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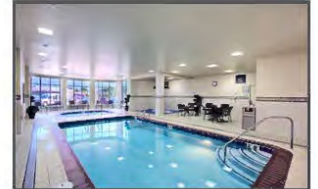
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Kelly Weaver, SDSA President



By the time you read this, there will probably be a few flurries or even more in various parts of the state. I hope it is just a deposit on a winter to come with plenty of snow to enjoy! I want to make use of the 6 snowmobiles at our house and pass on our love of this sport to our grandkids.

The SDSA Convention is just around the corner. Preparations include visiting local supporters to pick up auction items, reaching out to club members and others to sell raffle tickets, and planning for the Hospitality Room to promote the 2026 Convention in Aberdeen.

I am excited we will have the opportunity to raise funds for the Snowmobilers 4 Snowmobilers fund with the new "All In" Gun Raffle made possible by Kim Raap. Before you hit the road to Rapid City, pool funds with your club members and friends to get a 'collective' bid for the auction so you can compete for the highest bidder recognition while supporting a great cause.

The Jon LaFramboise YETIS scholarship continues to grow and will likely support 2 scholarships again in 2026. This past year, the YETIS hosted a ride in the Black Hills and a fun outing in Sioux Falls in the summer. YETIS member Chris VanDenHemel also was able to attend the International Snowmobile Congress. In February 2026, a national youth ride will be held in West Yellowstone. These are awesome opportunities for our youth! Do you have a youth in your household who would enjoy these activities? Connect them with the YETIS! <https://snowmobilesd.com/yetis/>

At the President's Roundtable at Convention, I hope to involve the youth and hear from them about their perspective on the sport and SDSA activities. This discussion will include the YETIS (ages 12-20) but also those 20-30 years olds who are establishing their own households and thinking about how snowmobiling fits in. They will be the next generation to carry this sport forward so their input is important.

I have also been reflecting on my time as President. When I started this journey, I said I wanted communication to be an important piece of my term. I have enjoyed attending local club meetings, state and national meetings and sharing what I learn. I caught a glimpse of the true dedication of our staff. I appreciate the work Mary Anne and Diane put into SDSA, and I know Jody will follow their lead. It's been fun to work alongside the Board hosting events and putting new initiatives in place. The last two years as President have been a whirlwind of activities and experiences from which I have gained memories and built relationships across the state and country. Thank you for allowing me to serve you. Now, I will step into the role of Past President to support Mike, the board and staff, and our members.

Thanks for your support of SDSA,
Kelly





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SDSA President-Elect

Mike Boock

Hello Snowmobilers!

Well, the snow is slowly starting in some areas while other areas are still seeing record highs. It really is strange to think about how 10-15 years ago I would have been riding multiple times by now. Whoever upset the snow gods really needs to repent as this is getting ridiculous. Hopefully things will turn around soon. I am really getting excited for this years state convention and I hope you are too. The BHSC have some exciting things lined up for everyone so make sure to get your registrations turned in ASAP. There are a lot of fun activities for your kids and teens to do so make sure to bring them along. Of course there is the pool and the water park, but there will also be a video game trailer, a trampoline park excursion, and child care during the dueling pianos show. They have made it extremely easy for those who are tech savvy and want to do everything online. Check out their Facebook page for more information. Make sure to bring your checkbook as this years John Green painting is looking amazing! If you like the Moonshine Gulch Saloon in Rochford, you will love this masterpiece.

This month I want to continue my discussion from last month on how we can increase our membership and our income. This is a very sensitive topic so bear with me as none of this is what we are doing, but more of me sharing some ideas I have so we can start the conversations needed. Many clubs have been struggling with getting new members for years. I believe we need to make renewing memberships as easy as possible. Many people would be happy if we simply charged their card once a year and automatically renewed their membership. This is definitely something to consider, however, I know there are many that would not like this option. We would have to make sure to have consent to do this and have a secure way of saving their CC info. Another way to keep old members and gain new members is to have as many club activities as possible. If you are losing members after they start having little kiddos, have more family outings. Find a sled hill to play on. Do a snowmobile safety course for kids at a dealership. Have a family picnic or summer camp out. I know we love to ride the steep and deep or ride hundreds of miles on the trails every weekend, but sometimes we need to make a weekend for the whole family. If your new members are only lasting a year or two before they quit coming to meetings, they are probably wanting more group activities or were hoping to find some new riding partners. We all need to do better at welcoming new members and inviting them to activities.



Last year, I met an awesome family from east-river out on the trails in the Black Hills. They had recently moved to SD and love to snowmobile. They joined one of our east-river clubs and had nothing good to say about the whole process. They were looking for people to ride with and instead they were given the cold shoulder by everyone in the club. They were pretty disappointed with the club and its members, which was very hard to hear. I hope that over the next couple of years, we can greatly improve on this with all our clubs.

If we don't increase our membership numbers over the next few years, we are going to have a very difficult time keeping to a balanced budget. Some ways to solve this are to increase dues, sell more raffle tickets, or spend more money at our convention buying stuff that we may or may not need. Sounds fun, doesn't it?! I know how much you all love to sell them raffle tickets. An option I have been thinking about lately is to go from a family membership to an individual membership. This could help us increase both our income and our membership numbers. When speaking to legislators or advertisers, numbers are key. If we can show them larger membership numbers, they will be more likely to work with us. I believe we could keep the kids and teens free, but charge for each adult in the family. This is something worth discussing to see what the average family thinks.

I would love to talk to you about any of these items or any other ideas you may have. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime via text, email, or phone. I truly do care about you, your club, our association, and our sport. I believe everyone on this board does as well. We have a phenomenal team, and I can't wait to work with them for the next two years. That is if you vote me in to be your next president. I would appreciate your vote December 6th at our 56th annual SDSA Convention!

Ride Safe,
Mike

2025 SDSA CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

December 5-6 – Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center

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SDSA Past President Duane Duerr



Wow what a ride!! This is my last article for the SnoPlainsman. Serving on the SDSA Board was an awesome ride. I would recommend it to anyone that wants to get involved and make a difference for snowmobiling.

I had the opportunity to meet many great leaders with ACSA, SDSA and each of our clubs. With ASCA for ISC Congress, I had the opportunity to go to South Dakota (Rapid City), Nebraska (Omaha), Iowa (toured Field of Dreams), Illinois (River Boat Cruise), Wisconsin (Toured the Green Bay Packers), Prince Edward Island in Canada (Horse racing). Attend meetings to help with our right to ride and keep informed of issues throughout the Country. South Dakota was always well represented at the event. Snowmobiling has some committed and dedicated leaders in many states.

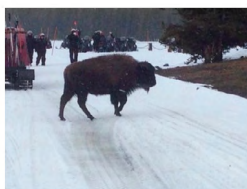
I also had the opportunity to attend the DC Fly-in where we met with the Forestry Department, BLM and our state legislators and work on the issues to make snowmobiling better. I attended the Mountain riding winter event and seen Yellowstone and the Big Horn mountains, a must see if you have not been there.

