

THE SOUTH DAKOTA SNOW PLAINSMAN

January 2022

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From SDSA's President



Duane Duerr Brandon, South Dakota

Many clubs have completed putting in Trail and have them inspected and corrected. Groomer maintenance and repairs finished, now we can let it snow. December 15th the trails will open. Can't wait.

This is a great time of the year to promote Snowmobile Safety. The Governor's Council approved 50 free Safety Training courses all you need to do is contact Ryan Raynor for the code to take the course. Thanks to the Yetis for making this happen. This is also a good time for clubs to offer Safety Training class to those that can attend, Ryan has Video's and books to help and SDSA has the training simulator if needed. Snowmobile safety is another great way to build membership.

Don't forget about SnoCross January 28th & 29th in Deadwood it is a great event to attend. Governor's ride will follow on February 11th and 12th with rooms blocked at Spearfish Holiday Inn. Really hoping for a good Legislative attendance with the date change. Look for registrations in SnoPlainsman for the event.

I hope that everyone has a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!
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From SDSA's President-Elect

Kelly Weaver, Aberdeen, SD



Are you looking for an exciting adventure and bonding experience to share with your fellow club members?

Host an SDSA Convention! It really isn't all that complicated to host a convention and even small clubs can do it. The Trailbusters had just 15 members last year and they have hosted 3 conventions in recent history. With this past

convention, they proved again that a small team can get the job done. So what are you waiting for?

It starts with a person or two or three to take the lead, keep track of the decisions made and the timeline for tasks to be completed. This group is generally the main contact with the host property/caterer. From there, tasks can be shared among other members to work on parts of the convention – entertainment, registrations, vendors/sponsors, auction. EVERYONE helps collect the auction items. Take advantage of your members' unique skills and connections. Your club has hosted other events that require similar skills-poker runs, fundraising rides, club trips. This is just on a little bigger scale.

You do not have to live in the town where the convention is hosted. You'll probably only visit the host property a few times during the planning process. This year's convention was not held in a 'convention hotel', and it worked great. We've also had conventions hosted at casino sites. You need space that can hold the large group functions and a few other smaller meeting rooms. Ideally there would be

lodging connected or nearby with 80 to 100 sleeping rooms.

If you are worried about it being a financial burden to your club, I would submit it is just the opposite. Done right, you can cover your costs and even add some to your Club Treasury in the end. If the Black Hills Snowmobile Club can host a convention successfully in the midst of a pandemic, you can have confidence in your club's financial status while hosting a convention.

Oh, did I mention you do not have to do it alone? There are a handful of folks across the state who have organized a convention or two or three. To a person, I know they would gladly provide guidance, offer tips, and answer any questions you have. SDSA has guidelines outlining the basic requirements, but having an expert in your corner can't be topped.

The Convention is significant to SDSA not only for its fundraising function but also for building the bonds between clubs and members across the state working toward a common cause and having a darn good time doing it! The same can be said of the benefits to the host club.

Convention bids are now being accepted until February 1st and will be reviewed at the Governor's Ride board meeting on February. 11. The form can be found at the SDSA website under the Forms menu. So step out in faith, take on the challenge, and reap the rewards of accomplishing something significant with and for your club and SDSA. Need some help putting it all together? I hope I will be one of your first calls. Let the ADVENTURE begin!



From SDSA's Past President

Greg Nordstrom, Sioux Falls

Hello snow lovers

Now that December is here and the trails open we need to pray for the snow to show up. Please pay attention to where you ride as the #1 reason for losing trails is trespassing. If a sign says stay on the trail please do so for the good of our sport.

In the Hills this is going to be a bigger problem as there is so much more new development. We also really need to

police ourselves and say something if we see something.

Also be respectful to those around us and thank the gfp people for the work they do getting the trails ready. It has been a trying year with all the changes in the Hills.

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5 A completed application must be submitted by 2/25 ABSOLUTE DEADLINE to SDSA P O Box 206 Gary SD 57237.

6. Limited to SDSA members & their families that live full time in South Dakota.

7. On a separate sheet of paper write an essay in 500 words or less on a minimum of 2 pages and not more than 4 on "WHY SNOWMOBILING IS IMPORTANT TO SOUTH DAKOTA AND TO ME".

8. Your name should **NOT** appear anywhere on the essay!!! Judges will not see who the essay belongs to when judging. If your name is on the essay, **it will be disqualified.**

Note: no transcripts or letters of recommendation. Entries exceeding 500 words will be disqualified.

Please include at least one photo with your application.

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Name of SDSA member _____

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Name of high school _____

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On a separate sheet fill us in on the following areas:

A. Snowmobile club & state association involvement:

B. Community _____ activities/Dates Participated/Hours committed/ Leadership/ Positions held:

C. Awards:

D. Work Experience/Positions/Dates of employment

E. Extra curricular activities/Years participated/Leadership positions

International Snowmobile Safety Week: January 15-23, 2022

Haslett, MI, November 17, 2021: The snowmobile community will sponsor the 28th annual International Snowmobile Safety Week. This is a special event for the snowmobile community, including State and Provincial Snowmobile Associations, Visitors and Convention Bureaus, Chambers of Commerce, Snowmobile Clubs and local and state and provincial agencies joining together to recognize the importance of safe, responsible snowmobiling. Many groups highlight safety week by holding various snowmobile safety training programs. All of the efforts highlight the key position statements highlighted by the safety week efforts. Those key points include:

- Snowmobiling and alcohol don't mix - Don't drink and ride.
- Smart Riders are Safe Riders – Take a snowmobile safety training course.
- When night riding slow down – Expect the unexpected.
- Know before you go – Always check local ice conditions
- Cross with Care
- Know the risks and be prepared – Make every trip a round trip
- One is the loneliest number – Never ride alone.
- Ride safe, stay on the trail – Respect private property.

