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# Kelly Weaver, SDSA President



With the first club meetings under our belt, it's starting to feel like snowmobile season despite the record temperatures leading into October! I have begun making the rounds to visit with local clubs. Each has its own personality but many common topics

are on the agenda... holding events to raise the profile of the club and gain memberships, considering involvement in community projects based on availability of club volunteers, planning winter rides and races and, last but not least, betting on a good snow year to pull it all off.

I hope all clubs are making plans for the SDSA Convention coming up on December 6-7 in Brookings. There is so much good information to learn about our sport at the meetings and educational activities so take advantage of it all and then continue the conversations in the hospitality rooms. The Dakota Drifters have been working hard to bring you a great time! Here's your checklist for the convention:

- Get registered and invite a club member who's never attended to join in the fun.
- Nominate club members for the various snowmobiler of the year award – show them your appreciation for their efforts!
- Gather some auction items for the SDSA auction.
- Gather your questions for the Roundtable with the President on Friday at 5 pm. Sharing ideas & questions helps each club and our state association better serve our members and mission.

At our August meeting, the board discussed raising our Legacy Membership Dues to \$750 and will be bringing this to the General Membership meeting. When the program began in 2013, the \$500 membership was to cover 10 years of dues for active members (\$20 at that time) with the balance (\$300) to be used for promotion of the sport. Today, that split is

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\$350 for dues and only \$150 for promotion of the sport. The primary use of these promotion funds has been to support our booth and presence at the annual SnoCross events in South Dakota, likely the largest gathering of snowmobile enthusiasts in the state. A large majority of current Legacy members are active members.

On October 1st, Mike Boock, Darin Cooper, Jackson Wenger and I had the opportunity to meet with our new Black Hills National Forest Supervisor, Shawn Cochran, and Motorized Trails Superintendent Jeffery Burdine at their Custer headquarters. We shared information about SDSA, our clubs, our national connections and the snowmobile trail program and funding. We talked about issues facing snowmobiling and how we can work together to find solutions. OHV travel was one of those issues and how it is having impacts on snowmobile travel options even though snowmobiles have little to no impacts on the trails. We confirmed that the Forest Plan revision process will continue. The Assessment Phase was completed in 2022 and the Revision Phase will begin in earnest next spring. This is where you come in..... there will be opportunities for public comment and we need to be diligent about engaging in the process to not only to raise any concerns but also to support good plans being proposed. Watch for communications on this issue through the SDSA information channels. Many of these opportunities will be time sensitive so be prepared to respond accordingly. Forest Planning is driven by local input so shame on us if we don't participate! More details on the process and recordings of the Assessment Planning meetings, can be found at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/blackhills/land-management/planning/?cid=FSEPRD955187> . It was a great meeting, and we look forward to continued communication with the Forest Service. We are hoping to get Forest Supervisor Cochran out on his first snowmobile ride at the Governor's Ride in February!

Be safe as you put in your trails and prepare your sleds for winter!

Kelly Weaver, SDSA President





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# SDSA President-Elect Mike Boock



Hello snowmobilers!

Winter is here! Or is it? It was almost 100 degrees the other day. What is going on? Hopefully, by the time this gets published, snow will be flying somewhere!

I want to discuss trespassing in this article. Trespassing is the number 1 issue with both snowmobiles and OHV's. I really don't understand this because most of the areas that are off limits are marked as such. It's pretty simple, if the sign says "No trespassing"... Stay out. If the sign says "Stay On Trail"... stay on the trail!

There are several reasons there might be a stay on the trail sign. The biggest one in SD in that off the trail there could be crops that they don't want you driving on and destroying. There also could be an endangered species of a plant nearby or they are trying to get some vegetation to grow back to help with erosion. A lot of trails go through private property and the landowners simply don't want you destroying their property. Since it's their property, they have that right.

If the trail is marked and you disregard the sign, you are trespassing and can/should be fined. I think some people never got the memo that the forest is NOT "open unless designated" anymore, it is now "closed unless designated". You must use Avenza maps or OnX in the Black Hills. Yes, OnX is now also accurate for trails that are open. The forest service has recently been working with OnX and deleted all the old trails that are no longer legal trails. Just because you rode an area/trail last year, does not mean it's still open. Trails close or get rerouted every year because of logging, endangered habitat, land ownership changes, etc. Please get an updated map, learn how to read it, and use it. Those that want to keep the forest closed to motorized vehicles love it when we break the law, and they can report us. It helps their cause. By trespassing, you are breaking the law and hurting ALL off-road travel. As you prepare to ride in the Black Hills or the eastern trails of SD, remember to look at your map as several trails have been changed. There are so many buggies riding ditches up by Lead that the SD DOT now doesn't want to grant us access to the ditch right-of-way anymore. This will affect trails in the future. Last year, we almost lost access to the Buckhorn bar and grill. This year, we almost lost access to Rec Springs and Lead and Deadwood. They are watching us closely and documenting everything we do wrong, so it's time we all chip in and help out.

If you see something... say something. Follow the rules so we can ALL continue to ride the areas we love. Praying for snow!

Mike Boock  
SDSA President-Elect





# Minutes of the Post Convention Meeting December 2, 2023 4:52 p.m. Sioux Falls Ramkota

Meeting was called to order by President Kelly Weaver.

