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Mike Boock, SDSA President



Hello Snowmobilers!

It's hard to believe we are talking about the end of winter and we really haven't even had a winter. As I write this, the highs for this week are in the 60's. This is February! What is going on? A lot of you are riding the trails or playing in the mountains in our neighboring states. Spending your hard earned money there and supporting their small businesses that rely on snowmobilers to keep their businesses afloat. We have many businesses in the Black Hills and across our state that are like that as well. This winter has been brutal on them. I know of one business in the Hills that will be selling all their snowmobiles at the end of this season and not replacing them next year. They have had too little snow the past 3 years to continue renting sleds out every year. If you decide to bring your buggies out instead of your snowmobile, please visit our associate mem-

bers who rely on our dollars to stay in business. With that being said, please respect the laws of our state! I recently spoke to Shannon with the GF&P and he said this winter has been very difficult. Many people they are stopping are saying, "We've had this trip planned for months and when we saw there was no snow, we decided to bring our buggies out instead." That's great as they are still supporting the businesses. The problem is they are not following our laws... at all! If you are riding buggies in the Hills or other states, please be respectful as you are representing our clubs, our state association, and our national associations that we are all a part of. Our snowmobile trails have easements and contracts with many land owners that are very specific to snowmobiles, not SxS's. Just because they don't have snow on them, does not mean they turn back into SxS trails. They are snowmobile trails from December 15-March 31... snow or no snow. Shannon informed me that people are not just moving the road barriers, but they are taking them! He is missing several road barriers now, which is frustrating and making it difficult to keep vehicles off our trails. Also, as many of you are aware, when people take their buggies out, they become absolute slobs and leave their trash everywhere. If this is you, knock it off! Just like on a sled, if you bring it into the forest, take it out. If you see other people's trash, pick it up. If you see someone littering, confront them about it. We need to do better with helping to keep our forest clean. If we don't, there's a very good chance we won't have a forest to recreate in as they will make it all non-motorized. If you don't believe me, talk to our representatives within the forest service. They are talking about it. They are tired of dealing with all the headaches. Our trails and our forest is getting destroyed by the SxS community. The FS staff and GF&P simply can't keep up with all the damage to the trails and the property along the trails. I believe SDSA and its members need to lead the charge in protecting our forest as it's also our playground.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature hasn't been nice to us this season so we had to make the very difficult decision to cancel the Governor's Ride and Members Appreciation Ride. Some of the Board members will be going to Pierre to pass out information to our legislators, informing them of all the happenings of SDSA.

Until next time, stay safe on the trails!

Mike



SDSA President-Elect, Jason Shepherd

Hello again everyone.

It does not seem like it has been a month already. It has been a very tough winter so far for the snow fall this year. We can only hope that we can get some snow yet this late winter. We could use the moisture.

I was able to get some riding in myself this last month. It was a good time but always could use better snow but it is always fun to be out riding.

This month the governors ride was scheduled for the 14th but with the lack of snow and the warm temps we had to cancel the event for this year. The SDSA still has raffle tickets available for our gun raffle. So if you have not got your ticket yet contact your club or your SDSA representative. You do not want to miss the drawing for these great items.

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SDSA Past President Kelly Weaver

Hello from the road! We are making our way back home from the Iron Dog Brigade Ride and the ACSA Trails Region Meet and Ride events which were held in Watersmeet, Michigan the end of January. The conditions were frigid but the hospitality and camaraderie melted away any chill in the air! We shared our favorite sport with 20-30 other riders from 8 states. You can find a separate article elsewhere about the Trail Region meeting discussions.

We had a few interesting experiences over the stay, not the least of which was a fire alarm at 4:45 AM on the second night of our stay. While there was no fire, there were three burst pipes spewing water into the lobby leaving a pool of water on the floor and flowing out the main entrance! Once we realized we still had water in our rooms and weren't going to get evacuated, we continued on with our plans for the day. We joined the Iron Dog Brigade ride on Wednesday taking a tour through northern Wisconsin trails with a lunch stop at Bent's Camp on the Cisco Lakes chain and an afternoon stop at Sayner, WI, birthplace of the Snowmobile. We visited Sayner Hardware to view the display of Carl Eliason's Motor Toboggans which were the first snow machines, built in the 1920's. The first model was even liquid cooled! Learn more here: www.eliason-snowmobile.com/. South Dakota Iron Dogs included Jim Weaver and Kim Raap with guests Sunny and Stacey Pence and Wade Dykema whose dad Allen was also an Iron Dog.

On Thursday and Friday, we rode trails in western Michigan's UP (Upper Peninsula) in the Ottawa National Forest. We were treated to coffee and donuts at the U.P. Thunder Riders Snowmobile Club's groomer

barn Thursday morning. Their club-owned equipment included two John Deere tractors and a Tucker Sno-Cat with a Trail Paver drag. They groom about 70 miles of trail with 11 volunteer groomers and daily operations. They have 67 club members. What would snowmobiling be without volunteers? Joining our ride were Jaret Smith, President of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association, and photographer Wayne Davis. Throughout our ride, our group was part of an ISMA photo shoot as they captured snowmobilers enjoying a day on the trails, safely crossing a highway, and enjoying the outdoors at Bonn Falls. Did you know you can access photos, safety videos, posters, etc. for your club's use at <https://snowmobile.org/> We also crossed the bridge at Agate Falls. At first glance, it seems like any other bridge until you look over the edge and realize it spans a gorge which drops some 200 feet down to the falls and the Middle Branch of the Ontonogagan River!

On Friday, we made our way to Lake Gogobic for lunch and took this picture on the lake which is 300 foot deep and the largest lake within the borders of Michigan. The temps were subzero in the morning, rising to just single digits and teens each day so there was not a lot of trailside chatter. The trails are largely in the forest with no open area for off trail riding. They feature winding trails and lake runs in Wisconsin and wider trails winding through the forest or straight shots on old railroad beds in Michigan. Both bear resemblance to our Black Hills trails at times.

All trails are marked and groomed by local snowmobile clubs. We saw sev-



eral groomer barns along the trail during our rides. The clubs have done a good job of finding routes through communities that connect directly to hotel, restaurant and fuel locations. Imagine having snow across South Dakota with trails connecting every community and sled traffic like you see in the Black Hills. Then you will have you a sense of the economic impact snowmobiling has in this area. The businesses we stopped at were very snowmobile friendly with plenty of space for parking outside and coats and helmets inside.

