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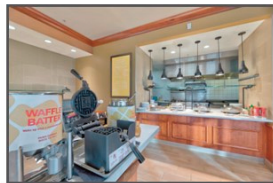
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This year has some really great things to look forward to with Snowmobiling.

First, congratulations to the Interlakes Sports Center for being inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame. If you have never been to Eagle River, Wisconsin is a must-see Snowmobiling sight. From seeing the first snowmobile ever built to all the following years sleds and how the industry developed is very Interesting. The racing Museum was also a sight



to see. I did not know John Deere had a racing sled? My first sled was a John Deere 340 Spitfire and later a 440 Liquefier.

The 2023 SDSA Convention is in Sioux Falls at the Best western Ramkota on December 1st & 2nd. They have "Mike Duffy" coming to teach Avalanche Classes, Polaris Ride Command for staying safe on the trails, Snowmobile Safety and 101 class as well as Arts and Crafts. They are collecting some neat Auction Items to make the Friday night Beer and Bull a great event to attend. If you think last years Corn Hole was good, wait until you see this years, I don't think any other club can put together a team that can beat Siouxland Sno Trackers.

This year's Governor's ride will be an SDSA member appreciation ride. Friday evening will be the Governor's Council meeting and SDSA meeting with a Saturday morning Breakfast Buffet and recognition followed by a ride extending until 4 pm. Legislators will be invited to attend and see what we are all about.

Did you see that SnoCross will be in South Dakota twice this season. First in Deadwood the end of January and then in Sioux Falls at the Fair grounds the first weekend in March. SDSA will be there to help sponsor the event and have a 200 Skidoo Snowmobile to raffle. Raffle tickets will be available at the SDSA Convention.



The Yetis Scholarship is still growing but needs your help to keep it building. We are nearing the halfway mark in reaching our goal to make it self-funding. Keep the Scholarship and the Yetis on your radar and help them grow!!

Let's Grow with Snow!!
SDSA President Duane Duerr

To the left:

Here's where we stand with fundraising for the YETI Scholarship that was established in honor of Jon LaFramboise! We still have quite a bit to raise!

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Kelly Weaver, SDSA President-Elect



As I write this article, my computer displays 89 degrees on October 1 but forecasts are calling for highs in the 50's and 60's by week's end so we'll be enjoy the cool crisp days of fall soon! With that change, we will be attending club meetings, making plans for trail marking, and looking at the upcoming calendar of events for the winter to make our travel plans.

I hope many clubs are planning activities for Snowmobile Day on October 28. It is a really great way to promote our sport to the general public and give them a sense of how much fun snowmobiling can be. Winter is coming – let's embrace it!

One of the trips to plan for this season is attending the SDSA Convention in Sioux Falls, December 1 & 2. The Sno Trackers are planning an event jam-packed with lots of activities and education opportunities. Perhaps you have heard what a great time this event is. That's not just marketing hype. We have missed only one convention in the 35+ years we have been members, and it NEVER disappoints! There are formal and informal opportunities to learn and make new acquaintances. The President's Meeting on Friday evening is a great opportunity for club leaders and member to bring ideas and questions forward. We learn so much from the input provided at these gatherings. Please come and join us!

Speaking of Convention, now is the time to nominate members for the recognition awards. We need to raise up our volunteers and show how much they are appreciated! This is not a life time achievement award so please use this as an opportunity to recognize the efforts of club members who were active last year in any way, shape or form!

Each year we have the unfortunate circumstance of injuries, or worse, of snowmobilers who just wanted to have some fun. We have some great tools for promoting snowmobile safety. While this topic is often aimed at young snowmobilers, being safe applies to all ages. We can all use a refresher. If you know of someone who may be renting snowmobiles, I encourage you to share these resources with them also. Share a few videos at your club meeting or use some quiz questions to get people thinking. SD GFP has printed materials for teaching an in person course - call Ryan Raynor. Also check out: Online SD Snowmobile Safety Course (free code) - [https:// www.snowmobile-ed.com/southdakota/](https://www.snowmobile-ed.com/southdakota/)

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If you are looking to get outside of South Dakota for some snowmobiling, there are two events planned in February which will include guided rides by local members and national snowmobile leaders along with time for education and comraderie. The American Council of Snowmobile Association's (ACSA) Trail Region Ride will be held February 1-4 in Carter, WI and the Mountain Region Ride will be held in West Yellowstone, MT February 22-25. For more details, contact Mary Anne in the office.

With all there is to do, I am excited that we have one more day of winter this year! Leap year 2024!

Kelly Weaver
SDSA President - Elect



Greg Nordstrom, SDSA Past President

Hello snow lovers

We just returned from a SxS trip to the Black Hills and had an awesome time. The colors were in their prime and the temps were perfect. We were in a large group so was kind of slow going but that gave us the opportunity to see the awesome scenery that God provided, no man could paint such beauty. Some of the trails were also marked snowmobile trails like 7,6,5,4 and 3 so hopefully we get lots of snow to cover up all the stuff we rode on, looks totally different in the winter. So this is just the reminder what is to follow, a great snowmobile season.

With the clubs starting to meet it's time to get involved and take part in some of the fall activities they plan. Still some poker runs going on and also trail marking coming up very soon, some will be doing parade of lights in their communities and fall club drives. It is also time to get all the snow gear and equipment ready for the season.

Now we hope to see you at the SDSA convention in Sioux Falls December 1st and 2nd. Check the web site www.snowmobilesd.com and nominate people for awards for those who seem to always do more and really try to make our sport a fun and enjoyable time. There is always that person or family in every club that deserves the recognition so send them in.

SDSA has a very talented group of directors that are dedicated to the sport, much if not all of their time is volunteered. If you have any issues for questions do not be afraid to ask anyone of them.

I personally want to thank Diane Hiles for the over and above job she has been doing as SDSA treasurer for the past few years as she is ready to retire. THANK YOU.

That's all for now. Pray for a snowy winter.

Greg Nordstrom





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Hello snowmobile friends!! It's your favorite reporters from the Town and Country Riders (formerly the Town and Country Snowdrifters), Jalen and Caden!

In our last article we talked about our upcoming poker run. It is safe to say we had a very successful turnout! We were able to donate \$1,000 to two very deserving families (Dawson Liable and Zander Ulvestad) who recently endured medical hardships. We received lots of positive feedback and so many can't wait for next year. The support we receive from the community and fellow club members is amazing and we truly could not do it without them. Our next major event coming up that our club is super excited for is state convention!!

If you haven't already booked your rooms, you should. It's a great way to chat with other clubs and be surrounded with people who you share the same interests with. Bring your family and friends and enjoy the 54th annual South Dakota Snowmobile Association State Convention!!