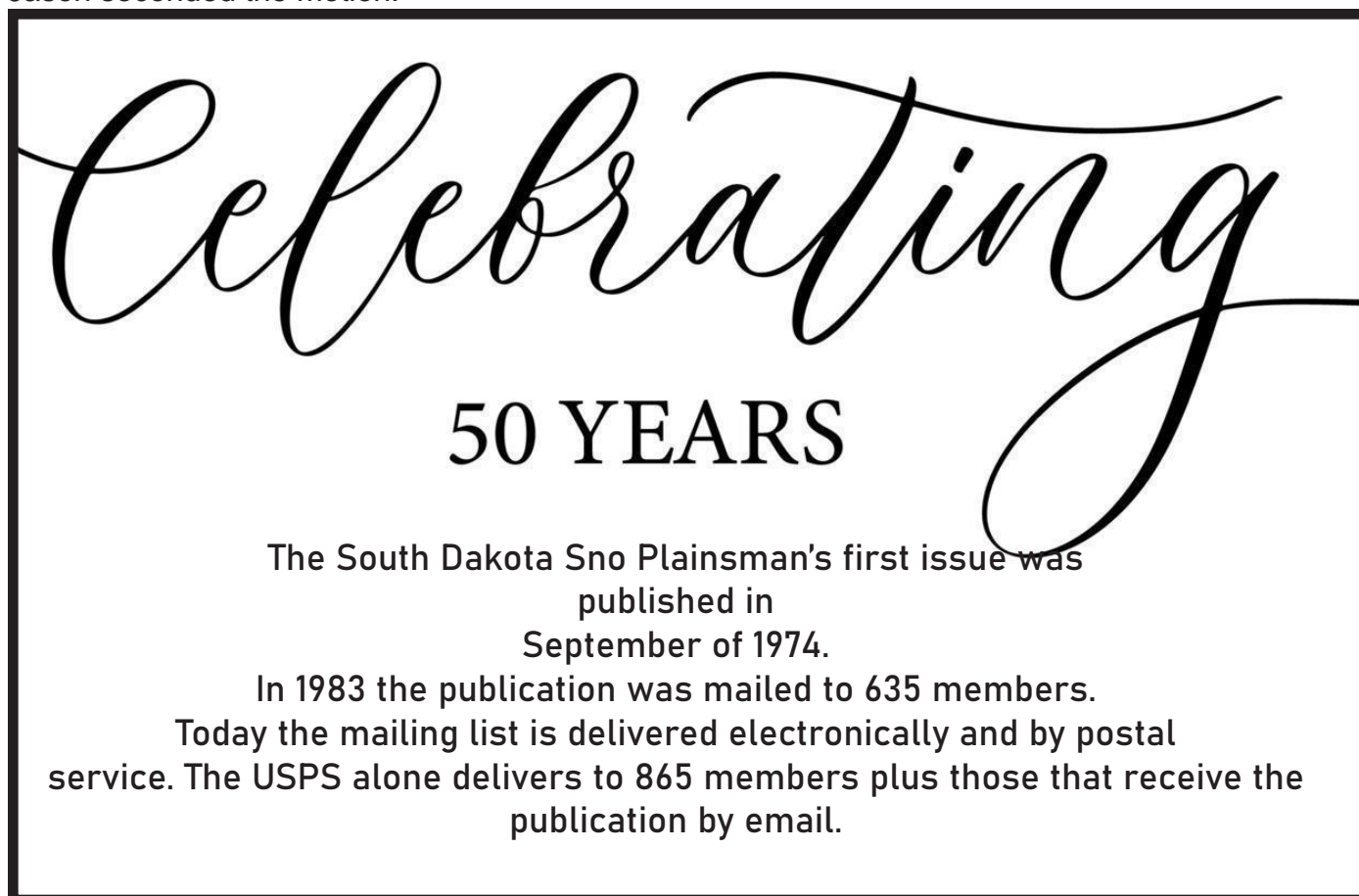
Mary Anne called roll with the following present: Kelly Weaver, Mike Boock, Duane Duerr, Darin Cooper, Jackson Wenger, Lee Olson, Nathan Van Zee, Pat Hanten-Duerr, Jason Shepherd, Trace Damm, Mary Anne Grabow & Diane Hiles. Chris VanDenHemel was not present.

Clarification on the Jon LaFramboise scholarship for the YETIS. Mike made a motion to do a fundraiser this evening and if we raise \$1000 we will use those funds to award a scholarship outside of the endowment fund for this year to be awarded in February. Trace Damm seconded the motion. Much discussion ensued. Motion carried. Scholarship committee will meet with Yetis on this. Officers duties were briefly explained and Mary Anne will email more to the new board members. President went over committee appointments. Meeting schedule was reviewed. Mary Anne reminded the directors that we need photos for their article and when the articles are due.

Next meeting will be February 9 after Governor's Advisory Council.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

Jason seconded the motion.







# Zoom Call January 30, 2024 7:30 p.m.

In attendance were: Kelly Weaver, Duane Duerr, Jackson Wenger, Lee Olson, Nathan Van Zee, Trace Damm, Ryan Raynor, Shannon Percy, Ryan F, Mary Anne Grabow & Lisa Cain.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Governor's Ride.

Shannon said that conditions would be considered rough. It was 68 degrees in Rapid City today and with the forecast...its very uncertain.

Thus far we had 3 legislators saying they were attending. Trace made the motion to cancel this year's Governor's Ride. Duane seconded the motion. Much discussion was held. Motion carried. Ryan will contact Trailhead if he is allowed to cancel the contract without Mike Boock's signature.

Mary Anne will get it posted to Facebook, our website, and let the legislators know.

SDSA will still need a meeting.

Advisory Council will not be meeting.

Meeting will be Friday the 9th via ZOOM at 8 p.m. CENTRAL time.

We need to determine what gifts we would like to distribute to the legislators this year – get to Pierre & get them distributed.

Jackson will let the Black Hills Club know that we have cancelled the event.

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.

## Minutes of the SDSA BOD meeting via zoom February 9, 2024. 8 p.m.

Mary Anne called the roll and the following were present: Kelly, Mike, Duane, Darin, Jackson, Lee, Nathan, Pat, Jason, Trace, Chris, Lisa & Mary Anne.

Motion to approve the agenda by Duane and seconded by Mike. Motion carried.

Guests were Kim Raap & Ryan Raynor.

Motion by Duane to approve the Minutes of the Pre-convention, Annual meeting, Post convention & zoom meeting of January, 2024 and seconded by Trace. Motion carried.

Lisa went through the financial reports that had been sent out. Lisa asked if she should trans-

fer the funds back to savings from buying the snowmobile to raffle off. She was advised to do the transfer. Only 2 deposits have been made since January 1. There is a small error on the checking report, Lisa just hasn't found the time to track it down. Mike made the motion to file the financial report for review. Trace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **President's Report:**

-SD Rural Magazine nice article about South Dakota Snowmobile Association & clubs  
-Keloland MADD story snowmobile safety

-Keloland Russ & Riley Johnson – snowmobile rescue  
-Visiting clubs around the state.  
-Education of members on how snowmobile funding works  
-Will try to attend Mountain Riding Region meeting –

**Sno Plainsman/Office** – Next issue is being created and will go to print on Monday. Membership work is in process. 628 total members- 490 family- 40 legacy & 98 associates  
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# Duane Duerr, SDSA Past President

## **Join a club and Build Memories, enjoy the ride!!**

In 1979 I bought my first snowmobile a John Deere Spitfire 340. I had 8 friends that I grew up with and we snowmobiled nearly every week. We traveled to Park Rapids, MN. several times each winter and rode locally many times a week. Locally we had no groomed trails, but we had a good time. Soon I outgrew the spitfire and moved up to 440 John Deere Liquefier. For many years I rode this sled with our group and travel again to Northern Minnesota to ride. Being single then we stay in Bemidji, MN and went skiing while in Bemidji. We took beginner lessons as we thought the instructors were cute, we knew how to ski but you wouldn't know it watching us. I remember one really cold morning one of our group trying to warm his sled to start it using a hair dryer... It does not work at 20 below zero. Soon as we got older each of us got married and snowmobiling took a break to raising kids and work.