The ACSA Region Meet and Ride events are open to everyone. Consider attending a future event to meet snowmobilers from other states, experience news riding areas with local guides, and learn about how snowmobiling works across the snow belt. Kelly

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Iron Dogs attending Midwest Ride: L to R: Dave Newman (WI), Kim Raap (SD), Len Neisler (IN), Lori Heideman (WI), Mark Hazzard (IL), Christine Jourdain (MI), Jim Weaver (SD), Stan Stutheit (NE), Jeff Kracl (NE), Sam Landes (WI); not pictured Les Ollila (MN).
Photo below from ride on Lake Gogobic.





SDSA Secretary/Editor, Mary Anne Grabow

While it's true that we haven't had much snow this year, it seems like the office is busier than a normal winter. I find myself wondering why it's so busy when there really aren't any weather calls to field....but, it seems like there is always something to deal with.

Our publisher was purchased recently. Out of the blue, I get an email saying that as of Friday there will not be a site to have the magazine printed. What a surprise that was!

Our magazine will be printed in Detroit Lakes, MN for the last two issues and hopefully next season as well. It took a bit for me to find out answers to all of my questions, but I do think we have it under control now.

And, of course, we ended up needing to cancel Governor's Ride due to the forecast and the lack of snow due to the temps. That's never an easy decision to make and it affects so many people when we make the decision. Once the decision is made then the message needs to get out to people that were invited or that were planning to attend....and we also need to cancel sleds, reservations, etc. It affects a lot of people!

We had a zoom call at 9 p.m. CST to discuss what the answer was and determine where our next meeting would be at as well.

The next SDSA meeting will be in Pierre on Saturday, February 14th at 10 a.m. We hope to have a 2 hour meeting and get back on the road. That remains to be seen, of course.

The International Snowmobile Council (ISC) gathers information from clubs across the Snowbelt States and Providences to showcase the efforts snowmobilers take to raise money for charities and to capture the dedicated volunteerism snowmobilers have. The information

gathered is valuable in promoting the good of snowmobiling and is often used when making our annual visits to the Hill in Washington DC.

This year's report, which is due April 1, will cover the period of April 1, 2025 to March 30, 2026 and will encompass the total amount and/or hours donated to Major/National Charities, Local Charities and the total number of Volunteer Hours from your club members. As this is written, we haven't yet received the 2026 report to know for sure if additional information will be requested. Once we have that information, club contacts will be made aware via email and the form will be posted to the SDSA Website, under "Forms".

Within the form, we will provide suggestions of charities and volunteer activities that have been captured in the past. While this can be a guide, please report whatever activity your club has been involved during the reporting period. If you have any questions on what should be included, please do not hesitate to ask. Once this form is completed, you are asked to please email it to Mary Anne at sdsa@itctel.com. Please submit your completed report at your earliest convenience, however, please no later than April 3rd so that we can compile the results and in turn submit to the ISC Charity Report Committee.

If you are an SDSA Only member and you have some volunteer hours or made charitable contributions, please report that as well!

South Dakota can be very proud of the charity work that our clubs and our individual members are involved with across the state.

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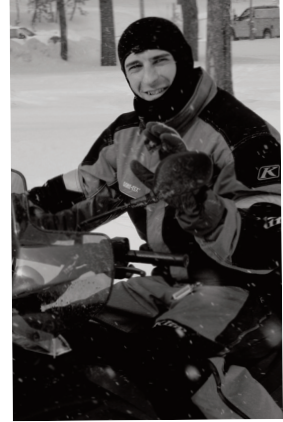
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Another month gone by and another month with little to no snow. Not that we are giving up hope as February can bring colder temperatures and more precipitation, but this wasn't the early start to the season we were all expecting.

Marching right along with the lack of snow theme, GFP had to cancel the 8th annual SDSU Veteran's Affair ride, where we provide snowmobiling opportunities for up to 24 past and current servicemen and women. Half the group goes out in the morning on a snowmobile while the other half stays back where certified counselors provide various resources and training to the group which helps them deal with PTSD and other burdens, they carry on their shoulders from serving in our military. We look forward to hosting this event next year which always takes place on the Saturday of Martin Luther King weekend.



GFP staff have been working on various projects throughout the snowmobile months, including finalizing an Economic Impact Study to be made to the public, Use Survey for the Black Hills Trail System and work is continuing towards various options for future stability around Lead area trail system as well. Due to the lack of snow, the EIS could very well trickle into the next season, but we also have the option of doing a couple of the surveys this season which would impact the industry, club and club member surveys. We continue to monitor snow conditions and communicating through USD about the best options available to us.

Next thing on the list is the Governor's Ride. Preparations continue with GFP staff working closely with various SDSA members to make sure this event takes place without a problem. At the time of this article, we aren't quite sure if we'll be able to hold this event due to snow and trail conditions along with above average temperatures forecasted. At the end of the day, we all want to showcase the best of this trail system, the snowmobile program and how GFP and the snowmobile community got it here. Guess we'll wait and see what happens.

In closing It's sad to say that not one club has groomed on the eastern side of the state either. For a month and a half local snowmobile clubs across the eastern side of the state dedicate their time and energy to place signs in the right of way, service equipment and make sure all grant paperwork is fully executed. It's unfortunate that local snowmobilers to these communities can't take advantage of these trail systems as of this article but we still have time left in the season to change this narrative. Keep on doing those snow dances!

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Treasurer's Trail

The groundhog tells us we have six more weeks of winter. I wish that it meant six more weeks of snow — my area of the state is looking more brown than white. I hope some of you have been able to travel to find good snow conditions.

My club is still gathering and staying active despite the lack of snow, including hosting a late Christmas party where we tested out our bowling skills. I can say my final score was over 100, though I may have had a little help from the bumpers. We also recently had the opportunity to volunteer by packing boxes of food at Feeding South Dakota. This is a great reminder for all clubs to continue tracking volunteer hours throughout the year.



I hope everyone is doing well, and I hope some of you have been able to find enough snow to get in a ride.

Preconvention Minutes **these have not been voted on by the board of directors**

Preconvention meeting was called to order December 5 at 1:30 p.m. by President Kelly Weaver in Rapid City, SD.

Roll call showed Kelly, Mike, Duane, Darin, Jackson, Lee, Nathan, Jason, Trace, Chris, Mary Anne & Jody in attendance. Caeden was not in attendance.

Add business builders to old business # 3. #4 Arctic FX donation. Mike made a motion to approve the agenda with the afore mentioned additions. Trace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Guests included: David Ruediger, Kim Raap, Ryan Raynor, Ryan Fredrickson, Shannon Percy, Dave & Jean Kennedy, Pat Hanten Duerr, Marty Grabow, Bob & Judy King, Josh Shepherd, Mike VandenHemel, Diane & Greg Hiles Rapid city team: Tyson Steiger, Tracy Kennedy, Penny Escot for ISC 2028.

