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From SDSA's President



Duane Duerr Brandon, South Dakota

It always surprises me how snowmobilers step up when the year isn't quite what we would like. The Rusty Nutz had one of the best shows ever in January at Trailhead Lodge with 100 plus sleds showing. Great Job!!

SnoCross was moved to March 4 and 5th in Deadwood and condition are improving for that to happen. I hear from GFP Officer Duane Stanley, Trailhead Lodge, Mountain Meadows post on Facebook that trail riding is improving in the Hills. Snow is looking deeper daily on the Trailhead webcam, keep it coming and we could have a big March riding.

We cancelled the Governor's ride for February and the board put together a great plan to inform legislators about the value of snowmobiling in South Dakota. I see some local Vintage shows coming that are always great to see and learn the story behind the sled. Some clubs have added wing night, Burger night, Pizza Night out as well as snow or no snow Poker runs to their activity list. That promotes club activity but also shows support for Associate members. I have been to many clubs and hope to get to more this month. I am excited for Snowmobiling in South Dakota and know that there are better times ahead.

SDSA President Duane Duerr

From SDSA's Past President

Greg Nordstrom, Sioux Falls

Hello snow lovers

Well what a year so far. Started to look promising but fizzled to a bleak year so far. We had to adjust to what conditions are and they were not good. So the Snow Cross in Deadwood is moved to March 4th and 5th, the Governors Ride was canceled along with the Veterans Ride. Some of the clubs had to change their plans also as January and early February just did not get the snow. Only bright area in SD is in the North-east area where they have been grooming trails. With that said I believe we should make every effort to support the businesses that are our associate members and along the trail systems around the state as we want them to be able to survive this drought. Areas that riders have been going to are Northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and out west to the mountains where there is ample snow (I believe they stole it from us). We will probably get our snow towards the end of our season. I hope early enough so it can be enjoyed before the trails close.

So what now? Maybe start to plan other get together with your clubs like a game night for the kids or a fire and hot dog roast somewhere. Maybe an ice fishing day or have a whatever you drive poker run. We do need to keep things going so our members stay connected.

As we had to cancel the Governors ride the SDSA board decided hopefully to get more of them to come to the ride we would go directly to all of them with a gift and personal invite.

Pray for snow. When it comes be safe and ride smart. DON'T trespass.

Greg Nordstrom



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From SDSA's President-Elect

Kelly Weaver, Aberdeen, SD

Well, it appears Mother Nature is also suffering with supply chain issues. I have been searching the fields all across the state and I am seeing a lot more bare spots than powder from east to west. In the east, we are generally accustomed to limited snow most years. This year, the northeast corner has some ridable snow but the roller coaster of warm days has deteriorated the conditions. We did get enough snow in Aberdeen to groom and take the grandkids on a ride around the yard. We didn't get to do either last year so I will take that as a win.

The conditions in the Hills are marginal at best with the first passes in the groomer not happening till the end of January and currently (February 1) suspended until there is more snow. It is for this reason that we were forced to cancel the Governor's Ride events. The board has decided to put together an information packet for each legislator to be delivered to Pierre yet this session. You may want to ask your local legislator about the package they received to help them make the connection to your local club and volunteers. We all retain information better when we can relate it to a person or place we know. Special thanks to Tracey Erickson for taking the lead on this project and for the ISMA grant that will cover the costs. The SDSA Board and Advisory Council meetings will be held in Pierre on Friday, February 11th. (Fun fact: This is only the second time in the nearly 40-year history of the ride that it has been cancelled. The last time the snow conditions were this bad was 1998 when Jim Weaver was SDSA President.)

I am still hoping to enjoy some powder riding yet this winter somewhere so let's all keep doing our snow dance! See you on the trails, Kelly Weaver SDSA President-Elect



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Representatives at this event form the International Snowmobile Council (ISC), which meets annually at the International Snowmobile Congress (also called ISC). The International Snowmobile Council is dedicated to promoting safe and responsible snowmobiling. It provides a communication forum and a means of addressing issues that are common from an international perspective.

Why attend ISC 2022?

Snowmobiling is one of the largest outdoor activities worldwide and the largest motorized winter sport. Snowmobilers create a major economic impact contributor throughout 27 Snow Belt States, Canada, Scandinavia, and Russia. It's estimated that snowmobiling contributes more than \$30 Billion of economic activity in North America alone.

The International Snowmobile Congress is an event dedicated to the development of collaboration of snowmobilers worldwide, and cooperation with and respect to the environment, conservation, access, education, and accountability.