With Interlakes Sports Center in Madison winning the Dealer of the year award and their addition to the International Snowmobile Hall of fame I attend Hall of Fame in Eagle River and seen much of the history of the Snowmobile Industry. I got to see the first Snowmobile built. If you like knowing where the industry has come from you have got to see ISHOF in Eagle River.

With SDSA I took part in many Conventions, Governor's Rides, SnoCross events, Quarterly meetings with Governor's Council and Game Fish and Parks. Helped with Advertising, Discount Programs, Clothing and SDSA Products, Associate memberships all to help grow SDSA and each of our Clubs. I worked with Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers and am so glad that we have that program to make a difference when it is needed.

Probably the most rewarding was visiting the clubs that make up SDSA. Learning about the Fundraisers each of the clubs do Radar Runs, Poker Runs, Club Rides, managing trails from putting it in to taking it out, working with associate members, Youth Safety Training to Avalanche Trainings.

This Organization has some great leaders in the ranks and a great future to look forward to. Thank you to everyone in SDSA for letting me represent you!! Duane Duerr



Yellowstone



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DC Fly In

SDSA Secretary/Editor, Mary Anne Grabow

December issue already? Where is the time going?

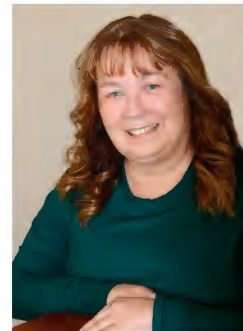
I'm getting busy trying to be ready for convention - and after I get this Sno Plainsman to the printer, I have to load up to head to Nebraska for an ISC planning meeting representing the International Snowmobile Media Council. I considered staying and going to the Nebraska Convention, but with our convention looming, I just didn't think it was a good use of my time.

Speaking of convention, it's not too late to get yourself signed up. The Black Hills Snowmobile Club always shows us a great time and we always get some business handled and some fundraising complete. If you haven't sent your reservations in, now's the time to do so! I promise you won't regret deciding to attend.

If you haven't bought a raffle ticket yet, be sure to reach out to a board member or a club member and get one bought.

I hope you took the time to order some SDSA branded items while our online store was open. If not, we'll have it open again through December 15th, I believe, so that gifts can be ordered for Christmas. There should be a display at convention so that you can see what the products look like.

We had a dusting of snow here overnight which makes you think that we could have a snowy winter this year, which would be a change for East River. See you at convention!



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Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist

In my eyes, November is one of the best months out of the year. No, you don't get to start snowmobiling which I believe is November's only downfall, but we do sometimes get to see our first snowfall of the year. While nothing has stuck those of you in the Lead and Deadwood area have already seen it snow a few times. Seems the eastern side of the state will see its first snowfall this weekend too.

November gives us one last month to finish up loose ends we have been working on, whether that may be trail reroutes in the Black Hills, or figuring out how many signs and rebar need to be replaced as signing began. Hopefully most of you involved with a trail system are done with those loose ends and the month of November went smoothly.

Clubs have three weeks to finish signing which started October 24th. As soon as your signing is complete, please contact me so Game Fish and Parks staff could perform the trail evaluation. I understand there is always a lot going on related to farming, the state convention, and hunting which can delay when clubs are able to put their signs up in this short time frame. However, those of you involved with signing have always defeated the clock and have the trail system ready to go by the opener and that work doesn't go unnoticed. Thanks to everyone who marks over 900 miles of trails in eastern, SD.

Park staff have been busy finalizing the snowmobile map, dealing with known and last minute reroutes on both sides of the state. We do expect to have maps in hand by the conven-

tion. We've also been busy moving forward with a Snowmobile Use survey which I talked about last month and continuing working towards future easements in the Black Hills. The last project I'll discuss is the updated Economic Impact Study.



As most of you have heard GFP is working with SDSA, the Governor Appointed Snowmobile Advisory Council and USD to perform another Economic Impact Study, using data received from the 25-26 snowmobiling season. A non-resident survey is just one of 5 surveys being sent during the snowmobile season. An industry survey, resident survey, club and club member surveys will also be distributed. The economic impact study will give us a good look at just how important the snowmobile program and snowmobilers are to South Dakota's economy and what we can do to improve the snowmobile trails program. The last survey was done by mail but this time we'll be keeping the surveys electronic so emails will be gathered instead of mailing addresses. We'll also be using RAC cards with a QR code which will provide the link. This project has been long overdue, and we can expect the final report during the August council meeting held in Pierre.

Well, that's all for this month. Until next time I hope to see you on the trails.

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Treasurer's Trail

As the crisp air settles in and the leaves give way to frost, our club is already hard at work preparing for another unforgettable snowmobiling season. From laying down trails to registering for conventions and selling raffle tickets.

Putting in trails is no small feat. It takes coordination, muscle, and a whole lot of heart. Our dedicated volunteers have been out marking routes, clearing brush, and ensuring everything is ready for that first magical snowfall. Their hard work lays the foundation for the adventures to come, and we're incredibly grateful for their time and effort.

Be sure to send in your convention registrations! It's a great opportunity to make sure your club is represented, connect with fellow snowmobiling enthusiasts, and share ideas that keep our sport thriving. Whether you're attending workshops, networking, or just enjoying the camaraderie, conventions are a highlight of the season. And don't forget those raffle tickets! Who wouldn't want to take home a cash prize at convention?

Personally, I'm dreaming of white trails this year. I'm es-

pecially hoping for a generous snowfall on the east side of the state. With a little luck, I'll be able to log more miles and make the most of the season.

Our club hasn't slowed down. We've been active with our Adopt-a-Highway program, keeping our roads clean and showing pride in our community. It's a small gesture with a big impact, and it reflects the values we hold as snowmobilers and neighbors. We're also busy planning our Parade of Lights floats in several local towns. These festive events are a chance to showcase our club, celebrate the season, and spread a little holiday cheer—sled style.

As we prepare for the season ahead, I hope everyone is planning for some great memories. Whether it's your first ride or your hundredth, there's something magical about snowmobiling with friends, family, and fellow enthusiasts.

Let's make this year one to remember—with connection, celebration, and plenty of snow.
See you on the trails! – Jody Moss, SDSA Treasurer

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- **International Snowmobile Ride Day is February 14, 2026 (Governor’s Ride)**
- **Take A Friend Riding is February 7-16, 2026**
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Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,
Last night we held our November meeting at the Scoreboard Restaurant & Bar. We had 7 members in attendance.

We enjoyed a good meal along with much socializing and a short meeting. The most important topic was getting started on signing the trail. We are hoping the weather will hold out a few more weekends. It would be great to be able to get the trail signed with nice weather, but it sounds like we may be a little rain or snow this weekend.

We discussed the SDSA Convention in Rapid City and we have a few people that are interested in attending.

Our club is committed to a club ride in the Hills over the Martin Luther King weekend, which is January 17, 2026. Several club members are planning on going so now we just have to hope for snow in the Hills!!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4th at Ryan's Hanger Restaurant in Huron. Until next month have a safe hunting season.

Brenda Jager Great Plains Snowtrailers-----

Tis' the season of Orange! Pumpkins decorate the landscape, every hunter you see is wearing blaze orange and Trail diamonds have starting appearing in the road ditches in the East side of South Dakota. The Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association is busy getting the Milbank trail signed. We hope to have the signing completed by the End of November. We have contacted most of our previous members and Associate members, and hope to be back up to last year's totals before Convention. Many of our Associate members have already stepped up and paid their dues and are looking forward to the upcoming Snow season.