Avalanche Awareness:

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- ☐ United States: www.avalanche.org
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- Get the Gear: Ensure everyone has an avalanche transceiver, shovel, and probe on their person and knows how to use them
- Get the Training: Take an avalanche course
- Get the Forecast: Make a riding plan based on the current avalanche and weather forecast
- Get the Picture: If you see recent avalanche activity unstable snow exists. Riding on or underneath steep slopes can be dangerous
- Get out of Harm's Way: One at a time on all avalanche slopes. Don't go to help your stuck friend. Don't group up in runout zones.

This year we are continuing our effort that all snowmobilers must respect private landowners and public land and the land managers. We highlight the need to protect land use privileges and to stay on the trail and if you don't know – don't go. Remember to Take the Pledge at <https://snowmobilerspledge.com>

Snowmobile Clubs and Associations / Federations are encouraged to invite local representatives from the business community to go snowmobiling and show them our known, safe riding standards. There is information available from the ISMA Office to help support your efforts. That information includes the Safe Rider video chapter series, with 13 videos, located on the www.snowmobile.org and www.gosnowmobiling.org websites. All of the videos are free and can be downloaded and used at local events. There is a Safety Week Manual available to download, from www.snowmobile.org, with ideas on how to set up a Safety Week event and get the International Snowmobile Safety Week recognized in your community.

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Pre-convention SDSA minutes
November 5, 2021 Mitchell SD

President Greg Nordstrom called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Mary Anne established the roll call as: Greg Nordstrom, Duane Duerr, Jon LaFramboise, Mike Boock, Kelly Weaver, Tracey Erickson, Pat Hanten-Duerr, Jason Shepherd, Trace Damm, Taylor Weelborg, Diane Hiles & Mary Anne Grabow.

Tracey made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of SOP change as item #4 in new business. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

Guests included David Ruediger, Kirsten VanDenHemel, Dug Weelborg, Brian Erickson, Dave & Jean Kennedy, Jim Weaver, Kim Raap and Sheridan LaFramboise.

Duane made a motion to approve the August minutes as presented. Jon seconded. Motion carried.

Diane went over the financial reports. Kelly made the motion to file the reports for review. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

President Report: Greg emphasized what a good group we have on the board to lead SDSA.

Sno Plainsman – We were able to keep the majority of our advertisers. For the one we lost I signed up a new one to replace it and they took more issues. Duane added Power Brokers and Interlakes this season and Mary Anne added Fieber Vans Implement and Polaris Ride Command.

Office – Things have been hectic with convention, hotel room issues, convention orders, nominations, membership work and layout.

Government Relations – no report

Convention: Kelly reported that the Trailbusters, Driftbusters and the Mitchell club have a hospitality room together. Kelly made a motion to extend the 2023 convention deadline to February 1. Jon seconded. Motion carried.

Membership/website: Our #'s need to increase. Dug Weelborg spoke about being a recreational club as opposed to just a snowmobile one. There are definitely pros and cons to it. A committee will be set up to look into this.

Safety – There is a discount code for the first 50 people to use the online course. Poinsett will reimburse their members who take the course on line. Cost of the course is \$29.50

Charity – 10 clubs reported. More of the clubs really need

to get reports in! The numbers are important.

Trails Report: Advisory will meet at 5:30 on Friday of Governor's Ride. Let the legislators know that they can see the council in action. Full time snowmobile person will be hired and based out of Shannon's office.

Governor's Ride – Feb 11 & 12. Tracey announced we got the \$3000 grant from ISMA. We could possibly do a van from the Holiday Inn to Hardy Camp Saturday morning. SDSA will meet on Saturday at 5 p.m. Rooms are \$89 or 119 for a Suite. The Group code is GOV. Suggested fun program for legislators similar to last year's safety program. Mike has locked in 7 singles and 7 doubles at Trailshead for the event. Advisory will pay for up to 15 sleds for the event. Black Hills SC is doing the breakfast again for us. Snocross January 28 & 29.

YETIS – They are creating a logo for the safety certificate. 2021 Convention – 140 are preregistered for the event.

Back the Ride – Perhaps it should be listed in the October issue each year and also on the website. Much discussion was held. The following is the original proposal.

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Kelly made a motion to go forward with the Back the Ride program. Jon seconded. Motion carried.

YETIS – social media guidelines:

SOPS already cover all the guidelines for website and social media. But we should add NO LIVESTREAMING unless by board approval.

Sno Plainsman survey – Kelly asked Mary Anne to send out to the membership. Tracey suggested that we could host an online auction. It was mentioned that items don't normally come in until the day of the auction.

Trailshead webcam is up and running. Thank you Mike for all your work on this project! Track to Trail and Power Brokers Inc sponsored that. Rec Springs – we need an update on their camera. Nordstroms has put up the \$ to sponsor that one.

We hope to have an app update by Governor's Ride.

Mike made a motion to adjourn at 3:25 p.m. Duane seconded.

*These minutes have not been voted on by the board.

Annual Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 52nd Annual Convention of the SDSA
November 6, 2021
Mitchell SD
Hosted by the Trailbusters

President Greg Nordstrom declared the 52nd Annual meeting to be in session at 9:02 a.m.

President Nordstrom appointed Stan Stutheit, Daryl Holmberg & Lisa Johnson as tellers and registrars

Mary Anne Grabow, Secretary established a roll call of 54 club delegates and 8 directors for a total of 62 ballots that could be cast.

In attendance were: Black Hills Snowmobile Club, Dakota Drifters, Dakota Trailblazers, Ditch Rippers, Driftbusters, Hand County, Interlakes, Driftskippers, Mile High, Poinsett Pounders, Sturgis Sno Drifters, Sioux Falls Sno Trackers, Town & Country, Trailbusters, Watertown Snowmobile Club, Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association and the YETIS. Greg Nordstrom, Duane Duerr, Jon LaFramboise, Mike Boock, Kelly Weaver, Tracey Erickson, Pat Hanten Duerr, Jason Shepherd, Trace Damm, Taylor Weelborg, Diane Hiles and Mary Anne Grabow.

Financial Report:
Diane reviewed the financial reports.

Presidents Report: Greg thanked the board for their efforts this year.

Shoshone National Forest: Kim Raap asked everyone to send in comments for the travel plan. He handed out suggested wording to be submitted by November 17.