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2022 Rusty Nutz Vintage Show Trailshead

It always amazes me the hard work and detail that those showing Vintage Snowmobiles put into restoring those old sleds. This year's show at Trailshead Lodge had a record showing of over 100 sleds. This years featured sled was Yamaha, with some of the best at the show.

Congratulations to Grant Pederson for winning "Best in Class" with his 1971 Yamaha GP 433. Oldest rider went to Jim Dixon 87. "Best in show" went to Tom Farnsworth with his 1986 Manta. Oldest Sled went to Dennis Pride with his unrestored 1970 Snow Cruiser. Carsten Burgo and Brecken Van Belle were youngest riders at 8 years old Troy Lee was "Best Dressed Man", while Katie Lee was "Best Dressed Woman. Cade Potvin traveled the Farthest going 650 miles from Brainard, MN.

Besides the featured sled Yamaha, there were Polaris, Arctic Cat, Rupp, Manta, Ski Daddler, Snow Cruiser, Challenger, Johnson, Sno-Jet, Skidoo and many more. There are always some neat sleds to see that represent snowmobiling history. Everyone enjoyed the Wiener roast, the Vintage ride and just spending time with fellow Vintage Snowmobilers. Thanks Trailshead for hosting the show.



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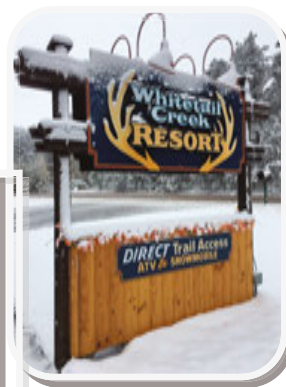
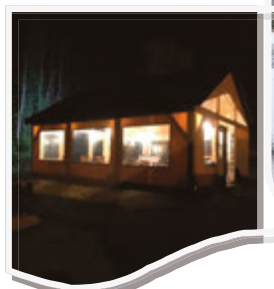




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Mike Boock, District 2 Director

Hello Snowmobilers!

I sure hope the weather changes before you all receive this, because the current weather is NOT conducive to snowmobiling! We unfortunately had to cancel the Governor's Ride and Deadwood had to postpone the Snocross races. Most clubs are still able to host their fun activities and are starting to do all their group rides out west. Have fun and stay safe! Please remember your beacons, probes, radios, and avy bags. The conditions are not the greatest this year.

The BHSC had their annual Radar Run last month and although the wind was a little crazy, everyone had a great time. The speeds were a little slower than normal, but there were a lot more sleds getting over the 100 mph mark! I actually ran the radar gun this year with my son and I can tell you that 100 mph and over is seriously hauling the mail! Pretty impressive and a little scary at times when they fly by within 10-20 of you. We didn't get a lot of photos or videos this year as Sally was out sick, but what we did get is up on our Facebook page. The next big event for the club is the annual trip to Dubois. Hopefully the snow conditions improve there as well. Hopefully, somewhere gets some snow soon because this is ridiculous! I really need to ride some fresh POW!!

Hopefully by now, you have all become used to the new format of the Sno Plainsman. I want to thank Mary Anne for all the work she put in to get everything changed over to the new format and keep the ball rolling. Change is never easy or fun, but I really enjoy the new format and like the new look. Please take a minute to thank Mary Anne! Keeping it short this month as I'm too upset about the conditions to say anything positive. Haha!

Hope to see you on the snow soon!

Mike



KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

**From the International Snowmobile Tourism Council
And
The International Snowmobile Media Council**

The International Snowmobile Tourism Council (ISTC) and the International Snowmobile Media Council (ISMC) want to bring to the attention of all snowmobilers the trespassing issue.

Trespassing on private land is more prevalent in the Midwest and Northeast than in the West as there is more public land in the West, but regardless, all snowmobilers need to respect private land as the use of it is a privilege and not a right. If you trespass on private land you add to the reason we lose trails and other riding areas. When you see a No Trespassing sign, do not go there; respect the landowner's right to keep anyone he wishes off his land.

In the words of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, "Know Where To Go Or There Will Be NOWhere To Go!"



Ann Nagel, District 3 Director

Hello, from District 3!

Well, what a year it has been in the Black Hills and the entire state as we deal with the lack of snow. In years like this it is great to remember the volunteers you spent all the time marking the trail and making sure the groomers are ready to go, if and when we get snow. It seems like in most clubs, that these volunteers are the same people who volunteer every year. Some new blood is really needed so there is no burn out among the groomers/trail markers/groomer mechanics.

