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January 16, 2021

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January 29 & 30, 2021

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February 13, 2021

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June 3 - 5, 2021

Milbank Snowmobile Rendezvous @ Twin Brooks Threshing Grounds!



*Photo on front cover: Winter gave us a little tease in October.
Nathan Sowers had dad get the sleds out! Photo by Amy Sowers,
Watertown Snowmobile Club.
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From
The
President *Greg*
Nordstrom



Hello snow lovers

It’s time folks. Get your stuff ready to go, snow season is just around the corner and we should be ready when it arrives. Sleds been fired up and checked over? Trailer been looked at? How about the tow vehicle, when your sitting along the road, could have should have done that sinks in and it’s too late.

With this year being so upside down I guess we are finding that anything we thought was weird or way off base is now normal and we will just have to live with some of it and hope and pray that in December we can just hit the reboot switch and refresh for 2021. This Covid bug is just going to be around for a while, I have had it and so have several of you also. Symptoms are all over the board and severity is likewise. Now how do WE deal with it, Mask up which we do when we ride sleds, social distance, I think we do that also when we are out enjoying the snow. But seriously we do need to be aware of those around us as to their health and ours at this time.

As for the Convention December 4th and 5th it is still on as I write this so if you have no symptoms and feel well and you want to attend do so. If you have any concerns please stay home. I know some steps are being taken to alleviate some of the exposure at the convention. The Black Hills Club has been working hard trying to get it all figured out with the help of the hotel staff. There might be the option to follow some of the meetings on line for those who want to stay home. Check out the SDSA web site for further details as it looks like we will have to do a hybrid with both in person and virtual meetings at this time.

The governors ride is also still on and being planned for February 13th and again will be out of Hardy camp.The meetings and social will be at the Spearfish Holiday Inn. It’s a good time and a chance to meet and talk to legislative people that attend so hope to see you there. Also do not forget the USAF Snocross national in Deadwood January 29th and 30th. You also as SDSA members get a 10% discount when you order your tickets on line or by phone.

I was especially proud of the articles in the last Sno Plainsman and the messages they shared. I hope you read and share what is being mentioned, also support the places that advertise and mention you seen their add and tell them thanks for the support. Now go out and find new members we NEED them. If you know young people have them join the Yetis it’s a great group of young people that are the future of this great sport. Ride Safe and Pray for snow. Greg Nordstrom

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From
The
Past
President

Jon LaFramboise



Hello again! Well the weather sure has been crazy. We went from 90 degrees to snow and 0 degrees and all the way back to 80 degrees in the space of 2 weeks. Now the temps are falling back to lower than normal. Pretty tough to get “snow” motivated when we are on such a weather rollercoaster. This year would be a GREAT year to have plentiful snow so we all can social distance on a snowmobile. The pandemic and the election have worn me down and it’s about time to get out and ride and remember all the great times we have while we are out there.

There is still not much happening in the snowmobile world yet so there is not much to write about, but the Black Hills club is continuing their prep for the 2020 convention. We all are hoping the pandemic relents by then but we will press forward as we work on the ever changing conditions.

I hope we all are working on selling the “Everyone Wins” tickets. SDSA will need the proceeds, especially if we have smaller than usual turnout for the convention.

Stay safe and see ya at the convention! (Hopefully)

Jon.



District Five Director
Duane Duerr

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DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

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

District Three Director Kelly Weaver

Hopefully, you're able to read this issue before the SDSA Convention set for December 4th and 5th in Rapid City. I want to give thanks in advance to the Black Hills Snowmobile Club for all their efforts. I have been in their shoes several times and know that planning a convention is a big job even in a normal year. With the extra uncertainty of these times, the workload takes on another level of stress. I pray that all who attend will have a great time and will take advantage of the protocols the club has put into place to make it a safe event for all.

For those who are unable to participate in person, we are working on details so you can join the meetings virtually. Please watch the Events page on the SDSA website and social media for the specifics. These meetings are such an important part of the Convention, especially our General Membership meeting on Saturday morning where elections take place and members can bring forth ideas and ask questions.

I have attended nearly every SDSA convention since the early 1990's along with a handful of International Snowmobile Congresses. Each time I learn something new so I know you will too. It is interesting to hear reports from each of the committees on their activities over the past year. Ryan and Shannon always have great information to share on the trails program. Topics often include, grooming activity, equipment updates, licenses & registrations, and accident reports. As they prepare for the coming season, there is always an update on trail reroutes (East and West River) and other challenges to be aware of. Of course, every year at the SDSA Convention is election year so you can participate in choosing the leaders for your organization.

If you haven't purchased your Everyone Wins ticket (\$10,000 cash prize!), track down your local club member or SDSA board member NOW. Our goal is to have them sold BEFORE convention. There are only 500 being sold so you may be out of luck if you wait till convention!