After moving to South Dakota I join the Sioux Falls Sno Trackers, purchased a Polaris 700 RMK and began riding in South Dakota and the Black Hills. Together Pat and I had seven kids so traveling to snowmobile was a big task. All of our sleds then required jetting, changing clutch weights and fixing. It was fun belonging to a club a having friends to ride with. The first time I rode in the hills Pat put me in charge of leading the family on a ride. I had no Idea where the trail went and being a guy did not like to read maps. As you can guess we went left when we should have gone right and ended up lost. We finally got headed in the right direction, but it soon got dark and very cold. We learn about warming shelters, keeping together and reading maps. Many of our tanks said empty but the sleds kept going. Finally, before search and rescue went out looking for us we returned to Rec Springs. We survived but we learned a lot about proper riding prep, planning your rout and telling someone where you are going.

I soon learned how to put on safety classes in our club and helped more people learn the value of Safe Riding. For many rides I led the group with no problem and soon learn the way to develop new leaders was to have them lead. Some rode to get miles in every day while others rode for the sites and the stops. Keeping snowmobiling safe is important. I learned Spearfish Canyon has great Hot Chocolate, While Buckhorn has great food and is a site to see. Watch out they say the Bear bites so don't touch him. I wonder how many dollars are on the wall and ceiling? Rec Springs can be rough to get back on the trail but is a great place to stay and eat at. I have seen Elk, Deer, Coyotes on the trails. I have had great Governor's rides at Hardy Camp with awesome breakfast.

I served as club president, as a director with SDSA, Vice President, President and now past President. While hosting a Convention I won the Big Wins drawing and that is why I have the Ski Doo renegade 900 Ace. I have seen many sites:

- Yellowstone Park
- Washington DC
- Togwotee area
- Northern Minnesota
- Many Black Hills rides.
- Governors' rides.
- Sno Cross events.
- Rode in Wisconsin.

I got to present award winners at several conventions and present several Snowmobilers for Snowmobiler Checks. I got to shake hand with Several National Legislators that I Have a lot of respect for. I visited nearly every club in South Dakota and see why we are the great state we are. If your reading this and have not yet gotten involved with a club, get involved and hang on and enjoy the ride.  
Duane Duerr SDSA Past President.



1979 John Deere Spit fire 340



1982 John Deere 440 Liquefier



1999 Polaris 700 RMK

2021 SkiDoo 900 Ace Renegade





## Mary Anne Grabow, SDSA Secretary/Editor

Second issue? How'd that happen?

Things are busy at the office as we gear up for what we hope is a monumental snow season. Temps were pretty cool this morning (31.2 according to our thermometer!)

Some of you may have seen on the news that my little town made the news the end of September as a family home exploded with the occupants inside. And before you ask, yes, we know/knew them. His business back in the day, was on the same block as our business and our kids played together at work sometimes. But, let's be real. It's Gary, South Dakota. For the majority, everyone knows everyone.



The man of the house died that evening and his wife is still in critical but stable condition. They believe that she will survive and the community continues to pray for her recovery. It's the talk of the area, and everyone is in shock that there was LITERALLY nothing (other than shreds of wood-and few of those) left of the house. It was leveled - and yet, mysteriously, initially both of them survived. That's just another of life's miracles that I will never understand.

But what it does for me is enforce my belief that its so important that you live each day as if it's your last. Eat the doughnut, have another piece of chocolate, take the snowmobile trip, get another hug from a friend or a loved one, tell them you love them and have that conversation even if you don't have the time to spare. We are all abnormally busy. It's the world we live in now. No one is guaranteed tomorrow. And the more days you live, the more you understand that that statement is SO TRUE.

Send in your SDSA dues and get your registration in for convention. Brookings has a wonderful convention planned. You really don't want to miss it. *continued from page 7 below:*

Visited Kelly and Duane. Lots of phone calls at the office, lots of riding condition updates requested. I've been working on updates of the legislative packages. ACSA calendars are all distributed. If we need more contact ACSA directly. First drawing is February 16th. They've got the ability to order them online. New shirts and the jackets have been collected and delivered.

### **Gov Relations:**

Ed Klim has retired. Jarrett Smith is his replacement. Jarrett has been a snowmobiler since the age of 3 so he's logged a lot of miles over the years. 30 x 30 Biden Act needs to be watched. Trails meeting was held but not sure if anyone attended for South Dakota. Feb 10 is International Snowmobile Day. We need to plan to do something for the legislators

this year.

**Convention:** Auction items 107 live; 87 silent auction items. Total auction: \$22,670.00 Sold 1290 tickets (big payout). Convention will be in Brookings. Sno Trackers forwarded their report to the office and also to the Brookings Club. They also included all of their computer programs that they used to organize the convention. Still need a bid for 2025. *continued on page 14*





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## Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

As I look at temperatures for mid-October, temperatures are way well above average. This has been the trend through most of September and now into October. These temperatures aren't screaming snowmobile season, but Shannon and I have been busy with the snowmobile program so below is a little update on how we continue to prep for the season.

Over the last few weeks, Shannon and the rest of the Black Hills Trails Office staff have been busy hosting 600 bikers for their annual Trail Trek on the Mickelson Trail. This is a four-day event which takes all year to plan for. Once Trail Trek is over, they head down to Custer to help at the annual Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup. A busy couple of weeks for the office trying to switch over to snowmobile operations but progress still moves forward one phone call, email, or text message at a time. A few weeks ago, we started working with our communications team to develop this year's snowmobile map. This includes getting reroutes from both sides of the state into Game Fish and parks staff who work out of our administrative office in Pierre. This also includes updating the business directory on the western side of the state, updating the image, and reviewing other fonts, colors, and layout schemes that we think would be an improvement. As always, our goal is to have these maps in hand to bring for the state convention.