We have a couple of club trips lined up, and of course will again be hosting the Mega Poker Ride. More information to come on that in the following months.

Cal and Linda Moser have been busy lining up the Milbank Vintage Show and they are hosting the 21st Annual Vintage Nation Championship Show and Swat this year in Huron, SD They will be hosting the National show at the State Fair grounds in Huron. The following is a portion of a letter they received from the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resource " HURON, S.D - The South Dakota State Fare is Pleased to announce that it will

Host the 21st Annual Vintage

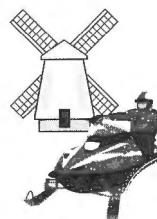
National Championship Show and Swot. August 7-9-2026 at the Norby Exhibit Hall at the SD State Fairgrounds. This Event offers the public an opportunity to view Antiques and Vintage Snowmobiles while also providing builders and restores a platform to display the snowmobiles they have spent countless hours restoring. Snowmobiles form the 1970s to present day will be on display throughout the event.

For more information, contact Cal and Linda Moser, at the Convention or at: Milbankshow.com.

Our club is also busy lining up Charity projects. The Angel Tree, Backback program and the Food Pantry are all wonderful projects that can always use a little extra help. Especially during this time of year when the need is greater. Please help where you can.

Hope you see you at the convention.

Shelly Gapp
Reporter



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The Importance of Communication in Today's Snowmobile Clubs: Why Websites and Social Media Matter

For community organizations like the *Aberdeen Drift Busters Snowmobile Club*, strong

communication is no longer just helpful—it's essential. With members spread across different age groups, schedules, and levels of involvement, clear and consistent communication keeps a club connected, informed, and engaged. In today's digital world, a club's **website and social media presence** serve as its communication backbone, helping strengthen relationships, boost participation, and grow membership.

A Website: The Club's Digital Home Base

A well-maintained website acts as the central hub for all club information. For the Drift Busters, the website provides:

- **Credibility and Visibility** – A professional website tells potential members, sponsors, and partners that the club is active and well-organized.
- **One Source of Truth** – Trail maps, policies, meeting minutes, membership forms, and upcoming events all live in one consistent, easy-to-find place.
- **24/7 Accessibility** – Members don't need to wait for a phone call or email; the information is always available when they need it.
- **New Member Recruitment** – Most people “research before they join.” A good website becomes the first handshake, welcoming future riders into the club.

The website is the long-form storyteller—perfect for history, mission, sponsors, and permanent resources.

Social Media: The Voice of the Club

If the website is the home base, **social media is the loudspeaker**. Platforms like Facebook and Instagram help clubs:

- **Share News Instantly** – Weather changes? Trail updates? Meeting reminders? Social posts can reach the entire membership in seconds.
- **Show the Fun and Build Culture** – Photos and videos from campouts, rides, fundraisers, and parades capture the excitement and family-friendly spirit of snowmobiling.
- **Grow Community Engagement** – Members can comment, share posts, invite friends, and start conversations that extend beyond club meetings.

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- **Reach Younger Generations** – Social media keeps the club relevant, visible, and appealing to future riders. Most importantly, social media keeps the club *active in the eyes of the community*, reminding people that the Drift Busters are out there making a difference year-round.

The Result: A Stronger, More Connected Club

For organizations like the Aberdeen Drift Busters, good communication:

- ✓ **Improves event attendance**
- ✓ **Educates members on safety and rules**
- ✓ **Attracts sponsors and supporters**
- ✓ **Strengthens community presence**
- ✓ **Builds pride, loyalty, and long-term membership**

Ultimately, communication isn't just about sharing information—it's about building relationships, preserving tradition, and ensuring the club's future. When clubs tell their story online, people not only stay informed—they stay inspired to ride, volunteer, and belong. Please consider these recommendations when updating and hosting your website and social media presence.

Casey Weismantel
 Aberdeen Drift Busters Snowmobile Club
 Board Member
 Publicist and Social Media Coordinator



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The Sno-Trackers have had a busy month. On October 17th, the Sno-Trackers participated in the Vern Eide Snowmobile open house by setting up a table to represent the club. The event saw a great turnout, providing the club with an excellent opportunity to interact with attendees. During the event, the Sno-Trackers successfully signed up new members and shared the many benefits of joining a snowmobile club and supporting the sport of snowmobiling.

As part of the Adopt-A-Highway program, our club adopted and cleaned a two-mile stretch along Highway 11 this year. This section was chosen as it is part of the Siouxland Trail. Eight dedicated volunteers participated in the cleanup effort, enabling the work to be completed quickly. At the end of October, club members came together to install the snowmobile trail. The club extends its gratitude to all the volunteers who contributed their time and effort to this important task. This year, the trail route saw a notable change: it no longer extends up to Madison. Instead, the route now forms a loop connecting Garretson, Sherman, Jasper, Trent, Dell Rapids, and Baltic Corner, with a branch extending up to Egan. The total length of the trail is approximately 60 miles. The Sno-Trackers are fortunate to have associate members in each of the towns along the trail. The club looks forward to reconnecting with these members and the broader snowmobiling community as the season progresses.

Our club meetings are on the first Thursday of the month, check our Facebook page or website for locations. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in December at the convention.





Hello, everyone, here we are again! Cool weather has arrived and some areas in the hills have seen a few white flakes so it's a start at least. With daylight savings brings the dark even earlier, I will admit I don't enjoy this time change. I guess to find a positive, night rides through the hills are amazing.

We have had 2 membership drives / open houses with local dealers, which has brought in 3 new club members so far. There are still a 2 more events to work on memberships at our Rapid City – Rice's Rapid Motorsports Open House November 6th and the Liberty Powersports & Marine SNOFEST at the Lodge in Deadwood on November 15th.

We continue to work planning for the **56th SDSA Snowmobile Convention ADVENTURE AWAITS December 5 & 6th**. We hope everyone is registered for the event at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center, rooms have

been extended to November 14th.

We are finalizing the convention schedule, but we want to share a few activities for the kids , Yetis members and adults:

**JUMP CRAZE/ GET AIR TRAMPOLINE Park- on Saturday from 10-12 pm**

**AERIAL SILKS- 12:30 – 2pm during lunch**

**MUSIC BINGO- 2:30 -3:30pm**

**ROLLING VIDEO GAMES- Saturday 3-5pm (trailer with video games- holds up to 16**

**DUELING PIANO's- 7:30 – 10:30pm**

**MOVIE NIGHT: Saturday 8-11pm**

We also have babysitting available if the adults want to drop off kids and enjoy the after-banquet entertainment- you will be able to sign for this at registration. PAID FOR by the Black Hills Snowmobile Club.

Remember to pack those save the date poker chips from last year. Bring to our Adventure Awaits convention to register then and be entered in a drawing for the chance to win a \$500 gift card for one of the Rice's Motorsports locations in the Black Hills.