We can't wait to see you there!!
Jalen and Caden the Town & Country Riders Reporters



Some of the side by sides at our 1st stop on the Poker Run ~ Fast Blade Joe's in Arlington.



Duane Hojer, was the oldest rider and also was very lucky with the 1st and 3rd place winning Poker Hands. 2nd Place Poker Hand went to Chad Aker from Madison, SD.

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Interlakes



Congratulations to Interlakes Sports Center for being inducted into the Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River Wisconsin. They got the chance to go to see the history of snowmobiling from the very first sled to one location displaying the racing sled history. I did not know the first sled was made by someone with a club foot that liked hunting and trapping and needed a better way to get around. He built the sled with a small outboard motor, bicycle sprockets and chains, with a rope to steer the sled. What an Honor to a deserving dealership.

The Interlakes Snow Roamers met on October 10th at the Hillside Resort on Lake Madison to Discuss the upcoming snowmobile season. We will be hosting the "Best of Vintage Snowmobiles" at the SDSA Convention in Sioux Falls, SD. at the Best Western Ramkota on December 1st & 2nd. We are planning on having sleds from each of the years as well as vintage clothing displayed also.

We are also planning a Membership event with the Siouxland Sno Trackers for October 28th "ISMA Membership Day". Burgers and Brats with some history of some key vintage snowmobiles. Also, we will take a look at the Snowmobile and Motorcycle Collection of Doug & Steve Koch.

See you on the Trail, Reporting Interlakes Snow Roamers





Siouxland Snotrackers

Siouxland Sno Trackers met on October 5th at the Brandon Steak House. They worked on Convention Planning for the Convention on December 1st & 2nd at the Best Western Ramkota in Sioux Falls. Items discussed were Sponsors, Vendor Booths, Auction Items and Meals. It is really coming together to be a great Convention.

A summer Picnic was held at the Houg Shop with nearly 30 in attendance. Thanks Johnny & Kristen for hosting!!

A Power Point was Shared on the Eagle River Snowmobile Museum Tour by Duane & Pat honoring Interlakes Sports Center Induction into the Hall of Fame. The first Snowmobile ever built in 1924 was displayed and how the industry developed from that point forward. If you have never been there, it is a must see.



If you have not yet Registered for the SDSA Convention you can complete the Registration Form and send it to Siouxland Sno Trackers 26618 481st Ave Brandon, SD. 57005 or scan the QR code and pay online with PayPal. An SDSA room Block is set up for rooms, poolside rooms are extra. Hoping to see all of you at the Convention on December 1st & 2nd.





Dakota Drifters

Hello all from the Dakota Drifters, we hope you have enjoyed your summer, as we sure have. We hosted 2

summer poker rides for ATV/UTV's to keep our members and friends active in the non-snow season and to raise money for the 2024 Snowmobile Convention in Brookings. Both events were a ton of fun with a great turnout. Thanks to Ron, Darin, Brian, and everyone who helped to organize these rides and thanks to all the stops who hosted us once again. Congratulations to all the winners of both rides. Boss's Pizza, Knotty Pine Supper Club, Lefty's, Bushnell Garage, Lucky Dog Casino Bar and Grill, 14/81 Grille, Schade Vineyard, and Jay Street Pub are all great community supporters, please thank them and give them your business year around!

Early this summer the state updated our club with a newer Tucker groomer which has an upgraded front blade system, so we are really looking forward to hitting the trails as soon as it snows. We also have rebuilt and repainted our groomer sled over the summer. Thanks very much to Brian and Darin for spearheading the refurbish, the sled looks great! We will have the new groomer and sled in the Hobo Day Parade in Brookings again this year, so come to the parade and check it out! We are also working on getting our trail signs ready for the season, along with continuing our Associate Member sign program which we started last season. If you rode our trails in the Brookings area last year we hope you noticed the business member signs posted on our trails. We sincerely appreciate these businesses' support for the SD Trail System, thank you.

We are continuing to make plans for the 2024 State Snowmobile Convention in Brookings in December, 2024. Can you Feel The Rush yet? We are also planning our hospitality room for the 2023 Convention coming up in Sioux Falls. We are also working on finalizing the date for our Annual Charity Ride this winter. Our club will have a lot going on this winter with multiple fundraisers and trail rides coming up, so if you are interested in snowmobiling in SD come join our club and get involved. Keep an eye on our Facebook Page for new updates. We will have our next club meeting Oct. 11th at Boss's Pizza in Brookings. Meetings are held the 2nd wednesday of the month in Brookings and everyone is welcome, bring a new member and join in on the fun!

Lynn Nilsson, Dakota Drifters

2023 UTV Poker ride, in Bruce, SD



Watertown Snowmobile Club

Hello from The Watertown Snowmobile Club! We hope everyone had a great summer and are ready to switch to our favorite season!

We held our Annual meeting on Sunday, October 1st at Cloud 9 in Watertown. It was short and sweet as several members were not available. But we did pin point a date to start putting in our trail the end of October. We are definitely ready for snow and ready to ride the trails.

We also elected a new board member, Steve Wess to replace James Bruns as James will be our new Vice President. Mike Briggs was re elected another term. We also welcomed two new members Randy and Chris Owens and returning members Glen Christianson and Melissa Ries! Glad to have you! We very briefly talked about getting the maintenance done on the groomer before the weather turns cold so it is all ready to go. Also the lighted parade was brought up but more info next meeting so we can hopefully have more members present for input.

Not much else to report at this time. Get those sleds out of storage, shined up and licensed...maybe then it will S.N.O.W.... Til next month...

Reporting
Amy Sowers

Pic- Aaron Sowers got his sled out early for preseason maintenance!



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Black Hills Snowmobile Club

So it happened again, the leaves have changed colors, the air has a crisp cool smell all in preparation for winter. I am sure we all are dusting off the sleds to prepare for the white fluffy piles we can soon ride across.

Along with planning out our winter trips we all have started to attend our local snowmobile club meetings. We had our first meeting on October 3rd to start our planning. We started off with a couple of Open House/ Membership drives with the help of Wade Rice and the Rapid Motorsports facilities. On October 19th in Rapid City at Rice's Rapid Motorsports then October 26th at Polaris of the Black Hills in Summerset and ending in Spearfish at Rice's Spearfish Canyon Motorsports on November 9th. If you would like to attend on November 9th, they will be offering an avalanche information class.

We will also be entering a float in the Festival of Lights parade on November 25th and will be busy a few weekends constructing and getting lights set. This is a great opportunity for club members to get together and let their creative side shine.

