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Room rate: \$80.00/night (plus taxes and fees) Room block cut-off date: 11/4/25

Kelly Weaver, SDSA President



For most of you, it is finally time to start thinking about snowmobile. For me, I haven't stopped thinking about it! Since the final issue of last season, we have had 2 SDSA board meetings (see Recap in this issue), traveled to Washington, DC for the DC Fly-in, and attended the International Snowmobile Congress in Prince Edward Island, Canada.

The 23rd ACSA DC Fly In was held April 26-29. South Dakota was represented Mike Boock, Greg and Diane Hiles, Kim Raap, Jim Weaver and me. There were about 45 people in attendance, representing 12 states. These snowmobilers gathered in Washington, DC for three days of work including business meetings, updates from Partners and Agencies, and legislative visits.

We heard presentations from ISMA, American Chemistry Council, Bureau of Land Management, Motorcycle Industry Council, and National Forest Service. Following the excitement about Argo's recent purchase of Arctic Cat, Jaret Smith, ISMA President, reported that Argo's management team is made up of several former Arctic Cat staff. They are moving quickly forward and have released a line up of sleds for 2026. He noted concerns about the potential for higher prices for new units and parts/accessories due to proposed tariffs, and the impact of Federal budget cuts leaving less resources for the Forest Service which will impact snowmobiling.

Prepared with facts and information, we all shared the Truth About Snowmobiling on Capitol Hill. We met with Sen. Mike Rounds and staff member, Will VanCamp; Rep. Dusty Johnson and staff member Sydney Powers, and two staff from Sen. Thune's office, Nicole Herman and Kate Lundberg. With materials in hand, we discussed Economic Impact of Snowmobiling, Land Access, and Continued Funding.

Specifically, we addressed the Recreational Trails Program which provides funds for new groomers for our SD Trails program. This funding will need be reauthorized in 2026 and it is uncertain what funding will be provided in the 2025 budget. With regard to National Forests, we emphasized how critical the Black Hills National Forest (BHNF) is to snowmobilers and the economic impact snowmobilers have on local businesses. With staffing and budget cuts we have seen in BHNF, we are concerned that lack of staff and lack of experience will make it difficult to address recreational issues such as access, trail reroutes, etc. With the Administration's in-

creased emphasis on logging, recreation must still have a seat at the table.

Work continues in Washington, DC to mark up the FY 2026 (Oct 25-Sept 26) spending bills. While no specifics are yet known on what funding will be available for Forest Services, RTP and other issues important to snowmobilers, funding is expected to be addressed after the August recess.

The importance of snowmobilers visiting with their legislators and their staff cannot be overstated. They appreciate input on how Federal changes are impacting us. I have engaged with our Federal representatives on two additional issues since returning home: the sale of public lands (later removed) and USDA reorganization (which includes the Forest Service). I encourage you share your concerns with your legislators when you have the opportunity.

South Dakota was represented by the Weavers, the Duerrs, the Hiles and the VenDenHemels at the 57th International Snowmobile Congress, June 11-14, Prince Edward Island. Provincial and State Reports given contained common themes of lower revenues due to snow conditions with the snow belt is seeing less snow/shorter snow seasons. Many associations reported on successful efforts or plans in the works to increase snowmobiling fees to support their programs. The ACSA meetings included much discussion about engaging the youth. Associations were challenged to increase their social media presence particular on Instagram and TikTok where younger riders are active. SDSA now has an Instagram page! Lori Clark from Wisconsin is the new Future Leaders Program Coordinator. Korbyn Shaw from Oregon (Mountain Riding Region) and Lynsey Burzniski from Wisconsin (Trails Riding Region) are the first Future Leaders Ambassadors (ages 21-30). See info elsewhere about the ASCA youth ride being planned for West Yellowstone in February, 2026. In addition to new ACSA officers President Dave Newman of WI and President-Elect Stan Stutheit of NE, South Dakota's Diane Hiles was selected as the Affiliate representative. The 2026 International Snowmobile Congress will be hosted by Nebraska State Snowmobile Association in the Omaha area (make plans!).

I am happy to welcome Jody Moss as our new SDSA Treasurer along with Black Hills Business & Tax Service as our accounting service. As we thank Diane for her excellent help in the transition, we know she will continue to be an advocate for snowmobiling! With a wet summer, I have high hopes from a good winter. If we just have one snowflake for every mosquito, we will be happy!

See you on the trail!



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SDSA President-Elect Mike Boock

Hello snowmobilers!

Summer's over... almost. I know it's still pretty warm out and it's hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking about snowmobiling. This means getting your sled out of storage and tuning it up, marking trails, repairing groomers, putting new batteries in your avalanche beacon, checking the tires on your sled trailer, greasing your wheel bearings, scheduling your trips out west, and going to club meetings.

The most important of these is to attend your club meetings... they need you! Many clubs have dropped significantly in club memberships over the years, yet sled sales are at all-time highs. Why is this? I believe there are several factors. First, I believe that most of our teens and young adults don't want to be "tied down" or belong to a club because they feel they will have to do too much work. I constantly hear, "What do I get out of it?" Well, you get snowmobile trails to ride on. You get an organization that fights daily for your right to ride. An organization that goes to Washington, D.C. every year to speak to legislators and representatives on how they can help us keep our trails open. An organization that works with GF&P and the Forrest Service to create an unbelievable trail system that is ranked as some of the best-groomed trails in the country when we get the snow that's needed. An organization that is continually working behind the scenes so you as a member can continue to ride. Most club dues are \$10 and the SDSA membership is only \$35, so for under \$50 you get all of this support. I've heard many people say, "I don't ride the trail system. I'm a mountain rider." As they say down south, "Bless your heart!" I have been riding in the mountains for almost 20 years and you almost always have to ride a little bit of trail. Even if you don't, that parking lot was put in with trail funds, those warming shelters are paid for by trail funds or club dues. The firewood burning in the shelters was chopped by a club or FS staff. If you really stop and think about it, we truly get a pretty big bang for our buck. In south Dakota, I am amazed at how well we have been able to maintain our trail system while only charging a \$10 sled registration fee for our in-state snowmobiles. All of our registered out-of-state friends have been able to ride our trail system for free for the past 50 years! Meanwhile, we have to pay \$75 to ride the trails in Wyoming and \$50.25 to ride in Colorado! I am proud that SD has been able to operate for 50 years without a rate increase. However, it is getting



more and more difficult to operate within our budget with increased prices in fuel, groomers, operating expenses, and easement purchases. This year, you will be hearing a lot about this from all of our board members, as well as our Snowmobile Advisory Council.

We have been having a lot of discussions about how to better serve our members and ways that we can increase revenues to keep the groomers moving. Some of these meetings have had discussions about raising snowmobile registrations fees and some have been about creating an out-of-state user fee. We are currently working with a firm to determine how many out of state riders use our trail system. We hope to have this study done before our state convention so we can update everyone then. With that being said, make sure to reserve your hotel rooms and get your registration form turned in so we can see you in Rapid City.

Also, at your first club meeting, you should receive raffle tickets to sell. Let's try to get all the tickets sold before the convention this year so the people attending the convention don't feel pressured to buy all the leftovers. Those people have already invested a lot of hard-earned dollars just to attend. We all have hundreds of friends and family that can buy a few tickets, so our members don't have to buy so many. Remember, without these fund raisers, we would have to raise our dues so let's get out there and sell, sell, sell.

See you in December for our "Adventure Awaits" convention in Rapid City hosted by the Black Hills Snowmobile Club. Photo is from Milbank Show in June.





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SDSA Past President Duane Duerr



Stand Out!!

This year the SDSA Convention is in Rapid City at the Ramkota, let's all kick in and make it a great one. SDSA Snowmobiler Recognition Awards are a big part of that event.



- Man Snowmobiler of the year. (Awarded a Plaque, Jacket and recognition)
- Women Snowmobiler of the year. (Awarded a Plaque, Jacket and recognition)
- Youth Snowmobiler of the year. (Awarded a Plaque, Jacket and recognition)
- Teen Snowmobiler of the Year. (Awarded a Plaque, Jacket, recognition and Tee shirt)
- Family of the Year.