We also honored RICK SCHUELKE a long-standing club member who received the Juel & Sally Rall Award, this is in recognition of their contributions to our sport. (See photo on the cover) Rick is currently the club president working hard to keep us all organized and on task.... and that is a full-time job! There is never a dull moment when he is around. Congratulations Rick!

Until next month..... **REMEMBER WINTER IS OUR FAVORITE SEASON!**



56th SDSA Snowmobile Convention ADVENTURE AWAITS registration



Hello from the Watertown Snowmobile Club! There is word we will see snow this weekend, I'm not sure it will amount to much but it does get us excited knowing winter is not far away! We have a majority of our trail in but hoping to finish it up this weekend.

We held our monthly meeting on Sunday November 2nd at Cloud 9. With a very small crew for the meeting we did decide we will not be putting a float in the parade this year. We are always short on help and decided to skip a year. We will be doing the angel tree again this year. We also discussed our auction items to be donated for the Convention as well as the delegates who will be attending.

The Groomer is ready for maintenance hoping to get that done once our trail is finished. Members get your sleds ready! It could be a good year for us if our summer precipitation works in our favor for winter! Trips are already being planned. Several of our members attended the open houses recently, which always seems to get people in the mood to ride.



Being Convention is held first weekend in December we are moving our monthly meeting for December to the 14th at Cloud 9, 5pm. All are welcome!

Board mem-activity Jan planning a few ally great to our weekly



bers are in charge of a monthly thru April so we have been things for that. It would be re-have enough snow to start up Sunday rides again.

Sno Cross is and 24th and is see you there! Til next month Happy Thanksgiving and pray for snow!



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The Dakota Drifters participated in the Hobo Day Parade on October 11, in Brookings, with the groomer pulling the float to the theme of “Chase the Snowy Horizon”. It’s always enjoyable to see the community and kids exited for SDSU home-coming.



A big thank you to Brookings Powersports for hosting the Dakota Drifters on Saturday, October 25, to celebrate I.S.M.A. Snowmobile Day! The attendees enjoyed a free breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, pumpkin bars, drinks, in-store specials, and the opportunity to sign up for door prizes. The club welcomed new member sign-ups and pre-registrations for the 1st Annual Winter Ride (more below).



The Dakota Drifters have organized a season-long, ride at your own pace, transportation of your choice, **1st Annual Winter Ride!** Stops for the Winter Ride will be at participating associate members businesses, where many are offering specials or discounts. A \$20 white, numbered, hanky will be your token to get initialed or stamped at patronized businesses. Hankies are available to purchase at Brookings Powersports or a Dakota Drifters club officer. 100% of the profits will go towards prizes awarded at the club’s April banquet; bonus prize drawing for those with all stops completed.



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- Estimate 25+ associate member stops
- 100% of profits go towards prizes
- The more stamps you get, the more chances to win!
- All vehicles welcomed--ride at your own pace
- Support local businesses
- Winners announced at April's club spring banquet

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The Dakota Drifters **1st Annual Winter Ride** begins December 1, 2025, and runs through March 31, 2026. Hankies are to be turned in at Brookings Power Sports the first week of April to qualify for the prize drawings. Support those who support us –

**All are Welcome!**





## Darin Cooper, District 1 Director

Well by the time you are reading this, the convention will be upon us. It should be an awesome one, with great entertainment and plenty of auction items. There will be activities for the kids also, and the best way to get them involved in snowmobiling, is to bring them along. I was thinking the other day that a vast majority of people I know have evolved from going to SDSA conventions and being active in multiple snowmobile clubs. Make sure to sell as many big payout raffle tickets as you can and get them to your club president in time to get them delivered to the convention. It's one of only a few ways that raises money to keep SDSA going!

It's crazy, as I sit here on November 4th, 80 degrees out and my grass is as green as it has ever been. Typical year, its brown by July 1st. Hopefully the forecast is accurate, and the moisture continues through the winter as snow!! I'm not much of a dancer, so I will let all you all do the snow dancing.

See everyone at the SDSA snowmobile convention in Rapid City, December 5th and 6th. Who knows, maybe Jody Lemme will show up and bring that plastic Ski Doo shopping bag from Roelofsen's back to be auctioned off again :)



## Jackson Wenger, District 2 Director

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening from district #2. About the only thing to report other than there's no snow is that this year's convention is shaping up to be another successful one hosted by the Black Hills Snowmobile Club full of entertainment for all. Check out the sno-plainsman for more information. Don't forget to get your reservations and plan to attend this year's convention because we're looking forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely Jackson Wenger District #2

## Lee Olson, Dist 3 Director

Hello everyone

Harvest is wrapping up around here. They're talking a chance of snow coming up end of this week, we'll see. With the crops coming off we can finish our trail marking.

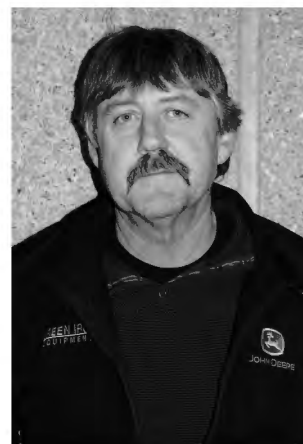
Maybe this year we can use the trails in the area.

If you know of people who ride snowmobiles but don't belong to a club work on them to join. I've had people join the last couple years by inviting them to ride with us around our area or the Black Hills. When we had snow a couple years ago the poker runs helped spark interest also.

State convention is coming up soon. Hope to see you out there, always a fun weekend.

Not much going on up here right now, maybe by the next month article we can talk about trail rides or other winter club events.

Lee Olson District 3 Director





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

Hello everyone. Another month has come and gone. I hope everyone is having a great harvest and getting close to done. Its definitely been a long harvest but I'm hoping we get done before convention. Has everyone got registered yet? Rapid city always puts on a fun time. You definitely don't wanna miss it. That is the first convention that I ever went to was the last time they did one. And now I have been hooked every year since. Even though it was covid , they didn't care they still showed us a great time. So be sure to try to make it out for that this year. If anyone needs any raffle tickets be sure to reach out to any board members.

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

Hello again. I do hope everyone has been enjoying the fall activities. With the temps starting to fall even more it is starting to feel like we all should be getting the snowmobiles out and getting ready for the snow. That first snow is not that far away. The clubs have been working at getting there trails put in along with other activities they do during the holidays. Remember next month is the convention. I hope to see everyone there it will be a great time. Until next month catch you all at the convention.



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

Hello Everyone,

As usual, convention is sneaking up on us and I am excited to see if we will have snow this year for it. I know they are calling for waking up tomorrow to a potential white ground. I love this time of year with wrapping up harvest and the anticipation of the upcoming "snow season". It's also that time of year to make sure we are getting the trails put in. Always be mindful of the landowners and keep a good relationship so we can continue to blaze a trail along the edge of fields where needed. Keeping in mind to STAY ON the

Trail. We all know how important that message is for the future of our trails and clubs. Get together with your clubs, friends and family and get the trails in. Don't forget to get the BIG Payout tickets distributed and sold before the convention.

See you soon!