Sno Plainsman: During the course of the year Greg appointed Mike, Jason Trace & I to a new Sno Plainsman committee. We weighed all the options and made the decision to switch to a magazine format. It was a lot of work but all the feedback has been nothing but positive. I've picked up a few new advertisers and maintained last season's advertisers as well. Things are looking up for the Sno Plainsman. Thank you to the advertisers, associates and all the members. And a big thank you to the board. It's been an enjoyable year!

YETIS: The YETIS worked on the online safety course. Working on designing a logo for the safety certificate. If you have kids ages 12 – 20, we're looking for new members.

Government Relations – Kim covered this in his report.
Investment – Edward Jones account is doing extremely

well. We have over \$125,000 in our investment fund. It did really well this year. This money is from 2004 & 2016 ISC funds. Money is set aside in the event we have to fight for our right to ride and need to hire lawyers.

Safety: Thanks to the YETIS for setting up the safety course on line. It costs \$29.50. The Governor's Advisory Council approved 50 people that they will cover the cost for.

Membership & Website: Our numbers are down a bit. June 30 2020 616 members as opposed to 582 this year. Total 713 members this year as opposed to 761 the previous year. Discussion was held at President's meeting as to why the numbers are down. The price of membership was not listed as a reason that numbers went down. It's more the amount of activities everyone has going on, etc. Duane Duerr presented a Legacy membership to Kim Raap on behalf of the Sioux Falls Sno Trackers. Watertown Snowmobile club presented a legacy membership in honor of Sara Shepherd.

Fundraiser: We're in the middle of the big payout. We currently have about 100 tickets that we don't have turned in to see if they are sold. Mike has 20 some to sell for sure. Sell tickets to family & friends before you get to convention!
Charity: South Dakota reported \$4,154 national charity donations; \$31,612 local charity donations with a total of \$35,766. 7,841 hours donated reported by 10 clubs out of 23.

BYLAWS/RIGHT TO RIDE: We did visit yesterday. There will probably be something introduced on possible dues changes.

Convention: The Convention committee includes Kelly Weaver, Trace Damm & Pat Hanten-Duerr. I would like to thank Lisa Watkins & Lisa Johnson for their leadership and all the trailbusters for their efforts in hosting the convention. Following convention, we will provide the host club with the convention report to collect data for use in future convention planning.

The 2022 Convention will be hosted by the Driftbusters in Aberdeen and we will hear from them later in the meeting. We have not received any bids for the 2023 convention at this point. The board has agreed to extend the deadline to Feb. 1 and review bids at the Governor's Ride meeting on Feb. 12.

Scholarship: Scholarship committee includes Kelly Weaver, Duane Duerr & Trace Damm. Each year, SDSA awards 2 \$500 scholarships to SDSA members who are high school seniors or students enrolled in an institution of higher learning. Mary Anne puts together the application packets and the committee members receive blind applications and rate each of them independently. This year's winners were Bradley Heinemann of Egan & Caeden Bunde from Garretson, both members of the Sno Trackers Snowmobile Club. (Caeden was in the room).

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Mike Boock, District 2 Director

Hello Snowmobilers!

Well, this winter has sure been disappointing thus far. 🙄 Hopefully, things will improve by the time you are reading this article. If not, please wash your truck, trailer, and snowmobile as soon as possible! Even though many of us haven't gotten out to ride yet, we have all been very busy with our local clubs. Thank you to all of you who are actively involved in your

club and volunteer your time. Without you, our clubs just simply wouldn't exist.

The Black Hills club recently volunteered at the Storybook Island "Christmas Nights of Light". Our club volunteers helped people with tickets, train rides, serving



Mike Boock and
Tim Deml



hot cocoa and cupcakes, and even playing Santa. It was a little on the chilly side, but everyone showed up with great attitudes so the kids enjoyed themselves. The BHSC also participated in the annual Festival of lights parade this year. They made a smaller float this year and still won the Season's Brightest (Best Use of Lights) award for a Non-Profit. Great job everyone! I'm gonna keep it short this month. Thanks again for all your work and support. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Think snow! Mike



Above: John Carlton

To the left:

BHSC Festival of Lights
Parade 2021



Ann Nagel, District 3 Director

Greetings Fellow Snowmobilers!

I woke up yesterday morning to a 3" snow cover. I don't think there is anything more beautiful than a new snow-fall! We are truly blessed to be involved in this sport. Is there really anything greater than riding in a new snow-fall? When you stop for a break and listen to the absolute silence and see the natural beauty?

I would like to remind everyone of the \$500 scholarship opportunity. The deadline is February 25th. I know that seems a long time away, but time flies when you are having fun. This is an opportunity for high school seniors or enrolled college students. You must be a member of SDSA and a resident of SD. This scholarship is not based on financial need nor GPA. All that is needed is a 500 word or less essay on "Why Snowmobiling is Important to South Dakota and to Me".

Aberdeen is the host of the 2022 SDSA Annual Convention in November of 2022. Our theme is "It's All Fun and Games!" We are excited to be hosting the convention again. If you have any suggestions for activities or want to see something that used to be at conventions and is no longer, please let a member of the Aberdeen Driftbusters know. This is YOUR convention.

I am excited with the new look for the Sno Plainsman. When I was on the Board of Directors years ago we had a lot of discussion on making it a magazine but it wasn't possible at that time. If you have any comments or questions about the new look, please contact me, Mike Boock, Trace Damm or Mary Anne at the SDSA office. We serve on the Sno Plainsman Committee.

My husband Al and I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 5 Director

Hello again fellow snowmobilers!!!

It is now December, hopefully the weather will cool off and switch to snow soon. Everyone is busy getting ready for Christmas, and it would be good to have a white Christmas.

You probably have all your outdoor things winterized by now. Then it is time to get that Snowmobile ready for the 1st good snow. The trails are ready on the East side of the state. The groomer is ready to hit the trails soon.

What are the clubs doing new this year to add VALUE to snowmobiling? Club President have you had any

Brainstorming at your monthly meetings to get some new ideas, new activities that will make your club more fun!! Start with something new and fun for a Christmas Party for the group. Then come with new ideas for January and February, it is good to start thinking early. The more VALUE you add to the club the better chance you will have to increase your membership.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
See You On The Trail Soon.