In these off years, it is important for the clubs to find ways to keep the members involved. The Aberdeen Driftbusters held a steak feed in January. The cooks, Jim Weaver and Sunny Pence, along with Al Nagel as the runner, prepared some incredibly delicious steaks. Chili was provided by Casey & Kelly Weismantel. Goodies were provided by several club members for those with a sweet tooth (evidently the whole club as all the goodies were eaten).

Al & I are enjoying a rather different winter this year. We are in Sunny (most days) Texas. We purchased a 39' diesel motorhome, attached our trailer with both spyders in it and came south. This is the first year in 50 years that Al hasn't snowmobiled. We planned on 2 weekends in the Black Hills but with no rideable snow we decided to not stay in the cold if we couldn't play and came south to play. We had a couple of days of rain/freezing rain and it was quite cold, but we stayed dry and warm. We have been able to ride a couple of days so far and it feels great.

Since the Governor's ride was cancelled this year, SDSA & the Governor's Advisory Council will be meeting in Pierre on Friday, February 11th for their February meetings.

Here's hoping that snow will come very soon!

Ann Nagel
District 3 Director



Jason Shepherd, District 6



Hello again from the northeast. So far this winter it has started out slow but up here the clubs have been out grooming. Some more than others. But the snow has been good as of late. Many of the riders have been out taking advantage of the snow and getting some miles on. Some of the clubs have some poker runs planned for this month hope everyone can enjoy the rides. Also

the clubs are getting ready for some club trips that they go on every year. Hope to see you all out on the trail.

Tracey Erickson, District 4 Director

Well, it sure seems that other parts of the country have been busy acquiring all the snow... maybe they will share some with the Upper Plains states here in February and March. Unfortunately, I haven't gotten to go and ride where there is snow yet, but hopefully soon...

It is that time of year when our SD legislature is active and thankfully, we do NOT have many pressing issues this year as snowmobilers. Something to note, the Governor's South Dakota Snowmobile Advisory Council, consists of Dave Kennedy, Bruce Hintz, Todd Sprang, Al Nagel, Todd Wilkinson, Gary Ulmer, and Scott Erstad. They are appointed to the Council by the Governor and work diligently with the Game, Fish, and Parks to oversee the Grant in Aid Program, the SD Snowmobile Trail system, and any other snowmobile issues that arise.

The SD Snowmobile Advisory Council meets three to four times a year, typically prior to the SDSA Board of Directors meetings. I would encourage all snowmobilers to sit in on their meetings or participate via Zoom when links are available. The meeting times, locations and Zoom meeting links are posted under the events tab on the SDSA webpage, <https://snowmobilesd.com/>. This is one way you can stay connected and aware of what is happening with snowmobiling the trail systems in South Dakota.

Speaking of government, I wanted to share an article taken from the ACSA (American Council of Snowmobile Association's weekly e-newsletter. ACSA is our national umbrella organization.

Article from the ACSA e-news on Friday, January 28th, 2022.

We Need Your Involvement

Once again Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) has introduced the Northern Rockies

Ecosystem Protection Act, HR 1755. As crazy as it sounds with a New Yorker taking the lead on an issue in the Western United States, there are 54 Congressman that have signed on as co-sponsors. You can see the Co-Sponsors by clicking [here](#).

The legislation targets the lands in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Wyoming. It would prohibit any new road construction or reconstruction or timber harvest without an act of Congress. Oil or gas leasing, mining, or other development which impairs the natural and roadless qualities of the land is also prohibited.

HR 1755 will take all inventoried roadless systems and make them part of the Wilderness system. That's about 23 million acres! That is where we recreate!

A hearing is scheduled for February 15 in the House Natural Resource Committee. It is very important that the members on this Committee hear from you if you think this is not a good idea. The members of the Committee can be viewed [here](#) <https://naturalresources.house.gov/about/our-members>. If your Congressman is not on the Committee and you would like to let your feelings be known, Congressman Russ Fulcher from Idaho, <https://fulcher.house.gov> is on the Committee and will gladly accept your comments and enter them into the record.



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



Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 5 Director

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it snow!! We all need to increase the amount of snow dances we do, as the South-east side of South Dakota has very little to no snow. We have groomed some only to lose the snow one- or two-days later. Some groups are finding snow in other states

to keep those snowmobiles active.