(Awarded a plaque, weekend snowmobiling at a resort)

- Groomer of the year.
- Hall of Fame Nomination.
- Outstanding Dealer/Associate member Award. **(New this year)**



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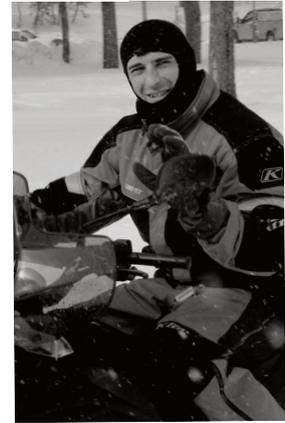
Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

As usual to start the year off I want to discuss what took place at our most important meeting of the year with the Advisory Council in August. We had a great discussion about the budget and some big projects we've got coming up this season.

Fourteen grants were approved for the 2025-2026 Grant-in-Aid program, with those grants totaling just under \$380,000. Thank You to the clubs and volunteers who do a great job providing safe snowmobiling opportunities throughout eastern South Dakota. I just spent a couple days in the vehicle with Ryan Frederickson and Tate Lies out of the Black Hill's Trails Office in Lead where we visited all the state-owned groomers and drags for our annual equipment inspection. Clubs do a great job maintaining this equipment and we see every year. Thank You!

Also approved at the meeting was the fiscal year 2027 snowmobile budget. Not much changed from the previous year which is standard for the snowmobile program as we roll into a \$1.45 million dollar budget authority. The council was also updated about where the programs current trails fund balance is and where our fiscal year 2025 revenue and expenses ended up. Total revenue earned last year came in at \$908,165 where our final expenses came in at \$978,920. This meant our Snowmobile Trails Fund went from \$702,109 down too \$631,354. We feel the fund balance is in a good place as it represents over half of our annual spending. We earned \$432,985 in gas tax, \$79,030 in the \$10 resident registration and \$256,036 in excise tax. We call these the BIG 3 for the program's revenue and typically makeup between 80% and 90% annually.

The council also received updates on the Economic Impact Study, Use Survey and Easements we are working on in the Black Hills. While we didn't have any numbers yet for the easements, we are working on a contract for a surveyor to start performing that work. We were given a verbal figure for the EIS around \$23,000, which is only \$4,000 more then when this study was last performed during the 2011-2012 snowmobile season. I'll use next months article to dive in more to the Use Survey as we do have a contract signed and this project readily moving forward where I'll have more information.



The month of September is always busy with the necessary paperwork to keep the snowmobile season moving forward. This includes GIA and Equipment Agreements, DOT right of way agreements, ordering our various permits we need and other necessary requirements. The agreements that GFP has with the state should be in the mail by late September and if those clubs could send back a PDQ, instead of mailing it back, you can certainly do so.

Don't forget to start getting sign requests into me right away and I know clubs start meeting this month so let me know and if my schedule allows, I can plan on attending.

That's all for this month.
Stay safe! Ryan Raynor
Snowmobile Trails Coordinator

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Meet SDSA's treasurer.....

Hello fellow snowmobilers!

My name is Jody Moss, and I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new treasurer of the South Dakota Snowmobile Association. I live in Valley Springs, SD, and proudly ride with the Siouxland Sno-Trackers.

A few years ago, my husband convinced me to give snowmobiling a try as we entered the empty-nest chapter of our lives. Fast forward to today—our youngest is starting her senior year of college, and I've found myself deeply immersed in this incredible community. Through the club, I've built lasting friendships and created unforgettable memories on the trails.

I've had the pleasure of riding locally, exploring the snowy landscapes of Wisconsin, and—

last year—finally checked off a bucket-list ride in the Black Hills, which has quickly become my favorite destination.

As your new treasurer, I'm excited to bring my accounting background to the role and help support the association's mission. Locally, I enjoy organizing volunteer events and brainstorming ways to engage youth in our area, ensuring the next generation discovers the joy of snowmobiling.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the state convention and out on the trails—sharing stories, swapping tips, and continuing to build a strong, vibrant snowmobiling community together. See you in the snow!

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- **ISMA Grant Program – applications must be received by October 1st**
- **Snowmobile Safety Week is January 10-18, 2026**
- **ACSA Scholarship Application – due February 1, 2026**
- **International Snowmobile Ride Day is February 14, 2026 (Governor’s Ride)**
- **Take A Friend Riding is February 7-16, 2026**
- **ACSA Trail Riding Area Winter Roundtable and Ride – January 29 -30, 2026 at the Northern Waters Casino Resort, Watersmeet, MI**
- **ACSA Winter Board Meeting – TBA - the later part of January or early February**
- **ACSA Mountain Riding Area Winter Summit – February 18 – 22, 2026, at Holiday Inn, West Yellowstone, MT**
- **ACSA DC Fly-In – TBA in April 2026**
- **ACSA Board Meeting – late May 2025 for approval of ACSA 2025 – 2026 Budget**
- **ACSA Annual Meeting – June 3 -6, 2026, at the ISC in Lavista, Nebraska**



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Hello again, as always, I am not ready to let go of summer, but all the signs are right in front of me. The leaves are starting to turn; the air is just a bit crisper with the smell of fall and the days are becoming shorter. I know it is only a matter of time as we switch over to snowmobile season. The Farmers' Almanac anticipates a long, cold winter with an early start and lingering chill into the spring. This should make many club members very happy.

On June 20th -22nd our we continued with the Dirt Therapy Ride / camping weekend at Nemo Guest Ranch. We had a great turnout with some very good riding weather. We are hoping to continue this again next year and try out the area around Hill City and stay at Mt. Meadows Campground.

The club is also preparing for the 2025 SDSA Snowmobile Convention here in the Black Hills on December 5th & 6th..... ADVENTURE AWAITS. We would love to fill the blocks of rooms we have held at the **Best Western Ramkota Hotel / Convention Center at 2111 N Lacrosse St. Rapid City, SD. A block of rooms is being held until November 4th, 2025. To book rooms call 605-343-8550 and reference the SD Snowmobile Association prior to October 20th, 2025, for early booking. Room rates are \$80.00 /night plus tax.**

The next Black Hills Snowmobile Club Meeting is on October 7th, 2025, at 7pm – Rice’s Rapid Motorsports.

Until next month..... **Snowmobiling It’s not just A HOBBY; it’s an ESCAPE from REALITY!**

Holly Thomas
Black Hills Snowmobile Club



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The Importance of Joining a Snowmobile Club

Snowmobiling is more than just a winter sport — it's a passion, a lifestyle, and for many, a beloved way to explore nature's winter wonderland. But while hitting the trails solo or with friends can be a thrilling experience, joining a snowmobile club brings a whole new level of enjoyment, responsibility, and community to the ride.

Here's why the Aberdeen Drift Buster Snowmobile Club thinks becoming a member of a snowmobile club is not just beneficial — it's essential.

1. Trail Access and Maintenance

One of the biggest advantages of joining a snowmobile club is access to well-maintained trails. Most clubs work hard — often with volunteers — to clear, groom, and maintain trails throughout the season. Without their efforts, many of the trails we enjoy wouldn't exist or would be unsafe.

By joining a club, you're contributing directly to keeping your local trail network open and in great condition.

2. Support for Land Use and Advocacy

Many snowmobile trails cross private property. Clubs are often responsible for securing and maintaining these agreements with landowners. Without respectful club partnerships, these trails could easily be closed off. Clubs also play a vital role in advocating for the rights of snowmobilers at the state and national level. Whether it's fighting for funding, trail access, or snowmobile-friendly laws, clubs give snowmobilers a stronger, unified voice.