Pat Hanten Duerr, District 5 Director





Tracey Erickson, District 4 Director

The Holiday Season is upon us as we celebrate the birth of Christ in a variety of ways.

We hosted Thanksgiving this year again at our house for our families and a great time was had by all. For many the day after Thanksgiving means shopping the specials that the stores are

advertising. Well... believe it or not, I do get Brian to go Black Friday shopping on occasion. No, we don't typically go at 6 am in the morning but if we make it out by noon in time to catch some of the specials it is often enough for both of us.

We do like to take in the parade of lights that they have in Sioux Falls after shopping and this year did not disappoint! I know many clubs exhibited floats in their community's parade of lights and it is a great way to have some fun, kick off the season, and promote your club all at once! KUDOS to those clubs that can do this, please make sure to share your photos via social media and in your club's report in the SnoPlainsman!

The reason for mentioning this is twofold. As we prepare for the upcoming riding season it is a great time to go through your equipment/gear along with your sled and make sure everything is in working order. If not, then you have got some items to add to your Christmas wish list or even purchase yourself at your local vendor and take advantage of a special or two.

For example, the hubby, aka Brian, needed some new snowmobile bibs, coat and goggles. We decided to check out one of the Associate members who is also offering discounts at their business to members of the South Dakota Snowmobile Association.



Jason Shepherd, District 6 Director

Hello again from up in the Northeast. Not much new going on.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

A few of the clubs participated in their local lighted parades. The clubs always get a lot of en-

(By the way, if you are wondering which businesses are participating in this incentive, they are listed on page 39 of the December 2021 issue of the SnoPlainsman, along with their discount/benefit.) This business was offering at 10% discount. By the time we got done shopping, along with making him model the items, to make sure they fit ; we ended up purchasing enough to get over \$100 off the bill. We paid for our SDSA membership, 4X over that day by simply showing our SDSA membership card!

I might also mention that while we were in the store, we got to talk to a fellow snowmobiler about his snowmobiling adventures while getting some firsthand experience with some goggles that Brian ended up purchasing. He's hoping these will not fog up on those days when it's desperately cold while, you are in the steep and deep. So, a shout out to the guy whose Social Media Page is "Back Country Society" on Facebook! (Sorry, been trying to find a name but haven't been able to yet.) Hope to see you on the trail or out in the back country and as a member again of SDSA along with getting a name this time.

Hoping each of you has a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

All the best,
Tracey Erickson
SDSA, Dist. 4 Director

Photo is Brian and David Ruediger at SDSA's President's meeting. This is the view that we all saw while he was participating in the discussions held.



Trace Damm, District 7 Director

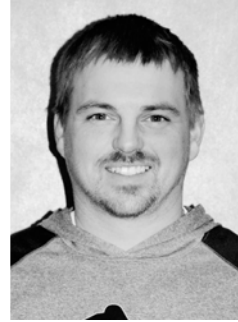
Hello Everyone,

Hopefully most of you have had time this fall with the beautiful weather to get your trails put in. The weather cooperated well and temps have held off long enough for us to do so with ease.

One thing I would like to touch base on in this article, Trespassing. Most of you reading this already know how important of a topic this is, but a reminder or advice never hurts. For the most part back east here in my area its not a huge problem but yet still exists. Out west and in the Black Hills its an even bigger problem.

The million dollar question ,”How do we reach/help these people become more informed” I know its tough when Ryan can tell us all how many sleds are registered in the state vs how many members SDSA has. Therefore making a lot of the trespassing riders who don’t have the knowl-

edge or just plain don’t care what they are doing. As difficult as it may be we need to try and reach those groups and let them know, “hey guys you keep disrespecting the landowners and we wont have trails to ride anymore.”



One way I went about this, on a much smaller scale but it’s a start. I knew of a younger gentlemen that has a snowmobile and started riding around here with a buddy last year. I called him up and I said “hey I got some trail to put in and I know you ride that trail quite a bit, do you think you would be interested in helping me out putting it in?” He said absolutely, so we loaded up signs and took off. He had an idea of where and how signs needed to mark the culverts and asked for a little advice along the way. I figured what a great opportunity to inform him on how safety and trespassing are important. I could tell he was soaking it all in listening to me explain why we do what we do, and when we got done on his way out he said, “let me know if you need anymore help that’s a lot of work but worth it” It was a good feeling passing down what I’ve learned from family and friends and this organization onto him. I think if we can all get to one person that’s a start in the right direction.

Hope to see you on the trails soon!

Happy Holidays

Trace Damm

Photo below: LeRoy & Lois Erickson at convention auction



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On the Trails

Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

December is always a busy time of year with the state snowmobile convention (depending on the year), groomer school, map distribution, season opening date, trail signing and trail signing corrections, and the list goes on. While snow conditions at this time, aren't what we'd hope for, we are currently get-

ting some snow built up in the southern part of the state. As we get closer to the season start date, please remember to call when snow or your trail conditions change.

This is also a time where club meetings really ramp up. It's important to keep the face-to-face relationships with snowmobilers in South Dakota, and club meetings are a great way of keeping everyone on the same page. Let me know when your next meeting is, and I'd be happy to attend to discuss any issues with you. If you feel you or your club members need further training or clarity about the updated trail signing guidelines, a club meeting would be a great opportunity to get a clear message across to all members in attendance. I also want to take that opportunity and start introducing Seth Lorton to some local clubs. Seth plays a major role on the eastern side of the state with duties that include, trail signing

evaluations, snowmobile trail enforcement and education, map distribution, permit book distribution and more. I've already received a few invites and have clubs on my schedule, but I hope to hear from more of you.

Since December 1st, the crew in the Black Hills is busy placing signs, warming shelters, finish establishing new trails and wrapping a bow on the final product that is the best trail system in the country. Shannon along with his other fulltime staff and seasonal staff do a great job getting the trail system ready for snowmobilers across the country. While they haven't had much help from mother nature getting some snow on the ground, we hope those conditions start to change very shortly.