Snowmobilers are a group of people who have the same interest for wintertime sport. When there is very little snow available in your area, we may want to have some club functions for fun with your group. Things you could try may be Wing Night, Pizza Night, Burger Night or to meet at a certain place to eat out. Have the club get together in a place that has entertainment. Snow or no snow Poker runs that support your Associate members. Find fun things to do as a club.

Keep thinking snow, maybe March 2022 may surprise us and maybe that will be the best month to snowmobile in SD. Keep those snowmobiles ready to run!

Pat Hanten Duerr, District 5 Director



Trace Damm, District 7 Director

Hello everyone,

I'm sure the lack of snow is on everyone's mind as we sit here impatiently waiting for our favorite time of the year. It's not just South Dakota but out west is struggling to get some inches to add up too. It can make it tough on attendance at club meetings and trying to get memberships when we haven't been able to even run the groomer. We all put a lot of time into putting trail in and maintaining it and taking it out so on years like this it can be a tough pill to swallow

when we might not even get a chance to drive the groomer let alone a sled down it. From what I have seen from clubs is that the motivation is still there, coming up with different events other than snowmobiling to get the members together and brainstorming ideas on how to keep/grow memberships without snow. Years like this one show just how important our dedication to the sport is, and I think if we can show our passion to those on the fence about buying a membership we can get almost anyone to join. Let's keep up the motivation and pray there is still some time for a lucky snowstorm.

Till next time

Trace Damm

2022 ANNUAL 'THUNDER ON ICE' RADAR RUN

In 2021, due to mild temperatures and only 5-8 inches of ice on Deerfield Lake, our annual Radar Run was cancelled for the first time in 25 years! (Our first Radar run was on January 21, 1996)

In 2022, we were able to have our Annual 'Thunder on Ice' Radar Run!! Since we are changing things up a bit this year, we decided to have the event on a Saturday, January 22 instead of a Sunday as in the previous years. Another change was that we were able to offer prize money for the King of the Ice. This prize money was a memorial to the late Rusty Rovere and the late Bill Stork, who were both very involved in our Radar Runs.

The weather was not all that cooperating with temps in the 30s and some hefty winds! We had 37 snowmobiles registered in many different classes and this is the 5th year for the Vintage class: 82 & Older and the Classic Class: 83 & Newer. All the snowmobiles made multiple runs during the day; 110 runs were made! Thanks to all of club members that 'stepped up to the plate' and made the event run smoothly.

This was the 7th year that we set up a circular track for the little kids under the age of 13 yrs for the 'Kids Fun Day'. This year we only had 2 kids register, hopefully we can do better next year! The race trophies were awarded at the Mt Meadow Resort about 4pm. We would like to thank the owners of Mt Meadows Resort, and their managers, the McNitt family, Ashley, Heather & Kevin, for their hospitality.

The following are the trophy winners for this year:

Stock Short Track Classes (142" and below)

0-599 Stock:

1st: Sam Hoeft 79.8 mph ('99 Polaris Indy 500)
2nd: Chris Waxler 62.6 mph (Polaris XCR 500)

600-799 Stock:

1st: Chris Waxler 92.9 mph ('09 Ski Doo 600)
2nd: Tim Cleveringa 84.5 mph ('95 Yamaha Vmax 798)

800-899 Stock:

1st: Mike Rovere 99.7 mph ('21 Ski Doo MX2X 798)
2nd: Tim McTavish 90.6 mph ('11 Ski Doo MXZ 800)

900-Open:

1st: Brendan Klveckman 112.4 mph ('17 Yamaha Sidewinder 998)

Improved Short Track Classes

0-599 Improved:

1st: Tom Kekich 87.9 mph ('79 Yamaha SRX 598)
2nd: Corbin Boock 78.4 mph ('82 Arctic Cat 500)

600-799 Improved:

1st: Sam Hoeft 92.7 mph ('96 Polaris Ultra 700)
2nd: Justin Rudland 91.3 mph (Polaris TX 650)

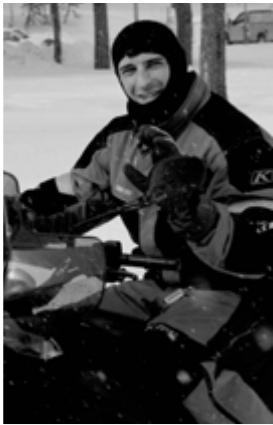
800-899 Improved:

1st: Dennis Bernal 104.8 mph ('12 Arctic Cat ZR 800)
2nd: Kyle Pilkington 102.2 mph ('00 Yamaha Mt Max 899)

900-Open Improved:

1st: Brendan Klveckman 112.3 mph ('17 Yamaha Sidewinder 978)
2nd: Tom Kekich 111.9 mph ('94 Yamaha VMAX 1000)

rest of results are on page 21
see photos on page 30 of this issue.