Duane made a motion to approve the minutes for the August meeting. Darin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jody gave an overview of the financial.

President Report – (deferred to annual report)
Sno Plainsman report (deferred to annual report)

Convention update – Jackson said the conven-

tion is working well. Aerial silk is performing. Darin's daughter is involved in that.

Trails specialist. Ryan gave his thanks for the grant that SDSA applied for – for the Economic Impact study.

Government relations – no report

Investments – Jody said that we've gained about \$12,000 in our investment account.

Fundraiser – Outstanding tickets yet. Sell, sell, sell.

Grants – ISMA grant awarded for \$10,000. EIS will probably be completed in May.

Ended year with 491 memberships. Currently we are at 408 for memberships.

Awards – Worked hard on getting more nominations but we didn't get any more than normal. Maybe we can do the awards differently to get more applicants.

Bylaws & right to ride – no report

Safety no report

Charity no report

Scholarship no report

Governor's Ride February 13 and 14th. Ride on the 14th. Meetings on the 13th starting at 5 p.m. (Gov. Advisory) Social followed by SDSA board.

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Snocross – no report continued on page 22



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- **International Snowmobile Ride Day is February 14, 2026 (Governor's Ride)**
- **Take A Friend Riding is February 7-16, 2026**
- **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 Annual Meeting – June 3 -6, 2026, at the ISC in Lavista, Nebraska**

Photo below submitted by Watertown Snowmobile Club





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Join us for International Snowmobile Ride Day – February 14, 2026

EAST LANSING, MI, February 5, 2026: The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) is excited to celebrate **International Snowmobile Ride Day** on **Saturday, February 14th, 2026**. Held annually on the second Saturday in February, this year’s Ride Day is extra special as it coincides with Valentine’s Day – giving snowmobilers the perfect opportunity to spend the day with someone they love *and* enjoy the sport they love.

ISMA encourages snowmobilers everywhere to get out on the trails, share the experience with friends and family, and enjoy the health and wellness benefits of spending time outdoors during the winter. Snowmobiling not only connects riders with nature – it also supports small businesses and communities throughout the North American Snowbelt, many of which rely on the economic boost snowmobilers bring during the winter season.

This year’s event takes place during **Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week** (February 7-16, 2026), an initiative that invites riders to introduce non-snowmobiling friends to the sport and show them firsthand how fun, accessible, and community-driven snowmobiling can be.

As part of the ISMA grant program, **nineteen snowmobile clubs across North America** have received funding to host a ride or special event this Saturday. If you live near one of these clubs, we encourage you to join their activity – or connect with your local club to plan your own ride for the weekend. Getting involved with your local snowmobile club is one of the best ways to meet fellow riders, explore new trails, and support snowmobiling in your region.

Have a great International Snowmobile Ride Day – and ride safely this weekend!

Grant Recipients – United States:

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| Dakota Drifters Snowmobile Club | Brookings, SD |
| Dalton Ridge Runners | Dalton, NH |
| Davis County Snowmobile Club | Huntsville, UT |
| DRAG of Speculator Snowmobile Club | Speculator, NY |
| Chester Snowmobile Club | Chester, VT |
| Forsyth Snowmobile Club | Gwinn, MI |
| Lakeville Sno-Trackers | Lakeville, MN |
| Lyme Pinnacle Snowmobile Club Inc. | Canaan, NH |
| Riverbend Benders Snowmobile Club | Cary, IL |
| Salt Lake Valley Snowmobile Club | Riverton, UT |
| Sisters Sno-Go-Fers | Sisters, OR |
| Sno-Kommanders of Lake County | Fox Lake, IL |
| Waumbek Methna Snowmobile Club | Jefferson, NH |

Grant Recipients - Canada:

- Fergus Elora Belwood Snowmobile Club
- Guelph, ON
- Hill & Gully Riders - District 7
- Port Sydney, ON
- Mc Murray Sno-Drifters Snowmobile Club
- Fort McMurray, AB
- Melfort & District Trail Riders
- Melfort, SK
- Prince Albert Trail Riders Prince Albert, SK
- Sunset Trail Riders
- Kenora, ON





Hello from the Great Plains Snowtrailers,

As I am writing this there is barely any snow on the ground and sounds like there is not much snow anywhere in South Dakota. We had our club meeting last night, February 3rd with a good turnout of 8 members in at Shooter's Bar and Grill in Wolsey. It would

have been nice if we could have been able to ride our sleds to Wolsey for the meeting but we had a good meeting just the same.

We were not able to have an organized club ride in the hills over the Martin Luther King weekend but we still all went out and stayed at the Ponderosa Hills Cabin and had a wonderful time. A few club members did take advantage of what snow there was and went for a trail ride. We visited again with the new owners of the Trails Head Lodge and we cannot say enough nice things about them. What a super nice family!!!

Nathan VanZee from Miller, the District 4 Director joined us for our meeting. Nathan updated us on things happening on the state level.

Unfortunately, with the lack of snow many things have been cancelled. We talked about how to get more people involved and getting young people to join. Thanks Nathan for joining us!

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd at the Scoreboard in Huron.

Brenda Jager
Great Plains Snowtrailers

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As we settle into the heart of winter, I want to take a moment to thank all of our members for your continued enthusiasm and support. While snowfall has been limited so far, we remain optimistic. With a little cooperation from Mother Nature, we're hopeful we can still enjoy some club rides and squeeze in a few poker chip runs before the season comes to a close.

Planning is also well underway for the 2026 SDSA Convention, which we are proud to be hosting at the Best Western Hotel. Committees continue to meet regularly, and I sincerely thank everyone who has volunteered their time and effort to help make this a standout event for snowmobilers across the state. **Bootleg Trails and Powder Tales** / This year's theme for the convention is **"Decade Celebration of Snowmobiling."** The Aberdeen Drift Buster Snowmobile Club is hosting a **"Speak Easy"** as part of their Saturday night entertainment. You must attend the Saturday night banquet to get the secret details to attend this special event. *Dressing up for the Speak Easy is not mandatory but guests are encouraged to dress up in 1920's prohibition attire and play along with the event!

Thank you all for your dedication, volunteer spirit, and the camaraderie that makes the Drift Busters such a great club to be part of.

The Aberdeen Drift Busters Snowmobile Club mourns the passing of fellow member Gina Thorne. **Please keep the Thorne family in your thoughts and prayers.**

Let's keep our fingers crossed for snow, and I hope to see you soon. Ride safe and see you out there!