## Caeden Bunde, District 5 Director

Hey everyone,

As we roll into December, it's time to start watching the skies and dreaming of powder! According to the National Weather Service, South Dakota is looking at a season that leans cooler and wetter than average — a promising setup for snowmobilers statewide. With a weak La Niña pattern developing in the Pacific, forecasters expect more frequent cold snaps and an increased chance of snow, especially across the northern and western regions. The Black Hills should see steady snowfall building through January, while the eastern plains may experience more variable conditions before the snowpack sets in later this winter.



Overall, it's shaping up to be a good year to keep your sled tuned and your trail gear ready. If the forecasts hold true, we could be in for a strong mid- to late-season of riding across South Dakota. Here's to cold nights, fresh trails, and another safe, fun season on the snow!

### SDSA Board of Directors 8-9-25, LRC Room 413 Pierre SD

\*These minutes have not been approved by the board yet.\*

Meeting was called to order at 12:26 p.m. by President Kelly Weaver. Roll calls were established:

Present were: Kelly Weaver, Mike Boock, Duane Duerr, Chris VanDenHemel, Jody Moss, treasurer and Mary Anne Grabow, secretary. Attending by zoom were: Darin Cooper, Jackson Wenger, Jason Shepherd and Trace Damm. Not present were: Lee Olson, Nathan Van Zee and Caeden Bunde. A quorum was established.

**Motion** to approve the agenda with the addition of a request from Cal Moser under new business and with some adjustments to the agenda order was made by Mike and seconded by Duane. Motion carried.

**Guests** included: Kirsten VanDenHemel, Marty Grabow, Jim Weaver, Diane Hiles, Ryan Raynor & Kim Raap.

**Motion** to approve the minutes from May 17 and and June 2 was made by Duane and seconded by Trace. Motion carried.

Jody presented the financial recap for year end. **Motion** to accept the financials and file them for

review was made by Mike Boock. Second was by Jason. Motion carried. Jody reported that she has sent documents to the accounting firm for the July business.

#### **President Report:** Club Visits

- Making club visits across the state – 3 remaining for September/October (Poinsett Pounders, Jim Valley Drift Skippers, Interlakes Snow Roamers)

- Major topics of discussion have been Fee Structure and Youth Engagement

Thank you's

- Thank you to Diane for her work in assisting the Treasurer transition.

#### ACSA Updates

57th International Snowmobile Congress, June 11-14, Prince Edward Island

South Dakota was represented by Kelly and Jim Weaver, Duane and Pat Duerr, Greg and Diane Hiles and Chris, Mike and Kari VenDenHemel. The event opened with the ISC meeting where Provincial and State Reports were given. There was a common theme that recognized that permit sales are affected by snow conditions and the snow belt is seeing less snow/shorter snow seasons. continued on page 22



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Many associations reported on successful efforts to increase snowmobiling fees to support their programs and others reports that efforts are underway in their state/province to increase fees. Proposed changes to ISC Bylaws and SOP's were approved.

The ACSA meetings included much discussion about engaging the youth. Associations were challenged by this group to increase their social media presence particular on Instagram and TikTok where younger riders are active. The Future Leaders program is underway and fundraising continues for this program and scholarships, shared 50/50 going forward. Planning continues on the youth ride that will be held in West Yellowstone in conjunction with the Mountain Region Ride. Jason Howell is the new Mountain Region Coordinator and is leading this effort. It appears that lodging may be provided for the youth in attendance. Activities being considered include a youth ride, riding with a pro rider and visiting Yellowstone National Park. There is also a plan to sell Hannah's Chickens shirts as a fundraiser. ACSA is trying to determine how many youth would be coming from each state. This request has been shared with Audrey and the YETIS. Please check with your clubs to gauge interest and let me know.

Other ACSA initiatives include gathering info about regulations in each state regs and what snowmobilers would need to know when they ride in each state. ACSA is also creating a Dropbox account for sharing ACSA data with states. New board members include President Dave Newman, WI, and President-Elect Stan Stutheit, NE. Diane Hiles was selected as the Affiliate representative.

The 2026 International Snowmobile Congress will be hosted by Nebraska State Snowmobile Association. Proposals for ISC in 2027 - 2029 are due September 1.

Following the passing of the reconciliation package on FY 2025, work continues in Washington,

DC to mark up the FY 2026 spending bills. One issue that was eliminated from the reconciliation package was the sale of public lands for housing and other uses. This may have impacted snowmobile access issues. At this stage, no specifics are yet known on what type of funding will be available for Forest Services, RTP and other issues important to snowmobilers. This is expected to be addressed after the August recess.

ACSA is holding monthly Snow Business Calls on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

#### **Upcoming ACSA Events:**

- 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
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**Sno Plainsman/Office Report:** MaryAnne spoke about the contract with the publisher and that it is imperative that the bill is paid on time or a fee of \$900 could be imposed for missing the deadlines. She has been working on ad sales and so far hasn't received any negative feedback. continued on page 24



### 56th Annual SDSA State Convention Schedule

Friday, December 5th, 2025

| TIME:Start | TIME: Finish | ACTIVITY                                                 | LOCATION                 |
|------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10AM       |              | Snowmobile Advisory Council                              | Washington               |
| 12:00pm    |              | Auction Registration & Vendor set up                     | Rushmore                 |
| 1:30pm     |              | SDSA Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting           | Washington               |
| 3:30pm     |              | Groomers Roundtable                                      | Washington               |
| 3:00pm     |              | Registration Opens                                       | Rushmore Foyer           |
| 3:00pm     | 6:00 PM      | Hospitality Room                                         | Ramkota Hospitality Room |
| 3:00pm     | 7:00pm       | Vendor/Trade Show Open                                   | Rushmore                 |
| 4:00pm     |              | Silent Auction Display Open                              | Rushmore                 |
| 5:00pm     | 6:00 PM      | Club President Roundtable w/ SDSA President Kelly Weaver | Washington               |
| 6:00pm     | 10:00 PM     | Beer & Bull                                              | Rushmore                 |
| 7:30pm     |              | Live Auction Begins                                      | Rushmore                 |
| 10:00pm    |              | Hospitality Room Open                                    | Ramkota Hospitality Room |

Saturday, December 6th, 2025

|                     |         |                                                 |                          |
|---------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 7:30am              | 9:00am  | Breakfast                                       | Rushmore                 |
| 7:30am              |         | Registration Open                               | Rushmore Foyer           |
| 8:00am              | 4:00pm  | Vendor/Trade Show Open                          | Rushmore                 |
| 9:00am              | 12:00pm | SDSA Annual Meeting                             | Roosevelt                |
| 10:00am             | 12:00pm | Jump Craze (Yeti)                               | Meet @ Rushmore Foyer    |
| 12:00pm             |         | Lunch                                           | Rushmore                 |
| 12:30 PM            | 2:00pm  | Aerial Silks                                    | Rushmore                 |
| 1:30pm              | 4:00pm  | Judging                                         | Jefferson                |
| 1:30pm              | 2:30pm  | SDSA Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting | Washington               |
| 2:30PM              | 3:30PM  | Music Bingo                                     | Ramkota Hospitality Room |
| 3:00pm              | 5:00pm  | Rolling Video Games (Yeti)                      | Outside Rushmore Room    |
| 5:00pm              |         | Social                                          | Rushmore                 |
| 5:30pm              |         | Silent Auction Ends                             | Rushmore                 |
| 5:30pm              | 7:30pm  | Dinner and Awards                               | Rushmore                 |
| 7:30pm              | 10:30pm | Entertainment - Dueling Pianos                  | Rushmore                 |
| 8:00pm              | 11:00pm | Movie Night (Yeti)                              | Badlands                 |
| After Entertainment |         | Hospitality Room Open                           | Ramkota Hospitality Room |