3. Safety and Education

Safety is paramount in snowmobiling, especially when weather conditions are harsh or trails are unfamiliar. Many clubs offer safety courses, training events, and group rides that help riders of all experience levels build confidence and knowledge. A link to these certifications and training can be found here: www.aberdeendriftingbusters.com/resources/

These programs may include:

- Snowmobile safety certifications
- Avalanche awareness training
- Mechanical workshops
- First aid courses specific to cold-weather situations

4. Community and Camaraderie

Being part of a snowmobile club connects you with a community of like-minded enthusiasts. Clubs often host social events such as:

- Group rides and poker runs
- Bonfires, cookouts, and holiday gatherings
- Fundraisers for local causes
- Annual meetings and trips

These events are great ways to make new friends, share stories, and build long-lasting relationships both on and off the trails.

5. Economic Impact and Local Support

Snowmobile clubs help boost local economies. Club members often support local businesses – from gas stations and diners to hotels and gear shops. Clubs also partner with local sponsors and help raise funds for community initiatives. By joining a club, you're contributing to the sustainability of not only your sport but also the small towns and rural communities that rely on winter tourism.



6. Protecting the Future of the Sport

If snowmobiling is to thrive for future generations, it needs stewards – people who will care for the trails, respect the land, and represent the sport responsibly. Snowmobile clubs cultivate that stewardship by fostering a culture of respect, education, and preservation.

By joining, you're doing your part to ensure the trails you enjoy today will be there for others tomorrow.

Whether you're new to snowmobiling or a seasoned rider, joining a snowmobile club is one of the best decisions you can make. It connects you to a network of passionate riders, helps protect and maintain trails, promotes safety, and ensures the future of snowmobiling remains bright.

So, this season, consider joining your local snowmobile club – because great trails don't just happen, and community makes every ride better.

Aberdeen Drift Buster Snowmobile Club – Come Ride with Us!

Dakota Drifters held their 2024-2025 season-ending spring banquet on April 12 at the home of Brian Melchert and Gena Hult. Midwest Fresh food truck was on-site for all thirty-four attendees to order and enjoy their delicious dinner choice. Officer elections were held after



the meal with the following being sworn into office: President – Lynn Nilsson; Vice-President – Ron Benthin; Secretary – Lisa Cain; Treasurer – Darrin Hai; Public Relations – Gena Hult, and Past President – Greg Spiering. Club Board of Directors include: Mike Broesder, Troy Ness, Julie Westberg and Chad Willmott. Games were played before and after the meeting – cards, bags, etc.

A summer charity ride was held on Saturday, August 30, that was hosted by Brookings DAV Chapter in memory of Dan Lamp with many Dakota Drifters club members participating.

The first meeting of the season will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month – September 10 – at 7:00pm...location TBD. Reminder club and associate membership dues are payable this month, which can be paid at the meeting or through the link on the website: <https://www.dakotadrifters.org>



Being a dual motorized club between snowmobiles and ATV/UTV's, summer provides some opportunities to do some riding throughout the countryside. Especially since we haven't had enough snow to groom in two years and ride our sleds on the trails here in our area. In June, the club did a meet up at the New Horizon Lounge for a social event, with those in attendance being put in a drawing for a \$50 gift card to the New Horizon Lounge.

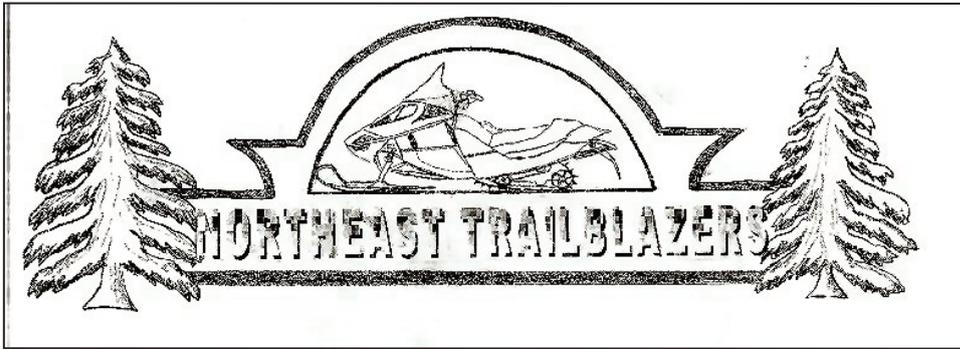
Then in early July, eleven club members did a meet up at Carthage and rode ATV/UTV's to Alpena for "Weiner Wednesday". This was a good time for all who were able to participate.

As we look to fall our club will be hosting a Poker Run, on Saturday, September 13th, leaving at 1 pm from the Prairie Fire Bar and Grille, located at the Kingsbury County Country Club in DeSmet, SD. Each year we choose a recipient to receive the funds raised from our Poker Run. This year's Poker Run will be a Memorial Ride with funds raised going to the family of the Jeff "Louie" Albrecht, who recently passed from Lymphoma. We hope you can join us on the ride which will feature various places / towns around Lake Thompson.



The first official meeting of the season will be coming up shortly, on September 10th at the Prairie Fire Bar and Grille in DeSmet, starting at 7:30 pm. The meeting is open to anyone, and we will start taking new club memberships at this time.

T&C Riders stopping along the way from the "Weiner Wednesday" Ride to Alpena Bar.



Hello from the Northeast Corner of the State,
 Hope you all had a great Summer. Our Summer was full of Family Reunions, Town Celebrations, Class Reunions and of course lake time. We once again entered a float in our hometown celebration, we also did some donating to local benefits. We also help our local horse-riding club in town and take tickets at the door, just another way to try to get our name out and help our community.

As we look forward to starting our next season, we will soon be having local meetings and putting in trail marker signs. But till then we hope for a nice long fall and a great harvest.

Northeast Trailblazers



Hello from the Watertown Snowmobile Club! We hope everyone had a nice summer and is ready for our favorite season! Hopefully with all of the rain we have had we will have just as much precipitation in the form of snow this winter! Many of our members are heading to Hay Days this weekend which is always a fun time and they always come home

with a bunch of goodies!

We are having our Annual meeting and supper on Sunday, Oct 5th to kick off the year! It will be held at Cloud 9 tentatively to start meeting at 4pm and eat after. Election of officers, planning events and discussions about our club will be taking place. All are welcome just let us know you will be attending for the food count!

Several of our members bought new sleds last season and didn't get in much riding so we hope that means this year will be much better for us around here and on our trails.

Hope to see everyone out there soon!

Reporting
 Amy Sowers Secretary

C L U B N E W S



As the crisp air of autumn begins to settle in, our snowmobile club is gearing up for an eventful year filled with camaraderie, planning, and celebration. We invite all members—new and returning—to be a part of our upcoming season. Your input and energy make all the difference as we look ahead to a fantastic riding season.

Our first club meeting of the year was on September 4th at The Gulch in Garretson. We enjoyed our time catching up with fellow enthusiasts. We discussed trail updates, committees, and started to plan upcoming events. Our annual Membership Appreciation Picnic was on September 13th.

This year, we gathered at the Houg’s shop for an evening of great food, laughter, and appreciation for the community spirit that keeps our club thriving. It’s our way of saying thank you to everyone who makes our club a welcoming and adventurous group.

Our members eagerly anticipate a winter blanketed in snow across Eastern South Dakota, ready to make the most of our local trails and reconnect with associate members. We’re excited to take part in dealer open houses, community parades, and club rides. We also look forward to giving back through volunteer work and participating in the SDSA Convention and related events.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page – Siouxland SnoTrackers or our website SFSNOTRACKERS.COM for club meeting information and upcoming events. Let’s come together to celebrate our shared passion for snowmobiling and the friendships that make it all worthwhile. See you on the trails!



What a fun day with these YETIS kids at Thunder Road.





Jackson Wenger, District 2 Director

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening from District #2. I hope this summer found you all well, to me it seemed extremely short. Not much to report t this time although I did get the honor of dropping the MXZ 200 off at the Uran family house and might I say there was 2 young kids with a smile on their faces from ear to ear.

The Black Hills club is ramping up operations to ake the 2025 convention a memorable one. Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's convention. It's always great to get as many attendees as possible.