Scott Malsom
President Aberdeen Drift Busters Snowmobile Club

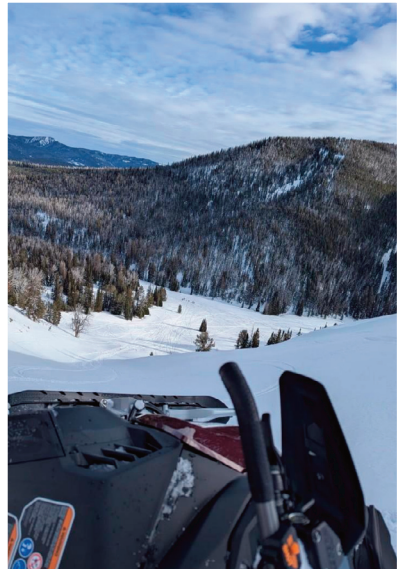


Greetings from The Watertown Snowmobile Club! While we sure have not had any snow around here, activities for this winter have been minimal! We still have our monthly meetings The first Sunday of every month at Cloud 9 at 5pm. Anyone is welcome to join! Some of our club members have taken trips out west



and another group is going to Northern MN to hopefully find some snow! There's always hope for that big unexpected blizzard in April!

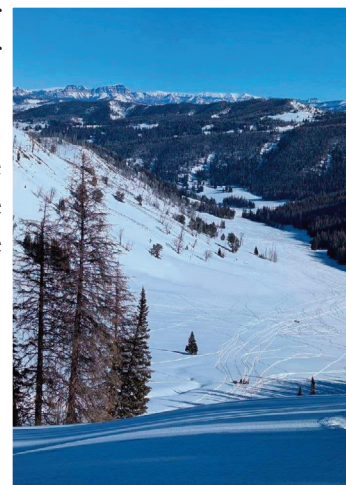
To stay active we do plan monthly events. In January we went for supper to the SideTrack in Florence and let me tell you the Prime Rib was amazing! For February we are planning a supper at Dakota Butcher. We also plan a bowling night during March or April and that is always a fun time.



Also we have a special announcement, from our last meeting we voted to make Fran Shepherd a Legacy Member. She has been very active in our club from always volunteering to help with anything needed, coming to most of our meetings and events. Her son, Jason also recalled her out at the Grass Drags with a video camera in hand. She brings her specialities to our potlucks and is always first to volunteer to man (or woman) a booth when needed. We are truly grateful for her time and dedication to the Watertown Snowmobile Club. She is facing some health issues so please spread your prayers to her and her family! We love our Franny!



A little snow dance would be nice too! Til next month hope everyone can get out for a ride or two!



SIouxLAND SNO-TRACKERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

While we could not enjoy any riding locally on the Siouxland Trail we have kept busy as a club this past month. We kicked off the month by having a holiday/bowling party in Sioux Falls. I was so happy to see so many members at this event. Whether they scored a strike or just enjoyed cheering from the sidelines, everyone left with smiles and great memories. Events like these remind us that our club is about much more than snowmobiling – it's also about building lasting friendships.



Next, some of our members enjoyed a trip to Wisconsin over the holiday

weekend to ride the trails around Iron River. I know some of our members will be making the trip back there in the coming weeks to enjoy the riding as we need to go where the



snow is. It snowed while they were there which made the riding even better and I am thankful that snow is falling somewhere so that we can get out and ride.

Finally, to wrap up January we made

a meaningful impact by volunteered with Feeding South Dakota. Together with other volunteers, we packed 450 boxes of food for families in need. Our volunteers worked hard and showed the spirit of giving that defines our group. Thank you to everyone who donated their time and energy to help make a difference in our community. We are proud of what we accomplished and look forward to future service projects.





Ride – Ride – RIDE ...that is what is on the minds of Dakota Drifters!
Winter Ride – reminder, we have the 1st Annual Winter Ride going on all season long, until March 31. All modes of transportation welcome to visit our sponsoring associate members to get your hanky stamped.

Charity Ride – Saturday, February 7, is the day to come out to Lemke’s Bar & Grill in Aurora to support an awesome organization, Brookings County Youth Mentoring Program (BCYMP). There will be a silent auction, 50//50 board, and eight associate member businesses to visit. Ride will be held with or without snow!

Club Ride – we are anxiously waiting for February 26 – March 1 for our club ride to the Black Hills! Thank you to Brian with Ponderosa Hills Vacation Cabin and Trailhead Lodge for our lodging during our stay.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page as we highlight our wonderful associate members.

Dakota Drifters next club meeting will be held at 1481 Grille, Arlington, at 7pm on Wednesday, February 11.



Photo: January 14 club meeting at The Knotty Pine Supper Club, Elkton.

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Understanding the VSCA Vintage Snowmobile National Show

Introduction

Greetings,

As the owner and editor of the Vintage Snowmobile Magazine, I am frequently asked about the "VSCA Vintage Snowmobile National Show" and what it entails. To provide a clear explanation of the VSCA National Shows, it is important first to understand what a Vintage Sled Show is.

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.

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. 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.

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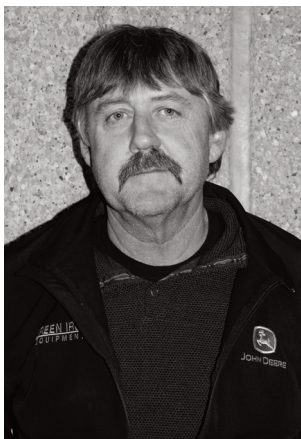


Darin Cooper, District 1 Director

It's the end of January and the weather outside is 50 degrees and raining. The bad news, not good for my new business sales. FYI, still accepting donations. Good news, it is finally snowing at higher elevation. More bad news, 6 to 12 inches of fresh snow with no base. Please try to patronize the businesses that support snowmobiling and SDSA as most of them rely heavily on snowy winters and we want to see them continue, but be safe out there, no need to go hit the first stump you see with your hunk of junk, just because the carry over sleds are so cheap.

Jackson Wenger, District 2 Director

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening from District #2. Hopefully this trend of not getting snow in the Black Hills does not become the norm. Everyone wants and needs that release of getting on their sled and ripping through the Hills on their "stock" snowmobile. As I write this article I'm looking out the front and the back of my home eight miles north of Rapid City I'm surrounded by the white stuff that has evaded us for the better part of this winter. Unfortunately it's 42 degrees at 10:30 this morning and will disappear shortly. We made a trip to Togwotee three weeks ago and got to ride in some bumper deep powder which made for a great two days of riding. A group of us were supposed to be back there this weekend but decided to wait for better conditions. Just a friendly reminder to those of you out riding SXS, the snowmobile trails are not open to ride on during the snowmobile season so pay attention to all trail mapping there is still plenty of area to ride that isn't off limits. Seems like all we have accomplished this season outside of a successful convention here in Rapid City is the cancellation of events. The weather does not look favorable for the Governor's ride so cross your fingers for some cool temps and some more snow in the hills. Be safe out there and God bless!