We also had a couple members attend the West River Emergency Management Planning Meeting on October 25th. We hope to offer more information regarding our club resources to better be able to assist when a local emergency arises. This is a great opportunity to help assist the community.

We are excited to attend the SDSA Snowmobile Convention in Sioux Falls on December 1 & 2nd. We encourage club members to attend, make new friendships with other club members throughout the state. The more support we can offer SDSA a stronger voice we will have to protect the trails and resources needed for the sport we all love. Look forward to seeing everyone.

We also encourage and welcome anyone who is interested in the sport of snowmobiling or just curious about our club to attend our next meeting November 7th at 7:00 pm – Rice's Rapid Motorsports. We also have our club Facebook page available for updates and events in our area.

Until next month – AS THE DAYS GET SHORTER, NIGHTS GET LONGER, SNOW GETS DEEPER—LIFE JUST GETS BETTER AND BETTER.

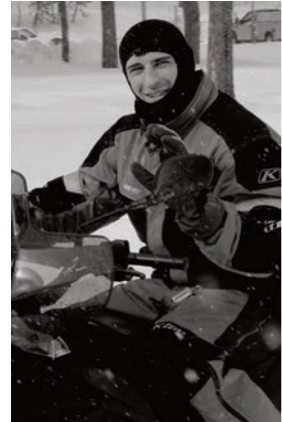
Holly Thomas
Black Hills Snowmobile Club, Secretary

On the Trails

Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

Last month I talked about some great news that came out of our August Advisory Council Meeting. Through one-on-one phone conversations I've been able to get the word out about the reimbursement rate increases approved but wanted to share that information here as well.

Seven categories are reimbursed through the Grant-In-Aid program. These categories are fuel, maintenance and repair of drags and groomers, grooming, signing for miles of trails put in and then taken out, landowner leases insurance and storage for groomers. These reimbursement rates are set by Game Fish and Parks and the Advisory Council. The last rate increase was around 2009 so it was due time to raise these rates. Some rates, we didn't feel a need to adjust, or we have no control of the final amount such as insurance. Below is a list of old rates and the new rates that were approved.



Fuel – No changes. Fuel is a set cost that we use to budget. Current rate is \$4.75. Clubs are reimbursed the exact cost they pay at any pump even if it's over this rate.

Maint. & Repair – Rate was \$8/hr and was increased to \$13/hr

Grooming – Rate was \$12.50/hr for state owned groomers and \$69 for privately owned groomers. Privately owned groomers must use the \$69/hr for grooming, fuel, and maint/repairs. These rates were increased to \$13 and \$72.

Signing – Rate was \$10/mile and was increased to \$15/mile for placing and removing signs.

Lease – No Changes \$100/lease

Insurance – We don't control this expense.

Storage – Rate was \$1,500 and just for clubs with state owned groomers. Now state-owned groomers and privately owned groomers will be reimbursed up to \$2,500.

This means all the grants have now changed based on what club Grant Administrators turned in back in April. Over the next few weeks, I'll update all grants with the new reimbursement rates and send a copy of the grant back to the clubs. I'll also send out the reimbursement form and any other documents you need to manage the grant. At the end of the day, the rates being increased was a long time coming and I'm pleased to announce these new rates. Do they cover all expenses accrued, they do not and that was never the intention of the GIA program. I hope the rate increases do show that your concerns about these rates have been heard over the past few years attending club meetings and we don't plan on going another 15 years before rates are increased again!

In closing, as club meetings continue to take place, make sure you are reviewing your signing needs and you get those orders to me asap. These orders can take a couple weeks, at times, and we want to make sure you have what you need by November, when signing takes place. I've already attended a few club meetings and have more schedule so thanks to those for reaching out!

That's all for this month. Thanks for reading and if you have any questions or concerns give me call at 605-773-2885.

Ryan Raynor



Diane Hiles, SDSA Treasurer

June 30, 2023, was the end of SDSA's fiscal year and we were in good standing and with money in the checking account. Membership was at 663 members of which 524 were club members, 102 SDSA Only members and 37 Legacy Members. Associate members rose to 123 of which 105 were club affiliated and 18 were SDSA only. Advertising exceeded the budget even without considering the account receivables on the books. All Fundraising efforts were successful and also came in above budget. The ISMA Grant helped offset the Governor's Ride expenses. Miscellaneous Income included the final disbursement of the Midwest Chapter funds, donations from the Black Hills Snowmobile Club and donations received at both Sno Cross events.

The DC Fly-in was finally held once again since 2020. SDSA had representation at both the Trailing Riding Region Meeting in Watersmeet, MI and the Mountain Riding Region Meeting in Alpine, WY as well as the International Snowmobile Congress in Moline, IL. All other operating expenses were within budget, some a bit over, some a bit under but overall, expenses were under budget.

Once again, we had great response to the Back the Ride Donor Program; we received 7 new Legacy Memberships, and we were able to temporarily use funds in the savings account to purchase the MXZ 200 sled to be raffled off at the two 2024 Sno Cross events. The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year ended with a positive change of over \$11,500 in the checking account. There were some expenses that were carried over into the current fiscal year, but the ending balance and the advertising accounts receivable, once collected, will cover them. Yes, SDSA had a good financial year and was sitting good coming into this new fiscal year.

I am working on the transition items for the new Treasurer but am holding off on the convention book which is usually about done by now as that is for sure a process to do jointly with the new Treasurer. Last month's article covered a lot of the duties and responsibilities and if there is anyone still out there interested in getting involved, I encourage you to give me a call (605-203-0059) so I can answer any questions you may have. You may also direct any questions regarding the position to any of the Search Committee members:

Kelly Weaver at 605-216-1564 or email Kelly at jkweaver4@gmail.com
 Duane Duerr at 605-310-8437 or email Duane at evergreenacres@hotmail.com
 Mike Boock at 605-484-5681 or email Mike at mikeboock@hotmail.com

Once you have decided, YES! I can do this, please submit a cover letter and resume along with at least 2 references to Kelly Weaver, 3600 Rolling Meadow Drive, Aberdeen, SD 57401. Applications are currently being accepted and reviewed. The position will remain open until filled.

With all of that said, bring on the 2023-2024 season! Bring on the dues, bring on the associate dues and bring on the advertising!!! If you have a lead on the advertising side of things, be sure to let Mary Anne know so that she can help you secure that advertising and perhaps an associate membership at the same time.

And as always, if there are any financial questions that I can answer for you, please do not hesitate to ask. I would be happy to explain what needs to be explained. Feel free to call my cell 605-203-0059 or send me an email me at dj.hiles@hotmail.com.