Lee Olson, District 3 Director

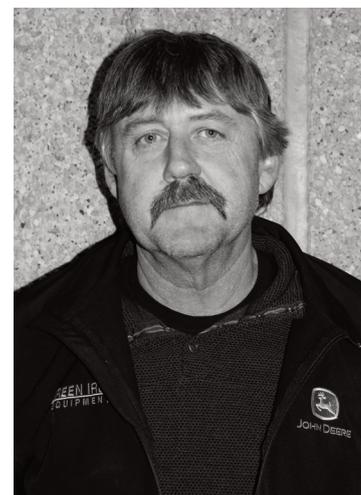
Hello everyone, how was your summer?

It's been really wet around here, never thought we'd hear farmers complaining about the rain never stopping. It's been a real struggle to get hay put up this summer.

Well, it's time to start planning for the upcoming winter. Maybe this year we'll be able to use our own trail. If not, hopefully the Black Hills again this winter. One winter forecast is showing a snowy winter for our area. We all know how accurate that is though.

The Driftbuster's fall campout is coming up in a couple weeks, always a good time spent with friends. Hopefully gain a few new members at the same time.

See you on the trails or at the convention.

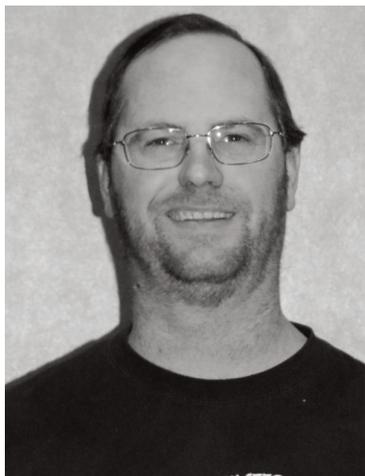


Nathan Van Zee, District 4 Director

Hello all

I hope everyone had a great summer with lots of cookouts camping and lake time. It's hard to believe summer is over already. It seems like just yesterday Mary Ann was texting me reminding me that I was late doing my article again. I guess some things never change I got the same friendly reminder this month. I see some of the trees are starting to change so snow is just around the corner hopefully. I have a trip to Idaho planned mid September on the motorcycle so hopefully it doesn't start snowing yet. I don't think crossing the mountains on 2 wheels in the snow sounds fun but might make a good story. Reminder that raffle tickets are out so if anyone needs any let someone know so we can try to get them sold.





Jason Shepherd, District 6 Director

Hello again. It is that time of year again. School has started along with the fall activities. Which include snowmobile activities. With the snowmobile events starting up again. The summer was one to remember with all the rain that we have gotten. Hopefully the moisture will continue throughout the winter month in the form of snow. So we all can get out and enjoy what we love to do. So until next month enjoy the start of fall and all the activities.

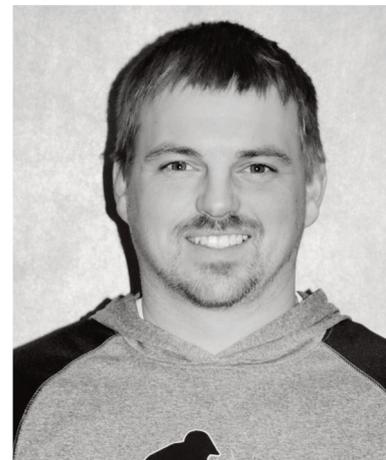
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## Trace Damm, District 7 Director

Hello everyone,

As usual summer seemed to fly by for us and our family.

With the addition of our new "soon-to-be" rider, we are excited to announce our son Hondo Damm. We are beyond blessed, and the girls are completely excited. Logan is in first grade now and Allie is in pre-school; both get to ride the bus home(it's a big deal). They both are great big sisters that maybe help a bit too much at times. None the less it is awesome to see, life is in full gear and isn't slowing down anytime soon.



With summer being great, lets roll the good vibes straight into winter. This summer I attended the Poinsett Pounders golf tournament where they raised money for the local fire departments. It was a great event and was awesome to see that summer activation. Let's hope all the rain this summer can carry into snow fall for this winter and have a great year!

Till next time -Trace

**HANNAH'S CHICKENS RIDE PLANNED FOR WEST YELLOWSTONE IN FEBRUARY**  
The Hannah's Chickens Ride stems from a youth involvement challenge issued at the Mountain Region Ride last February. Planning continues on this youth ride that will be held in West Yellowstone, MT in conjunction with the 2026 Mountain Region Ride February 18-22. Jason Howell is the new Mountain Region Coordinator (and Hannah's dad) and is leading this effort that will be headquartered at the Holiday Inn in West Yellowstone. Here's what we know now: Plans are being made to provide lodging for the youth, in attendance. Activities being considered include a youth ride, riding with a pro rider and perhaps visiting Yellowstone National Park. ACSA is trying to determine how many youth would be coming from each state. Please check with your clubs to gauge interest and let Mary Anne know in the office. We can then pass on more details/deadlines as they are known.



## Snowmobilers For Snowmobilers Gun Auction to Continue as an On-Going Fundraiser Challenge

By: Kim Raap

Snowmobilers For Snowmobilers was created in 2012 by the Poinsett Pounders and Dakota Trailblazers to help provide financial assistance to snowmobilers who are SDSA and snowmobile club members and have experienced a hardship within their immediate family. This became a statewide program that initially provided \$500 to recipients who remain anonymous, and was then increased to \$1,000 per recipient 2 years later. To-date, over \$32,000 has been distributed to 36 recipients. Clubs can download a nomination form from the SDSA website and submit it to the SDSA office for consideration at any time there is a need.

In 2024 Charlie Fawcett, who was a past recipient and wanted to give back to this program, donated a Henry .17 Cal. HMR rifle to SDSA to auction off as a fundraiser for Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers (S4S). Charlie had this rifle engraved with the SDSA name and logo, a 'Snowmobilers 4 Snowmobilers' logo and a snowmobiling image on both sides of it by Dakota Precision Engraving in Miller. He also had a scabbard built by Shamrock Holsters in Brookings – which is also branded with the Snowmobilers 4 Snowmobilers logo.

I purchased this rifle and scabbard during the initial auction held at the 2024



SDSA Convention in Brookings with the sole intent of setting up an on-going program which will use this very special gun for an annual on-going S4S fundraising auction – in some respects maybe a new 'competition' – hopefully well into the future.

I made a proposal to the SDSA Board that they approved at their recent August meeting. So, going forward, the 'Snowmobilers 4 Snowmobilers' gun auction will be an "All-In Auction" whereby everyone who bids during the auction will pay their highest bid... (so to be clear = ALL bidders will pay whatever their highest bid was during the auction (if you stopped bidding at \$50 – you owe \$50, if you stop bidding at \$500 – you owe \$500, if you stop bidding at \$1,500 – you owe \$1,500, etc. – with the subsequent 'highest bidder' at the end NOT gaining ownership of the rifle but rather they will get their name on a plaque showing the annual auction 'winner'.

The rifle and scabbard will be displayed throughout the year in a locked case at a prominent snowmobiling location in South Dakota, which may rotate, or may become long-term if the right display opportunity appears. In addition to the gun and scabbard, the overall wall display will include: a brief explanation and history of S4S – including total donations to recipients to-date (total number of individuals/families awarded funds along with total dollars given); recognition of Charlie and his gifting the gun to SDSA for the initial fundraising auction; and a plaque with nameplates showing the annual top auction winner (name and \$ amount) from the 2024 and 2025 auction fundraisers onward. There will also be information included with the display as to how individuals or businesses can donate to S4S at any time of the year, beyond the annual gun auction.