Lee Olson, Dist 3 Director

Hello everyone, how's winter, or lack of winter going? What looked promising up here in the end of November ended with the rain and 45 degree temps. Well there's always next year. Like a Minnesota Vikings fan lives by. Not much going up here right now, no snow does that. We lost a couple members in the last month, Dennis Gelling, and Gina Thorne. Dennis was one fist part of the part of the club. Gina was an awesome lady. We went up to northern North Dakota, trails were not good, but we had a pretty good time as a family outing. Only had to rescue one with the trailer. Anyay let's hope that we could possibly get snow.

Lee Olson





Caeden Bunde, District 5 Director

As a snowmobiler in South Dakota, it's frustrating to be nearing the end of the season and still feeling like winter never really showed up. With March rolling on, my sled has spent more time in storage than on the trails, and at this point it's starting to feel like we're running out of chances.

Normally, this is the time of year when we're trying to squeeze in a few last good rides. Instead, most of us have been watching the weather, checking trail updates, and debating whether it's even worth unloading. The snow just hasn't been there, and when it does fall, it doesn't stick around long enough to build decent riding conditions. It's disappointing because the end of the season is usually some of the best riding. Missing out on that makes this winter especially tough. It also hits local businesses that rely on snowmobilers during these final weeks of the season.

Now it feels like we're hoping for one last decent snowfall before spring completely takes over. Even if it's just a short window, most of us would take it. Until then, all we can do is put the sleds away, start thinking about next year, and hope winter treats us better next season.

Todd Wess, District 6 Director

Well it's that time again. Haven't done much with the snowmobile since we haven't had snow. I did however go support the Northeast Trailblazers at their poker run and had a good time up there. As for the Governor's Ride, we made the decision to cancel the ride due to less than ideal snow conditions. Until next time keep the shiny side up and the track side down.



A total of 8 states represented at the Midwest Ride that Kelly & Jim Weaver and Kim Raap from South Dakota attended.



ACSA TRAIL REGION ROUNDTABLE RECAP

By Kelly Weaver

During the ACSA Trail Region gathering in Watersmeet, Michigan, we held a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. It is an open forum where all attendees can participate, not just official state association representatives. Topics discussed included Future Leaders, safety certification, fee increases, electronic mapping and groomer tracking, and trail administration costs.

The Future Leader program continues to gain steam. Future Leaders coordinator Lori Clark and Ambassador Lynsey Burnzinski (WI) attended the meeting along. The two NextGen Rider National Ambassadors are attending events and making an effort to increase ACSA's digital footprint and reach younger riders. Korbyn Shaw (OR) was a guest on a recent episode of the SledSend podcast. He did a great job of explaining the critical role that ACSA and snowmobile volunteers play in providing snowmobile riding opportunities. Lynsey made a presentation to the AWSC meeting this year about how to involve youth. Applications are currently being accepted for the 2nd class of Next Gen National Riders, and nearly \$2,000 was raised at the Thursday night auction to support the Next Gen National Riders and ACSA Scholarship programs. Learn more at: <https://www.snowmobilers.org/future-leaders.aspx>

Wisconsin and Michigan are pursuing fee increases for both resident and non-resident fees. They suffered a lot of costs this year due to high winds and related tree damage clean up costs required to open their trails. The discussion also revealed the many differences among the states and how they distribute trail funds to clubs. We also talked about how most states are using various technology partners to track groomers, report hours and create maps on trail conditions. More and more, riders are turning to digital maps rather than printed ones to navigate trail systems. Sharing data across platforms and among manufacturers has been a challenge. It was noted that Chris Gamache of Ride Command will be the guest on the next ACSA Snow Business webinar at 7 pm CT on Wednesday, February 25.

Several states shared their activities and rules regarding snowmobile safety training. Most states re-

quire youth and riders born after a certain date to be safety-certified to ride in their state. Many states have both online and in-person certification training options. There was a strong consensus that youth ages 12-15 years old should be required to take the in-person certification class but few states have been able to mandate that. New York now requires safety certification for all ages in other recreation areas so they expect this requirement may expand to include snowmobiling in the near future. Wisconsin and Michigan certify over 5,000 people each year! South Dakota has both in-person and online safety certification options. Since we don't require a safety certification in South Dakota for any age, it made me wonder how many people realize the requirement exists when they ride in other states. Encourage your members to get certified or offer a class through your club. It's great knowledge to have whether it is required or not, and you may qualify for a discount on your sled insurance if you are certified.

Nebraska State Snowmobile Association shared plans for the 2026 International Snowmobile Congress set for June 2-6 in Lavista, NE. There will be a motorcycle/car ride on Tuesday, a Friends of Snowmobiling fundraiser on Wednesday afternoon followed by Groomer Reception Wednesday evening. The off-site event on Thursday evening will be the Strategic Air Command Museum. And, yes, there are snowmobile meetings and education sessions also! The registration is open now at www.snowmobilers.org/isc/. Registrations prices will increase on May 1.

We are fortunate to attend these meetings and learn from other states and organizations about the resources available. Christine Jourdain from ACSA participates in the meetings. She captures the information and carries forward action items to the committees and ACSA Board. Jaret Smith with ISMA offers insight and resources as well. There are many resources at the ISMA and ACSA websites that any club can use: <https://snowmobile.org/> and <https://snowmobilers.org>.



preconvention minutes continued from page 10
 YETIS no report
 Governor's Ride – 6 sleds 2 up 6 sleds(regular)
 Trailhead.
 Sno Cross – Jan 23 & 24 in Deadwood. Setting
 up the 22nd. Blue raffle tickets please be to the
 office by January 5.
 Business builders – clothing and cups for sale.
 Clubs can set up their own site and there is no
 extra set up fee. Jody suggested a separate ac-
 count for the apparel.
 Arctic FX Graphics donation: Mike made a mo-
 tion to put 2 to silent auction and 4 to the live
 auction. Darin seconded. Motion carried.
 ISC 2028. Kelly is putting out sign up sheets – to
 see where you want to help for the event.
 \$403 Donation from Terry Peak Sno Blazers.
 Tabled until post convention meeting.
 2027 Bid is needed for the Convention. It will be
 extended to receive bids through February 1.