In closing, I wanted to say Thank You to all the volunteers who helped put 1,000 miles of trail in the ground this year and your on-going efforts in maintaining those trails throughout the season. I hope that rebar attachment is making your lives that much easier. I have been hearing back from some of you and need to continue to hear feed back from the other clubs who have one.

Thanks!

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The deadline for the 2022 scholarship applications is Feb 25. The application form & requirements can be found on the SDSA website under the forms menu. Please be reminded that members already in post-secondary education are still eligible, not just high school seniors. Thank you to all who have purchased the Big Payout tickets since \$1000 of those proceeds go to fund future scholarships.

Nominations

Office of the President: Sno Trackers nominate Duane Duerr. Trailblazers seconded. Three requests for nominations were heard.

Sno Trackers made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Duane. Driftbusters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Office of President – Elect:

Sno Trackers nominate Kelly Weaver. Driftbusters seconded the motion. Three requests for nominations were

heard. Town & Country made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Kelly. Dakota Trailblazers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Speeches were heard from Duane & Kelly.

Greg appointed Ann Nagel to fill out Kelly's term in District 3. Ann accepted.

Nominations were asked for District 2 –

Black Hills Snowmobile Club nominated Mike Boock. Driftbusters seconded the motion. Three requests for nominations were heard. Mile High made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike. Black Hills Snowmobile Club seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nominations were asked for District 4 –

Town & Country Snowdrifters nominated Tracey Erickson. SnoTrackers seconded the motion. Three requests for nominations were heard. Dakota Trailblazers made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tracey. Trailbusters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Diane Hiles, SDSA Treasurer

Did you know these Snow Facts????

There are four major manufacturers that build snowmobiles. They are Arctic Cat - headquartered in Thief River Falls, MN; BPR - headquartered in Valcourt, Quebec; Polaris Industries - headquartered in Medina, MN and Yamaha Motor Corporation - headquartered in Ontario, Canada.

In 2020 there were 123,862 snowmobiles sold worldwide; 51,036 were sold in the US and 43,535 were sold in Canada. There are over 1.1 million registered snowmobiles in the US and 543,000 registered snowmobiles in Canada, further broken down by state/province in this table.



State	# registered	State	# registered	State	# registered	Province	# registered
AK	66,500	MN	97,619	UT	22,813	NB	19,480
CA	18,010	MT	25,516	VT	20,236	NF	15,666
CO	36,800	NE	805	WA	23,100	NS	6,850
ID	43,388	NH	41,275	WI	219,761	NT	9,700
IL	14,200	NY	97,490	WY	17,278	NU	12,400
IN	10,274	ND	9,013			ON	148,000
IA	21,010	OH	10,510	Province	# registered	PE	1,998
ME	82,600	OR	13,589	AB	31,983	QC	207,991
MA	13,200	PA	31,400	BC	38,400	SA	14,453
MI	164,800	SD	11,623	MB	35,354	YT	843

The Economic Impact of Snowmobiling
 United States \$26 Billion annually
 Canada \$9.3 Billion annually
 Europe and Russia \$5 Billion annually.

- Over 100,000 full-time jobs are generated by the snowmobile industry in North America.
- The average Snowmobiler rides their snowmobile 1111 miles or 1788 km per year in North America.
- The average Snowmobiler spends \$2000-\$3000 each year on snowmobile related recreation.
- 50% of snowmobilers trailer their snowmobiles to ride.
- 50% snowmobile from their primary residence or have a vacation home where they keep and use their snowmobile.
- Snowmobilers are carrying neighbors they raise over \$3 million for charity annually (This is why it is important to track and report your Charity activities!)
- There are 3000+ snowmobile clubs worldwide, involved in trail grooming charity fundraising and family activities.
- There are over 42 registered nonprofit associations representing Snowmobilers in the US, Canada, Europe and Russia. (SDSA is one of the 42!)

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Snowmobiling is great exercise bringing people outdoors interacting with nature and each other. It is an invigorating sport great for stress relief and good mental health. Snowmobiling is a great family lifestyle. It is an activity keeping parents and kids together. Historically individuals who snowmobile at a young age continue to snowmobile with their parents throughout their lives sharing great experiences as a family. In many winter regions snowmobiling is simply the main form of winter outdoor recreation and in some cases the main method of transportation available.

The use of snowmobiles in National Parks is regulated by federal Law Enforcement. Snowmobiling occurs on roads groomed and marked for snowmobiling the same roadways used by recreational vehicles, cars, trucks and buses. Snowmobiles are NOT used as off-road vehicles in National Parks such as Yellowstone, Rocky Mountain and Grand Teton.

On U.S. National Forest land most of the trails used by snowmobiles are on groomed roads used by summer recreationalists. There are also secondary and seasonal roads within the forests used by snowmobilers. These roads are groomed and marked by volunteers who work closely with the local U.S. Forest Service staff in maintaining in managing those areas.

continued from page 18 Nominations were asked for District 6 – Watertown Snowmobile Club nominated Jason Shepherd. Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association seconded the motion. Three requests for nominations were heard. Driftbusters made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jason. Poinsett Pounders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

All directors gave a short speech.

Governor's Ride: February 11 & 12 the weekend before normal! Social will be February 11th. Code is GOV for getting rooms at the Spearfish Holiday Inn. Black Hills Snowmobile Club is doing breakfast for us again. 5 p.m. Saturday evening is the SDSA meeting. \$15 Ride/breakfast & social.

Grants: We are approved for the \$3000 ISMA grant for the Governor's Ride.

Snowmobilers 4 Snowmobilers: Hardship, Accident, Fire etc. There are funds available for club & SDSA members.

Awards: We need more applicants for the awards. We encourage clubs to apply.