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This All-In auction method allows individuals as well as businesses and clubs to collectively contribute to S4S – and has been insanely productive to help other snowmobile associations as well as the American Council of Snowmobile Associations raise tens of thousands of dollars for their scholarship programs and other access or assistance programs. Many SDSA clubs as well as individuals and businesses have routinely given generously each year to S4S, so this auction method gives them an opportunity for their donations to have more visibility versus simply sending a check to the SDSA office. Additionally, this type of auction in other states has resulted in club competitions – as well as coalitions of clubs banding together to bid against other more wealthy individual clubs as well as against other ‘club coalitions.’ So, if your club has donated to S4S in the past or have been planning to do it in the future – be prepared to join in the auction competition and fun at the Rapid City convention in December. Snowmobilers For Snowmobilers is about us helping those in our snowmobiling family and overall community when they’re struggling and need a helping hand up. Make your charitable funding decisions early and be ready to help make Convention rock in December!

We’ve agreed to try this approach for the next few years and will jointly continue to monitor how it works and tweak as needed going forward. And if it works as well in SD as it has worked in other areas – we may even be able to increase award amounts or broaden its scope to perhaps help fund other charitable needs going forward. Start planning to join this fun, competitive fundraiser now!





# International Snowmobile Hall of Fame 2025 Inductees:



**Alan Butler from Foxwarren, Manitoba - Volunteer & Club Organizer**  
 Alan was raised on a family farm in western Manitoba and getting involved in the community and volunteering was in his DNA. It is with those family values that he and his wife Linda raised their children. In 2011 Snowmobilers of Manitoba (Snoman) held their first annual Snoman Congress and Awards Banquet. Alan Butler spearheaded this event, and it was regarded as a tremendous success with an overwhelming majority of club attendance. It is now an annual event. During the 2012-2013 season, Alan was instrumental in introducing a provincial trail numbering system. One year later Snoman enhanced this trail numbering system to further emphasize safe operation of the snowmobile. Under the watchful eye of Alan, this program included the development and implementation of an online "Snowmobile Operators Safety Course" made available to those under the age of 18 free of charge.

Another project spearheaded by Alan was to get more riders out on the snow to experience all that Manitoba snowmobiling had to offer, a "Free Ride Weekend" to promote the trail system. In 2014, Snoman was awarded funding through the National Trails Coalition and the Provincial Government to carry out 11 projects amounting to \$350,000. Alan was instrumental in Snoman receiving the funding. As Chair of the Snoman Planning Committee, Alan and his team were awarded the bid for the 49th International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) in Winnipeg for 2017. That ISC proved to be successful with participants from as far away as Norway. For the 2018-2019 season, Mapgears and Snoman partnered together, thanks to Alan's initiative, to create an interactive map which would allow snowmobilers to plan their trips online and see which trails are open or closed and when they were groomed last. In 2024 at Snoman's Congress, Alan was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Award, recognizing outstanding commitment and significant contributions to recreational snowmobiling. Alan has always been available to meet with government representatives. He has done countless interviews on television, radio and print. Alan is an individual who works adamantly for the good of the community and of snowmobiling throughout Manitoba and beyond. His contributions can be felt in every facet of the Snoman organization.

**Michel (Micky) Garneau from Montreal, Quebec - Publisher & Journalist**

Michel (Micky) Garneau's years in the snowmobile industry have been both a labor of love and a passionate fulfillment of a childhood dream. Growing up in the very small town of Larder Lake (pop. 745) Micky feverishly devoured every power sports publication to hit the newsstands of his hometown's general store. His fascination with snowmobiles and other off-road vehicles made his passion only stronger with every magazine he could get his hands on. From his doorstep he could wrench on his sleds and learned to service and tune them. Fast forward to his adulthood, Micky became a prolific and accomplished journalist. He has a lengthy list of career highlights that spans over 25 years. As an articulate bilingual journalist, Micky has been able to introduce Quebec snowmobilers to a variety of English publications bringing them new content, ideas and perspectives previously unavailable in French. Serving in various capacities for Motoneige Quebec Magazine from 2001-2025, including Technical Editor and Editor-in-Chief since 2018, Micky has been responsible for delivering content for four yearly 100-page issues, most of which he writes himself, edits and translates into French. Micky is highly respected for his ability to explain complicated issues and technical content in easily understandable terms. Along with his primary journalistic position with the FCMQ (Quebec Federation of Snowmobile Clubs), Micky also makes effective and ongoing contributions to provincial government relations, successfully representing and advocating for the betterment of organized snowmobiling in Quebec on many different issues. Micky serves as a board member representing the FCMQ on the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO) (2001-2025) initiating and being instrumental in developing resolutions to timely important issues. He has served as designated FCMQ delegate to ISC from 2001 to 2025. Micky has made presentations for organized snowmobiling, trail systems and winter tourism on behalf of BRP to delegations from Russia, China and Brazil as recently as 2019 and 2023. As North America's premier bilingual journalist in snowmobiling for more than 25 years, Micky has been an unsung media leader making an indelible and prolific contribution to the provincial, national and international snowmobile community and to winter tourism.



**Bob Kirchner from St. Marys, Pennsylvania - Volunteer & Club Organizer**

Bob purchased his first snowmobile in 1979, joined the Pennsylvania State Snowmobile Association (PSSA) in 1980 and his involvement in organized snowmobiling grew stronger from there on. By 1990, Bob was elected President of the Pigeon Hills Snowmobile Club. A few years later a work transfer took Bob and his wife Kathy to St. Marys, PA where they joined the St. Marys Snowmobile Association (SMASA). They remain members to date. Bob and family also hold yearly memberships in several other Pennsylvania snowmobile clubs. Bob is a founding member of the West Creek Recreational Trail Association which successfully converted a 19-mile railroad grade in the area to a multi-use recreational trail. Bob made sure that the snowmobilers' interests were included in the development of the trail. Bob tried his hand in snowmobile racing over a span of about a decade and in that time started a race team, the highlight of which they competed in the "24 hours of Eagle River" race where they finished in 13th place. Bob attended his first International Snowmobile Congress in 1997 and subsequently attended most ISC's since then. In 2005, Bob was elected President of PSSA where he served through 2008. He served on the Pennsylvania Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Snowmobile/ATV Advisory Committee for several years. Bob also became very active in the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), serving as their Vice-President for 2013 & 2014 and elected President of ACSA in 2015 & 2016. Still very involved with the DCNR, in 2022, Bob was appointed in a leadership role to help evaluate and recommend changes to the Snowmobile and ATV funding measures for the State of Pennsylvania. In 2023, Bob was accepted as a member of the Iron Dog Brigade. In 2024, Bob joined the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame Board of Directors. By 2025, Bob was selected to serve on the by-laws committee for the International Snowmobile Council. Bob has been an unrelenting advocate for snowmobiling most of his life, approaching the sport not just as a hobby but as a passion. His extensive volunteer work spans the local, state and national levels, reflecting his commitment to advancing and promoting snowmobiling.





# International Snowmobile Hall of Fame 2025 Inductees:



Sam Landes from Dane, Wisconsin - Volunteer & Club Organizer

Sam crossed the threshold into organized snowmobiling in 1989 and soon became a leader in his local snowmobile community. After the subsequent merger of two major clubs in Dane County, he became the founding President of the Waunakee Winter Wanderers in 1992 and laid the groundwork for a successful grassroots snowmobile club. At the same time, Sam already spread his dedication of time and talents serving as a delegate since 1989 to the Dane County Council of Snowmobile Clubs. A volunteer Wisconsin DNR certified snowmobile safety instructor, Sam has helped facilitate the safe operation of snowmobiles to countless students and mentored six other instructors, multiplying his impact on safety and education. Government relations are key to monitoring and implementing snowmobile legislation and that is Sam's strong suit. Sam has served on the Governor's Snowmobile Recreation Council since 2003. His ability to earn respect and maintain positive relationships with state legislators and WI state governors (from both sides of the aisle) is unparalleled. Sam has worked effectively with both majority and minority leadership, which has been crucial for the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) and the sport of snowmobiling. Sam is a two-time recipient of the AWSC President's Cup. When it comes to trail preservation, Sam's proactive approach is evident in his swift and decisive actions during critical legislative measures. He spearheaded the multi-use trail connecting Dane and Sauk counties which led to the construction of a vital and safe bridge over the Wisconsin River. He also led the fight to keep snowmobiling in Blue Mounds State Park. When the WI state snowmobile program faced funding challenges, Sam played a pivotal role in negotiating the development of the current annual trail pass system. Most would regard this as Wisconsin's most significant snowmobiling legislative measure to date. Sam's influence extends beyond state borders. When a trail in Michigan's Upper Peninsula faced closure, he dedicated numerous weekends working with local businesses, volunteers and legislators to preserve this crucial trail system. Sam also played a huge role in the development of the future of snowmobiling through his support of the AWSC's Kids and Adults On Snowmobiles (KAOS) youth program. This program has spread far beyond the borders of WI and has spilled over to the adoption of similar youth programs in a dozen US states and Canadian provinces.

