION (by November 7th)	<u>Fee</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Total</u>
Full Adult Registration	\$90.00	x		=	
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Under 5	No charge	x		=	
<b>Single event ticket:</b>					
Friday Beer-N-Bull and Auction	\$25.00	x		=	
Saturday Breakfast	\$20.00	x		=	
Saturday Lunch	\$25.00	x		=	
Banquet and Entertainment	\$40.00	x		=	
<b>Single event ticket—Youth:</b>					
Friday Soda-N-Bull	\$15.00	x		=	
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Questions: Contact Mike Boock at 605-484-5681

# Mile High Snow Drifters

Winter started early for some of us in the Black Hills with measurable snow (up to 15 inches in some areas) falling the first week in September. That is after temperatures as high as 107 2 days earlier. The club members have been busy this summer working on our vintage snowmobile raffle project. A clean 1980 Yamaha Exciter 440 was found in Casper, Wyoming. The Exciter was partially dismantled and distributed among various club members for cleanup and restoration. We all got together Labor Day for smoked pulled pork, adult beverages and final assembly of the Exciter. Plans are to sell raffle tickets \$20 each with a total cap of 400 tickets or less. A portion of the proceeds will go to SDSA's snowmobilers helping snowmobilers charity fund. First meeting of the season will be October 13th 7pm at Lintz Brothers Pizza Hermosa assuming they will be open for indoor dining.



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# Town & Country Snowdrifters

The Town and Country Snowdrifters had our first meeting at Siouxland Bar and Grill on the shores of Lake Poinsett. It was fun to get together again and catch up after the summer. We even had our SDSA President Greg Nordstrom join us and update us on his summer.

Our club is hosting a ATV/UTV Poker run ride on September 19, the committee filled us in on final details. It will be a membership drive, with half the proceeds from the poker run being used for payout and the other half giving to a young man Clay Misar. Clay was diagnosed with Cancer, please say a prayer for him. No kid or family should have to go thru that.

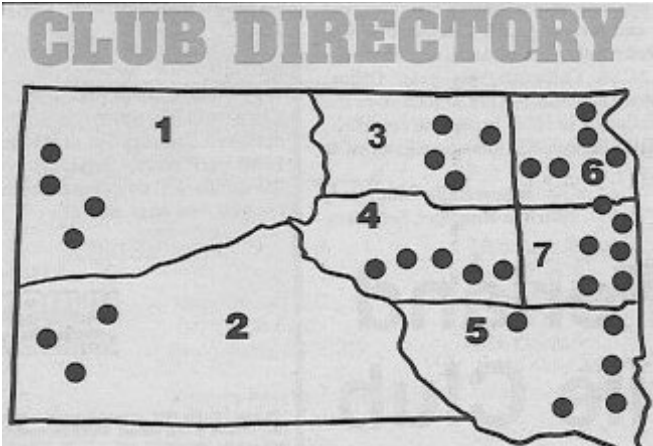
I hope everyone had a good summer and I hope to see you on the trail.

Photos from the ATV/UTV fundraiser on this page and the next.









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Sturgis Sno-Drifters  
Cody King President  
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Meetings vary

**District 2**

Black Hills Snowmobile Club  
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bhsnowmobileclub@hotmail.com  
Meetings on 1st Tuesday of each  
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Meeting Place: Rice's Rapid Motor-  
sports, 3337 E. Mall Drive, Rapid City.  
SD 57701

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Duane Stanley, President  
508 E 16th  
Hot Springs, SD 57747  
605-745-5626  
2nd Monday of Oct, Dec, & Feb 7  
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www.aberdeendriftbusters.com

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Redfield, SD 57469  
jaybird-99@hotmail.com  
605-460-0079  
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Clubhouse  
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Dakota Ditch Rippers  
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wvsnowclub.com  
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Watertown, SD 57201  
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Northeast Trail Blazers Club  
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www.netrailblazers.com

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# ISHOF Class of 2020 Inductees