I've sent in Department of Transportation Right Away agreements and hope to start getting those back and signed by a variety of DOT offices across the state. These agreements are vital to the east river program as it's not a right for the trail system to be in the right of way. It is a privilege and one we need to make sure to respect these agreements and meet our deadlines of beginning signing and removing signs at the end of the season. I also now have 2 different county right of way agreements to apply for. These agreements are very similar to DOT's right of way agreements.

5-Day Temporary permits, snowmobile motorcycle permits, and commercial permits have been or-

dered. 5-Day Temporary permits mostly go to vendors in the hills, but we are distributing these on the eastern side of the state so at least every trail system has one location where they can be found.

We've also been working on various aspects of a program wide review where we are trying to tackle 3 specific subjects over the winter. These include, promotional opportunities, small survey to figure out the number of non-residents visiting us each year, and hopefully get a contract signed for an updated Economic Impact Study. Progress varies with each subject but as winter creeps closer, we spend more and more time on moving these matters forward.

Last thing is scheduling equipment inspections for the eastern side of the state. I enjoy traveling to the clubs who do a great job taking care of this equipment. It's a good time to get caught up on your needs for grooming equipment before the season gets here.

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.

That's all for this month. Thanks for reading and if you have any questions or concerns give me call at 605-773-2888.

Ryan Raynor



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**Fundraiser.** Well over 500 tickets have been sold on the snowmobile raffle.

Awards: No report

Membership & Website. Numbers are in MaryAnne's report. Doing great for no snow. Venmo is still needed.

**Bylaws & right to ride** – no report

**Safety** – 5 accidents in the Hills in the short season we have so far. Do the rental companies educate? Go to snowmobileinfo.org for information to educate others. Share through facebook, perhaps!

Charity – Report due April 1.

Trails Specialist:

**Black Hills Update:**

- Due to poor snow conditions, minimal grooming rotations have taken place.

The Black Hills Trails has had 8 accidents so far this year, 2 of those were in Wyoming but near our trails we manage.

- Received new Arrowhead drag and had to make some modifications but only been out once so further grooming necessary to truly test this drag

- Not the best year for it but staff has been tracking specific parking lots and trailheads and tracking the number of non-residents compared to residents.

- Had a meeting with all Districts on the Forest to use as a introduction to the Snowmobile Program. There has been a tremendous turn over in em-

ployees for the Forest Service in all Departments.

- Met with the Hell Canyon District about the Parmelee Timber Sale on the southern end of the Forest. For the next four years our southern trails will change dramatically. We are looking at losing trails 12b, 13, 9 and parts of trail 12. We will have one large loop to the south. Shannon will have maps at the spring meeting to discuss in further detail. I will need to bring up counsel to speed on the timber quantities, bat habitat now on our forest and how it will impact our trails on the Forest.

**East River Update:**

- Only a handful of clubs have groomed including, Mitchell, Brookings, Sioux Falls and Beresford and Aberdeen. These grooming rotations lasted between 1 to 3 weeks before conditions deteriorated.

- Best snow conditions in the state were probably in Beresford area for about 3 weeks. Also had to work with local Law Enforcement on this trail system to stop a landowner from purposely dumping snow on the trail.

- 3 Arrowhead drags have been ordered and we expect to be delivered by the end of the month.

**SDSU Veteran's Ride:**

- As you know, this ride was cancelled. While poor snow conditions existed at the time, it was really the extreme cold (-70 Wind chill at Hardy Camp this weekend) that forced us to can-

cel this years event. Trailhead cancellation policy meant we still paid for full price of the sleds, \$3K.

**Legislative Update:**

- As you may know a bill was introduced back in 2011 which allowed land owners or lessee's to shoot a coyote from a snowmobile as long as the snowmobile was stationary and no one else on it. This bill also stated they could not use the snowmobile to harass, chase, or runover that coyote.

- Senate Bill 14 was introduced by Senator Mehlhaff from Pierre titled "Expand authorization for the conditional taking of coyotes from snowmobiles." The intent of this bill is to expand the current law for Landowners and Lessee's to allow Guests to shoot a coyote from a snowmobile. The original version of the bill stated nothing about harassing or running over the coyote as a guest. GFP requested an amendment to add that the guest could not chase down, harass or run over the coyote with the snowmobile which matches language from the original bill. That amendment was passed. Currently this bill, as amended, has passed both the house and senate chambers and is expected to be signed into law as session continues.

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- This link tracks the step by step progression through committees and chambers so far. <https://sdlegislature.gov/Session/Bill/24559>

Hoping to pursue an increase in licensing fees working with SDSA and also Governor's Advisory Council in the future. Jeff is willing to meet with SDSA when they come to the capitol. Advisory Council approved : Resident fee increase from \$10 to \$20. Increase 5 day from \$40 - \$50. More research needs to be done before putting a number on the non resident fee possibility. Discussion was held as to the procedure to getting this through the legislative process.

**Scholarship:** No report. Jon LaFramboise YETIS scholarship form is on the website. Question that gets asked is different. Mike asked if we could do two scholarships this year. Much discussion was held regarding the scholarship. We will revisit under the old business.

**Governor's Ride:** Mike talked to Julie. Snow is horrible. The trail is dirt. ^ There's been some light dustings. Trailhead webcam got 45,000 hits in January. Mike's had several phone calls as well. GR Committee needs to get together and figure out the legislators gift.

**Snocross** – 165 tickets sold plus 1 membership; 213 tickets and 2 memberships.

If one is drawn that says we win – re-draw! What is the cutoff # to draw? Is it the full 1000 tickets. The flags were great that Mike ordered.

**YETIS:** Corbin was at Sno Cross representing YETIS & SDSA. Hope to get some YETIS at the Sioux Falls Sno Cross too.

Name change was completed for the YETIS scholarship which is now known as the Jon LaFramboise scholarship. Consensus is that someone can get BOTH the SDSA scholarship AND the Jon LaFramboise scholarship if their submission is the best. The \$30,000 from Jon's business partner was received so the fund is currently at \$44,500. Currently the figure is 4% of the total that we can award. Mike made a motion to do a one time \$500 Jon LaFramboise scholarship for this year. This would be a SECOND scholarship along with the \$1000 that will already be awarded! Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried. When scholarships are awarded perhaps use a logo of TrueForm-Construction – in the photo.

YETIS need to be promoted more at club level. We'd like to see the YETIS grow their membership. Chris was asked his opinions on how to do this.

Short break at the 2 hour mark.