Stan & Kate Stutheit from Syracuse, Nebraska - Volunteers & Club Organizers



Stan began his snowmobile journey as a youngster on a 1970 Homelite snowmobile taking countless laps around the house. His real involvement in snowmobiling began after graduating college, he would go on multiple snowmobile trips with friends and from there found himself participating in local club functions and attending state association conventions. Stan and Kate were married in 1981, took their first snowmobile trip out west, joined their first snowmobile club and the Nebraska State Snowmobile Association (NSSA) that same year. They both love to ride their snowmobiles traveling every winter to South Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. They understand the need to protect snowmobile access from state to state and north of the border. Where Stan is, Kate is right by his side. Together they attend state conventions, summer campouts, mountain region riding summits, Midwest chapter meetings and International Snowmobile Congresses. They have been active in the NSSA for decades. Stan has served in many of the positions from Membership Chair to President. Kate has also served in many positions and is currently serving as Publicity/Social Committee Chair. They both are active in the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA). Stan has attended the ACSA DC Fly-Ins and Land Summits. He also served on the ACSA board as a delegate for many years. Stan and Kate were instrumental in getting Nebraska to host the 2021 ISC and they cochaired that successful event despite challenging times in the wake of the Covid crisis. Regardless of all the involvement Stan and Kate have devoted on a national and international level of organized snowmobiling, they never lost touch and remained true to their grassroots local snowmobile club, the Syracuse Snoflakers. Between them they held a position in every office, multiple times. Over the years they invited many folks, new to snowmobiling, on a ride to ensure they had a positive first experience providing them with sleds and all necessary gear. Stan is always sharing information that affects snowmobiling to help engage others on potential trail issues and pending legislation. Kate has gone above and beyond for the snowmobiling youth, organizing special activities and working on the Syracuse scholarship program, anything to keep the young snowmobile enthusiasts engaged for the future of the sport. For several decades, both Stan and Kate have shared their talents as volunteers, exhibiting positivity, outstanding leadership and a strong unwavering dedication to the sport of snowmobiling on all levels.





# SDSA Awards Scholarship

**Duane Duerr surprised Christopher VanDenHemel to present him with SDSA's scholarship, and also with one of the Jon LaFramboise Scholarships that were given this year.**

**Christopher is attending South Dakota School of Mines & Technology majoring in Biomedical Engineering. Christopher is the son of Kari & Michael VanDenHemel of Sioux Falls.**

**Christopher's essay is below.**



The sport of snowmobiling is important to me and the state of South Dakota.

Along with snowmobiling, I am in my school's band. In the band program, I participate in several different ensembles, marching band, symphonic band, jazz band, jazz combo, show band, musical pit band, pep band, and winter drumline. In those bands I play the baritone saxophone. I was a saxophone sectional leader in marching band, symphonic band and pep band. In the show band, I was lucky enough to receive a solo this year, performing on stage with the show choir. In the jazz band, I prepared an Allstate audition, however, I do not know the results at this point. I spend roughly 3 hours every day for four years of high school on some sort of rehearsing for any of the ensembles I'm in.

In addition to spending time with music, I also spend time volunteering every semester I volunteer for at least five hours at any non-profit or charitable organization. My friends and I

all go to an organization of our choosing, and we spend our time giving back to our community.

Snowmobiling is one of my passions, as it has connected me with some of the smartest and kindest people ever. It has taught me a lot about Parliamentary procedure and certain aspects of government than many people my age don't know. I was honored to win the SDSA award for you snowmobiler of the year in 2017. I have been the treasurer of the YETIS and the SDSA board representative, which has allowed me to sit in on meetings and learn from more experienced people while also advocating for what I believe in. Snowmobiling has given me the space to grow more confident while also learning to become more humble and empathetic.

The sport of snowmobiling is incredibly important to the state of South Dakota. Every year, thousands of people come to our great state snowmobile, and it pops up the

economies of many small towns. Many small businesses are partners with SDSA and it brings new people and new business into the small businesses. It brings new opportunities to the state as snowmobiling is a very narrow business, and it can only be done in certain areas. Snowmobiling makes South Dakota a prime winter destination. It turns a bleak winter in the Midwest into a life-changing experience for anyone.

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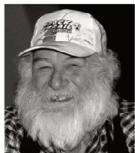
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**5. Thomas C. Keimig**  
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**11. Neal Boeke**  
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**12. Courtney  
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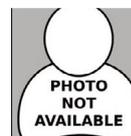
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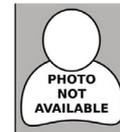
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Club  
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## ***Annual Vintage Snowmobile National Championship Show & Swap***

Calvin and Linda Moser have been selected by the vintage snowmobile editor, Mike Meagher, to do the 21st annual Vintage snowmobile National championship show & swap. This has never been done in South Dakota before. Mike chose Cal and Linda because of their hard work and dedication to every show they have done in the past.

They have accepted his request with great honors and hope that the SDSA and all the South Dakota Clubs help support their decision. The event will be held August 7,8,9 2026 at the Huron State fairgrounds. The contract has already been signed by Cal and Linda and Peggy, the coordinator of the fairgrounds.

Cal and Linda are proposing that club members of the SDSA bring live auction items to the State Convention to be picked up by Cal and Linda. The items will be used at the live auction in June at the Milbank Show. All proceeds will go to the National Show to help offset the cost of the show.

Over the winter months Cal has been asking in advance to bring any items that can be brought to the events he is attending and are used for the live auction which has been very successful at the Milbank show from SD, ND, MN, IA, MT, MI, IL, WI and Canada along with many other shows he attends. In the past years Milbank Show and Swap has donated many wine, etched wine glasses and cheese boxes, many sweatshirts and other items to the conventions and would like to see items brought to convention for the Milbank Show to support doing a National Vintage snowmobile show in South Dakota. Thank You. Cal and Linda Moser, Milbank show and swap.

Understanding the VSCA Vintage Snowmobile National Show

### ***What Is a Vintage Sled Show?***

A vintage sled show closely resembles the antique and classic car shows commonly seen at community events. Builders and restorers dedicate hundreds of hours to restoring Classic, Vintage, and Antique snowmobiles. These shows are held throughout the upper 48 states and Canada, especially in the snowbelt regions of the United States and Canada, stretching from the East to the West coast.

### ***The Origin of the VSCA National Show***

In March 2005, I acquired the rights to the Vintage Snowmobile Magazine. While covering local shows in various states and Canada, I quickly realized that area and regional shows were not enough—we needed to showcase these sleds in competition at a national level. Collectors and restorers from multiple states could then compete at a higher level.

### ***Establishing the National Show***

In 2006, I began gathering information from show promoters across the United States and Canada. After discussions, we agreed that the VSCA National Show would rotate each year: starting in the Midwest, moving to the East, and then to the West in the third year. I promoted the first show in Thief River Falls, Minnesota in May 2006. The inaugural event was a tremendous success, featuring nearly 300 sleds from nine different states and Canada.

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Initially, I was unsure if others would be interested in hosting future VSCA National Shows due to the significant effort involved. However, to my surprise, volunteers from many regional shows expressed interest in hosting. Over the past 20 consecutive years, the Vintage Snowmobile Magazine has collaborated with hosts in numerous states. The show has been held in Massachusetts, Idaho, several regions of New York, Montana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and multiple areas in Minnesota.