On the Trails

Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

Hard to describe the current state of our statewide snowmobile program. I've only been around since the late 2000's but I'm confident in saying we've never had a year, up to this point, where we've put more hours on groomers in eastern, South Dakota then what we have in the Black Hills. With these low snow conditions, tough decisions have taken place which impact the way we promote this snowmobile program and say Thank You to our current and former military.

The 4th Annual SDSU Veteran's Ride over Martin Luther King Weekend had to be cancelled for the second straight year. The 3rd Annual ride had to be cancelled last year due to SDSU Covid-19 protocols. While we are disappointed, we couldn't provide the opportunity for our current service men and women, along with our Veteran's, we are committed to the future of this event, like we know the snowmobile community is. This message was relayed to the Veteran's Affairs Office staff with SD State University, and we hope we can be together next year.

As most have already heard, it was decided to cancel this year's Governor's Ride for the same reasons the Veteran's ride was cancelled. Just saying that last line doesn't seem right, but the decision was made knowing trail conditions just weren't where they need to be to provide a great experience to our legislators. SDSA put a plan together which still allow the snowmobile community to reach out to all legislators and help promote the statewide snowmobile program.

We have had some clubs on the eastern side of the state perform a couple grooming cycles. This includes Aberdeen, Webster, Watertown, Milbank, Clear Lake, Brookings, and Sisseton. Some of these trail systems have since stopped grooming operations while others have been able to stay grooming once a week or so. I always like to remind those who participate in the GIA program for either the groomer operator or the trail administrator to let me know when trail conditions change. We are always looking for trail conditions which can range from: no snow, fair, good, great, or a combination such as good to great. We also need to post, the latest snow fall. Even if it doesn't mean you will be going out to groom, having the latest snowfall is good information to provide. The last thing we need to know is when you plan on grooming. These three pieces of information are important when planning your next snowmobiling trip and that's the information we want snowmobilers to have access too!

Stay safe and see you on the Trails!

Diane Hiles, SDSA Treasurer

CHARITY REPORT Due April 1, 2022

The International Snowmobile Council (ISC) gathers information from clubs across the Snowbelt States and Providences to showcase the efforts snowmobilers take to raise money for charities and to capture the dedicated volunteerism snowmobilers have. The information gathered is valuable in promoting the good of snowmobiling and is often used when making our annual visits to the Hill in Washington DC.

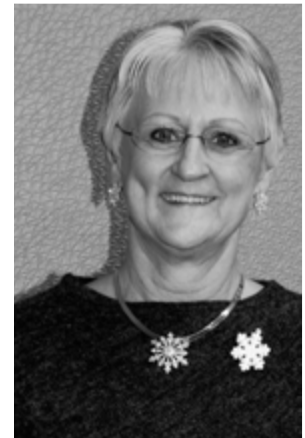
This year's report, which is due April 1, will cover the period of April 1, 2021 to March 30, 2022 and will encompass the total amount and/or hours donated to:

- Major/National Charities, such as the United Way, Make a Wish, ACSA and Friends of Snowmobiling. I specifically mention ACSA since SD has had several contributions over the years to the ACSA Legal Defense Fund. If any of your club's members or your club has made a donation to ACSA in this report year, be sure to capture that.
- Local Charities, such as the Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, the SDSU Veterans Ride, Jakob Hohm Off Road Adventures (JHORA), local food pantries, local cancer groups, SDSA auction items, YETIS auction items, SDSA Convention and Governor's Ride Sponsorships.
- Total number of Volunteers Hours, such as time spent establishing and maintaining your local trail system, collecting toys for tots, working on your club's parade (homecoming, lighted Christmas, annual community celebrations) entries, vintage rides, membership drives, poker runs, helping a club member when they are in need, preparing for the club's participation at convention such as judging nominations.

If you have any questions on what should be in-

cluded, please do not hesitate to ask.

If you are an SDSA Only member and you have some volunteer hours or made charitable contributions, please report that to either Mary Anne at the office or email me directly at dj.hiles@hotmail.com.



Note to SDSA Officers and Board of Directors: We will want to capture the amount of time you have spent on SDSA Leadership activities and events you attended on behalf of SDSA. This would include time traveled to board meetings, club meetings, dealer open houses, committee work, etc. We want to include this time as well on SDSA's report. You can complete the form accordingly or send me an email with your detailed information.