Diane Hiles
Treasurer



Mary Anne Grabow,

SDSA

Secretary/Editor



Did you hear some disturbances coming from the SDSA office the week of October 1st? I am guessing that if you listened carefully, you could certainly have heard me! Since I always try to see the good in a situation instead of harboring the bad, THANK GOD for Paul Sivertsen from Sivertsen Technology. Without him, I'd have been unable to get into ANY of my files to work on this issue of the Sno Plainsman. Is the computer working right? Absolutely not, but Paul was able to get it to allow me to work on the Sno Plainsman until he figures out what the he@# happened to the system. I appreciate his expertise and his willingness to drop his work and try to fix my computer.

With that said, I am unable to access some files and I've also noticed that some of the emails are hiding from me. SO, if your article didn't end up in this issue and you sent it in, I APOLOGIZE. If you sent in a new associate member, and they don't show in the list....I couldn't access the file to know that. I'm somewhat at a standstill for working on things right now but quite thankful I could at least work on the Sno Plainsman.

I am hopeful my computer will be running 100% sometime this coming week and that I can get to work on paperwork for the convention. There is a lot of design and printing to do before then.

I hope you are making your plans to attend the state convention the 1st & 2nd of December. I think you will really miss a good time if you aren't there. Siouxland SnoTrackers have quite an event planned for us. I can't help but think that Hazel would have enjoyed helping to get it all organized. Yes, I still miss her phone calls at the office...and a great many other snowmobilers who have left us all far too soon.

Memberships are starting to pour in at a rather quick pace. That's a good thing! It's encouraging as I see the PILE at the mailbox each day. Get yours sent in prior to November so that you can be in the drawing for the early membership incentive perk! That is drawn at random out of the memberships received by the deadline.

*If you are not receiving your Sno Plainsman (Or rather if someone tells you they are not), please let me know. I had two this week and BOTH were on the mailing list. I wish I understood where those magazines go when they don't get delivered and the person is on the recipient list!?!

Well, I've rambled enough for this issue. I'm sure there are probably a few typos in this one....but I tried my best! Believe me!

CLUB NEWS



Poinsett Pounders

What a season last year! After 3+ years of not grooming the trails, we finally got snow and a lot of it. It was wonderful seeing people on the trails again, riding to locations for club meetings, poker runs, or just for fun. Poinsett Pounders will kick off our first meeting of the 23-24 season on Wednesday October 4th, and have meetings on the first Wednesday of every month, Oct - April. I got the opportunity to go to HayDays this year, so I got the bug started already. Always fun to see all the excitement, talk to other snow enthusiasts, watch the races, and of course see all the new products and machines from all the manufactures at HayDays. Until next time, introduce a kid to snowmobiling, be safe out there, and have fun once we get snow!

Josh Raw

President, Poinsett Pounders

poinsettpounders@gmail.com

Photos are from Milbank Show 2023



Driftbusters

Greetings from Aberdeen,

The Driftbusters have started out the snowmobiling season with a membership campout. We had 13 campers and many others who came out to join us for some of the festivities at the Wylie Park Campground. We started out with Jim Weaver cooking and slicing 4 turkeys. Others brought a dish to pass. This was followed by a campfire. Saturday evening we had a potluck meal. Joey Nagel made pulled pork which turned out fantastic. Everyone brought a dish to pass. After the potluck, we moved to the go-cart track to have an hour of fun. This was followed by another campfire. The award for the furthest traveled members goes to Pat & Jen McCoy! They came from St. Cloud, MN!



We will have a float the in NSU Gypsy Day Parade on October 7th. Thanks to Jim Friedt and Scott Jurgensen for stepping up to the plate and putting something together. We will have walkers throwing out candy.

On October 28th, we will be participating in the International Snowmobiling Day with a Snowmobile Show & Shine Event. This will be held in the Ken's Superfair Foods parking lot. Club members will be grilling hotdogs and serving hot chocolate.

Here's hoping we have another great snowmobiling winter!
Ann Nagel



Milbank Show & Swap 2023

Awards

Front Engine Antique up to 1968 Original:

1st – Steve Winters Wessington Springs
67 Bolens 502 Diablo
Honorable Mention- Tom Besch, Kasson, MN
65 Scorpion 300

Rear Engine Antique up to 1968 Original:

1st – Wyatt Anderson, Goodridge MN
66 Arctic Cat 460D
Honorable Mention- Tammy Bicigo Crystal Falls, MN
64 Assembled “Homer”

Rear Engine Antique up to 1968 Restored:

1st – Clayton Busch, Stanford, MI
60 Polaris Sno Traveler
Honorable Mention- Sandy Goman Duluth, MN
64 Polaris Sno Traveler

Youth/Mini sleds original:

Scott & Angie Wittmayer Granville ND
72 Arctic Cat Kitty Cat
Honorable Mention-Allen Emme Glencoe, MN
71 Arctic Cat Kitty Cat

Trail 1969-1974 Original

1st – Allen Emme Glencoe MN
72 Speedway Blue Max
Honorable mention – Tom Besch Kasson, MN
70 Scorpion Stinger

Trail 1969 – 1974 Restored

1st – Mark Kirckof Brooten MN
73 Brut LC 44
Honorable Mention Scott Swenson Alexandria MN
71 Skidoo TNT

Trail 1975-1986 Original

1st – David Emme Glencoe MN
77 Scorpion Stinger
Honorable Mention-Henry Finney Lancaster, MN
76 Massey Cyclone

Trail 1975-1986 Restored

1st – Mark Krickof Brooten MN
75 SnoJet 440
Honorable Mention – Jim Konsor Sisseton, SD
79 Scorpion Stinger

Vintage Race – Original

1st- Mark Krickof Brooten MN
73 Brut LC 29
Honorable Mention-Mark Williams Gulliver MI
78 Polaris 250 RXL

Vintage Race Restored

1st– Darrin Janke,Detroit Lakes MN
Honorable Mention – Bart Holinka Fulda MN

76 Rupp Magnum

Rat Jalopy Sleds Original

1st – Les Pinz Isle MN
71-75 Scorporis
HonorableMention Larry Bicigo Crystall Falls MN
66 Hus-ski

Custom Sleds

1st -Scott & Angie Wittmayer Granville ND
72 SnoJet Thunder Jet
Honorable Mention Mark Kirckof Brooten MN
75 Scorpion Brut

Cloned/Tribute Sleds

1st – Dave Koch Brookings SD
81 Arctic Cat Sno Pro

Survivor Sleds

1st Place – Steve Winter Wessington Springs SD
73 Rupp Nitro 400
Honorable Mention – Gene Bagaus Milbank SD
72 Wankel 303