Director award. Suggested by Scott Kooiker.
 Much discussion was held. Duane made a mo-
 tion to discuss who deserves the shovel (award).
 Mike seconded. Would like to award this year
 and announce at banquet. Motion carried.
 Scholarship – Jon LaFramboise. We have \$2000
 to award. Duane made a motion to give two
 \$1000 scholarships unless we only get 1 applicant
 – and then we'd give \$2000. Darin seconded.
 Motion carried.
 Fees Structure – Economic Impact Study and
 User study are in progress.
 Kelly informed us about Hannah's Chickens and
 what it is all about. Kelly brought a pink shirt to
 auction off for YETIS.
 Jim Weaver asked Mary Anne to send a bill to V
 & V for associate membership.
 Darin made a motion to adjourn at 2:44 p.m.

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56th Annual SDSA Meeting Minutes **these have not been voted on by the board**

Minutes of the 56th Annual SDSA Meeting held in
 Rapid City SD December 6, 2025 was called to order by
 President Kelly Weaver at 9 a.m.
 Mayor Jason Salamon welcomed the delegation to
 Rapid City.
 Kelly appointed Kirsten VanDenHemel, Karla Wess,
 and Tracy Olson as registrars and tellers.
 Kelly called the roll so that Mary Anne could tally the
 number of delegates.
 Black Hills Snowmobile Club 4
 Dakota Drifters 4
 Dakota Trailblazers 2
 Driftbusters 6
 Interlakes 2
 Northeast Trailblazers 2
 Poinsett Pounders 3
 Sturgis Sno Drifters 2
 Siouxland Sno Trackers 4
 Great Plains Sno Trailers2
 Town & Country 3
 Trailbusters 1
 Watertown Snowmobile club 2
 Whetstone Valley 3
 Yetis 3
 Total 43

Roll call was called by Mary Anne – Kelly Weaver, Mike
 Boock, Duane Duerr, Darin Cooper, Jackson Wenger,
 Lee Olson, Nathan VanZee, Jason Shepherd, Trace
 Damm, Chris VanDenHemel, Mary Anne Grabow &
 Jody Moss were present. Caeden Bunde was not in at-
 tendance.
 I have 43 delegates representing the clubs and 8 mem-
 bers of the Board for a total quorum of 51 officially es-
 tablished.
 Jody Moss gave the financial overview during the meet-
 ing.
President's Report: With two years under my belt as
 President, I have enjoyed attending events and meet-
 ings with at least some idea of what I was doing! I was
 able to visit 4 clubs with just 2 more left that I hope to
 get to in January. Representing SDSA as a member of
 the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, I
 attended the Mountain Riding Region meeting in the
 Big Horns, the Fly-In in Washinton, DC and the Inter-
 national Snowmobile Congress in Charlottetown,
 Prince Edward Island. Once again, I was joined by sev-
 eral other SDSA members at these events. SD is fortu-
 nate to have so many committed members. Thanks to
 each and every one of you!
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Beyond the miles and meetings, we collectively accomplished a lot. We started out the year in search, again, for an SDSA Treasurer. Diane Hiles kindly stepped in to keep the books in order in the transition. Jody Moss came on board in the spring and took over the official reins in July. While she is still experiencing many firsts in her new role, she has confidently moved forward with her duties and is helping to incorporate an outside accounting firm into the process.

As for the snow season, last winter was an improvement so we were able to hold our annual Governor's Ride. Despite the Gubernatorial celebration for Governor Rhoden, we were still able to host 3 legislators, Christine Jourdain from ACSA, and a reporter from the Rapid City Journal. We also recognized several Iron Dogs who held their own ride leading up to our ride. It was memorable experience (especially for the reporter), and we were able to confirm legislative advocates for future funding structure changes.

Club activities continued a familiar pattern. Snow or no snow, poker rides, fundraisers and club gatherings were held and helped support the businesses that support snowmobiling. Our board members and YETIS volunteered in the SDSA booth at the Deadwood SnoCross even though cold weather limited the crowds relative to years past. With only one SnoCross event, members had to work harder to sell raffle tickets for the SkiDoo MXZ 200 sled but in the end, the winner was a family with young children in Piedmont so it went to a good home. The Sno Plainsman, offered both in magazine form and electronically, showcased club activities and industry issues to our membership. We are one of a very few states who still have a great, locally produced membership publication. Thanks, Mary Anne.

We continued to work very closely with our SD Game, Fish and Parks staff in the snowmobile program. Ryan and Shannon are great assets to the SD Snowmobile Program and work closely with the US Forest Service staff in the Black Hills to map out trail routes each year. Their knowledge and these relationships have taken on increased significance in the wake of federal staffing and program changes as we continue to address the challenges of funding and access.

Work to implement a non-resident user fee has continued. The Snowmobile Advisory Council moved to implement a \$50 fee by the 2026-2027 season by working through the Game Fish and Parks Commission. To support this effort, an Economic Impact Study and User Survey are underway. These results and the Snowmobile Trails Fund trends will inform the timeline more specifically.

Regarding access, easements are needed in Powderhouse Pass with verbal agreements to allow access this winter. The work has been slow but the effort continues. The need for more easements or direct land acquisition will be an ongoing issue (and expense) to maintain the trail connections between the north and the south. Progress has stalled

on the Forest Management Plan update, but we will continue to monitor and inform members when opportunities arise for snowmobile input.

It is important to continue to involve our youth and increase our membership. With the YETIS and ACSA Future Leaders program, we have great resources both at the state and national level to support youth engagement. But it all starts at the local level. I encourage clubs to invite both young members and those who may be new to the sport to get involved in local activities and considering creating activities targeted to these groups.

I am happy to report the most recent success we have had. SDSA has been awarded the bid to host the International Snowmobile Congress in Rapid City June 7-11, 2028. South Dakota last hosted the ISC in 2016. It is a great way to work together as a statewide team, build relationships with snowmobilers across the snowbelt, and raise funds for our organization. There are signup sheets posted_so please put your name down in areas where you have an interest or skill. We will confirm your interest and availability as we move forward. We are also looking for ideas for a theme and for speakers. Whether it is a specific task or being a committee chair, whether you can be on site in June 2028 or provide support leading up to the event, everyone's efforts will be appreciated and needed. As they say, many hands make light work. While my term as President is ending, I will be on board as Past President and for this event so you won't be getting rid of me that easy!

I have appreciated the learning opportunities and fun experiences I have had during my term. I want to thank the staff and board for their support and work, and the clubs who welcomed me to their meetings. The last 2 years have gone by fast, and I look forward to supporting the next President in his new role.