### ***Looking Ahead***

We are excited to announce that the Vintage Snowmobile Magazine will bring the National Show to South Dakota for the first time in 2026. Plans are underway by Cal and Linda Moser to host the 21st Annual Show at the Fairgrounds in Huron, South Dakota.

### ***More Information***

To view details about the National Show in Duluth, Minnesota, visit [www.vsca.com](http://www.vsca.com). Thank you for your interest. If you have any questions or if I can assist with promoting a show in your area, please feel free to contact me.

Michael Meagher

Vintage Snowmobile Magazine [mike@vsca.com](mailto:mike@vsca.com)

# Milbank Show

Whetstone Valley Snowmobile club/Milbank Antique Vintage Snowmobile Show South Dakota winners are as followed.

Scorpion Trail 69-74 Original: Jeff Blankespoor Madison 1st place and Honorable Mention  
Scorpion Trail 75-8 6 Original: Jeff Blankespoor Madison 1st place and Honorable Mention  
Youth/Mini sled Survivor: Josie Hanson Milbank Honorable Mention

Youth/Mini Sled Restored: Dave Koch Brookings 1st place Trail 69-74 Survivor: Gene Baugus Milbank 1st place

Trail 75-86 Survivor: Scott Bassett Wilmot Honorable Mention

Trail 75-86 Original: Gene Baugus Milbank 1st place Trail 75-86 Restored: Brad Gomer Bryant 1st place Vintage Race Restored: Dave Koch Honorable Mention As Raced Oval & Drag: Dave Koch Brookings 1st place

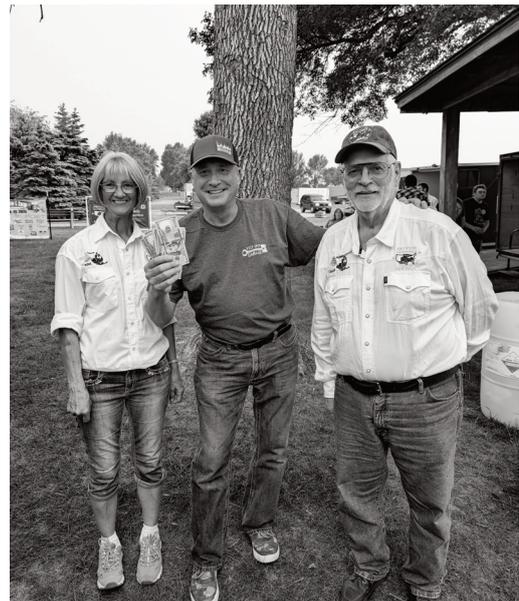
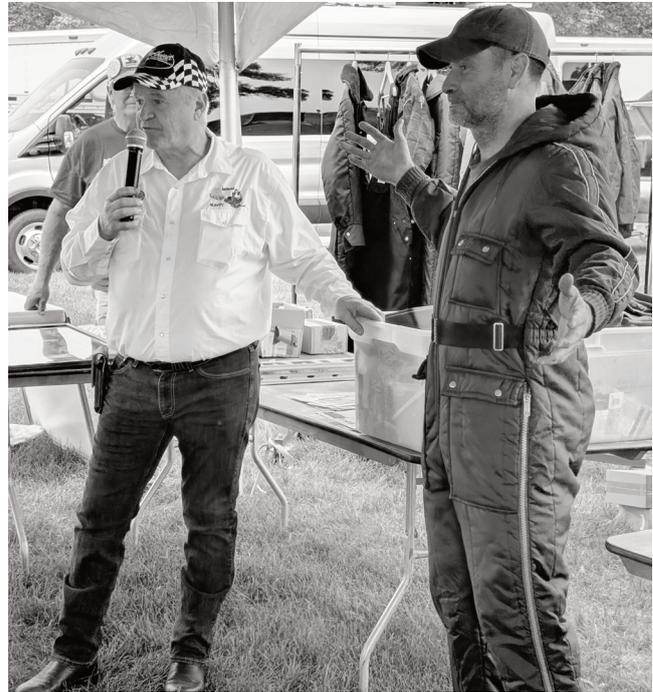
Classic 87-2000 Survivor: Alex Robinson Revillo Honorable Mention and Youngest Displayer Classic 87-2000 Restored: Brad Gomer Bryant Honorable Mention

Thank you to our auctioneer and clerk Marty and Maryanne Grabow Gary job well done. Thank you to Roger Briggs president of the WVSA for his dedicated and appreciated help. Thank you to Scott Nelson Sisseton for the hog

Thank you to Brett Sumner for roasting the hog. Thank you to Dylan Baugus helping with the registration it went well.

Thank you Sandy Briggs and Brad Stevens for their help and Doug Koch for setting up auctions. It was a great turnout with great weather. Thank you all for your participation.

## Milbank Show Calvin and Linda Moser





# Mary Anne Grabow SDSA Secretary/Editor



Where in the world did our summer go? I don't know about you, but we had so much rain and so many storms this year that I am still waiting for summer to arrive. I think we had 10 days of hot weather.....and a lot of days of storms. We did have a major tornado touch down about a mile away (roughly) and it destroyed a family farm. Nothing was left....but the brightest part of that story is that no lives were lost. Everything can be replaced but lives can't be replaced.

Yesterday was a typical Monday times 10. I couldn't get access to several ads I needed to finish up the layout....and on top of that, my internet mail went down. I couldn't receive or send messages. And, as I was dealing with that stress (as I planned to take this to press yesterday), my microwave decided it had served long enough and for a bit I wondered if my house was going to burst into flames because of the microwave. (It certainly smelled like burnt wiring). This will be at the printers yet today but won't actually go to print until Monday as that's what their schedule will allow.

Welcome to the SDSA staff Jody. Diane left big shoes to fill but you've already shown us that you can handle the job. I look forward to working our first convention together. It should be fun as well as a lot of work! But, it will be over with in no time.

Thank you Diane for your dedication to SDSA and it's well being. I'll miss our chats but sure we'll see each other at events!

If your club has news to share be sure to have those items into the office by the first of each month.

Also, if your club information on either the website or in the magazine isn't up to date, please let me know. If you already have, and I haven't fixed it, apparently I forgot! I'm sure it's nothing to do with my age!



SDSA's swag store will be open Oct 15 - November 1 and then again December 1 - 15th. Let everyone know that you are an SDSA member and support organized snowmobiling! Watch for the link on facebook when it opens again!!

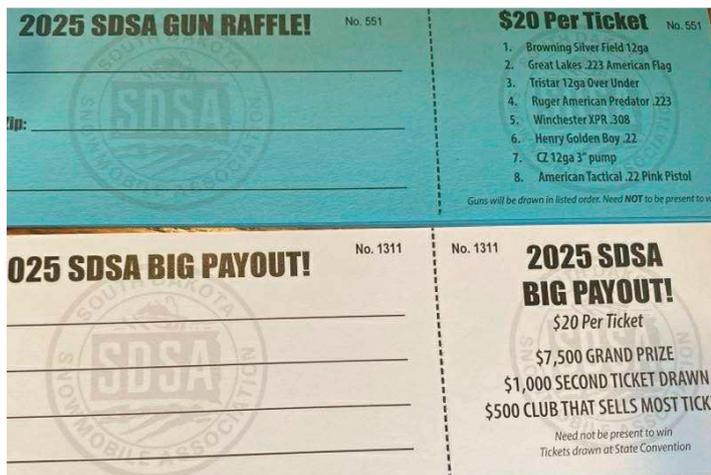
We currently have two fundraisers underway. Our big payout which is \$20 per ticket and the winner will get \$7500 with 2nd place taking home \$1000. Those will be drawn for at banquet at convention in Rapid City in December. The clubs, directors,

and the office all have tickets available if you are interested.

We also have a gun raffle that will be drawn for while we are at Governor's Ride in February. Those tickets are also \$20 each and 8 guns will be drawn for in the order they are listed on the ticket.