As Raced Cross Country

1st Place – Butch Fossell Kennedy MN
74 Massey Ski Whiz 304 T
Honorable Mention – Mark Kirckoff Brooten MN

77 Scorpion Bullwhip

As Raced Oval & Drag
1st Place – Wyatt Anderson Goodridge MN
72 Arctic Cat Turf Tiger
Honorable Mention Dave Koch Brookings SD
93 Arctic Cat Wahl Bros Special

Cutter/Sleigh Original

1st – David Emme Glencoe MN
94 Arctic Cat Cub

Cutter/Sleigh Restored

1st – Les Pinz Isle MN
Kitty Kat

Power Sports Plus Original

1st – Steve Winter Wessington Springs SD
74 Rupp Rat 3 Wheeler
Honorable Mention - Wyatt Anderson Goodridge MN
66 Arctic Cat Cub

Power Sports Plus Restored

1st – Scott & Angie Wittmayer Granville ND
70 Arctic Cat Mini Bikes
Honorable Mention – Brittany Parker Blue Springs MN
69 Ben Augus Caribou

Snowmobilers Taking The Pledge

HASLETT, MI, October 3, 2023: The members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha) are joining together again this season with the snowmobile community in promoting the Take The Pledge campaign. The Pledge is designed to ensure snowmobilers protect existing riding areas and trail systems for current and future generations and landowners who give us access to their property. Those that take the pledge agree to the following:

- I Pledge to ride off trail only where I know it's legal and accepted.
- I Pledge to check before going off-trail if I don't know.
- I Pledge to protect access for future generations by doing the right thing.
- I Pledge to protect access by encouraging those I ride with to take the Pledge also.

Snowmobilers enjoy over 120,000 miles of trails located on public and private land and have been built and maintained by snowmobile volunteers for over 40 years.

Snowmobilers are joined in this effort by snowmobile clubs, snowmobile dealers, lodges, local chambers of commerce – all of whom have a vested interest in maintaining responsible access. The campaign has been joined by snowmobile community leaders, ambassadors, and celebrities who have also taken the pledge.

The pledge was created to make snowmobilers aware of the importance of recognizing the ownership of the land we ride on, and the impact we have on the landowners, their pets, and their live-

stock. The record level of interest in enjoying the great winter outdoors demands our attention to the awareness of legal riding areas and making sure everyone with us knows the rules.

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association members invite every snowmobiler to take the pledge at www.snowmobilerspledge.com and encourage those they ride with to also take the pledge.

We have designed the following logo for the Take The Pledge Campaign. Please use this logo on your websites, communications that you send out, Facebook page, etc. Encourage people to take the pledge. Snowmobilers can scan the QR code to be directed to the website or they can type in the website address directly. We made the logo into a decal to send to interested parties that can be distributed at clubhouses, meetings, etc. Contact the ISMA Office for decals.



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors May 6, 2023 4th Floor Capitol Building Room 412 Pierre SD.

President Duane Duerr called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. Mary Anne called the roll: Present were Duane, Kelly, Greg, Tracey (zoom) Pat, Jason (zoom) Trace (zoom), Diane & Mary Anne. Mike, Lee and Jediah were not present. Guests were Jim Weaver, Ryan Raynor, (and by zoom:) Scott Erstad, Lisa Cain, Darrin Hai & Kim Raap. Agenda review. Staff reviews was added to the agenda under new business. Greg made a motion to accept the agenda with the addition. Kelly seconded. Motion carried. Greg made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 11th meeting as presented. Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Financial: Diane reviewed the financial report. She added that she had received \$250 more for the Back the Ride Fund from Jim & Kelly Weaver. Tracey made a motion to accept the financial report and file it for review. Greg seconded. Motion carried.

President's Report: We had a great snow year. It was wonderful to choose where to go each weekend.

Sno Plainsman/Office report: Office was much busier than past years due to the widespread snow this year. Five Scholarships were sent to the committee to make their determinations. Info was sent to the Dakota Drifters for hosting convention. New board member shirts have been ordered with the new logo. I've kept Facebook updated and between Mike & I we were able to delete the Facebook group – one by one. Thanks, Mike, for your help and also for updating the website with the Board Only page. *Board would like to see folders set up on that page*. I finished the final issue of the Sno Plainsman and have all overrun picked up and final billing sent out. Account Receivables is at \$3985. I sent out a THIRD renewal notice to all non paid SDSA only members (by email and snail mail). I will be participating in an ISC forum for the Media Council. I also was notified that I will be inducted to the Iron Dogs at this year's ISC.

Committee Reports:

Trails report: Great year. Thanks to all the groomers for keeping the trails up. Just over 2300 hours grooming and just under \$200,000 for reimbursing clubs East River. Record breaking year. It's been an above average year East River and an average year in the Black Hills. 14 grant in aid submitted for next year (normal number) for 950 trail miles. Total program expense was just under 1 million dollars. Revenue was just over \$741,000 so money will come out of the trails fund for this year. Master Planning Committee (Dave Kennedy, Bruce Hintz, Todd Sprang, Shannon Percy, Al Nedved, Matt Snyder, Ryan Raynor, Tracey & Brian Erickson) has met 5 times are about to finalize the statement of interest so it can be advertised for a consultant. Hoping to see what other states do as far as GIA reimbursement, etc. for next season which the Advisory

Council will review at their next meeting. Trace Damm had some groomer questions for Ryan. Tracey questioned providing more education for groomer operators perhaps on a zoom forum.

Government Relations: Duane, Pat, Diane, Greg, Tracey & Brian went to DC Fly-in. Great representation. Helpful to have veteran attendees there to guide Duane in what happens while there. We visited with staffers for each legislator from South Dakota and joined Wyoming in their visit with Senator Barrasso's staffer. RTP was discussed and how it is affecting South Dakota's budget. WOTUS (Waters of the United States) and the clean water definition is pending now at the Supreme Court. We are concerned about how defined it will get. It could affect our trail systems if the trails run close to swamps etc. The SHRED Act is designed for downhill skiing which that user group will retain some funds to maintain their trails, but funds can also be used for avalanche training and safety which will benefit the snowmobile user group. The BLM has proposed the Public Lands Rule that would establish 'conservation leases' that would lock away federal lands in conflict with the long-standing tradition of multiple use requirements established by Congress. Senator Barraso has introduced legislation to block the BLM proposed rule stating that the law has long recognized the value of managing much of that land for multiple use - including mineral development, grazing, recreation, and timber management.