**QR Code** – is set up and goes

to a page that says "donation" and can be used for raffle tickets. Jason used his personal Venmo at the Snocross. Venmo is 1.9% plus 10 Cents. We need to set up a venmo account. Mike will work with Lisa on getting the Venmo set up.

**TICKETS for Sno Cross:** We've sold 500 and – would like to have them all sold at Sno Cross and possibly give it away. Jason made the motion to print 200 more tickets and once 1000 have been sold the Sno Cross committee has the authority to give away the sled at Sno Cross. Duane seconded the motion. \*Encourage anyone who has tickets to turn them in by February 20th.

Mike amended the motion to say that we give the snowmobile away as soon as we have hit the 1000 sold. It doesn't have to be at SnoCross! Jason seconded the amended motion. We will sell through Saturday evening regardless. Motion carried.

**2025 Convention Bid:**

Black Hills Snowmobile Club is planning to submit a proposal of a bid for December 5 & 6, 2025

**Delegates for ISC** June 13-15 in Green Bay WI. Kelly Weaver will be delegate. Chris & Kirsten will be in attendance and hoping for a few more YETIS. continued on page 21



Hello from the Drift Busters,

On August 24th we had a couple of snowmobiles on display at the Annual Sizzling Summer Nights Classic Car show. Thanks to Kelly and Casey Weismantel for bringing their snowmobiles and visiting with the attendees.

The Drift Busters held our annual membership/campout event this last weekend at Wylie Park. Kudos to Jim Weaver for the excellent turkeys on Friday night and to Joey Nagel for the delicious pulled pork

We will have a float in the NSU Gypsy Day Parade on October 5th.

Plans are underway to participate in the International Snowmobile Day on October 26th from 11:00 to 3:00 at Ken's Super Fair Foods.

Soon we will be able to put the trail in and enjoy the fruits of our labor when riding the trails.

Ann Nagel



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Greetings fellow snowmobilers! It is getting just a touch chilly outside which means only one thing.. snow season is not too far away! Is everyone getting their sleds out of storage and ready to ride or maybe a new one is in the books? Looking forward to a fun winter ahead!

Our first meeting of the season will be this weekend, Sunday October 6th at Cloud 9. Since this is off to print before our meeting I will do my best to anticipate what we have planned! The food is always so good at Cloud 9 so we have been sticking to their famous beef tips and mashed potatoes and chicken, always seem to be a hit! As of now I have approximately 31 members anticipated on coming, our numbers have been down

as have most with poor snow conditions here. It's hard to get members when there isn't much snow or activities to do around here besides trips out west so hopefully that changes for all the clubs this year and we can get all of our numbers up.

We will be welcoming in James Bruns as our new President taking over for Jason Shepherd. Thank you Jason for all of the work you did for our club the past few years!

Looking forward to new faces to take over a few positions and will have those in the next edition!

We still plan to hold our monthly meetings the 1st Sunday of every month at Cloud 9 at 5pm (unless it falls on a holiday then will roll out to 2nd Sunday of the month.) We look forward to seeing all of you on the trails!

### Reporting from Watertown Amy Sowers



TheAberdeen Driftbusters at the Classic Car Show complete with Snowmobiles!



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# SIouxLAND SNO-TRACKERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

We had our first meeting in September and approved the new club by-laws and will now be reviewing them annually to make sure they stay current and valid. During our meeting we formed some committees

and those are just starting to get organized and up and running. In October we had a club picnic and membership drive on Saturday, October 12th in Garretson. The club grilled up some burgers, brats, and dogs and everyone brought a dish to share. Our committee planned some fun games for both adults and kids. On October 17, Vern Eide Motoplex is having an open house from 5 to 8 p.m. Our youth members will be selling 50/50 tickets, and the funds will be used for a future club youth event. We are working to get some donations for door prizes that will be given to youth that attend with their parents. Our next meeting will be on November 7th at The Gulch in Garretson. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. but the room will be available earlier for those that wish to socialize and eat before the meeting.



Dakota Drifters met on Wednesday, September 11, at Boss's Pizza, Brookings. Agenda items included trail sign order, upcoming poker/charity rides (both UTV and snowmobile), club website, SDSU Hobo Day Parade entry for Saturday, October 12, and of course - 55th Annual SDSA Convention planning.

Among the many items planned for the Convention are Beer & Bull, auctions - both live and silent (including a custom gun auction benefitting Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers and a John Green painting), puzzle race, Avenza 101+, On/Off Trail Safety, CASINO NIGHT, and so much more!

SDSA Convention registration is now open on Dakota Drifters club website, [www.dakotadrifters.org](http://www.dakotadrifters.org), including convention swag items to order. An SDSA room block is set up for lodging at Brookings Inn (605-692-9471); make it a family affair and enjoy the fun Splash Zone Waterpark with lazy river and zero-depth play area!

Another date to mark on your calendar is Saturday, February 1, 2025, for the inaugural Dan Lamp Memorial Charity/Poker Ride.

Until next time...let's see your SNOW DANCE!  
Cheers, Gena







Hello everyone, here we go again! The saying of how fast time flies by was true this month, at least for me. It was hard to think about winter as we just had a weekend with unseasonably high temperatures in the mid 90's. But the morning air is crisp, and leaves are turning and slowly falling to the ground a true sign our season will soon arrive.

We had our first club meeting on Tuesday October 1st with 25 members attending. We had a special guest attend – Kelly Weaver SDSA president made her way to the Black Hills. She and other SDSA members had a meeting with Forest Service leaders and discussed various concerns and offer input regarding our snowmobiling community and our trails. She updated the club on a variety of current issues, upcoming events along various club and SDSA interests. Thank you, Kelly, for taking the time and attend our monthly meeting.

We were able to celebrate a long-time club member **Bill Sumners**. He was awarded the Juel & Sally Rall Award, this is in recognition of their contributions to our sport. Bill supports our club through generous donations of time and his talent making trophies for our annual Radar Run. He makes our club banners, assisted in the developing our club logo along with screen-printing our club swag to keep us stylish. He shares his love of the sport with his sons and grandkids and is always there to help at multiple club events and functions. Congratulations Bill!!!

The club also started discussion on the Festival of Lights Parade which will be November 30th. If we proceed, look forward to seeing a spectacular light show event from our club!

We have started planning for the 2025 SDSA Convention and are currently working on a Convention theme so stay tuned for this. We are very excited to bring the convention back to the beautiful Black Hills next year. Stay tuned we are planning some great things in our hospitality room this year- so plan on stopping in. We can't wait to see everyone again soon at the 2024 Experience the Rush Convention in Brookings in December.