South Dakota can be very proud of the charity work that our clubs and our individual members are involved with across the state. Let's take credit and get credit for all that SDSA members and clubs accomplish during the year. We have 22 clubs (YETIS included), let's have 22 Charity Reports. Each club has something to report based upon the 3 bullet areas above and the examples given. Let's get 100% reporting!!!

The Charity Report, a fillable form, can also be found on SDSA's website under "Forms". Once this form is completed, you are asked to please email it to Diane Hiles at dj.hiles@hotmail.com. Please submit your completed report at your earliest convenience, however, please no later than April 3rd so that we can compile the results and in turn submit to the ISC Charity Report Committee.

Thank you all for everything snowmobilers do in the name of Snowmobiling and SDSA!!

Diane Hiles
Charity Committee

SDSA Charity Report for ISC

Reporting period from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022

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Mary Anne Grabow, SDSA Editor

Feb. 14, 2022 12:36 p.m.

Waiting on three ads, so I may as well figure out my article for this issue.

We cancelled Governor's Ride as we were forced to make a decision early - there are so many factors that go into having a Governor's Ride: food to order, sleds to rent, and conditions on the trails. This year, it just seemed that everything was pointing to cancel the Governor's Ride.

We still went ahead with our meetings and switched to having them in Pierre, instead. I've been fighting a nasty sinus infection so Marty had offered to drive so that I could relax (which basically meant I slept off and on on the four hour trip there). It really was NICE not to have to stay awake for the trip since I wasn't feeling up to driving anyway.



Our meeting lasted roughly 3 hours with in person interaction as well as zoom capability. I would have to say that this was by far the most relaxed meeting I've ever attended. Perhaps it was all the medication I was on, but I enjoyed interacting with my "coworkers" and those of us who could went out to Jakes for dinner afterwards. THAT is always the highlight of the day. Getting a chance to visit with the people that I work with/for is fun. You see, I don't get the office setting that most people do. I work alone every day except the ones that we have meetings. I visit with myself and if I'm lucky, someone might call in! So, when we have a board meeting, that's my interaction for the work week - and I look forward to it. When it's an aggressive meeting, it's not uplifting in any capacity. But when it's a meeting that we make decisions at and set criteria at, it's a day brightener!

Now, if you have NOT sent in your application for a scholarship, and you qualify for one, go find last month's Sno Plainsman and get it done if it's before February 25 when you are reading this!!!

It looks like the Black Hills finally got some snow over the weekend. YAY! I hope that it continues to fall for them! It's just not right when the hills don't get their snow! The businesses out there count on a certain amount of business out of snowmobilers!

I removed in the 200 member # from our mailing list for lack of payment. Sad part is, I know that some of these have probably paid their local treasurer but I don't have the funds yet. That's disheartening for everyone involved. Hope to see your memberships come across my desk soon so that we can add you back on the mailing list!

Long Track Stock Classes (144 inches or above)

800-899 Long Track Stock:

1st: Brian Boock 71.9 mph ('93 Polaris Storm 800)
2nd: Tracy Fees 70.1 mph ('08 Arctic Cat SnoPro 800)

900-Open Stock:

1st: Tracy Fees 65 mph ('04 Arctic Cat King Cat 900)
2nd: Tracy Fees 63.5 mph ('05 Arctic Cat King Cat 900)

Long Track Improved Classes

800-899 Long Track Improved: 1st: Shane Devine 52.9 mph ('13 Polaris Pro 800)

900-Open Improved: 1st: Tom Kekich 123.2 mph ('94 Yamaha VMAX 1370)

KING OF THE ICE: Brian Olson 124.2 mph ('06 Yamaha Apex 1000)

Vintage Class: '82 & Older: 1st: Justin Rudland 91.9 mph ('78 Polaris TX 650)

2nd: Dennis Bernal 82.4 mph ('75 SnoJet 440)

Classic Class: '83 - '93: 1st: Dan Holsworth 69.9 mph ('92 Polaris 500)

2nd: Tim Cleveringa 58.8 mph ('86 Yamaha Phaser 485)

Thanks to all the participants and club members that helped make the event a success. A great time was had by all and it was good being out in the beautiful Black Hills having winter fun! Sally Anne Rall

C L U B N E W S

Watertown Snowmobile Club

Greetings from the Watertown Snowmobile Club! Well this winter sure is not turning out the way we would like...but our groomer has been out a couple of times. Some of our members just returned from Dubois WY. They said the snow was good. Another group is headed to Colorado Feb 19th-26th. It was a bummer for the Governor's ride to be cancelled this year but we definitely will be looking forward to it next year! Not much else for news...we really don't have any events planned due to the snow and ice conditions but we do hope to get a little powder to ride in around here yet before spring comes! Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 6th at Cloud 9 at 5:30 pm.