I know that the social activities and the fundraising auction are also very important parts of the convention but being engaged in the organizational aspect of our sport is the reason that SDSA was created. It is also that engagement that will promote and protect our sport for generations to come.

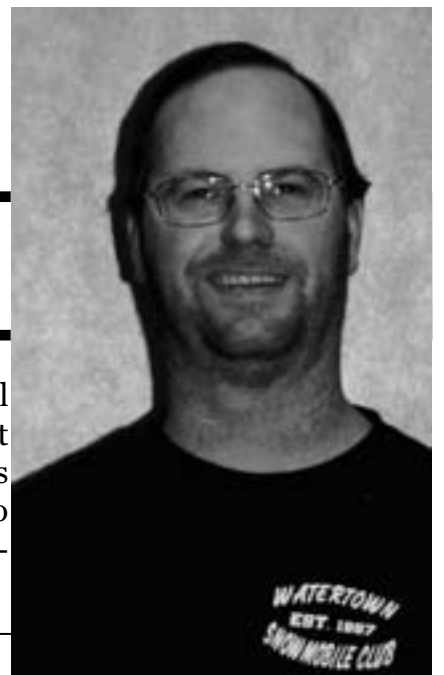
P.S. If circumstances prevent you from attending the convention, please consider making a donation to support SDSA in lieu of what you normally spend to attend.

Until next month,
Kelly Weaver
District 3



District Six Director Jason Shepherd

Hello again from the northeast. It has been a strange fall this year. Some have had enough snow to get the sleds out already. The clubs up here have gotten most of there trails in now after the snow had melted. Other than that not to much is new up here. Everyone is gearing up for the riding season



Hello from the Milbank Snowmobile Rendezvous!

The Milbank Show location has been moved due to the construction at Lake Farly Park and will not be completed until July 2021. Therefore the Milbank Show (June 3rd, 4th & 5th of 2021) will be held at the Twin Brooks Threshing Grounds located at 15050 472nd Ave Twin Brooks, SD. Directions are 5 miles west on Highway 12 and 1 1/4 miles south on 472nd Ave.

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District Two Director Mike Boock

Hello snowmobilers!

I was really hoping to start this month with “Four more years baby!” But, by the time this goes to print, we probably still won’t know who our President is going to be. It’s crazy to think that after 233 years of elections and all the great advancements in technology, some states can’t seem to figure it out. I believe SD was called about 20 minutes after the polls closed. Way to show them how it’s done SD!

It’s hard to believe we are less than a month away from the 2020 Convention! Plans are all coming together, and everyone is anxiously awaiting your arrival. Make sure to get your registrations in as soon as possible so we have a good count for food and beverages. There is a registration form in the Sno Plainsman, online at www.snowmobilesd.com, and on the Black Hills Snowmobile Club Facebook page. You can also buy your registration tickets by going to the Facebook event page and clicking “Get Tickets”. There are still plenty of rooms available. Remember, if you are not feeling well, stay home. We will refund your money. If you must stay home for any reason, there will be a virtual option available for all the business meetings. Information will be made available via the SDSA website soon.

If you are interested in showcasing a vintage snowmobile, please feel free to bring it out to display. We will have room for about 20-30 sleds. The only stipulation is that all the fuel be drained out before it is brought into the building. We will provide material to place under you sled so we don’t get oil on the carpet. If you have any questions, please feel free to get ahold of me.

Everyone Wins raffle tickets have all been distributed to all the clubs throughout the state. If you have extras that you can’t sell, please let me know ASAP so I can get them to someone who can sell them. Each club is responsible for all the tickets they were given. Please do not bring unsold tickets to convention this year, only the money collected and the ticket stubs. We have several people currently looking for tickets to sell. All tickets must be sold before the drawing on December 5th.

Lastly, start praying for more snow. It’s looking a little brown out here.

See you soon! Mike



District Seven Director Trace Damm

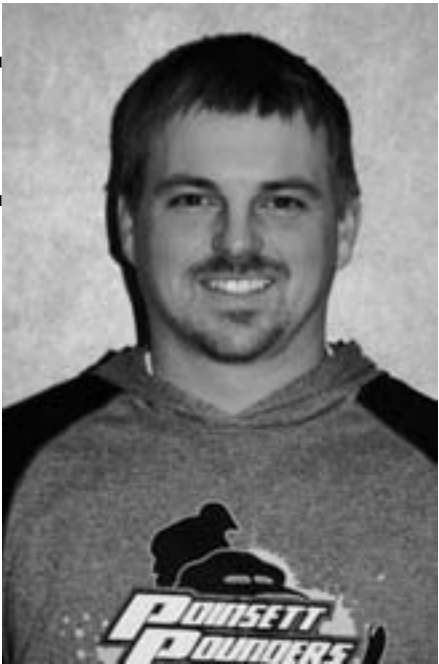
Hello Everyone,
Snow has showed up a bit early this year and I was able to get the sled out of the trailer and take my daughter for a quick ride through the yard. I think she is definitely going to be a natural as she laughed the whole time. We had around 8 inches of snow that maybe lasted a week or two but still gets a guy excited for the upcoming season. Trail has started to go in, with a few spots waiting on the farmer to finish harvest. I will be attending Groomer School that Town and Country will be hosting Nov. 14th, look forward to learning more about that. Let’s have a good snowmobile season with friends and family.