Duane asked if the Fly in was worth it and answered Absolutely! The group made 150 legislator visits while on the Hill. Very interesting speakers were lined up by Christine this year, including a visit to the USFS office and their Deputy Chief Jacqueline Emanuel. We heard from Joe Gillson from Senator Grassley (IA) and James Wilson from the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee. Jennifer DeAngelus, Operation Lifesaver Director spoke to us with interesting stats and information regarding railroad safety. We finished the day with Kevin Oliver, BLM Division Chief for Recreation & Visitor Services.

Diane shared that an effort is in the works to establish an ACSA scholarship. Once established and sufficient funds are available for the scholarship, there will more than likely be a pro-rated allowance to ACSA's Legal Defense Fund. Everyone brought door prizes as well as auction items for the scholarship fund which raised \$1,790 at the Fly-in. \$1040 was raised at the Mountain Riding Meeting. As a member of the ACSA Committee, Diane would like to see SDSA donate in some way, whether it be an auction item, a monetary donation or an authorization from the Board to bid on an auction item

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Greg made a motion to donate \$100 to the scholarship fund. Tracey seconded. Kelly questioned if it will be an annual thing. And the answer is yes but the motion is for this year only. Motion carried. Kelly suggested using something like the "SDSA Tumblers" as a donation in the future. Convention: Pat said the Sno Trackers are forming committees as they continue planning for this year's convention. Meetings will continue thru the summer. John Green has been contacted. They've invited the Dakota Drifters to their meetings. It was determined it would be helpful to add the SOP Attachment II, SDSA Convention Guideline to the Convention Bid Form on the website! Lisa from the Dakota Drifters club reported that they are discussing vendors & sponsors and trying to determine how much space they have to accommodate booths and exhibits at the Brookings Inn. One club member has been out securing vendors and sponsors. They have fundraisers in the works as well.

Fundraiser: Tickets are here and will be distributed. The Big Payout Raffle tickets are white, 1500 tickets, stapled in books of 5 (\$100). The SnoCross Sled Fundraiser tickets are yellow, 1000 tickets, stapled in books of 10 (\$100). Mary Anne will have the extra tickets to distribute for the Big Payout and she also has some of the SnoCross Sled books as well but we'll concentrate on the Big Payout tickets FIRST! 1110 of the Big Payout will be distributed to Club Presidents and Board Members. We will have SnoCross Sled tickets to sell at the convention and if a club wants some now, we will get them to them. Big Payout tickets should be returned to the office by November 20th!!

Membership Report: Mary Anne gave the membership report as of April 30. She & Diane have reconciled their numbers and are in agreement on the numbers:

- Club Families 521
- SDSA Only 97
- Legacy 36

654 members which is down slightly from 695 from this time last year Associate memberships

- 105 Club
- 18 SDSA only

123 Total which is up from 87 from this time last year.

Awards: Forms are on the website. Mary Anne does email all clubs about the nominations, and she will post about them on Facebook. Directors should also follow up with their clubs when they visit their meetings. We need to emphasize the nominations should recognize a person for what has happened in this year, not for a span of years. This may help increase the nominations. Duane, Kelly, Greg & Mary Anne will review the awards forms. Kelly suggested a traveling plaque for the largest club instead of a trophy. A placard plate would be added each year for the winner. On behalf of SDSA, Duane submitted Interlake's Sport Center for the ACSA Dealer of the Year.

ACSA has a dealer of the year and will be adding a Business of the Year Award for next year.

Safety: Convention will have a Snowmobile 101 & Safety Course. Only 2 took the Kalkomey safety course and were certified. Tracey requested a press release from GF&P on the safety course to be shared in the first Sno Plainsman.

Charity:

Charity Reports

- 10 clubs reported - Diane included an additional 2
- \$40,190 major/local contribution
- 6,883 hours (no grooming)

Trail Volunteer Survey

- 8 clubs reported of the 14 who have trails
- 8012 Groomed Miles
- 1521 Grooming Hours
- 512 Maintenance Hours
- 1056 Signing Hours
- 32 groomers/mechanics
- 8 hours working with Landowners
- 16 Landowners

Scholarship: Trace, Lee & Kelly are on the committee. Five applicants with the top scoring applicant to be forwarded for consideration for the C J Ramstad Scholarship from the Media Council. Applications were so good and the numbers were very close on who was chosen! Winners were Elizabeth Brakefield, Aberdeen from the Aberdeen Driftbusters and Austin Cooper, Spearfish from the Black Hills Snowmobile Club. No update was received from the YETIS/Jon Laframboise Memorial Scholarship. Governors' Ride: Committee met via zoom. Ride will be February 9 & 10, 2024. Looking for a longer ride on Saturday with meetings on Friday night. There would be no meal or social on Friday night. Pricing \$15 SDSA member/\$20 nonmembers. Promote SDSA member attendance/appreciation possibly recognizing club Presidents in attendance. Recognize legislators with continued support (Gary Cammack would need to be recognized this year). No year listed just word it something like SDSA recognizes your continued support and participation over the years. Offer the option of a longer or a shorter ride to legislators. We need to emphasize that the ride is open to the general public. Lunch or snacks on the trail in the afternoon? Is that needed? We could have two rides if we have too many legislators in a year which would be a good problem to have. Legislators checked out the groomer that had been put into the building when they got back from riding. Good touch! We could have a groomer at the stop on the trail.

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November 15th Deadline
Snowmobiler of the Year
Groomer of the Year
Hall of Fame
Bids for convention 2025
Nominations for 2,4, & 6
Membership incentive for all members
into the office by Nov.15 (\$100 cash or
\$200 if you are present at the drawing)
forms are on the website for your
nominations

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YETIS: Tracey reported that ACSA is looking at creating an ambassador position to sit on the ACSA Board. The committee is meeting to get a plan to contact youth groups to pursue this idea. Kirsten & Chris are planning to attend ISC. Our clubs need to know that YETIS exist. Let's build their membership. And on that note, we need to figure out a way to grow 22- 40-year-old membership as well.

Grants: Once the final report for the ISMA Grant is submitted on the Governor's Ride, the remaining \$500 from that grant can be expected. Tracey also reviewed the Skidoo Snow Pass Grant Program. Eligible projects may include protecting or increasing access to playgrounds, making snowmobiling more accessible, helping clubs reinvent themselves, trail development and safety initiatives. This program will provide a grant of up to \$5,000 with matching funds of at least the same amount as requested from other sources.