We have a few Open House / Club Memberships drive coming up the end of October and into November. PLEASE JOIN US at any or ALL of these. A great time to bring a friend and get excited with the anticipation of winter and piles of snow we all are hoping for.

#### EVENTS:

**OCTOBER 24th 5pm -8 pm – Rice's Polaris of the Black Hills.** Food and drinks, 50/50 drawing, deals on gear, oil and accessories.

**OCTOBER 29th – 4:30 pm start- Rice's Spearfish Canyon Motorsports.** There will be an Avalanche class @ 6 pm with Mike Duffy so bring your beacons.

**NOVEMBER 9th- Rice's Rapid Motorsports.** They are planning a swap meet starting at 12 pm – 4, then a happy hour and social with food from 4pm – 6pm.

Again, a great time to grab a friend and support an SDSA Association Member and hang out. It would be hard not to have a great time at any of these events.

Until next month.....**BOLDLY GO WHERE SNOWMAN HAS GONE BEFORE! ( but no trespassing!)**

Holly Thomas

Black Hills Snowmobile Club

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The Town & Country Riders held their 5th Annual ATV/UTV Poker on September 14th out of the Rusty Nail in Willow Lake, SD. There were 90 people registered, 140 hands purchased, 41 ATV/UTV's and vehicles in attendance. The group traveled 65 miles on township, minimum maintenance roads and dirt/grass roads meandering from Willow Lake to Iroquois, to Lake

Osceola and back to Willow Lake.

The club matched funds raised for Levi Atkins, a Willow Lake High School Junior recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a blood cancer. This resulted in a donation of \$2,340 that was donated to help in his fight with cancer.

Our Poker run winners were first, Mark Egebretson, Wolsey, second, Shane Devine, Rapid City, and third, Shane Devine, Rapid City. All of the winners in the poker hand draw graciously donated their winnings back to Levi. Thank you!

We would like to thank the Rusty Nail in Willow Lake for hosting us and all of the participants who came out and supported our Poker Run!

The club's first official meeting of the season will be Wednesday, October 16th at the 1481 Grille in Arlington, SD at 7:30 pm. This is open to all and we welcome you to come join us!



Left: Poker Hand draws, Bubba Hildebrandt, Jamie Hohm, Leroy & Lois Erickson



Poker Hand Draws: Bubba Hildebrandt, Shane Devine, and Blakely Hildebrandt



**February 9th Board Meeting minutes continued:**

**ISC auction item:** Suggested SDSA coasters, Stemless Glasses, & perhaps a bottle of wine plus some SD items too. Mike made a motion to provide up to \$200 of SD things. Duane seconded. Lee said that Tracy will take care of it. Mary Anne will bring the SDSA items to the May meeting. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE SDSA STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

(Since these are quite long they will not be included here but you can certainly request a copy of the changes or look in your convention booklet in December).

Mike made a motion to accept the changes to the SOPS as presented. Duane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Legislative Packet:** Much discussion was held regarding the Packet that needs to be put together. Discussion was held as to whether Ryan covered the printing that we put in those packets. We looked it up and Ryan did cover that cost for us last time. Visit would need to be between February 26-29 or March 4- 7. Perhaps this fall we need to print a list of talking points for why we want to increase the fees, etc. Save the Date & 2 extra pages. It was ordered through Desmet last year. Cost last year was \$675. Tumblers cost us last year \$2600. 2 information sheets, save the date card, membership brochure should be put in the packet.

Ryan will cover the cost of the printing again this year. Mike will get together with the Gov. Ride committee and come up with some proposals. We have \$3000 available in the grant funds. Discussion was held regarding Gary Cammack and recognizing the years of support.

Discussion was held regarding **reprinting** the 1500 of the membership fliers. Add a space (line) for the club's pricing as well...and add the QR code.

**Quickbooks:** Jason made a motion to let the program auto renew. Duane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Zoom call** will probably be needed to figure out the legislative visit and also the 2025 Bid.

May meeting will be either the 4th or 11th of May depending on what works best for the Advisory council as well.

Motion to adjourn by Duane at 11:51 p.m.







# Current Committees

## Government Relations

- 1. Duane Duerr
- 2. Kelly Weaver

## Scholarship

- 1. Trace Damm
- 2. Lee Olson
- 3. Nathan VanZee

## By Laws & Right to Ride

- 1. Duane Duerr
- 2. Kelly Weaver
- 3. Mike Boock

## Safety

- 1. Lee Olson
- 2. Jason Shepherd
- 3. Nathan VanZee

## Grants

- 1. Pat Hanten Duerr
- 2. Kelly Weaver

## Snocross

- 1. Jason Shepherd
- 2. Lee Olson
- 3. Darin Cooper

## Charities

- 1. Lisa Cain
- 2. Darin Cooper

## Membership/Website

- 1. Mike Boock
- 2. Mary Anne Grabow
- 3. Jackson Wenger

## Awards

- 1. Duane Duerr

## Convention

- 1. Pat Hanten-Duerr
- 2. Jackson Wenger
- 3. Trace Damm

## Fundraiser/Raffle

- 1. Trace Damm
- 2. Darin Cooper
- 3. Pat Hanten-Duerr

## SnoPlainsman Committee

- 1. Mary Anne Grabow
- 2. Trace Damm
- 3. Nathan Vanzee
- 4. Kelly Weaver

## Investments

- 1. Lisa Cain
- 2. Pat Hanten-Duerr

## Governors Ride

- 1. Mike Boock
- 2. Jason Shepherd
- 3. Jackson Wenger

## Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers

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

## Nominating committee

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

## Yetis Advisors

- 1. Lee Olson
- 2. Kirsten VanDenHemel
- 3. Audrey Rider
- 4. Tracey Erickson



# ACSA Update

Christine Jourdain, Executive Director

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Please consider writing letters to the Alger County Road Commission, who is planning to close a trail, less than 1-mile long, to the Pictured Rocks National Park. They are claiming snowmobiles have damaged the trail that is on the shoulder of the road.

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Munising promotes they are Snowmobile Capitol of the World. Their businesses depend on snowmobiles during the winter. Their businesses need the snowmobile tourism.

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A mix of photos from the past in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Sno Plainsman!