Anyone in District 7, give me a shout if you’d like to visit with me. I’d like to come to every meeting, but due to COVID, if you aren’t having face to face meetings, let me know and we can have a Zoom meeting.

Again, after having a taste of snow and having the crops basically out, let’s hope for a great snow season and plenty of riding time! Time to let it snow!

Until next time,
Trace Damm





From the Treasurer

Diane Hiles

Ten days ago, we had 4-5" of snow, this week we are in the 60s and 70s. Yep, this is South Dakota!! Now that the snow is gone, we have some great days for trail signing and getting things winterized and put away and getting other things out and ready for winter. BRAAAP!!

Next up is the Convention! The Black Hills Snowmobile Club has been busy pulling this year's convention together in spite of COVID, yet in full consideration of the necessary steps to put everyone in a safe environment while attending the convention. By now, I hope your registration has been sent in and your hotel reservation made.

Other things to do to get ready for the convention would be to secure an item (or items) for either the live or silent auction. Don't forget the YETIS auction as well. These can be items you purchase and in turn donate to the auction. (If you purchase and donate, include that on your charity report 🕶️). These items can be donations you solicit from businesses in your local area. These auctions are important to how SDSA operates and contributes to the bottom line of our budget. We have had some awesome auctions in the past. Let's make this year's auction just as awesome!!!

The Everyone Wins tickets need to be sold and turned back into Mike Boock. With this year's distribution components, there is more tracking to accomplish so the sooner the tickets are sold and back to Mike, the easier the task of identifying all of the lucky winners.

We will continue with the 3rd Annual High Marker Donor Reception Saturday evening prior to the banquet. Your \$25.00 per person will continue to enable the good work that your SDSA does throughout South Dakota and nationally. Such as: supporting your sport through continued access to trails and public lands, offering safety courses, lobbying for federal trail funding and networking with other snowmobile enthusiasts! We hope you will join us at this reception to support this campaign and celebrate SDSA! You will be able to pay your tax deductible donation at the door.

After several delays due to Covid, quality and shipping issues, we have finally received the stands for the 50th Anniversary Coasters and will have them at the convention for those that purchased the coasters at last year's convention. Thank you for patiently waiting for them!!

We do have a few more sets available to purchase for \$25.00. We will have them available at the convention as well.



We also have a few sets of 2 stemless wine glasses available to purchase, also for \$25.00. These glasses were used to celebrate SDSA's 50th anniversary at last year's High Marker Reception.

If you are interested in either the coasters or the stemless wine glasses, please let Mary Anne or myself know. We will have them both available at the convention.



Continue recruiting memberships and recruiting advertising accounts!! 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 email me at dj.hiles@hotmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the convention!! Until then, I will wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Blessed Thanksgiving!!!

Diane Hiles Treasurer

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Mary Anne's moment

Mary Anne Grabow, Secretary-Editor

Hello from the SDSA office,

It's Sunday late afternoon. This evening we're having a ZOOM call for work, and I've been working all day on layout for the newspaper and also working on catching up the membership numbers. Each time a membership comes in, I have to post it to the official membership list, post the information to a notice for Diane (she and I like to double check each other's numbers), print a membership card and mail it, or create a membership card and email it. Plus they either need to be added to the mailing list for the printer, the email list, and/ or get their addresses update for the official list as well. It all takes time but, I'm impressed to see the memberships rolling in! As soon as this issue is finished, I'll jump on membership work again. If you don't see your membership card within 10 days, and you've paid your membership already, shoot me an email. I will get it remedied for you.

This afternoon the printer decided that I needed to add printer repairman to my list of abilities. It took awhile to get it all figured out but I am proud to say that I figured it all out myself and I didn't even have to google it!

Looks like a lot of dealers are saying that UTV's and snowmobiles are selling fast and furious. I mean, after all, snowmobiling is a naturally socially distanced activity. We're in our own helmets, and we don't get near each other until we're done riding!

Marty & I went to the open house at Vern Eide Motoplex in Sioux Falls. I included photos this issue. WHAT A CROWD! I asked Janice if I could get up above to show just how full the place was! It was incredible. Seems like people are just ready to get OUT of the house.