SnoCross: Committee had a zoom call regarding SnoCross. They would like to purchase 2 flags, double sided cost \$300 and single \$235. Donation box would be \$200. Tracey pointed out that this could be included in the ISMA grant application for next year's Gov Ride which is

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due September 1. Diane pointed out there is \$778.83 remaining from this year's grant that could be used for this purpose and the change of purpose could be included as a revision to use of fund in the final report yet to be submitted. Kelly made a motion to use the remaining funds (778.83) from ISMA grant for SnoCross purchases. Greg seconded. Motion carried.

Investments: Pat reported that we are increasing funds! Better than last year!

UTV/ATV: SDSA left it to Clubs to make individual decisions on this issue. Town & Country is becoming a multi-use (snowmobiles and ATV/UTV) club. Extra insurance is necessary to make that change, which cannot be included with the GIA process. Tracey mentioned upcoming club events involving ATV/UTVs. Dakota Drifters Poker Run, June 3. BHSC ATV/UTV and camping event at Kickstands near Sturgis, June 23-24. State ATV Veterans Ride in Hot Springs, Sept 8th and the Town & Country ATV/UTV Poker Run is tentatively set for Sept 16.

Break at 12:54 – reconvened at 1 p.m.

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Online Auction: The need to have a point person to be in charge of the auction so it's not the club responsibility is a major hold-up. We are thinking silent auction items only and possibly only about 20 items. Tracey mentioned having the secretary handle that, but Pat said that staff is already busy at convention and that a board member or the YETIS should be considered. We would need to talk with the YETIS to see their feelings on it. This is referred to the convention committee to look into and revisit in August at our meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Adobe Acrobat: Diane explained the need to be able to edit/add/organize pages of pdf documents and that neither Mary Anne or the Treasurer's laptop has the capability. It looks like we can get a Team subscription and both Mary Anne and the Treasurer can utilize the same software license for the cost of \$180 per year. Kelly made a motion to approve the purchase of this program for the office staff. Greg seconded. Motion carried.

Budget: Diane presented the proposed budget. Greg made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Pat seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Venmo Account: Following the 3/2/23 Zoom meeting,

Diane researched setting up a Venmo account. It can be established on the Treasurer's laptop and the QR code can be printed to have available at events. Fees would be 1.9% plus \$0.10 per transaction. Greg made a motion to put a Venmo account on the treasurer's laptop and link it to the savings account so it would not put any undue risk on the checking account. Pat seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reviews: Board went into Executive Session at approximately 1:40 p.m. Reconvened at 1:58 p.m. Pat made a motion to renew Mary Anne & Diane's contracts for the coming year. Greg seconded. Motion was carried. Kelly gave her thanks to the two for their dedication to SDSA. Diane has submitted a succession plan that will result in her resignation effective December 31, 2023. She is willing to train her replacement and gave the board more than normal notice so that the transition is smooth. Mike, Kelly, Duane & Diane (in an advisory role) will be the succession planning committee.

Next meeting is August 12th. Tracey requested a more precise time for the meeting instead of just "after advisory".

Motion to Adjourn 2:01 p.m. by Greg

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Mike Boock, District 2 Director

Hello snowmobilers,

How has another month gone by already? At least we are already seeing some snow in the higher elevations! I am definitely praying for another great year of snowmobiling in and around SD. As we start to dig our sleds out for the winter and prepare them for their upcoming beating, it's time to get to your club meetings and start spreading the word about joining a club. Where else can you join a group of like-minded fun-loving individuals for less than \$4 a month? We need to focus on our membership number as they have been falling for years. It starts with one club closing their doors, then a few more, then the state organizations shut down, and eventually there will be no one around to stop the fun haters from shutting everything down.



We need you all now more than ever. Trails are slowly getting closed without too much of a battle as most people don't hear anything until it's too late. The BLM recently closed over 300 miles of OHV trails in Moab. That is almost 30% of the trails around Moab that are no longer accessible to UTV's. This will make the other 800 miles even more crowded and the damage to those trails will now increase with the increased traffic. This is all coming our way too. It's easier to start with the UTV's as, for the most part, UTV's cause more damage to the terrain than a snowmobile. I believe most snowmobilers don't like riding on dirt, but UTV riders, enjoy whatever you put in front of them. The biggest problem and complaint we get about snowmobilers is trespassing and loud exhaust. If everyone would lay off the throttle when around the housing areas and quit trespassing, we will have snowmobile trails for years to come. Just remember to pay attention to the trail map when you are around housing. There are many trails in the Black Hills that go through private property. These people have signed lease agreements with GF&P and are allowing us to usually cut miles off our routes or access areas that would otherwise be off-limits. Please be respectful and stay off private property.

Make sure to get your registration in for convention as we always have a great time and enjoy getting to see everyone. Think snow and I hope to see you soon!

Stay safe,

Mike Boock, SDSA District 2 Director



Trace Damm, District 7

Hello everyone,

With this weekend hitting 91 degrees it is hard to believe that winter is right around the corner. But like the saying goes, "If you don't like the weather in South Dakota, wait a minute and it'll change." With some much-needed rain here and there, harvest is going to be in full swing before we know it. With that comes the friendly reminder of getting trails in. Grab family, friends and someone new if possible and teach them

the importance of why we do what we do to enjoy the trail in the winter. There are a few spots in our run where we need crops to come out, fertilizer spread, and fields worked. Staying in touch with the farmer/landowner is key to keeping everyone happy and not losing permission to run across their land. Making sure we continue to respect the land and landowner throughout the year is where we want to be as an organization. Clubs are starting to fire up meetings again and getting plans together for another successful season. I want to mention just a quick reminder for the Big Payout tickets to get sold before the fast-upcoming convention as well.

See you soon,

-Trace

Tracey Erickson, District 4

Fall harvest is upon us here at the Erickson household. It is the time of year when hopefully we can reap the bounty of the hard work that has been put into growing the crops which help provide a living for our families. Thankfully, we received some rain and now I can catch up on a few things at home and for SDSA.

The last rain delay allowed me to finally put most items away in our remodeled basement. This included going through our snowmobile gear. I would like to call it fall cleaning and preparation for the upcoming riding season. The reason for bringing this up was it allowed me not only to get rid of a few unnecessary items but also determine what might need replacing. One item we seem to have a lot of is helmets and after some inspection, I decided to throw a couple away.