Do your little snow dance!

#ridefreesara

Reporting

Amy Sowers



Photos are from Jason Schmidt grooming - and the trip to Dubois. More photos from Watertown Snowmobile Club on page 25



Sioux Falls Sno Trackers

SnoTrackers met on February 3rd at Brandon Steak House at 7pm. Discussion was held on upcoming Trip to Iron River Wisconsin on February 17-21st with an excellent attendance expected. Lake effect snow has made riding conditions good there.

Discussion was held on a Poker run for Saturday February 26th with locations to Include Steve Bar and Grill in Trent, SD; Baltic Corner in Baltic, SD.; Shipwreck in Chester, SD.; The Point in Madison, SD.; Bar in Sherman, SD.; Bar in Jasper, MN.; Palisades Oil in Garretson, SD; and the Gulch in



Garretson, SD. Snow or no snow we go, Snowmobiles, UTV/ATV, Cars & Trucks what ever works.

We completed a club ride in Wisconsin in January with great attendance and good snow. We are still hoping for improved snow in the Black Hills to ride there. Still

hoping for local snow to ride the trails here at home before the end of March.

Reporting for SnoTrackers Duane Duerr

Dakota Drifters

Hello all, we hope the winter season has been good to everyone. The Dakota Drifters club has been hard at work getting ready for our Annual Charity Ride, which is scheduled for February 12th, 2022. The poker ride will be held regardless of snow conditions, so any vehicle is welcome. 10:00am start time on Saturday at Midway Camp in Volga, SD. We will have food available, payouts for top three hands, silent auctions, and lots of fun. All proceeds from the ride will go to benefitting the Brookings K-5 Special Education Programs. We hope to see you all there to help our local kids.

We are waiting for mother nature to give us some snow, but the weather forecast doesn't look promising. We are also planning for our end of the year banquet, details will be coming up.

Thanks from the Dakota Drifters.

Come join us on Feb. 12th and enjoy the ride!

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Interlakes SnoRoamers

Interlakes Snowroamers met on January 12th with 12 people Present and Elected Shawn Martin club President and Dawn Koch Secretary-Treasurer, with future members of the Board to be added as the club grows. They discussed Hillside Vintage show on February 13th and shared fliers with members. The next meeting was set for the First Wednesday evening at The Hillside Resort for February 2nd at 6:30 pm.

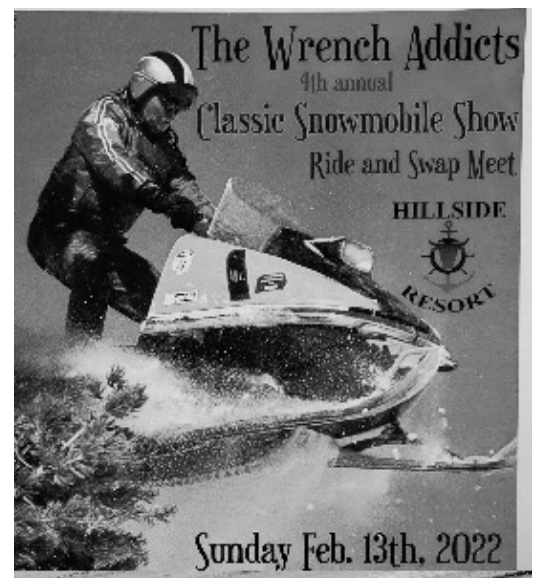
On February 2nd meeting led by President Shawn Martin the club discussed the Hillside Vintage show to be held on February 13th on Long Lake across from Hillside Resort. The club discussed details with the group and made plans for the show. At that meeting the club signed up 8 new memberships. Discussion was held on the Rusty Nutz Vintage Show, Pequot Lakes Vintage show and Elk River Vintage show all of which the club attended. Next meeting was set for March 2nd at Hillside Resort for 7pm.



Grant & Julie Pederson
Best of Show - Rusty Nutz at Trailhead

To the right:

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Photo on the right: Mike Briggs tipped over!

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Aberdeen Driftbusters

Greetings Fellow SDSA members!