SnoCross: Jan 28 & 29 this year. We'll have a booth and tickets. Break at 10:22 a.m. Reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

Trails Report:

- FY21 Budget Recap (Registered Sleds – 10,869 = \$380,415)
 - o Total Revenue - \$915,113
 - o Total Expenses - \$899,652
 - o Added to Trails Fund – \$15,461
- FY22 Budget Review
 - o Trails Fund balance as of July 1st 2021 - \$744,579

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The manufacturers have always been actively involved in promoting safe riding behavior while snowmobiling. Over one million safety related brochures and decals, and hundreds of thousands of posters and safety DVDs have been distributed free of charge to snowmobile enthusiast throughout the world. Safety trainers, enforcement officers, Chambers of Commerce, etc. use safety materials provided by the manufacturers through the Safe Rider! You make snowmobiling safe safety campaign. (The next International Snowmobile Safety Week is January 15-23, 2022.)

Visit the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) website at www.snowmobile.org and www.GosSnowmobiling.org for more of Snow Facts.

If there are any 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.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Snow-filled New Year

Diane Hiles
SDSA Treasurer

(Last Year's figure \$729,118)

- o Projected Revenue - \$856,725 (Registered Sleds 9,735 = 340,725)
- o Budget Authority - \$1,386,351
- FY23 Budget Proposed
 - o Projected Revenue - \$856,000
 - o Budget Authority - \$1,386,351
 - Program Update
 - o Veteran's Ride Update – Donations
 - o Trail Signing Guidelines and Shared Zoom Links
 - o Rebar Attachments
 - o New Map Distribution
 - o Fulltime Park Manager Position
 - o Reminder about Trail Signing Seminar

Black Hills Snowmobile club made a motion to raise dues to \$45 for family membership and \$75 associate membership effective July 1, 2022. Town & Country seconded. Much discussion was held. Duane called for a vote. Motion failed. The Driftbusters made a motion to use investment funds profits as operating capital. Trailbusters seconded the motion. Much discussion again. Motion failed.

Poinsett Pounders made a motion to raise the dues to \$35 for family/\$50 for associates (no change on them) effective July 1, 2022. Whetstone Valley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02.

*these minutes have not been voted on by the board

Mary Anne Grabow, SDSA Editor

It's Saturday late afternoon. The Sno Plainsman is scheduled to be at the printer on Monday and my article is the



last thing I need to get placed in it. It would help if it was written. . . but such is not the case! Yes, even I struggle to get my article written. I will admit it!

The photo is my 11 grandchildren. 8 girls and 3 boys. The oldest is 12 and a half. The youngest 2 and a half. I asked them for an updated

photo on Thanksgiving and this was the best we could do. Sitting for a photo for Grandma isn't their best use of time when they are with their cousins. And, to be honest, if I'd asked their dads and moms to do a family photo the struggle would have been real. Updating my photo each year is a BIG priority for me, but it seems its not as important to my family as it is to me. This year I just didn't even broach the subject.

Next year, though, we will have a new grandbaby.....so, it's a let's take a family photo year, my friends!

But, you see, this year, we went on a family trip. Everyone but one son in law was able to come (he was at Guards). We all took off in a renovated short bus for St. Ignatius Montana on a scorching hot day. The bus hauled everyone but 5 of us. Those 5 rode in Amy's hot-rod (Dodge Charger) and enjoyed the comforts of life like air conditioning. The other 15 were on the bus.

Don't get me wrong. The bus was fabulous. It hauled everything we needed, it had tables for coloring, and drink holders, and a television that played movies non stop. Marty & Andy put a lot of time into renovating it to our standards. This was a trip Marty & I had dreamed of for a long time.(a trip with all of our family). We rented nothing short of a mansion with it's own pool, pool house, etc. It was the bomb! I mean trip of a lifetime, house left nothing to be desired. And we all had an amazing time...Most of the time.

Let's be real. 11 children and 5 of them, YES I said 5 of them managed to puke at least once on the bus! THANK THE LORD for diffusers and essential oils. No one had to smell that for the trip. (Thank you Amy for having the insight to bring along a portable diffuser and several plas-

tic bags!) And the house we rented had 2 laundry rooms that got used well!

Despite all of that, we REALLY did have the trip of a lifetime. Yes, there were points where you really wondered what you were thinking....and Marty still probably feels that way! He had forgotten how it was when we had all the girls home. We raised strong willed, wonderful women. And they all had opinions on where we should go and what we should do.



The #1 thing on everyone's list was Lake McDonald. And it DID NOT disappoint. I think we ALL loved Lake McDonald. And the road to the sun - eh, Mixed reviews. Some loved it, others hated it. But I think when Marty scraped the wall with the bus bumper....it could have sent a few of the grandkids and one son in law over the edge! LOL

The grands still tell me stories about going to Montana. And when their teachers asked them about their summer they all said We loved Montana. These trips - They stick with you forever. It's so worth it. Time flies - and you just don't get those days back. I always thought that was just a saying. And now, I am saying it's not.

The girls are asking where we're going next summer. That hasn't been determined yet. But, I'm thinking that even though our trip wasn't perfect, it still created some pretty awesome memories. Voting for somewhere NOT 18 hours away by bus though!!!!

Years ago, we did a trip to the Black Hills and stayed at Tommy's cabin. It was Marty's parents, Tom, our girls and their husbands (or boyfriends depending on their status at the time.) We took all our sleds and went on a snowmobile trip. We still talk about how fun it was. It was a large group and we just had the time of our lives. I may or may not have wrecked my sled on ice on the trail....but whose keeping track? Pretty sure I did not call Shannon or Duane either..... but, it was only me... and they heard about it after the fact. INEXPERIENCED rider at the time.

I hope you are all planning your snowmobile trips to the Black Hills and beyond. The snow started to come recently and the Black Hills is best seen from the seat of your snowmobile. See you on the trail! Hope you have the happiest of Holidays!

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YETIS

The YETIS are planning to do a fun event over the holiday break! We are hoping to get as many YETI member's as we can to join. Be sure to watch the YETIS Facebook page and also the snapchat for any updates.

I encourage all YETI mem-

bers to attend the events coming up within the next year! It sure is fun when we all come out and support the sport we love to do.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Taylor Weelborg



Dakota Drifters

The ground is turning white and winter is here.



Even with the frigid temps last year, we raised over \$2000 for our charity. With your help and support we hope to beat that this year.