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## Darin Cooper, District 1 Director

Well, it's that time of the week again. It sure seems like I just wrote an article last week anyway. Definitely not feeling like fall yet, been in the 90's pretty much since June. Drove between Gillette and Buffalo Wyoming a couple weeks ago and saw all the scorched landscape from the big fires this summer. Pretty crazy to see miles and miles of black ground. Now there is a big fire by Dayton Wyoming. the road up to Bear Lodge resort was even closed.

Kelly Weaver, Mike Boock, Jackson Wenger and I went to Custer to visit with the new forest supervisor for the Black Hills Shawn Cochran. I think the meeting went really good. It was mostly to introduce ourselves and to inform Shawn on how the snowmobile

trail system works and some of the challenges we face. He seemed to take in everything and was very welcoming. Shawn did say that they are looking at revising the forest service plan for the Black Hills. it will take approximately 2 to 3 years to implement, with public input starting sometime next spring. You can get on the Black Hills national forest website and sign up for email updates. This could be very useful if you like to recreate in the Black Hills.

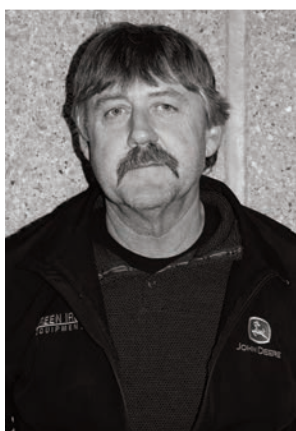
Make sure if your club has any events going on, to let MaryAnne know, so she can get it on the calendar of events, in the back of the Sno Plainsman. It's free advertising!

Hopefully I can report snow on the ground in my November article that will probably be due next week.

Darin

## Jackson Wenger, District 2 Director

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening from District #2. Hard to believe it's already that time of the year once again, fall sports are winding down, harvest is in full swing and old man winter is knocking on the door. Thank you to Kelly Weaver for all that you do! District #1 and district #2 Director along with SDSA president elect Mike Boock and SDSA president Kelly Weaver attended a meeting with the forest service on Tuesday and Kelly blessed us with her presence at our club meeting that evening with some great information. It was good to see Kelly and thank you for all that you do for our organization. Preparations have begun for the BHSC hospitality room for this year's convention and also next year's SDSA convention here in Rapid City. I hope all is well and look forward to seeing you down the road.



## Lee Olson, District 3 Director

Hello everyone, how was your summer?

Fall is definitely in the air around here. Predicting lows in the 30's coming soon. Harvest is in full swing up here.

Soon we'll have all the hunters running around on the back roads.

As we head into winter remember SDSA convention in Brookings, December 6th and 7th.

With club meetings starting for the season, we need to try to increase our membership numbers. I think we all know people who ride but have no interest in joining a club.

Work on them and explain the importance of membership numbers. I know it's tough to get interest after last winter, but maybe this year will be different.

I know I'm looking forward to riding the trails, poker runs and a few trips to the Black Hills.

Lee Olson District 3 Director



## **Nathan VanZee, District 4 Director**

Hello everyone

It's fall again and combines are going strong. I hope everyone is having a safe harvest. Where has the summer went. Hard to believe it's still 90 in October. Hopefully this really turns around soon to cooler temperatures. Has anyone been planning any trips yet for the winter? I know I'm not prepared yet I still have broken a arms and much more that needs done yet. No snow last year was a little hard on things. Some good news is our club and huron have met our trails in the middle and we will now be able to ride from hHghmore all the way to the Minnesota border. I'm hoping to get enough snow we can do a weekend poker run involving the entire east side of the state. That would be a fun way to meet lots of new people. Have a great day and a safe fall.



## **Jason Shepherd, District 6 Director**



Hello once again. Hard to believe it has been a month already since the first snow plainsman came out. Not much has changed since last month except the temps are starting to feel more like fall. I sure do hope everyone is out enjoying this fall weather. As many of the clubs are starting to have meetings and are starting the planning for this coming winter activities and trail maintenance. I can't wait to hear what the clubs have for activities for this coming winter. It will be a fun winter. Until next month enjoy all the fall activities and the cooler temps.

## **Trace Damm, District 7 Director**



Hello everyone,

Harvest is full throttle at the moment here for us. The lack of rain within the last month has really made things move along fast. With no rain in the forecast, I'm hoping for a nice smooth harvest. As we all know, once harvest wraps up its time to get friends and family together to start marking trails. With the dry conditions, it may take a bit more effort to get those signs in the ground this year. Remember to stay in touch with the farmer as we cut across fields here and there to know when the timing is right to get them signed. Days have been above normal for temperature, so I'm definitely ready to get winter here. Club meetings are starting to fire up and hopefully are getting the Big Payout tickets handed out before the convention which will be here before we know it. Also keep an eye out for the skidoo 200 tickets again this year. We were able to get our hands on another one of those.

Till Next Time,  
-Trace







## Pat Hanten-Duerr, District 5 Director

Now that all the clubs are meeting and plans are being made for the upcoming snow season, now is the time to get those snowmobiles ready to ride for the 1st snow. Hopefully, everyone is working on selling the 2024 Big Payout Tickets. If you have not received them, please contact your club president as they were mailed out previously.

Then as was seen in the last Sno Plainsman, it is time to make your reservations at the Brookings Inn for the 55th Annual SDSA Convention. See Sno Plainsman for site you can register for the Convention on December 6-7,

2024, in Brookings. "Experience the Rush" at the next SDSA Convention.

Watch for more details at the convention about the SDSA snowmobile that can be won by buying tickets, on Saturday afternoon at the convention. Also these tickets will be sold at the Snocross.



A mix of photos from the past in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Sno Plainsman!