Hopefully, you have had some opportunity to ride somewhere this year. The Driftbusters were able to get all our trail system completely established and groomed a few times. It was very nice, with 95% rated great and 5% fair-poor. There were a few people that rode the trails before the warm weather took its toll last week. Hopefully, February and March are snowy months for this part of the Midwest.

The Driftbusters had their club Steak Feed and Social on Saturday, January 22nd. We had planned a club ride as well, but with the low snow conditions, we had to cancel that. However, it is snowing as I write this, and we have received a few inches of snow in the last few days, so hopefully we can resume grooming operations soon. Grooming and maintaining the Dakota Midland Trail around Aberdeen does not come without a few seasonal changes. We had a hydraulic leak on the groomer one of the last times it was used, but thanks to our group of talented groomer operators/mechanics, the machine was repaired and greased in preparation for future use.

It is not too early to be thinking about attending the 2022 SDSA South Dakota Snowmobile Association Convention that will be located here in Aberdeen at the Best Western Ramkota on November 11th and 12th. Convention information will be found on the SDSA and Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club websites along with the Aberdeen Driftbusters Facebook Page. Convention information will be loaded as it becomes available. This year's convention theme will be Snowmobiling: Its All Fun and Games. There will also be a charity fundraising beanbag tournament, so get your teams together soon! Creative team names and attire are strongly encouraged. Don't forget to get your nominations in early for Snowmobiler of the Year, Groomer of the Year etc., in now while the thoughts are still fresh in your minds. It would be nice to receive more nominations than we have the past few years, so get those in soon! These forms are on the SDSA website under the FORMS tab.

Lastly, continue to urge people to get involved with the local/state clubs any way that they can, younger folks especially! We need members to make this awesome sport endure for future generations.

Any help we can get is a win. Keep on doing the snow dances!

Pat McCoy, President
Aberdeen Driftbusters Snowmobile Club



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Snow Trailers

Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

Our January meeting was held at the Scoreboard in Huron with 12 members in attendance. We had a short agenda. Our Trail Coordinator, Rod Schley reported that the trail is complete and in much need of snow. He also reported that he was in the Hills over Christmas and there is not a lot of snow. Some of the trails were short on snow and there was not enough snow to send the groomer's out yet.

Our club was to hold a club ride in the Black Hills on January 15th but due to the fact that they are not grooming the trails in the Hills and the lack of snow we have decided to cancel.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the Redline in Yale.

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Scholarship

- 1.Kelly Weaver
- 2.Duane Duerr
- 3.Ann Nagel

By Laws & Right to Ride

- 1.Greg Nordstrom
- 2.Duane Duerr
- 3.Mike Boock

Safety

- 1.Jason Shepherd
- 2.Duane Duerr

Grants

- 1.Tracey Erickson
- 2.Kelly Weaver

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- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Jason Shepherd
- 3.Jon LaFramboise

Charities

- 1Diane Hiles

Membership/Website

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Mary Anne Grabow
- 3.Jason Shepherd

Awards

- 1.Greg Nordstrom
- 2.Pat Hanten Duerr
- 3.Tracey Erickson

Convention

- 1.Ann Nagel
- 2.Kelly Weaver
- 3.Pat Hanten-Duerr

Fundraising

- 1.Trace Damm
- 2.Tracey Erickson
- 3.Pat Hanten-Duerr
- 4.Doug Weelborg

SnoPlainsman Committee

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Ann Nagel
- 3.Trace Damm
- 4.Mary Anne Grabow

Governors Ride

- 1.Mike Boock
- 2.Jason Shepherd
- 3.Tracey Erickson

Investments

- 1.Diane Hiles
- 2.Pat Hanten-Duerr

Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers

- 1.SDSA President
- 2.Todd Sprang
- 3.Mike Boock
- 4.Sheridan LaFramboise
- 5.Mary Anne Grabow

Nominating committee

- 1.All SDSA club Presidents
- 2.Hall of fame members
- 3.Board of directors

Yetis Advisors

- 1.Kelly Weaver
- 2.Kirsten VanDenHemel
- 3.Audrey Rider
- 4.Doug Weelborg

Special Committee for Back The Ride

- 1.Tracey Erickson
- 2.Pat Hanten-Duerr

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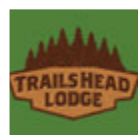


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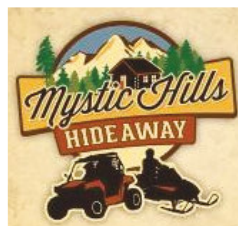
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