Stan Stutheit gave a presentation regarding ACSA. Judy King gave a talk about ISHOF and Bob King gave an Iron Dog Report.

Government Relations: Duane gave a report on Governor's Ride as well as ACSA and ISC.

Investment – Our investment made about \$20,000. \$157,500 + was year end. We have our investments at Edward Jones.

Safety – Lee warned that everyone should check their trails for any damaged signs etc. Trailer is at Lee's.

Membership - Website – Archives is where the forms etc are. Sno Plainsman is also under archives.

We get a ton of spam so we misspell contact info on the website on purpose. Ended year with 414 club members, 45 legacy and 100 associate members. 491 total memberships.

Fundraisers – Last season we raffled off a 200 skidoo. A couple with little kids won it. 439 tickets unsold or not turned in yet. Gun raffle will be pulled on Governor's Ride. VENMO link will be available for that. continued on page 25.



Jon LaFramboise YETIS Scholarship!

Jon was a member of the South Dakota Snowmobile Association board when the YETIS organization was created and strongly supported the effort to give young snowmobilers leadership experience and encourage their continued involvement in the sport.

Requirements:

1. High school seniors or enrolled college students up to 20 years old must be a student in good standing and awards are not based on academic achievement.
2. Definite choice of a Liberal Arts College, Technical Institute, Specialized College, School of Nursing, Junior College, provided that the institution provides a standard degree of certification.
3. Entries will not necessarily be judged on financial need.
4. A \$1000 award for the 2 winners will be sent to the institution of choice upon acceptance of the student's enrollment.
5. A completed application must be submitted by 2/25 ABSOLUTE DEADLINE to SDSA P.O. Box 206 Gary SD 57237.
6. Limited to YETIS members that live full time in South Dakota and are SDSA members.

On a separate sheet of paper write an essay in 500 words or less on a minimum of 2 pages and not more than 4 on "How have you helped promote snowmobiling to younger kids and how has YETIS helped you grow?".

- Your name should NOT appear anywhere on the essay!!!

Judges will not see who the essay belongs to when judging. If your name is on the essay, it will be disqualified.

Please include the following information at the end of your essay:

- YETIS involvement including activities and positions held:
- Club and SDSA involvement:
- What would this scholarship mean to you?

Note: no transcripts or letters of recommendation. Entries exceeding 500 words will be disqualified.

Please include at least one photo with your application.

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Home address _____

Telephone _____

Name of SDSA member _____

Parent or guardian _____

High school grad. date _____

GPA _____

Name of high school _____

City of high school _____

College, you plan to attend _____

Major _____



Annual meeting minutes continued from page 23
Charity – 11 clubs reported plus board. 8 clubs didn't report. National charities \$4,585. Local just under \$29,000. East river trail signing – 2012 signing hours, 141 maintenance, 24 hours grooming.

By laws/right to ride - We have looked at different types of memberships but we have nothing that has come to fruition.

Convention – Jackson reported. Yesterday was successful. Lunch at noon today and aerial performances will be seen. Darin's daughter is involved in that. There were games for the kids. Silent auction ends 5:30. Deuling pianos for entertainment (and they were great).

Scholarship – We gave away 2 \$500 scholarships – Chris VanDenHemel & Garret Olson.

\$1000 Jon LaFramboise – Chris VanDenHemel & Brayden Boock received those.

Lots of entries this year and great essays. Deadline is February 25th.

Short break – Reconvene at 10:25 a.m

Nominating Committee

Nominations for President

Kelly called for nominations. Black Hills Snowmobile Club nominated Mike Boock for the office of President. Poinsett Pounders seconded the motion. Kelly called 3 x for nominations.

Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Club made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike. Town & Country Riders seconded the motion and the motion carried. Congratulations Mike.

President Elect nominations

Kelly called for nominations. Watertown Snowmobile Club nominated Jason Shepherd for the office of President-Elect. Dakota Trailblazers seconded the motion. Kelly called 3 x for nominations.

Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Club made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jason. Sno Trackers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Congratulations Jason.

Kelly called for nominations for District 2. Black Hills Snowmobile Club nominated Jackson Wenger for the office of District 2 Director. Driftbusters seconded the motion. Kelly called 3 x for nominations. Town & Country Riders made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jackson. Dakota Trailblazers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Congratulations Jackson.

Kelly called for nominations for District 4. Town & Country Riders nominated Nathan VanZee for the office of District 4 Director. Sno Trackers seconded the motion. Kelly called 3 x for nominations. Poinsett Pounders made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Nathan Van Zee. Sno Trackers seconded the motion and the motion carried. Congratulations Nathan.

Kelly called for nominations for District 6. Watertown Snowmobile Club nominated Todd Wess for the office of District 6 Director. Driftbusters seconded the motion. Kelly called 3 x for nominations. Sno Trackers made a motion to cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Todd Wess. Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association seconded the motion and the motion carried. Congratulations Todd.

Governors Ride - Mike reported that it is scheduled for February 13 & 14. Spearfish Canyon Lodge is the host hotel.

Grants SDSA applied to ISMA for a \$10,000 grant to support the Economic Impact Study and User Survey being conducted through the Game Fish and Parks. We received notification in November that the grant has been awarded. We will receive an initial amount of \$9,500 with the remaining \$500 sent after the final reports have been completed. We will need to provide wide spread press about the completion and results of the reports. We should determine what milestones need to be in place prior to releasing the funds to GFP for the study. Applications will be accepted again next year, 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

Funds can be used by organizations for off-road trail development and maintenance projects, safety and education initiatives, and other projects to increase and maintain land trail access. 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.

Snowmobilers 4 Snowmobilers – Funds were collected at the auction last evening. Looks like there will be a good balance in the fund.

Groomer/Snowmobiler of the Year: It may be time to rethink how we do the awards. We just don't get many nominations.

Snocross: Scheduled January 23 & 24 in Deadwood. Get your gun raffle tickets in to Mary Anne.

Advisory council report was given. Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Association made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.