This year's convention will be available virtually as well as in person. If you feel the need to stay home but want to listen in, links will be posted to the website in the calendar of events for you to be able to join in and hear what's happening. We will even have the ability this year to have interviews for awards done by ZOOM. This is anything but a normal year, so we made the decision to have ways for you to enjoy convention from home. I will be contacting all clubs though asking that we have some idea if you will have delegates AT convention or whether your delegates will be on via ZOOM. We will need to figure out room configurations based on those attending for everyone's safety.

Only 500 tickets for the Everyone Wins Fundraiser will be sold. All tickets have been distributed and we hope to have everything sold before we get to the convention. So if you want one, be sure and get your checks written. Don't wait - you could end up being too late. And who doesn't want a spare \$10,000???! Right before Christmas?! That would be amazing!

This week I lost a classmate. We're not even sure why he passed away. He hadn't been sick and was a total shock to his family. With covid protocols, I didn't go to the funeral but I certainly was there in spirit. I had a very small class and this is the second man in my class who has passed away. Because it was a small class, we all knew each other well. It was more like extended family than classmates.

I hope that I'll see you at convention! We can bump elbows and pretend it was a hug!



I couldn't resist sharing the photo to the left. When we were taking photos with our grandkids, this is what Anna wanted to do. She really wasn't excited about doing a photo without mom. I thought you all might enjoy the shot! We ended up adding our girls to the photo and then were able to get some good ones! Til next month!

Mary Anne



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DIRECTOR'S REPORTS
YETIS SDSA Representative
Kirsten VanDenHemel

Greetings! It has finally snowed here in Sioux Falls. Now I can officially listen to Christmas music without shame, and I can finally start bugging my whole family about the snowmobile season! I for one am very excited to see how the season goes this year. With so many other states closing due to COVID, will there be more riders in the Black Hills this year? It could be fun to share our state, and our sport, with others. I encourage everyone to get out and ride this year, regardless of the destination. Please share your pictures of your ride with SDSA or on your own social media and tag SDSA, it is so fun to see everyone having a good time with their riding group. Pictures are worth a thousand words.



There are numerous SDSA members, and with that comes many different opinions. We are all united by one thing, snowmobiling and our love for it. With the recent election, let's not argue about who won or who lost. Instead, let's focus on protecting our right to ride. We all need to work together to keep snowmobiling alive. Don't allow small arguments keep you from the sport or from staying involved in SDSA. Respect is a major player in this, so let's all respect one another and snowmobile on!

Stay Safe,
Kirsten VanDenHemel
YETIS SDSA Board Representative

Tentative Convention Agenda

Friday, December 4:
10:00am – Snowmobile Advisory Council Meeting
11:00am – Vendor Setup/Sled Setup/Auction Items Registered
1:30pm – SDSA Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting
3:00pm – Registration Opens
3:00-7:00pm – Vendor Trade Show
5:00pm – Presidents Meeting
6:00pm – Beer and Bull
7:30pm – Live Auction
Saturday, December 5
7:30-8:45am – Breakfast
9:00am – SDSA Annual Meeting
9:00am-4pm – Vendor Trade Show
12:00pm – Lunch
1:00-3:00pm Backcountry Safety/TBD Breakouts
1:30pm – SDSA Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting
1:30-4:00pm – Award Interviews/Judging
4:30-5:30pm – High Marker Event
5:30pm – Social
6:00pm – Banquet and Silent Auction
7:00pm – Awards, Drawings, Final Remarks
8:00-11:00pm – Dueling Pianos

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to our **WEBSITE** for
virtual meetings!
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ing convention!

On The Trails

Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist



Trying to predict the weather is never a for sure thing. I can't explain why we had record lows in mid to late September, combined with above average snowfall. Then early November hit and mother nature decided to have record highs to start the month. It was exciting to see some snow on the ground this early, but at the same time, a lot of work needed to get done where that week of 70-degree temperatures and up came at the perfect moment.

Hopefully most clubs are finished or close to finish signing the trails and taking advantage of the snow melting in parts of the state. I know of a few clubs who knocked out their whole trail system their first outing and contacted me right away, which I appreciate. The sooner we can get out to inspect, the sooner, and hopefully warmer it is for any corrections to be made. If you or any of the club members you have are involved with signing and would like to ride along, or you have a section that you consistently see comments from GFP, let me know and we can correct the confusion between us and club members. We want to make this important process as easy as possible, which will make the trails a safe enjoyable experience, and make your life as volunteers much easier.

As usual, Shannon are planning to distribute the new maps during the convention. It is important to pass these maps out to all businesses on the trail and your local chambers and snowmobile dealers. More maps can be requested by contacting me at Farm Island at 605-773-2885, or the Game Fish and Parks office in Watertown at 605-882-5200. We hope to have the maps in house around late November.