We went to Wyoming with two of our daughters and their families and were UTVing while we were there. What a fun get away!



# SDSA Awards Scholarship

**Mary Anne Grabow attended Awards Night at Deuel School in Clear Lake to present Garret Olson an SDSA Scholarship. Garret is the son of Byron & Nikki Olson of Clear Lake, SD. Garret is attending Lake Area Tech majoring in Business and Photography. Garret's essay is below:**

Snowmobiling has been an integral part of my life since I was very young. I've always loved venturing out on the sleds with my dad, brother, and uncle to explore new terrain. Growing up in South Dakota, snowmobiling isn't just a hobby – it's a way of connecting with nature, fostering community, and supporting our local economy. I vividly remember snowmobiling through an open area when a large group of deer joined us, running alongside our group. It was an exhilarating experience to spark a deep appreciation for the natural beauty around us, especially in the winter months.

My uncle, an engineer for Arctic Cat snowmobiles, always kept me excited about the latest designs in innovations. A few years ago, my dad became the general manager of a Power sports business in a small town in South Dakota. The funny thing is that he sells Skidoo snowmobiles! Since our family became involved in the snowmobile business, we have become more excited about all the aspects of the sport. We are lucky enough to get to use demo sleds to ride so

we can become knowledgeable in the changing technology in the industry. I've been helping out at the shop on weekends and during summer to learn as much as I can about snowmobiles, safety, equipment, and accessories that enhance the snowmobiling experience.

Snowmobiling is important to South Dakota, not only for recreation, but also as a key aspect of our state, tourism and economy. The trails crossed our state draw people from all over, bringing visitors to small towns and providing economic support to local businesses, including our Powersports store. Snowmobiling also strengthens our community bonds. Every winter, I assist with marking and grooming, snowmobile trails in our county, a vital task that promotes safety for all riders and ensure that everyone can enjoy this beloved activity.

For me, some mobility is more than just a way to enjoy the outdoors – it's an opportunity to connect with my family and community. I still enjoy snowmobiling with my family, and we ventured to the mountains several times to test out new sleds and gear. The cama-



raderie with family friends and customers in the world is snowmobiling is something I deeply value. South Dakota is beautiful landscapes offer stunning places to explore by snowmobile, and I feel lucky to have these unique experience right in our backyard.

After high school, I plan to continue going on mountain adventures, participating in local group rides, and working in the business to further promote this beloved sport. I intend to attend Lake Area Technical College to pursue a degree in business with an emphasis in photography. This education will equip me with the skills to support our family business, helping promote snowmobiling as a vital part of the South Dakota economy and culture. Through photography, I hope to capture the breathtaking scenery. We experience on our rides and share it with others, it was inspiring more people to explore, snowmobiling and appreciate the beauty of our state.

Many thanks to our  
Back the Ride Donors

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**Richard & Kerry Fish**

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**Town & Country Riders**

**Copper**

**Earl Klersy**

**Jim & Kelly Weaver**

## PERKS for 2025~2026 season

By showing your valid SDSA membership card you can receive the following additional discounts/benefits from the following businesses:

**Sturgis Motorsports**  
 2695 Lazelle St  
 Sturgis SD  
 605-720-1206  
 10% off on Snowmobile parts and accessories  
 sturgismotorsports.net

**\*Mountain Meadow Resort & Campground**  
 11321 Gillette Prairie Road Hill City, SD 57745  
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 10% off snowmobile rental or lodging.  
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**\*Track to Trail**  
 2905 Russell Street W  
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 605-336-5611  
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**\*Trailshead Lodge**  
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 Lead, SD 57754  
 605-584-3464  
 Stay 4 nights, get the 5th night FREE!

**\*Vern Eide Motoplex**  
 4915 N Northview Ave  
 Sioux Falls SD  
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**\* Thank you again for your support of the SDSA and the South Dakota Trail Systems!**

**Interlakes Sport Center**  
 702 SW 10th Street  
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**\*Mystic Hills Hideaway**  
 21766 Custer Peak Road  
 Deadwood SD  
 57732  
 605-584-4713  
 \$20 off a room er stay December 15 - March 15  
 mystichillshideaway@gmail.com  
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**\*Power Brokers Inc**  
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 605-584-3435  
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**\*Hepper's Sport Center**  
 501 N Hwy 281  
 Aberdeen, SD 57401  
 (605-225-9279)  
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 .hepperssportcenter.com

**\*Recreational Springs, Lead SD**  
 10% off one night hotel stay

*Excludes current sale priced items, must show your SDSA card for ALL DISCOUNTS! Room discounts require notification of membership when booking!!!!*

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# DEADLINES

**February 1 -  
ACSA Scholarship**

**February 25 -  
SDSA Scholarship**

**Go to [www.snowmobilesd.com](http://www.snowmobilesd.com) and look under forms  
February 25-**

**Jon LaFramboise YETI scholarship  
Go to [www.snowmobilesd.com](http://www.snowmobilesd.com) and look under forms**

**October 4 - ISMA Grant Applications**

## **May 17, 2025 / June 2, 2025 SDSA Meeting Recap**

- SDSA Scholarships were awarded to Garret Olson and Christopher VenDenHemel, and Jon LaFramboise YETIS scholarships were awarded to Brayden Boock and Christopher VenDenHemel
- Diane Hiles has been appointed to the Recreational Trails Program committee
- SDSA website has been updated
- SDSA Charity Report (13 clubs reporting): Nearly 7,500 volunteer hours and \$33,500 donated
- 2025-2026 Budget approved
- Jody Moss has been chosen as SDSA Treasurer and Northern Hills Business and Tax Services as the accounting service
- Fall fundraisers will include SDSA BIG Payout and a gun raffle
- Cody Uran was drawn as the winner of the 200 MXZ SkiDoo winner

## **August 9, 2025 Meeting Recap**

- 2024-2025 YE financial report showed a net operating income of just over \$3,000 for the year.
- 2024-2025 Membership Report: 537 regular/paid legacy members and 112 associate members compared to 605 and 103, respectively, the previous year.
- International Charity Report (306 clubs reporting): Over 155,000 volunteer hours and \$3.2 million donated
- Fundraising raffle tickets distributed. SDSA Big Payout to be drawn at Convention; Gun Raffle to be drawn at Governor's Ride. Club tickets will

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## Calendar of Events

**December 5 & 6**

**56th Annual Convention  
Rapid City**

**February 14, 2026**

**Governor's & SDSA member  
ride**

be mailed. Contact office for more.

- 2025 Convention plans underway for December 4-5 at Best Western Ramkota in Rapid City.
- Criteria discussed for new Associate Member/Dealer award
- Governor's Ride set for Saturday, February 14th, leaving from Hardy Camp. Meetings/social will be held Friday, February 13 at Spearfish Canyon Resort. Room block to be secured.
- SDSA Swag Store to open in fall for orders to be delivered at Convention.
- Board moved to support the Snowmobile Advisory Council's proposal to pursue a non-resident fee of \$50 for the 2026-2027 season.
- Nebraska State Snowmobile Association will host 2026 ISC in Lavista, NE June 3-6. SDSA will be a Welcome Reception sponsor.
- SDSA will submit a bid for a future International Snowmobile Congress in 2028 or 2029.
- Game Fish and Parks is in the process of contracting for an Economic Impact Study and Snowmobile User Survey to be completed this winter.
- Board accepted a proposal from Kim Raap, TrailsWork Consulting, to institute an annual "All-In" auction to raise funds for Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers. Kim purchased the specially engraved gun auctioned for this very purpose at the 2024 SDSA Convention which he will put in a display case with the history of Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers. With the "All-In" auction, bidders will pay their highest bid, and the largest bidder will have their name engraved on a plaque for the display case.

## **WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN SDSA?**

SDSA promotes trails & your right to ride.  
SDSA keeps you posted on changing legislation that could affect our right to ride in national forests.

Our lobbyist gives us a voice in State & National Government.

*United We Stand - Divided We Fall.*

### **BENEFITS AS A MEMBER INCLUDE:**

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