**Blocked Room Lodging available for Vintage Snowmobile National Championship Show & Swap Event is Aug. 7 - 9, 2026 in Huron. ALL MOTEL CUT OFF DATES WILL BE JULY 7, 2026.**

Crossroads Hotel 605-352-3204 \$119.99 + tax Group Account 363561  
 - Has a restaurant connected to it  
 - Has a pool / hot tub

Super 8 Hotel 605-352-0740 \$304.00 + tax  
 - Has a pool

Best Western 605-352-2000 \$189.00 + tax

Dakota Inn 605-352-1400 Code: SNOW  
 - 1 King Bed \$125 + tax  
 - 2 Queen beds \$135 + tax

1700 campsites on the ground 1st come 1st serve per fairgrounds  
 - \$25 per night  
 - 1st come 1st served per fairgrounds  
 - full hookups - water  
     - sewer  
     - electricity  
 - within a block from the event  
 - plenty of trailer parking at event site



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**Trails Specialist:** - Long informative Governor's Advisory Council meeting possibly the longest Ryan has ever attended. Regarding the Kaschmitter permanent easement Shannon has been in contact with all 7 landowners and has commitment for the trail system for the current riding season and also to get the appraisals started for the easements. The state is required to pay appraised value only for the land easements.

This will be 7 Separate easement contracts so it will take time.

**Economic impact study** will be done through University of South Dakota. A verbal commitment of \$23,000 was given. Instead of physical surveys in Black Hills, passive mobile data services will be implemented for the EIS. 2022-2023 and 2024 & 2025 will be what is used for the survey to compile the EIS.

Registered sleds for 2024 were 10,569 and 2025 were 12,371. \$631,354 is the snowmobile fund balance.

**The Gov. Advisory Council** made a motion to pursue a nonresident fee (\$50) through the commission. It was approved by the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council also made a motion to increase the easement money allocated by \$100,000 in 2026 snow season.

**Gov Relations:** Duane emphasized Join ACSA and attend ISC in Nebraska!

**Grants** - SDSA Received a \$3,000 grant from ISMA to support the 2025 Governor's Ride and received a \$2,500 initial payment. With funds remaining after the Governor's Ride expenses, the decision was made to purchase extra helmets. Four SDSA members/advertisers responded to our inquiry and all four helmets have been received and will be taken to Hardy Camp. These members are Interlakes Sport Center, Iverson Powersports, Midwest Motorsports, and Roelofson's Implement. The final grant report was submitted on June 19th with a total of just over \$2,500 spent including the helmets. The final \$500 payment was not requested. With ISMA offering a few \$10,000 grants to fund Eco-

nomic Impact Studies and South Dakota embarking on an update to our study, the plan would be to submit for the larger grant. Application is due October 1.

Other Grant opportunities include:

**Polaris T.R.A.I.L.S.** grants are accepted March 1 and September 1. Eligible projects include:

- Supporting trail preservation and creation
- Helping protect the environment
- Promoting safe and responsible riding

Grant requests received at Polaris by March 1 and September 1 will be reviewed by the end of March and September respectively. Notifications will be made no later than 30 days after the end of the month of review. This is a very competitive grant with 12-14 grants awards from about 120 applications. Max award is \$10,000. Could be used for easement purchases?

**SkiDoo Snow Pass Grants** typically open in summer. Max grant has been \$5,000 with match required. No announcement at ISC and program page reflects past information with no specific plans for future solicitations.

**Fundraiser:** Everyone wins tickets are here to be disbursed. Thank you Trace for your legwork on getting the tickets printed etc.

The board wanted all tickets disbursed at the meeting - so both the gun raffle and the Everyone Wins were handed out at the meeting. There are 8 guns on the raffle: Browning Silver Field 12 ga, Great Lakes .223 American Flag, Tristar 12 ga Over Under, Ruger American Predator.223, Winchester XPR .308, Henry Golden Boy .22, CZ 12 ga 3" pump, American Tactical .22 Pink Pistol.

**Convention:** joint hospitality room with Aberdeen. Plans are coming along fine.

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 Membership website -

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR BOARD MEETING**  
 August 9, 2025

**2025-2025 SDSA MEMBERSHIP**  
 Based on Dues Money Deposited as of 06-30-2025  
 Numbers are Reconciled with Mary Anne's numbers.

|                            | Compared to |             |            |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|                            | 06-30-2025  | 06-30-2024* | 06-30-2023 |
| CLUB MEMBERSHIP            | 414         | 436         | 538        |
| SDSA ONLY MEMBERSHIP       | 77          | 89          | 102        |
| LEGACY MEMBERSHIP          | 46          | 40          | 37         |
| TOTAL MEMBERSHIP           | 537         | 605         | 677        |
|                            |             |             |            |
| ASSOCIATE CLUB MEMBERSHIP  | 100         | 96          | 105        |
| ASSOCIATE SDSA MEMBERSHIP  | 12          | 7           | 18         |
| TOTAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP | 112         | 103         | 123        |

**Website** is being updated by Chris. He has never overcharged us for anything. Just charges the \$100 per month.

**Awards** - Encourage members to send in awards - Hall of Fame plaque will be going back to Trailshead.

**Bylaws & right to ride & safety** - no report  
**Charity** - South Dakota did well with their reporting for ISC.

**Investments** - Jody reported that our investments went up approx \$20,000.

**Scholarship** - Access the forms at the website. ACSA has a scholarship program with Feb. 1 deadline. Chris thanked the board for the scholarships that he received.

**Gov. Ride** - Governors Ride is February 14. Membership requested the change back. Trailshead is on board with the change. Met the new owners of Trailshead. Great couple. Spearfish Canyon Lodge for base hotel. Iversons expressed interest in helping in some form with Governors Ride.

**Snocross** - Dates will be released soon along with the information on whether Deadwood will continue in the future.

**YETIS** - Christopher thanked the board for the opportunity to go to ISC in PEI. What a great experience. Fun day for YETIS planned for tomorrow at Thunder Road. Talked about Hannah's Chicken and what it was.

**SDSA Swag** - 25 minimum on screen print. Combination of products. SDSA could order things for ISC, regional meetings, etc. Possibly use for awards. Oct 15 - November 1 and Dec 1 - December 15 close.

**ISC BID** Mike, Kelly, Diane & Mary Anne have been working on gathering items to bid ISC. Bids were received from Rapid City and Sioux Falls. 2028 and 2029 are being considered. First 2 weekends in June. We're leaning toward Rapid City for several reasons. Diane prepared a proposed budget. \$67,000 plus was netted at the 2016 event. 425 people were in attendance in 2016. 1 in 30 for comp rooms for Rapid City's bid this year. Bid Due September 1. Planning for ISC is in November in Omaha.