So, it got me checking into how often a person should replace your helmet and best care practices? We wear snowmobile helmets to protect our head from crashes and the elements. Snowmobiles are fast and we are often riding in terrain that has obstacles that could cause harm if we fall off and hit our heads. Thus, we need to make sure that our helmet is still going to do the job we want it to. Helmets are not indestructible and should be inspected regularly. The average lifespan of a helmet is three to five years, with normal wear and tear. Unfortunately, helmets do not have expiration dates, but you will want to check the DOT certification to see how old your helmet is. Helmets should be inspected for any unwanted cracks, dents, deteriorating padding, or loose attachments. Additionally, helmets should be stored in a cool, dry place and in a cloth bag to avoid scratches. (We like using old pillowcases.) Additionally, if you put them up on a shelf make sure they are not easily knocked down. Obviously, the lifespan of your helmet will depend on your riding style and the type of terrain you live in. But keep in mind that you have only ONE brain and it is worth protecting well, especially given that head injuries are the leading cause of death in snowmobile accidents.

Needless to say, it is probably time the hubby and I go shopping for a new Helmet.

All the best,

Tracey Erickson, SDSA District 4 Board Member



Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 5

The days and nights are getting colder, so now it is time to start thinking about snowmobiling in the near future. SDSA Convention on December 1 & 2 2023 has registration forms now available online or can be mailed.

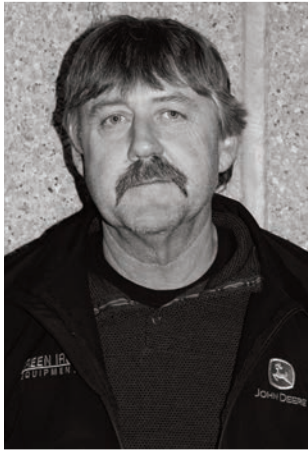
Correction to the registration form in Sno Plainsman, November 15, 2023 is the deadline for registration. You should call to make your Motel reservations as soon as possible, as the room block is filling up.

By now you have had your 1st fall snowmobile meeting, and hopefully everyone has received from your club president, the Big Pay Out tickets to sell by the Convention. This is a major fund raiser for SDSA. Your club president will have forms for Convention to sign up for Bean Bag Tournament, and Donation forms for the silent and Live Auction items. If you can return these completed forms ahead of the convention that would be very helpful. Hope to see you all at the Convention in December!!



Jason Shepherd, District 6

Hello again. How has everyone's fall been going? The clubs up here have started their meetings and get together. Planning events and such. I am writing this article as I sit at the river enjoying our nice fall day. The school activities are in full swing along with many starting to get the snowmobiles out of storage and getting ready for winter. The snow has started to fall already out west which has many people getting excited. Until next month enjoy the rest of the fall. Remember to join a snowmobile club.



Lee Olson, District 3

Hello everyone, harvest is in full swing here. Time to mark the trail & after that's done, hopefully we'll have another good riding season this winter. Last winter was great for riding, I did get sick of moving snow all the time though.

We will be changing the Aberdeen trail this year, going back to Columbia again. We'll be dropping part of the trail going to Mina. There will only be one trail going to Mina. The new owners of the bar in Columbia are very supportive of snowmobiling in the area. If you're going through Columbia stop in.

Not much going on up here right now. I'm sure our club will have activities planned this winter. They'll be advertised once we see if we have snow or not. Just a reminder to respect landowners that we have our trails on. When they're posted to stay on the trail, stay on the trail.

Hope everyone had a good summer, now it's time to get ready for winter.

Lee Olson
District 3 Director



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4. Duane Hojer
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5. Thomas C. Keimig
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11. Neal Boeke
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12. Courtney Livingston
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13. Neal Grabow
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Black Hills Snowmobile Club 3/2018



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Miller, SD
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21. Mary Anne Grabow
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33. **Dennis Nelson**
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42. **Jim LeTendre**
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35. **Wayne Boeke**
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37. **Roger Seloover**
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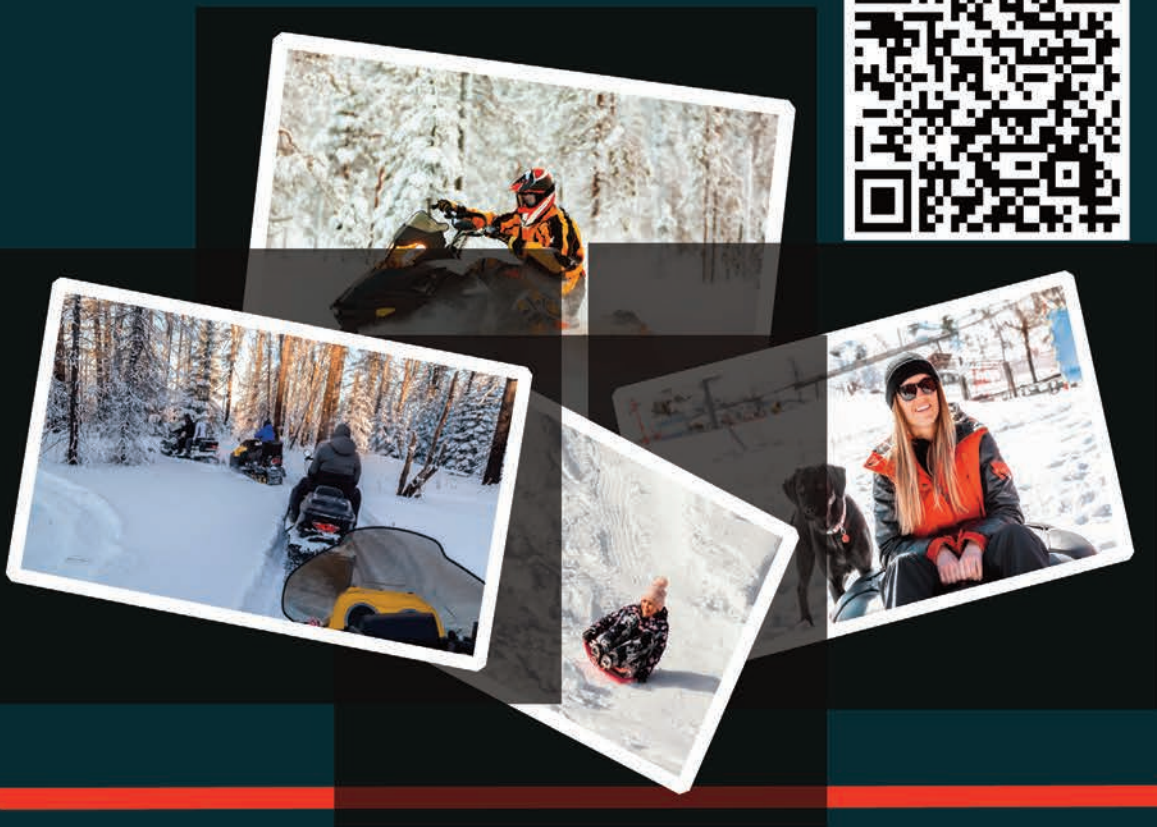
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