## **John Prusak, New Hope, Minnesota - Publisher & Journalist**

John has fond memories of riding relatives' and friends' sleds, even though his parents had gotten rid of their snowmobiles when he was young, causing him to miss out on the "golden era" of snowmobiling. John's background in snowmobiling is fairly recent compared to some of the other ISHOF

inductees. Make no mistake when motorsports is in your blood and you're from the Midwest, snowmobiles will become a big part of your life. Putting his journalist skills to work John plays a major role in keeping all facets of snowmobiling alive and well. In 1993, John started at what was then Ehlert Publishing as an Associate Editor for Snowmobile Magazine, Snow Goer, Snow Week and Snowmobile Business. He was promoted quickly through the ranks. By 1995 he was Managing Editor and then went on to be the lead Editor of all four publications in 1996. John's enthusiasm and journalist talents were needed and couldn't be contained to only snow related motorsports. In 2002, he was promoted outside of the Snowmobile group as Associate Publisher of other magazines such as Powersports Business, Boating Industry and more. Ultimately everybody who knows John knows snowmobiling is his passion. So in 2003 he was promoted once again to Publisher of the Snowmobile Group, and concurrently also served for periods of time as editor/publisher of ATV Magazine, ATV Sport, UTV Magazine, Trailer Life and other publications.

To date, in John's 27 year career, he has participated in 27 Rode Reports/Snow Shoot testing events, 27 consecutive Hay Days events, 25 Eagle River Derby events, 24 of the last 26 Big East Powersports Shows, more than a dozen International Snowmobile Congresses and many other major snowmobile events. You name it ... wherever people gather at a major snowmobile venue, John will be there covering the story. In addition, John has personally ridden snowmobiles in 23 states and provinces, and has attended events in an additional 7 states and provinces where he hasn't snowmobiled (yet).

John learned early on from his predecessors, John Ehlert and Dick Hendricks, that he always felt it was his responsibility to cover ALL facets of snowmobiling in Snow Goer including snowmobile clubs and organizations, which John does with every single issue.

It is with this high level of dedication and professionalism to the snowmobiling community that John Prusak is appropriately inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, Class of 2020.



## **Terry Hutchinson, Prior Lake, Minnesota - Volunteer & Club Organizer**

In his nearly 50 years of organized snowmobiling, Terry Hutchinson has been involved in all levels of the sport. It all started with the creation of the Prior Lake Snowmobile Association in 1972. He served as their President for over 10 years and Trail

Coordinator for the past 45 years. In 1984, Scott County's three snowmobile clubs created an alliance called Sno-Trails, Inc. Terry held the office of President and served as their Trail Coordinator for 40 plus years as well.

It didn't take long and Terry found himself very involved at the state level, serving the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association (MnUSA). Terry became a Region 8 Director. Terry eventually became Vice-President and then President of MnUSA, where he also took on the role as chair of the Trails/DNR Committee. It was then that Terry was instrumental in the implementation of a statewide corridor trail system across Minnesota's 22,000 miles of snowmobile trails. In 2008, during his presidency of MnUSA and as chairperson of the Minnesota Snowmobile Advisory Council (MSAC), he played a lead role in implementing funding changes when the club payment system went from a reimbursement program to a performance based funding program. Some other significant legislation passed under Terry's leadership included the change in statute regarding the use of studs on state asphalt trails and MN Snowmobile registration fees to include a state trail pass. Presently, Terry is leading discussions with MnUSA and the state's ATV Association regarding joint snowmobile and winter ATV trails.

Terry also represents snowmobiling on the Minnesota Motorized Trail Coalition and the Coalition of the Recreational Trail Users where he served on their Board since its inception in 2007. Not surprisingly, Terry got involved on a national level as the MnUSA delegate to the Midwest Chapter, American Council of Snowmobile Associations and has attended Washington DC Fly-Ins and several International Snowmobile Congresses. With all that, Terry still remains actively involved in his local snowmobile club and is responsible for marking his own section of trail. Terry's passion for the sport of snowmobiling knows no bounds. He lives it every day of his life and it reflects in his actions and involvement, which is why Terry Hutchinson is an obvious choice for induction in the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, Class of 2020.





**Linda Rockwood, Utica, New York - Inventor & Designer**

An innovator, a savvy business person and most importantly someone who cared deeply about snowmobiling, Linda was a pioneer in the Snowmobile Trail Webmap and Smart Phone App design business. She founded Mohawk Valley GIS (MVGIS) back in 2003, which first helped the local snowmobile clubs in New York State and then started working with other states as well. Linda knew that there was a

need for the snowmobilers and snowmobile clubs to have a webmap, to be able to locate parking, trails, gas, food and lodging. Her visions for maps being contained within one's own cell phone while out riding the trails and not being tied to a paper map brought us to where we are today with the technology to safely allow snowmobile riders to utilize their smart phones to navigate snowmobile trail systems.