Duane **made a motion** to submit 2028 or 2029 ISC with 2028 being the preference and allowing the President of SDSA to sign the agreement if we are successful in our bid. Second was made by Mike. Motion carried.

**ISMA Grant** - Mike made a **motion** to submit a ISMA Grant for \$10,000 for the EIS. Jason seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ISC 2026 sponsorship: Mike made a motion to do a sponsorship for \$500 offsite supporter. Duane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**S4S Fundraisers:** Mike made a **motion** to allow the S4S fundraiser (as proposed by Kim Raap ). for the Rapid City convention. Second by Trace. Motion carried. **This is Separate from the 65/35% split that is normal for the auction.**

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# O U R L E G A C Y M E M B E R S



**1. Donald R. Larson**  
Milbank, SD  
Whetstone Valley  
Snowmobile Association 11/2013



**11. Neal Boeke**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
12/2015



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



**2. Jack Colwell**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snow-  
drifters 1/2014



**12. Courtney Livingston**  
Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmo-  
bile Club 01/2016



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



**3. LeRoy Erickson**  
Ramona, SD  
Town & Country Snow-  
drifters 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 Track-  
ers 09/2019



**5. Thomas C. Keimig**  
Gary, SD  
Dakota Trailblazers  
1/2015



**15. Brian Erickson**  
Arlington, SD  
Town & Country Snow-  
drifters 11/2017



**25. Bob Wuertz**  
Aberdeen, SD  
Aberdeen Driftbusters  
12/2019



**6. Todd Wilkinson**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country  
Snowdrifters 11/2015



**16. Jay Hojer**  
Oldham, SD  
Town & Country  
Snowdrifters 1/2018



**26. Hazel Seloover**  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Sioux Falls Sno Track-  
ers 12/2019



**7. Greg Hiles**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country  
Snowdrifters 11/2015



**17. Steve Wess**  
Watertown, SD  
Watertown Snowmo-  
bile Club 3/2018



**27. Virginia Hojer**  
Oldham, SD  
Town & Country Snow-  
drifters 02/2020



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



**18. Jay Schilling**  
Rapid City, SD  
Black Hills Snowmo-  
bile Club 3/2018



**28. Randy Knadle**  
Desmet, SD  
Town & Country Snow-  
drifters 10/2020



**9. Lisa Johnson**  
Beresford, SD  
Trailbusters 12/2015



**19. Rich Nelson**  
Miller, SD  
SDSA member  
3/2018



**29. Myrna Knadle**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snow-  
drifters 10/2020



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



**20. Marty Grabow**  
Gary, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
10/2018



**30. Preston Fischer**  
Milbank, SD  
Whetstone Valley Snow-  
mobile Association  
10/2020





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**31. Scott Erstad**  
Badger,SD  
Poinsett Ponders  
12/2020



**40. Nathan Lakness**  
Hayti,SD  
Poinsett Ponders  
11/2021



**50. Doug Moeller**  
Bryant, SD  
Poinsett Ponders  
12/2023



**32. Judy Nelson**  
Sisseton,SD  
North East Trailblazers  
1/2021



**41. Jody Lemme**  
Arlington, SD  
Poinsett Ponders  
11/2021



**51. Bonnie Moeller**  
Bryant, SD  
Poinsett Ponders  
12/2023



**33. Dennis Nelson**  
Sisseton,SD  
North East Trailblazers  
1/2021



**42. Jim LeTendre**  
Sioux FallsSD  
combined effort:  
5 clubs  
11/2021



**52. Diane Jo Hiles**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Riders  
12/2023



**34. Jordan Hinsvark**  
Gary,SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
7/2021



**43. Richard Berens**  
Milbank, SD  
Whetstone Valley  
Snowmobile Association 8/2022



**53. Charlie Fawcett**  
Ree Heights, SD  
Hand County Snogoers  
12/2023



**35. Wayne Boeke**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
7/2021



**44. Dave Hammer**  
Milbank, SD  
Whetstone Valley  
Snowmobile Association 8/2022



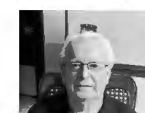
**54. Greg Nordstrom**  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Siouxland SnoTrackers  
10/2024



**36. Jean Wilkinson**  
DeSmet, SD  
Town & Country Snow-  
drifters 10/2021



**45. Jon LaFramboise**  
Rapid City SD  
Black Hills Snowmo-  
bile Club  
11/2022



**55. Richard Kornmann**  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Siouxland SnoTrackers  
10/2024



**37. Roger Seloover**  
Sioux Falls, SD  
by his daughter Char  
10/2021



**46. Sheridan LaFramboise**  
Rapid City SD  
Black Hills Snowmobile  
Club  
11/2022



**56. Robert VanDenOever**  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Siouxland SnoTrackers  
10/2024



**38. Kim Raap**  
Sioux Falls, SD  
Sioux Falls SnoTrackers  
11/2021



**47. Marvin Keimig Jr**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
03/2023



**58. Walt Spiering**  
Brookings, SD  
Dakota Drifters 11/2024



**39. Sara Shepherd**  
Watertown,SD  
Watertown Snowmobile  
Club 11/2021



**48. Kim Hehn**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
03/2023



**59. Marvin Keimig Sr**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
11/2024



**49. Marty Keimig**  
Clear Lake, SD  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
06/2023



**60. Brent Jeppesen**  
Canby MN  
Dakota Trail Blazers  
11/2024





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**61. Jessi Jeppesen**  
Canby MN  
Dakota Trail Blaz-  
ers 11/2024



**62. Dennis Gelling**  
Aberdeen SD  
Aberdeen Drift-  
busters 12/2024



**63. Wanda Gelling**  
Aberdeen SD  
Aberdeen Drift-  
busters 12/2024



**64. Mike Clements**  
Miller SD  
SDSA

12/2024



**65. Jerry Schaunaman**  
Sisseton SD  
NE Trailblazers

2/2025



ers

**66. Duane Duerr**  
Brandon, SD  
Siouxland SnoTrack-

6/2025



**67. Scott Nelson**  
Sisseton SD  
NE Trailblazers

7/2025



**68. Tim Gleason**  
Veblen, SD  
NE Trailblazers

7/2025



**69. Marlon Steiner**  
Sisseton SD  
NE Trailblazers

7/2025

## Current Committees

### Government Relations

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

### 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. Kelly Weaver
2. Trace Damm

### Snocross

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

### Charities

1. SDSA Treasurer
2. Darin Cooper

### Membership/Website

1. Mike Boock
2. Mary Anne Grabow
3. Caeden Bunde

### Awards

1. Duane Duerr
2. Kelly Weaver

### Convention

1. Jackson Wenger
2. Trace Damm
3. Caeden Bunde

### Fundraiser/Raffle

1. Darin Cooper
2. Trace Damm
3. Caeden Bunde

### SnoPlainsman Committee

1. Mary Anne Grabow
2. Caeden Bunde
3. Nathan Vanzee
4. Kelly Weaver

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1. SDSA Treasurer
2. Jackson Wenger

### Governors Ride

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

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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

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| 2024 850 PRO RMK Slash 165                  | \$14,500 |
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TUNNEL EXTENSIONS

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. The following is from Kim’s proposal:

My proposal for your consideration and discussion is as follows:

1. I will retain ownership control of the gun and scabbard for the next 5 to 10 years as we jointly work through this S4S-specific fund-raising program – with an annual joint review to assess how it’s working, along with any potential tweaks/changes we should jointly consider. If my unfortunate demise should occur during this initial time period, my personal trust will transfer full ownership and control of this gun back to SDSA.