We also want to thank all of our associate sponsors and members who help us put on this event each year. Come join us on Feb. 12th and enjoy the ride!

We are eagerly looking forward to our club Charity/Poker Ride coming up in February. The Poker ride will be Saturday February 12th, 2022. We will be starting at 10:00am, with multiple stops along our trail system. We will draw cards back at Midway camp near Volga, SD at 5:00 pm. There will be drawings, a silent auction, great food, and lots of fun. Proceeds from the ride this year will go to Brookings County Special Education Student programs.



Interlakes Sno Roamers

Interlakes Sno Roamers will have their first meeting set for December 9 at Pizza Ranch at 7 pm. Discussion will be held on Club Activities (Vintage shows, Poker runs, Club Trips), officers and more. The club consist of around 30 members with associates.

Sno Roamers were able to have two delegates in attendance at this year's convention in Mitchell and look forward to attending in

the future. For one delegate it was his first year at a convention and he was amazed at everything that goes on there. From the Friday night Auction, the Saturday Annual meeting, Hospitality room, there is a lot more to snowmobiling then we realize just riding the trails.

Looking forward to a great season of riding!!
Reporting Duane Duerr

Sioux Falls Sno Trackers

Sno Trackers have finished their trail, and it was inspected and corrected and ready for snow. My compliments to those that worked on the Trail as this was the least number of corrections we have received to fix. We have some additional signage to complete as we want to mark distances to different towns and locations as well as food and gas stops on the trail.

On December 11th from 9am to Noon we are having a snowmobile safety class in Garretson, and it looks we will have great attendance. In the class we cover, parts of a snowmobile, trailering, dressing properly, trail signing, hand signals, organizing a group snowmobile ride, and packing for your ride. It is a great class for those needing safety certificates and for adults. After the class we are offering pizza to all those in at-

tendance.

Also, on December 11th we are having our Groomer in the Garretson Parade of lights to promote the Trail System in the local area.

On January 6th we will be having a Christmas Party at Brandon steak house with White Elephant Gifts, ugly sweater/ tie contest. It should be a really good time. In February we are planning a meeting at Nordstrom's Automotive, where we get to tour the facility and learn more about them.

On January 13-16th we have our club ride in the Black Hills, staying at Recreation Springs and Deadwood Gulch. Room block ends December 13th at both locations. Hoping for great snow by then.
Club Reporter Duane Duerr

Great Plains Snowtrailers

Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers, It's hard to get to excited about snowmobiling when today it was 60 degrees and it's the 2nd of December. I am not complaining about the nice weather but everyone would like to see some snow to be able to ride this winter.

Our December meeting was held at the Red Hogg in Alpena with 12 members in attendance. We had a very short agenda. The trail is all in and ready for snow. We did dis-

cuss our club ride which will be held the long weekend in January which is January 15th. We will leave from Recreational Springs around 10am as long as there is snow to do so. We also talked about having a brat feed at the Dumont warming shelter but that will also depend on how the snow is at that time. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at the Scoreboard in Huron. Brenda Jager

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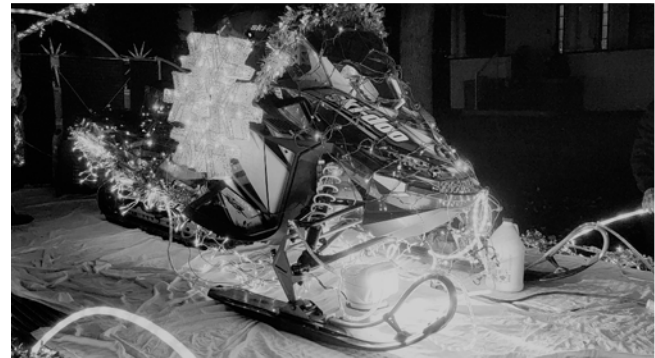
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Watertown Snowmobile Club

Happy Holidays from the Watertown Snowmobile Club! Snowmobiling is off to a rough start so far this winter with overly nice temps for December! However we finally got a couple of inches of that beautiful white stuff the other night.....giving us hope! We spent many hours working on our float for the holiday parade. We won Mayor's choice this year! Always a fun time but a lot of work! Sleds are being worked on to get ready for riding and trips are being planned. We had our monthly meeting Tuesday, Dec 7th at Pizza Ranch. We are looking at changing our meeting times and location to be able to include some of our club members who work nights and are unable to attend our meetings. We discussed a few things that needed to be fixed for trail signs and our annual club Christmas party set for January. Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season! If you are in Watertown stop out to City Park to see the beautiful light display, we are in there as well! Til next month let's do a snow dance so we can get dumped on!

Reporting
Amy Sowers
#RidefreeSara

Included are pictures from our float, we did a special touch in Memory of Sara Shepherd by adding her sled to the float this year. Working on the float was always one of her favorite things!



Black Hills

I hope this time of year finds everyone healthy, happy and full of joy. We all need to allow ourselves time to relax following this busy time of year.

Our club has been busy - first we entered a holiday float in the Festival of Lights Parade on November 27th. We had great club member support that helped with the assembly and decorating.

NOT TO BRAG - but our club float won the Seasons Brightest category for a non- business/ non - profit organization. We posted pictures on our club Facebook page - please check them out.

We also had a cold but fun night on Sunday December 5th when we did our volunteer night for Storybook Islands Christmas night of Lights. We had club members doing ticket collection at the front gates. We had a jolly and happy member playing Santa Claus. Various club members helped in other areas like the train rides and carousel and some even helped serve the hot chocolate and cupcakes to keep the visitors warm and joyful. We also took the opportunity to display some great snowmobiles though out the park to help promote our fun sport.

So the week of 50 degree weather with a few days of 70 degrees is not a great mix for the snowmobiling community. We need ALL to do a snow dance to help get some cooler temperatures to make ice for THE THUNDER ON ICE- Radar Run we have planned for January 22nd.

We have an alternative date of February 5th if needed - but check our club Facebook page for updates and ice progress as we get closer. WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE anyone interested in to join us and make a run for speed and hopefully win the money and title of KING OF THE ICE!