I haven't received all equipment and Grant-in-Aid agreements for the upcoming season yet, so if you haven't had a chance to sign those, please do so and send those in. I've already sent some grant request paperwork out to various clubs and continue to get that paperwork out as time allows. Remember, clubs with state owned equipment are allowed a 25% advance on the total grant that was approved to help keep you operating as necessary. If your club voted in a new Grant-In-Aid coordinator, please make sure they contact me so I can catch them up on the procedures of the grant and go through the paperwork with them. Usually a 20-25 minutes conversation.

In closing I would like to introduce Seth Lorton, who recently became a certified Park Ranger in the Northeast Park Region, based out of Watertown. Seth is the 2nd ranger in this position that commits half of his time to the East River Snowmobile Program. Seth will also get involved in other aspects on the eastern side of the state including, map distribution, snowmobile education on and off the trails, and attending club meetings when time allows, and performing trail signing evaluations. I look forward to working with Seth over the years to make sure our trails stay safe.

Hopefully folks are getting through their groomers after sitting all summer and working through any issues that they found. Remember, the dealer for all state-owned equipment is now based out of Medford Oregon.

That's all for this month, so stay safe and get ready to start those engines.

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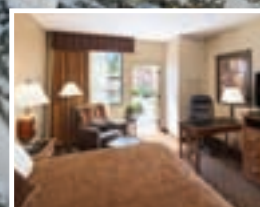


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Celebrating their 60th

Don Rice opened his Rapid City, South Dakota, dealership in 1960.



Don Rice opened his dealership in Rapid City, South Dakota, after some encouragement from rival dealer and Sturgis Rally founder J.C. "Pappy" Hoel. Rice's Honda, now Rice's Rapid Motorsports, is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2020. Photos courtesy of Rice's Rapid Motorsports

Pandemic, Rally part of dealership's 60th

Rice's Rapid Motorsports celebrates anniversary milestone during Rally

BY KALI KOTOSKI

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The 60th anniversary for Rice's Rapid Motorsports in Rapid City, South Dakota, was bound to be a memorable year, but nobody could have anticipated a pandemic would shutter vast parts of the country's economy and despite public health concerns of a 'superspreader event,' over 450,000 riders would attend the 80th Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

But, as second-generation owner Wade Rice says, "You got to take the good with the bad."

In a lot of ways, the success of the Sturgis Rally over the last eight decades has helped spur the growth of Rice's Rapid Motorsports, especially

seeing that in the early 1960s rival dealer and motorcycle rally founder J.C. "Pappy" Hoel encouraged Don Rice to officially become a Honda motorcycle dealer.

Don Rice started in the 1950s by repairing motorcycles out of his garage while he retained his employment as a plumber. Soon he got a dedicated shop and started carrying Triumph and BSA motorcycles. By the time Honda rolled around "My dad said, 'While the Japanese bikes are less expensive, they never drip oil and are more reliable,'" Wade Rice recalled.

"It started out as a sideshow and just continued to grow into a bigger and bigger deal," he said.

In 2015, Honda recognized Rice's Rapid Motorsports for 50 years of being a Honda dealer and in 2018 the business moved into a 58,000-square-foot facility, finally giving the dealership "the superstore size to match our superstore volume," according to Wade Rice.

Having launched a local Honda riders club and off-road motorcycle club aimed at preserving and reclaiming trails that were set to be closed in the Black Hills and Mount Rushmore area some 30 years ago, Wade Rice said that the dealership has helped raise more than \$30,000 in charitable donations from its paying members.

"[With the off-road club] we were one of the last forces in the county that helped keep the trail system open. We work with government agencies, not against them and we participate in a lot of local events to keep people out there riding and having fun," Wade Rice said.

The move into the mammoth facility in 2018 happened for numerous reasons. One was to have a large showroom and an area upstairs for club meetings. The other was to have a massive parking area to be able to host Sturgis Rally events and allow manufacturers to bring in demo fleets to conduct test rides and connect con-

sumers directly with OEMs.

But that didn't happen this year because of the pandemic, with Honda, Triumph and KTM holding back scheduled factory trucks and demo fleets. Harley-Davidson even restricted staff from attending the rally in a professional capacity because of the company's existing travel ban.

"We usually do most of our marketing during the Rally as it is traditionally the biggest selling time of the year," Wade Rice said. "Having those trucks in our lot helps bring a lot of excitement even if we do not sell a ton of units during the Rally, it builds brand awareness."

The lack of factory trucks led to an estimated 25% decline of foot traffic, with sales narrowly beating out the numbers from August 2019. Safety protocols like temperature checks of customers were followed and parts sales performed well.