Linda began soliciting the input of several snowmobile clubs to help improve her app and refine it so it could be used to assist with volunteer snowmobile club operations and also aid in raising funds. Later versions included functions such as automatic trail conditions which allowed for refined groomer scheduling and groomer tracking, which kept riders informed of grooming activities. She was also able to incorporate on the app a profit sharing system which gave participating clubs a simple fundraising platform. Linda understood the importance of and genuinely wanted the clubs and the sport to progress and succeed like never before. Dozens of riders wrote and shared how helpful the app was in hazardous situations, especially white-out conditions. The GIS technology helped riders confidently explore new trails.

Linda Rockwood's NYS Snowmobile App was way ahead of its time. Soon her app was adopted in other states such as Massachusetts, Vermont and Wyoming. She set the bar high. It paved the way for other snowmobile apps and remains unchallenged to this day.

Linda had to shut down her MVGIS business due to serious illness, to which she succumbed in January, 2020. We lost a true entrepreneur and pioneer who worked and succeeded in making snowmobiling better for many snowmobilers and clubs that were fortunate to employ her technology. Her loss leaves an enormous hole in snowmobile navigation development.

It is with heavy heart and great honor that we present this award to her family and acknowledge Linda (posthumously) as an inductee to the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, Class of 2020.

**OTHER AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

2020 International snowmobile club of the year sponsored by Woody's - Sno-Trails Snowmobile Club Hayward, WI

2020 International Snowmobile Dealer of the Year - sponsored by Snow Goer : Day's Powersports, Bloomer, Wisconsin

2020 International Groomer of the Year - sponsored by Arrowhead Groomers, Track Inc. & Pisten Bully : Don Wild, Antigo, Wisconsin

2020 Edgar Hetteen Memorial Award of Merit : James Lewis, Springfield, Missouri

**Peggy Spieger, LaPine, Oregon - Trail Program Developer & Volunteer**

Starting to ride snowmobiles over four decades ago with her husband John and family, they all became involved with their local snowmobile club and the Oregon State Snowmobile Association (OSSA). Peggy has worked tirelessly to represent Oregon's snowmobilers as well as snowmobilers throughout the western snowbelt. During forty years of

distinguished service to the sport of snowmobiling, Peggy has made contributions as a trail and program developer and volunteer leader at the club, state, national and international levels.

For the past 32 consecutive years, Peggy has provided unprecedented service for the Oregon State Snowmobile Association where she served as their Secretary, Administrative Coordinator and Executive Director. She has also been active with the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA), and the Western Chapter of Snowmobile Associations, as well as being a long-time, very active member of the Iron Dog Brigade and her local snowmobile club.

As OSSA's Executive Director, Peggy has played a leading role in efforts to keep snowmobiling access open across Oregon. She has worked diligently with the U.S. Forest Service to maintain the rights of snowmobilers to access National Parks such as Crater Lake National Park, the Newberry National Volcanic Monument and development of the Kapka Butte Sno-Park. Peggy works with the Oregon Department of Transportation to administer and operate Oregon's 6,410 miles of snowmobile trails. She has played a key role in overseeing OSSA's daily association business, along with coordinating annual snowmobile trail operations. In conjunction with her oversight of the trail administrations, Peggy has served as Oregon's representative to IASA and has played a key role in every annual International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) since 1988. She has also regularly participated in ACSA meetings and functions since it was created in 1995. She has been a voice for snowmobiling in Washington D.C. by attending ACSA Fly-In meetings every year to work toward protecting the rights of people who use public lands respectfully.

Peggy has represented OSSA with a very high level of honesty and integrity, always keeping a focus on doing what is best for the sport of snowmobiling. It is Peggy's unrelenting drive that so deservingly places her into the 2020 Class of the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame inductees.





# WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN SDSA?



**SDSA promotes trails & your right to ride**



**SDSA keeps you posted on changing legislation that could affect our right to ride in national forests.**



**Our lobbyist gives us a voice in State & National Government.**



**United We Stand ~ Divided We Fall.**

## **BENEFITS AS A MEMBER INCLUDE:**

Membership in a local club.

State & local trail maps.

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Activities, club rides & poker runs.

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