The club will also be planning our annual club ride to Dubois Wyoming in February and will continue to watch the snow reports for the mountain ranges.

*** REMEMBER WHEN IT SNOWS, you have 3 choices: Shovel, Make Snow Angels or Hit the Hills/ Trails/ Mountains and RIDE....

Holly Thomas Black Hills Snowmobile Club Secretary



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Aberdeen Driftbusters

Greetings from the Aberdeen area, home of the Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club!

It's November 20th and I'm looking out the window at brown grass and leafless trees. Since it's East River Deer Season Opener, I'm certain even the hunters wouldn't mind a little white stuff? While some parts of the state have experienced some significant early snow, it has for the most part missed the Aberdeen area. Our time will come!

Between 8-10 Driftbusters attended the annual SDSA Convention in Mitchell, and came back with the Largest Club Trophy, and stories to tell about the great weekend they had!

Our Club started moving our monthly meetings around to various Associate Members who serve food and have room available to host our meetings. This has worked well I think by showing support for those who support us, and switching it up a little with some variety and change of scenery. We struggle with how to attract more members to monthly meetings, along with how to attract not only new members to the Club, but also get former members to join again. I feel the key is to figure out how to get our younger members more involved and feel included and appreciated. I know we're not alone in this challenge. More involvement and participation I know is a key priority of President Pat McCoy and First Lady Jennifer McCoy. Any

ideas or suggestions would be appreciated!

The Dakota Midland Trail I believe is completely signed and ready for inspection. Ryan Raynor is scheduled to do our inspection on November 23rd. Trail Boss Jim Weaver does an excellent job of organizing the putting in and taking out of the trail. We have four teams responsible for their sections, and a huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who help. Like most all East River trails, most of ours is in road ditches, but in a good snow year, riding the trail is enjoyable, with plenty of options to stop and enjoy lunch or dinner on the trail. In looking through the Sno Plainsman, we have a good number of Associate Members in South Dakota, and I would encourage everyone to support these Members, and let them know we appreciate their support of organized snowmobiling. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, if you know someone who owns and rides a sled, reach out to them, invite them to a club meeting or event, ask them to tag along on a ride, and ask them to consider joining your club. Sometimes all they need is to be asked?

We hope you all have a joyous Holiday season and get to spend plenty of time with friends and family. Wishing you all safe travels and it's time to start practicing your snow dance!

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Sutton

Whetstone Valley

Wow! It's December already - Where has the year gone? Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and I am wishing you the best for 2022.

The Whetstone Valley Snowmobile club has been busy again this month. The Snowmobile Trail is signed and ready for Snow. A big THANK YOU to the guys (and gals) that put in the trail markers again this year. We hope the trail gets lots of snow and use, so all their work won't be in vain.

Our Poker Ride books are ready and for sale. Please see any of the club officers to purchase your book. You can get your booklet signed by

the participating businesses any time between now and February 12th or you can visit all the participants on the 12th. Which ever works best for you.

Cal and Linda have been working diligently on next year's Milbank Show. There will be more details coming up on the show in future editions of the Sno-Plainsman as well as other Snowmobile Magazines. Look for information highlighting 60 years of Arctic Cat manufacturing.

Keep Hoping for Snow. And Everyone have Blessed holiday season
Shelly

Mile High Snowdrifters



It has been a dry warm fall. Hopefully winter will show up soon.

We had our first meeting of the season in October. 10 members were present including a new member plus Mike our district director. Due to our prior meeting location not offering inside

dining we had to change meeting nights, time and location. We are now meeting October, December and February on the second Tuesday of the month 6:30 at the Lazy R bar and grill in Hermosa.

Duane Stanley represented the club at the state convention in Mitchell. We finalized our vintage snowmobile raffle at the convention. SDSA president Duane Duerr drew the winning ticket which went to a very excited gentleman from Marion SD. The winning ticket was sold by Trailhead Lodge. We would like to thank Trailhead for helping us sell raffle tickets.

Mile High President Duane Stanley presented Duane Duerr a check in the amount of \$2500 towards SDSA snowmobilers helping snowmobilers.

Next meeting will be December 14th 6:30pm Lazy R in Hermosa.

Town & Country

Merry Christmas from the Town and Country Snowdrifters!! Our trails are all marked and waiting for the inspection. I want to Thank our volunteers that help put this in and maintain it throughout the winter season. If you see a sign spun by the wind or tipped for some reason, please either contact Greg Hiles our Trail Boss, or straighten it out and help us maintain a safe place to ride.

By the time you read this we will have already had our Christmas gathering at the Oxbow in DeSmet, it consisted of a ride before the meeting (UTV, Snowmobile or Car) and fun Tracey tells us something about Christmas Games. I am pretty sure fun will be had by all.

Memberships are coming in, if you haven't done so yet get those paid and help us keep our numbers strong.

We did get a little snow yesterday, so Caden and I dusted off the sleds, got them running and made a few laps around the farm. Hopefully we will get some more so we can get a few miles in on the trail.

Merry Christmas to all and I hope to see you on the trail.

Jay

Paid your membership yet? This is your last issue of the Sno Plainsman if we haven't received your member renewal.

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2. Jack Colwell
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9. Lisa Johnson
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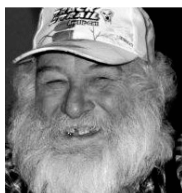
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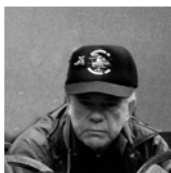
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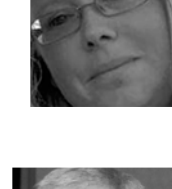
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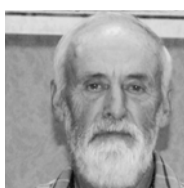
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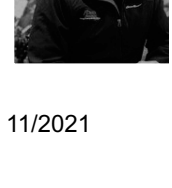
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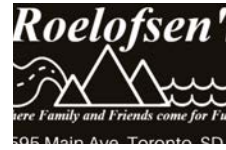
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