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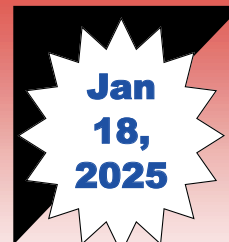
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12/2015



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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Dakota Trailblazers 1/2015



**15. Brian Erickson**  
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**25. Bob Wuertz**  
Aberdeen, SD  
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12/2019



**6. Todd Wilkinson**  
DeSmet, SD  
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**16. Jay Hojer**  
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Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmobile Club 3/2018



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



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



**18. Jay Schilling**  
Rapid City, SD  
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**28. Randy Knadle**  
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**9. Lisa Johnson**  
Beresford, SD  
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**19. Rich Nelson**  
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SDSA member 3/2018



**29. Myrna Knadle**  
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Town & Country Snowdrifters 10/2020



**10. Mick Hehn**  
Clear Lake, SD  
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12/2015



**20. Marty Grabow**  
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**30. Preston Fischer**  
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Poinsett Pounders  
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49. **Marty Keimig**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
06/2023



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Sisseton,SD  
North East Trailblazers  
1/2021



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Arlington, SD  
Poinsett Pounders 11/2021



50. **Doug Moeller**  
Bryant, SD  
Poinsett Pounders  
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33. **Dennis Nelson**  
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North East Trailblazers  
1/2021



42. **Jim LeTendre**  
Sioux FallsSD  
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5 clubs  
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51. **Bonnie Moeller**  
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45. **Jon LaFramboise**  
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37. **Roger Seloover**  
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Club  
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# SDSA Awards Jon LaFramboise \$1000 Scholarship to Austin Cooper



Austin is the son of Darin Cooper and Marie Cooper of Spearfish. This is the first year that the Jon LaFramboise scholarship has been awarded.

## How I have helped promote Snowmobiling to Younger Kids

Currently we are seeing the number of members drop in clubs across the state and the future of these clubs is in the hands of the younger kids. We must help teach those who are younger than us to see our clubs survive in the future. When clubs do public events like parade floats or volunteer work, we help spread our name out there and get recognition. Me personally I have helped build a couple floats that help to promote our clubs and the sport of snowmobiling. During these parades, watching the kid get excited is very satisfying. Also, by helping at events like the Snocross races we can promote snowmobiling. By being at events we can help promote snowmobiling to adults and their children so that we can see others enjoy a sport just as much as we do. When the Black Hills Snowmobile club hosts the Radar Run, we set up a little racetrack for the kids to ride around on. There is almost always a line of kids waiting their tum to ride

around the track. I have helped teach my sister and other young kids' safety and techniques for snowmobiling. I enjoy teaching people how to ride snowmobiles and about the sport, especially kids. Kids get very excited about almost anything, even more so when it has a motor and they get to drive around.

I have only been in the YETIS for just over a year at this point, but I have been around some of the members for years. I almost joined YETIS 3-5 years prior, but I didn't know quite what it was. Once I found out what it was, I joined. I don't have much experience with the YETIS, but I was glad to meet some new people who have similar interests to me. With my little time in the YETIS I was shown how younger crowds are the future of our snowmobile clubs. If we don't do anything to attract them then we are losing out on many members and future snowmobilers. Many people have heard about snowmobiles but they have never ridden. The YETIS club has shown me how much we need to get the youth involved in snowmobiling and the clubs. Personally, I have seen so many families where the adults ride but hardly involve their kids. These kids are possibly the future of the sport and clubs.

1. I have been a part of YETIS for over a year now. I have not held any positions in the club.
2. My family has been a part of SDSA since I was born. I have helped out at events like the governor's ride, the Black Hills Snowmobile Radar Run, and a convention.
3. This scholarship would mean a lot to me because I have always been interested in Aviation and figured why not do it for a job. Now I am starting to realize the cost of Aviation, which could be a part of the pilot shortage

# SDSA Awards Jon LaFramboise \$500 Scholarship to Brayden Boock

Brayden is the son of Mike & Kristi Boock of Rapid City. The \$500 scholarship was able to be awarded thanks to an additional donation from the Siouland SnoTrackers since the fund wasn't ready to award two scholarships this year.

Snowmobiling is an important part of not only my life but my family's. My dad is an amazing rider who has been riding nearly his whole life. He is also involved as a representative in SDSA. He has taught me everything I know about snowmobiling. He has also gotten me involved with the Yetis group. Since then, I have been involved in many meetings for Yetis, District meetings and SDSA meetings. I always try and be a part of as many meetings as I can to be familiar with how the system works.

One of the ways I have helped Yetis is by attending SDSA council meetings and voting for certain laws for the Yetis. I have learned a lot by listening to what happens when there is a vote and how it is discussed. Having meetings is very important to keeping SDSA alive because it allows for changes in budgeting and leadership if there needs to be a change. It is also important to have the Yetis on board so that they are familiar with how the system works and are ready when they are not in Yetis anymore.

With me almost getting ready to leave Yetis I am always available to teach any new riders on how to ride or get a group together to ride. Last year I was one of the helpers riding for the Yetis in the Governor's ride. It was super fun to be with all the people and see the different levels of skill that everyone had.

Yetis are the next generation of snowmobilers, so it is extremely important to get them trained and ready for continuing SDSA. I always want to learn from anyone in SDSA and continue helping in the club. Snowmobiling is an extremely important part of South Dakota, and we need to do anything we can to help the next generation prepare for anything to come.

I have helped the YETIS at the Governor's Ride and have been a delegate at the past several conventions.

I attend our monthly club meetings as often as possible with my work and school schedule.

I help at our club events however I can.

This Scholarship would mean a lot to me as I personally knew Jon LaFramboise and know that he was instrumental in getting the YETIS up and running along with others. Jon was a great friend to our family and has been missed by all of us. I would be honored to receive a scholarship in his name.





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2695 Lazelle St  
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605-720-1206  
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sturgismotorsports.net

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Madison SD  
57042-  
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mystichillshideaway@gmail.com  
mystichillshideaway.com



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10% off one night hotel stay

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# DEADLINES

**November 15 - SDSA  
Convention Bid forms  
due**

**February 1, 2025 - ACSA  
Scholarship**

**February 25 - SDSA  
Scholarship**

**February 25-Jon LaFram-  
boise YETI scholarship**

**October 4 - ISMA Grant  
Applications**

## **Calendar of Events**

October 17, Vern Eide Motoplex open house from 5 to 8 p.m.

December 6-7

55th Annual SDSA Convention  
Brookings Inn, Brookings

January 23 - 25, 2025

ACSA Trails Riding Winter Ride  
Tower MN

Feb 1 Dan Lamp Memorial Char-  
ity/Poker Ride Brookings

February 8, 2025 Governor's  
Ride

Feb 19 -23, 2025

ACSA Mountain Riding Summit -  
Big Horns

May 30,31 & June 1

Milbank Show

June 2025 ISC Charlottetown PEI

July 26, 2025 Jakob Hohm OffRoad  
Adventures

December 5 & 6, 2025 56th  
annual Convention Rapid City

## November 15 Deadline **Nominations for 1,3,5 & 7**

**Snowmobiler of the Year**

**Groomer of the Year**

**Hall of Fame**

**Bids for convention 2026**

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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- Casino Night

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