"People weren't coming into my store if they felt sick but they did come



Today, Rice's Rapid Motorsports remains a family affair, with Garrett Rice, Reed Rice and Wade Rice at the helm.

with the intention to spend money and have fun," Wade Rice said. "The bars in downtown Sturgis is a different story and I don't know what people were doing."

While Rice's Rapid Motorsports still conducted test rides, it was done with its greatly diminished inventory that has been hampered by manufacturing delays and inconsistent order deliveries.

"Really, we sold all of our inventory before the Rally got here. It is a double-edge sword — you either have too little or too much," he said, adding if he was fully stocked, he believes the numbers would have greatly surpassed those of last year.

Despite a lackluster Rally year for Rice's Rapid Motorsports, the 60th anniversary year has been greatly beating expectations with August's numbers having already been shattered numerous times in the spring and early summer months.

In August, the Motorcycle Industry Council reported that off-highway motorcycle sales had increased by 50.3% in the first half of 2020, compared to the same period last year. Meanwhile dual-purpose motorcycle sales increased by 20.9% during the same period as on-highway motorcycle sales dipped 9.6%, leading to overall motorcycle gains of 6.4% compared to the first half of 2019.

"There is not a store that hasn't killed last year's numbers," Wade Rice said. "We will never duplicate what

happened this year but still I want a return to normal where I know I have X amount of units coming in for customers."

He owes the impressive flourish of sales squarely on the pandemic shutting down opportunities for spending on airplane travel, resort vacationing and consumers staying home while trying to find family-oriented recreational activities.

"I have a big hope that this pandemic will wake up our industry and what I mean by that is that the manufacturers have talked to us for the last 25 to 30 years, saying our products are competing against all these other things and they said the only way to get consumer's money is to get the marketing out to grab those people. But now you see with all those other functions cancelled, we are having a major transition with people coming back to our stores," Wade Rice said.

With people now being able to justify motorcycle purchases, he said that OEMs need to further compete in the space, not slash marketing budgets or continue production delays.

"They need to punch it out and let people know we want their business. Whether that is Honda, Suzuki or any motorcycle manufacturer, they need to do a better job of bringing in volume to us and helping to promote a product," he said. "As soon as COVID-19 happened, everything grew and it is fun to see the industry pop back up, but that momentum needs to be followed up."



Major unit sales at Rice's Rapid Motorsports were strong prior to the start of the Sturgis Rally, allowing for sales growth in August vs. August 2019.



Rice's Rapid Motorsports of Rapid City, South Dakota, celebrated 60 years in business despite the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. Pictured is the 58,000-square-foot facility they moved into in 2018.

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ACSA UPDATE

BRP and Arctic Cat Have Reached a Global Settlement

November 2, 2020

Valcourt, Quebec - Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. ("BRP") and Arctic Cat Inc. ("Arctic Cat"), a Textron Inc., have reached a global settlement of the ongoing intellectual property disputes between them. Under the terms of the confidential settlement agreement, the two court cases still active between the parties in the US and in Canada will be dismissed.

Among the matters resolved is the dispute related to BRP's rider-forward patents and Arctic Cat's full-size snowmobiles with pyramidal frame designs. As a result, Arctic Cat and its Canadian dealers will be allowed to immediately resume the sale and delivery of its full lineup of snowmobiles in Canada.

Arctic Cat and BRP have pledged to continue to work together for the betterment and expansion of the snowmobile industry for all riders and associations.



Great American Outdoors Act Projects Announced by USDA

This week the USDA announced it has delivered its list of deferred maintenance projects for the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) to Congress for this fiscal year.

The 550 projects will help the Forest Service reduce the \$5.3B deferred maintenance backlog and improve access and visitor experience by repairing and restoring roads, trails, bridges, recreation sites and other facilities on national forests and grasslands.

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by Duane Duerr, District 5 Director

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Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association

With the beautiful weather we have had recently, we had some members volunteer to get the trail signs in the past weekend. Our trail boss has reported that our trail signing is 99% complete! We are ready for the snow!

We have a small group of members that are making plans to attend the Annual Snowmobile Convention in Rapid City December 4th and 5th. We are all looking forward to an informative and fun weekend!

WVSA is doing a season long poker run again this year and the books are ready for you to purchase! You can purchase a book for \$20 by contacting a WVSA member. You then have until February 6th to accumulate as many stamps in the book as possible – did somebody say “Roadtrip!” – so gather your friends and make some memories! Only 10 stamps will be required to draw a poker hand at the party on February 6th. We have 30+ establishments participating in our book! Chances are good that there will be 10 in your area! Find more information on our Facebook page, or contact a WVSA member to purchase a book. We will have them available during the convention!