2. The rifle and scabbard will be displayed in a locked case at a South Dakota snowmobile dealership of my choosing to ensure continued security and appropriate display opportunity – which could be on-going in one location for multi-years or else be rotated to different dealerships over the years. Initially, Kirby Slegers at Brookings Powersports has agreed to host this display.

3. In addition to the gun and scabbard, the totality of the wall display will include:

a) 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),

b) A brief story about Charlie and his gifting the gun to SDSA for the initial fundraising auction,

c) A plaque with nameplates showing the annual top auction donor (name and \$ amount) starting with 2024 and my \$2,700 winning bid; and then 2025 onward showing each year’s top bid.

d) Trails Work Consulting will provide the display case for the gun and scabbard, as well as framed poster/information outlining S4S purpose/history, Charlie’s story, and instructions on how individuals/businesses can donate to S4S beyond the annual gun auction. I expect that initial start-up display costs will cost me a few hundred dollars. SDSA’s primary responsibility will be to furnish me with appropriate background and historical information regarding S4S. Additionally, I’d request that SDSA also upgrade its website with this same information since, currently, only the S4S application is there with nothing else mentioning/explaining/promoting what exactly what S4S is or does.

4. Trails Work Consulting will coordinate logistics to ensure the gun and scabbard display will be on-site at each annual SDSA convention while this fundraising auction remains active.

5. I propose that this annual fundraiser be conducted as an “**All-In**” **auction** whereby everyone who bids during the auction will pay their highest bid (so to be clear = all bidders will contribute whatever their highest bid was during the auction with the subsequent ‘highest bidder’ at the end being the one who will get their name on the plaque). This auction method allows individuals as well as clubs or businesses to collectively contribute to S4S – and has been insanely productive for the Wyoming State Snowmobile Association – as well as ACSA recently – to raise thousands of dollars for their scholarship programs. In the case of Wyoming, the annual amount being raised (from auctioning a Schnapps bottle that no one can drink, because you need to bring it back unopened the next year with only your club’s name added to the label) was so large that several years ago they began splitting proceeds between their multiple scholarships and also the ‘Access Wyoming’ fund. So, depending upon the success as well as S4S annual needs, I would be open to considering broadening the scope of auction beneficiaries if it proves to be a success down the road.

**Veterans Ride Balance:** \$2350 is still in the budget in reserve from clubs. Marty suggested that the funds be used for equipment etc needed for the rides. These funds are available to use for equipment, helmets, radios, clothing, etc. for the Veteran's Ride (as well as the Governor's Ride, etc).

The Gov. Advisory Council made a motion to pursue non resident user fee of \$50 2026-2027 through the commission. **Duane made a motion in support of the Governors Advisory Council.** Jackson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cal Moser asked for support for the National Championship show & swap Aug 7-9 2026 in Huron. The board suggested that Cal write a 250 word article to explain this to the clubs.

Preconvention meeting 1:30 December 5.

3:19 meeting adjourned



**Clayton and Joyce Busch, Stanford, MT and Calvin and Linda Moser proudly show their award they won at the Casper WY show held by Scott Custer on September 27, 2025.**



**On September 27, 2025 Keith Ellsberry Garretson, SD near Sioux Falls SD traveled all the way to Casper WY. to Scott Custers show to pick up this sled from Scott. The sled made the trip back to SD with its new owner.**

**Clayton Busch making sure the sled is loaded correctly to be hauled back to SD with new owner Keith Ellsberry Garretson, SD. Scott Custer sold the sled to Keith.**



# RUSTY NUTZ *Show & Shine + Ride*

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## ACSA Update

**\*The Snoopy cartoon on the previous page was the beginning of the ACSA e-news this time. Too cute not to share.**

### Long-Sought Public Lands Deal Faces a Big Obstacle

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Chair Mike Lee (R-UT) is vowing to run the committee his way: That means fewer mega-packages and consideration of bills one by one.

The desire from Senator Lee to return to "regular order" at ENR is part of his philosophy on how Congress should work. He made that stance very clear recently. "I'm gonna do everything I can to make sure we work differently under my chairmanship," Senator Lee said during a committee markup in September. "We'll meet more often, move bills individually whenever we possibly can, we'll provide a venue where senators can bring amendments, raise objections and vote on specific pieces of legislation, not on bloated packages stitched together to manufacture leverage."

That philosophy, however, is running up against lawmakers' wishes for a new lands package. Such packages are a committee hallmark and often contain a series of bills too small to be considered on their own.

A major package, which has not passed since 2019, presents a test for Senator Lee's ability to both hew to his own preferences of committee leadership while also meeting the needs of his committee's members.

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Gray Wolf ~ Endangered Species

Representative Jack Bergman (R-MI) and a coalition of House Members are calling on newly confirmed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Director Brian Nesvik to immediately delist the gray wolf under the Endangered

Species Act (ESA) and return management authority to states and tribes.

In a letter sent to Director Nesvik, Bergman and 24 of his colleagues congratulated him on his confirmation and urged the FWS to rely on science - not politics - in determining the gray wolf's status. The Members underscored that wolf populations across the country have long surpassed recovery goals and that continued federal protections ignore both the law and on-the-ground realities in rural communities.

"Gray wolves have recovered far beyond the levels that originally warranted their listing," said Bergman. "The science is clear - these populations are stable, self-sustaining, and thriving. It's time to return management to the people who live with these animals every day, not judges or bureaucrats in Washington."

The Members' letter notes that recent federal court rulings have imposed new standards for delisting - requiring a species to repopulate its entire historic range - that are not found anywhere in the ESA. The lawmakers warn that this judicial overreach undermines the law's intent and diverts critical conservation resources away from species truly at risk.

The letter urges FWS to reissue its 2020 rule delisting the gray wolf and to stand behind state and tribal wildlife management programs, which have proven capable of maintaining healthy wolf populations while reducing human-wildlife conflict.

If this is of interest to you - or your club, contact your Congressman in Washington, DC and let them know you support or oppose this idea.



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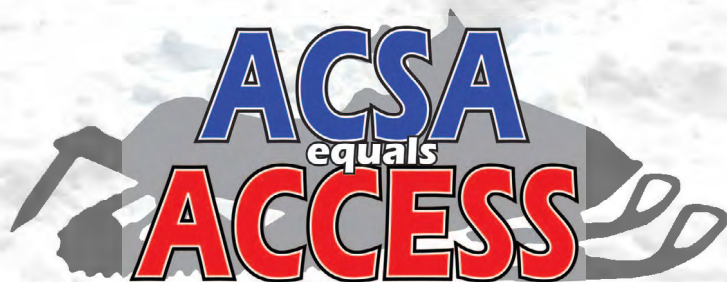
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