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
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Trailbusters 12/2015



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



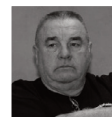
29. Myrna Knadle
DeSmet, SD
Town & Country Snow-
drifters 10/2020



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
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44. Dave Hammer
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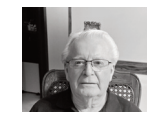
54. Greg Nordstrom
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Siouxland SnoTrackers
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36. Jean Wilkinson
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Town & Country Snow-
drifters 10/2021



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



57. Scott Lamp
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



58. Walt Spiering
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Dakota Drifters 11/2024



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



59. Marvin Keimig Sr
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Dakota Trail Blazers
11/2024



60. Brent Jeppesen
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Dakota Trail Blazers
11/2024





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



62. Dennis Gelling
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Aberdeen Drift-
busters 12/2024



63. Wanda Gelling
Aberdeen SD
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SDSA

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NE Trailblazers

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66. Duane Duerr
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Siouxland SnoTrack-
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NE Trailblazers

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68. Tim Gleason
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7/2025



69. Marlon Steiner
Sisseton SD
NE Trailblazers

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2. Jackson Wenger

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2. Todd Wess
3. Jackson Wenger

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3. Mike Boock

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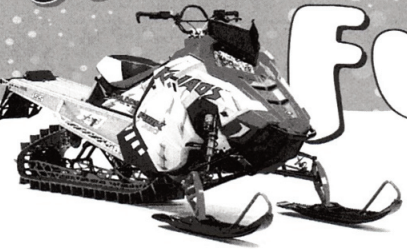
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**South Dakota State Fair to Host 21st Annual Vintage National Championship
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HURON, S.D. – The South Dakota State Fair is pleased to announce that it will host the 21st Annual Vintage National Championship Show and Swap, August 7-9, 2026, at the Nordby Exhibit Hall on the SD State Fairgrounds. This event offers the public an opportunity to view antique and vintage snowmobiles, while also providing builders and restorers a platform to display the snowmobiles they have spent countless hours restoring. Snowmobiles from the 1970s to present day will be on display throughout the event.

Longtime vintage snowmobile enthusiasts, Calvin and Linda Moser, have organized their own show and swap in Milbank, SD for nearly three decades. When invited by the editor of the Vintage Snowmobile Club of America magazine to host the national show in South Dakota for the first time, they were quick to say yes. “What a great opportunity,” said the Mosers. “Huron and the South Dakota State Fairgrounds is the most central and geographical area to host the event.”

“We are honored to welcome the Vintage National Championship Show and Swap to the South Dakota State Fairgrounds for the first time. This is a unique opportunity for the public to experience the history and craftsmanship of vintage snowmobiles,” said Peggy Besch, South Dakota State Fairgrounds Manager. “This event demonstrates the versatility of our facilities in accommodating a wide range of events.”

The show will be held in the Nordby Exhibit Hall, a 48,000 square foot facility constructed in 2016. As one of the fairground’s newer buildings, it is used year-round for events such as trade shows, meetings, trainings, weddings, and more.

For more information, reach out to the SD State Fair Office at 605.353.7340.



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Hello from the North East Corner of the State.

We just finished our 21st annual NETB Poker Run. We were disappointed to do it without snow, but we had a great turnout. We dealt out over 160 poker hands. We have a 50/50 drawing, we are very proud to say the club donated \$1200 to families in need or going through health issues in our community. We have seven stops along the way on the poker run. They are amazing, they come in early to open and donate great door prizes. They are very supportive of the club.

On a side note, We so appreciate the job MaryAnne does for SDSA. And yes, I am one of them that she so patiently reminds me every time to get my article in.

Till next time
Gina Steen



Original Eliason Motor Toboggan - see Kelly's article where she talks about this!





Win an SDSA Scholarship!

Requirements:

1. High school seniors or enrolled college students must be a student in good standing and awards are not based on academic achievement.

2. Definite choice of a Liberal Arts College, Technical Institute, Specialized College, School of Nursing, Junior College, provided that the institution provides a standard degree of certification.

3. Entries will not necessarily be judged on financial need.

4. A \$500 award for the 2 winners will be sent to the institution of choice upon acceptance of student's enrollment.

5 A completed application must be submitted by 2/25 ABSOLUTE DEADLINE to SDSA P O Box 206 Gary SD 57237.

6. Limited to SDSA members & their families that live full time in South Dakota.

7. On a separate sheet of paper write an essay in 500 words or less on a minimum of 2 pages and not more than 4 on "WHY SNOWMOBILING IS IMPORTANT TO SOUTH DAKOTA AND TO ME"

8. Your name should NOT appear anywhere on the essay!!! Judges will not see who the essay belongs to when judging. If your name is on the essay, it will be disqualified.

Note: no transcripts or letters of recommendation.

Entries exceeding 500 words will be disqualified.

Please include at least one photo with your application.

Name _____

Birthdate _____

Home address _____

Telephone _____

Name of SDSA member _____

Parent or guardian _____

High school grad. date _____

GPA _____

Name of high school _____

City of high school _____

College you plan to attend _____

Major _____

On a separate sheet fill us in on the following areas:

A. Snowmobile club & state association involvement:

B. Community Activities/Dates Participated/Hours committed/ Leadership/ Positions held:

C. Awards:

D. Work Experience/Positions/Dates of employment

E. Extra curricular activities/Years participated/Leadership positions.



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
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***Spearfish Canyon Lodge**
10619 Roughlock Falls Road
Lead, SD 57754
605-584-3435
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***Recreational Springs, Lead SD**
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***Trailshead Lodge**
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Lead, SD 57754
605-584-3464
Stay 4 nights, get the 5th night FREE!

***Mystic Hills Hideaway**
21766 Custer Peak Road
Deadwood SD
57732
605-584-4713
\$20 off a room per stay December 15 - March 15
mystichillshideaway@gmail.com
mystichillshideaway.com



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Sioux Falls SD
605-221-4000



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verneidemotoplex.com

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605-334-7355
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DEADLINES

**February 1 -
ACSA Scholarship**

**February 25 -
SDSA Scholarship**

Go to www.snowmobilesd.com and look under forms

February 25-

Jon LaFramboise YETI scholarship

Go to www.snowmobilesd.com and look under forms

October 4 - ISMA Grant Applications

Calendar of events

February 14, 2026

10a.m. SDSA Meeting LRC412

Pierre SD



Post Convention SDSA meeting

December 6, 2025 1:30 p.m. *these have not been voted on

Roll call: President, Mike Boock, Pres-Elect, Jason Shepherd; Past President Kelly Weaver, Darin Cooper, Jackson Wenger, Lee Olson, Nathan VanZee, Todd Wess, , Jody Moss, Mary Anne Grabow. Not present: Trace Damm & Caeden Bunde.

Donation from Terry Peak Club was discussed. The directors agreed to use the funds for new club development.

Award for Directors was discussed. Jason won the Director of the Year for going above and beyond this year.

We plan to sell the remaining apparel at Snocross this year. Jackson & Darin took care of those items.

Trailhead is interested in catering the breakfast for Governor's Ride.

Gary Cammack and some landowners will be invited to Governor's Ride again.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 p.m.





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