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Sioux Falls SnoTrackers

Sno-trackers last meeting was on November 5th at the Brandon Steak House. Items discussed were:

- Groomer maintenance will be done by Dean and Johnny to be ready for the season. We need to install a backup Camera, fix some lighting relays, change oil and all general maintenance needed to start the season.
- We will put in trail on November 7th at 8 am with dinner at Johnny Houg's. Hoping for enough people to complete the trail in one day.
- We have no one attending groomer training this year in Desmet on November 14th.
- Club ride this year will be January 14-17th and staying at Rec Springs. Everyone needs to get rooms booked soon. Need to get cutoff date for getting a room.
- Club purchased an Everybody Wins Ticket for the convention. Duane has more tickets for those interested but will all be sold soon.
- Yellowstone will be on January 21st and will enter at the south entrance. All those interested should contact Duane or Kim Raap. Questions were how far from West Yellowstone? What is the nearest Airport? We may ride outside of the park before the 21st in Yellowstone.
- Discussed Youth Safety Training Class to hold possibly December 14th in Garretson. We currently have 5 youth that may attend.
- Chad Schettler will keep poker run in mind for season and let club know depending on snow this season. We have many locations interested in taking part if we get snow.
- We scheduled our next club meeting on December 3rd at 7pm at the Brandon Steak House. Those eating please arrive early.

Attendance at our meetings is limited due to Covid risk, we social distanced everyone to reduce risk. We are hoping for a great snow season to take advantage of the trails we put in.

Club Reporter Duane Duerr

Dakota Drifters

Hello all from the Dakota Drifters, I hope you are all keeping happy and healthy during this crazy year. Our club held our October meeting and new officers were elected. Greg Spiering was elected President, Aaron Tonsager was elected Vice President, Lisa Cain was named new Secretary, Darrin Hai will continue as Treasurer, and Lynn Nilsson was elected as Public Relations Officer. Our board members were also elected. They are Walt Spiering, Jeremy Scott, Ethan Ness, Dean Nixon, and our outgoing president Roger Thue. Good luck to our new officers for the upcoming snowmobile season.

We will be sending a delegation to the Annual State Meeting in Rapid City, and everyone seems pretty excited to get the riding season under way. Walt has the groomer back from the repair shop and ready to rock for the season. We are also getting ready to mark our 140+ miles of trail, so hopefully the weather stays nice! We are also working on the possibility of building a trail packer. On our side of the state, early trail grooming is sometimes difficult due to soft snow and tall grass and rushes in the right of way. We have been researching the tow behind rollers that some other states have been using to help build their trail base.

We plan on having our Charity Ride/Poker Run on Feb. 6th, 2021. There will be a bunch of stops along the way and a ton of fun to be had. We had a great turnout last year and we plan on making it bigger and better this year. Membership is up this year and we thank our members and associated members for their continued support. I hope everyone is getting their sleds ready for winter, because riding season will be here before we know it!

Stay safe, Lynn

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Black Hills Snowmobile Club

2020 Convention: December 4th and 5th at the Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center in Rapid City is still scheduled to happen! Most of BHSC News is about the convention...trying to get ready for you-all to come and have a great convention! Mike Boock encouraged members to be sure to get registered for the convention. Jay shared that approximately 46 registrations have been sent in by Nov 1. So, by the time this paper is printed, we are hoping for many more from across the state. Mike reported that he got the link set up for the registration form to our Facebook page. (He also reinforced that you would pay a processing fee if you register online.) Haggerty's Musicworks will be one of our sponsors for the convention, making it possible for the annual meeting to be virtual.

SDSA Raffle Tickets: Mike shared that he no longer had any SDSA raffle tickets to hand out. If you have tickets that you are not going to be able to sell, he has a SDSA member east-river that could sell them. If you have already sold your ticket, turn money and ticket stubs to Mike (even if the checks are made out to BHSC or SDSA). Mike and Jay will sort it out. Any questions, please contact Mike Boock 606-484-5681.

BHSC Gun Raffle: Jay had tickets printed for the guns we will be raffling as a fundraiser for our club. We will be selling tickets for a Benelli SBE III 12 Gauge, Semi-automatic Shotgun and a Christen Arms Ridgeline 6.5 Creedmore Bolt Action Rifle as first place winners and Scheels Gift cards for 2nd and 3rd place winners. Tickets will be \$20 each, or 6 tickets for \$100. The tickets state ‘Drawing will be held when all the tickets are sold” so you can start selling them now and through the Convention and we will pick winners (need not be present to win) later in the snowmobile season when all tickets are sold. Pick up ticket packs from Jay as all tickets are numbered and they will be assigned to each person taking a pack to sell.

Storybook Island: BHSC is scheduled to host at Storybook Island on December 20th this year from 5pm-9pm. John Carlton will be organizing our group and a sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign up. If you missed the meeting and want to sign up, Call John at 605-484-4978. We can never have too many helpers! If it is cold that night it works great to work in shifts!

Sally Anne Rall, BHSC Secretary

TrailBusters

The season is here, the snow will be here any day.

The trailbusters have the trail in and now we just wait for the snow to fall.

Club members are looking forward to convention in December and promoting the 2021 convention in Mitchell hosted by the trailbusters.

We have our annual Christmas party the second Saturday of December. This always brings a crowd with memories to cherish.

The trailbusters

Aberdeen Driftbusters

Dear Kitty,

This is a friend of your owners snowmobile. I face the same issues as you do. I have been locked away in a trailer for 9 months now and I fear my owner has forgotten about me. He has only opened the trailer 2 times to check on me in this hot and miserable trailer. Temperatures have dropped now and I think that I could run in these temps as they remind me of winter.

Just the other day I felt the trailer move and found that they had pulled me out of the shop I was stored in. When my owner opened the trailer door a rush of cold air came in and made my fuel pressure go up and got me excited. He then started me up and I roared into action and felt as if I was brand new again.

Just the other day I heard my owner say they need to start thinking about putting in the trail as we just got our first sight of snow. I feel winter is just around the corner and our owners will be ripping us through some fresh powder. So just keep some hope kitty. Hope to see you soon!

Signed,
Switchback

Watertown Snowmobile Club

We a had a little teaser of some snow here in Watertown however it was short lived! But it did get some of the members busy getting their sleds out of storage and ready for the next go around which will hopefully stick around! My husband and son had to make a few tracks out at the farm while they could! Our club got our trail all marked last weekend. We are looking at different monthly meeting spots so we tried out the Dakota Sioux Casino Tuesday Nov 3rd. There we discussed plans for the upcoming Holiday Parade which will be held in Watertown on Friday, Nov 27th. We also talked about our Christmas party and possible locations. Doing a year long poker run was brought up as well as possible snow drags at The Dakota Sioux Casino if the ice doesn't cooperate for our usual Radar Run on Lake Kampeska. We will be doing the Angel Tree again this year for two individuals. We also discussed doing a membership drive to get our numbers up. We have gone with J & B Screenprinting for our new clubware and I think everyone has been happy with the new looks and feels and quick turn around for special orders! We hope everyone is staying safe and healthy! We look forward to riding soon! Our next meeting will be Dec 1st tentatively at Dakota Sioux Casino at 7pm.

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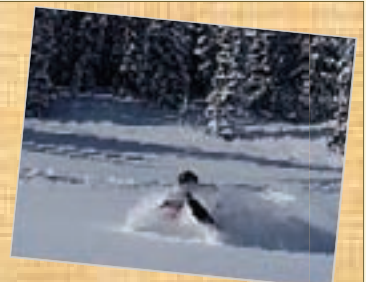
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Sturgis Snow Drifters

We held our November meeting at the Pizza Ranch in Sturgis on November 1st. We had 9 members show up and talked about the state convention that is being held in Rapid City in early December. Mr. Kennedy gave a talk about fat tire bikes being allowed to use some of the groomed trails in the hills. Some other things we talked about were having our meetings on the 1st Sunday of each month through March, starting at 6:00pm. This would allow more people to make the meeting and are planning on doing some night rides in the hills on Wednesday nights.

We have already had our first snowfall of the year and are waiting for December 15th to start riding in the beautiful Black Hills. Our next Meeting will be December 6th at the Loud American Roadhouse in Sturgis, and hope more people can make it and remember to get your membership dues paid this year.

CLUBS:

Since convention will be a hybrid this year, (both in person and virtual) we will need to know how many delegates are going to be on site and how many will want to be virtual. This year, I'll ask who you are having represent you. This is certainly NOT a

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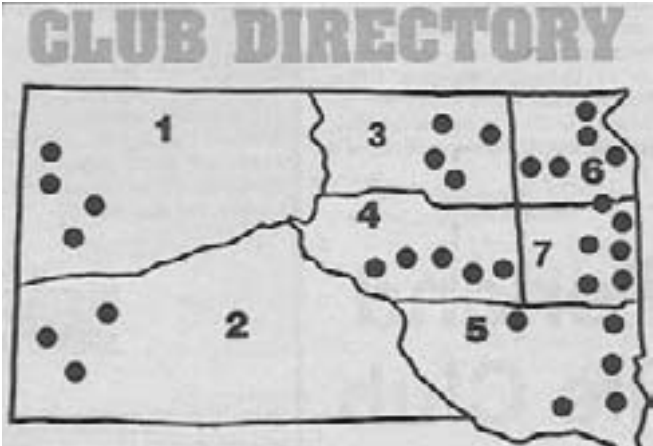
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