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FOR MORE INFORMATION.

# Mike Boock, SDSA President



Hello snowmobilers,

Welcome back to another exciting year of “Will it Snow?” I sure hope so. After two lean winters, everyone is ready for a real season: club members want to ride the trails they work so hard to build, lodging vendors want full reservations instead of cancellations, and restaurants and bars want to welcome the snow-loving crowd back through their doors. We need snow — for the fun of it, for the energy it brings, and for the boost it gives our local economy. That need for snow is about more than riding conditions. Across South Dakota, snowmobiling connects people, supports winter businesses, and gives communities a reason to come alive when the temperature drops.

Snowmobiling isn’t just a winter pastime in South Dakota — it’s a tradition that brings our communities to life. When the snow settles across the Black Hills in the west and the prairies in the east, engines roar to life, trails brighten with fresh tracks, and riders from all over the region come together to celebrate the season.

Every ride strengthens the heartbeat of our small towns. Places like Lead, Deadwood, Aberdeen, and Brookings thrive during snowmobile season, welcoming riders who fill hotel rooms, gather in restaurants, and support local shops. For many rural communities, snowmobilers provide the winter business that keeps doors open and local economies moving.

But the impact goes deeper than dollars. Snowmobiling builds **connection** — families teaching kids how to ride, friends exploring new trails, and clubs working side by side to groom routes that showcase the best of our landscape. Volunteer snowmobile clubs across South Dakota dedicate countless hours to trail maintenance, safety education, and land stewardship. Their work preserves not only the sport, but the natural beauty and access that make riding here so special.
Snowmobiling is part of who we are. It’s community, adventure, tradition, and pride — all wrapped into one. And every winter, we get to write the next chapter together.

**✓ Let’s make this year one of our greatest ever.**
**✓ Teach someone to ride.**
**✓ Invite a new face to a club meeting.**
**✓ Bring your teenager along so they can see what it’s all about.**
**✓ Take a friend snowmobiling.**
**✓ Let’s make snowmobiling FUN again!**

Mike



# SDSA President-Elect, Jason Shepherd

Hello again to everyone.

I hope you all have had a great summer up to this point. Mine has been a quick and what seemed like a short summer. I have been to plenty of dirt track races over the last few months. It has been fun but I am ready for the cooler temps and the start to the snowmobile season. My garage already has snowmobiles in it.

This month is the official start of winter with haydays going on. As always it is always a good time at that event and always meet so many people.

Over the summer here some clubs had vintage snowmobile shows. Again always a good time at those events. It is always nice to see some of the old iron at these events.

If the weather forecast that I have seen hold up this winter should be a good one. Which we all need after the last couple of years.

But fall is upon us so enjoy the last of the summer days and don't forget to join a snowmobile club to always have a riding group and enjoy the events that the clubs do.

See you all next month.

Dear Snowmobilers for Snowmobilers,

I am incredibly grateful for your generous gift during such a challenging time in my life. Having a heart attack is a life-changing experience that is filled with stress and uncertainty. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference in easing the financial burden for me and my family.

Please know your support is more than just financial assistance—it is a reminder that there are caring people and communities willing to step up when it matters most. I truly appreciate your compassion and commitment to helping others in times of need.

When I first joined the snowmobiling community, I was struck by how welcoming and supportive everyone was in helping me enjoy the sport and build my confidence. Now I see that this community is so much more than snowmobiling. I am hopeful that my recovery will continue, and that I will be back on the trails again next winter.

Thank you again for your generosity and for the work you do to support individuals like me. It means more than I can fully express.

With sincere gratitude,

Kelly Weismantel



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# SDSA Past President Kelly Weaver



Hello Snowmobilers!!

Isn't it exciting to think about the fun snow adventures hidden in the months to come? There's lots of opportunities in the snowbelt, and hopefully Mother Nature will have mercy on South Dakota and send us a nice white blanket for the season! Well it's been a busy summer for snowmobiling at our house. The DC-Flyin came in April and the International Snowmobile Congress in Omaha in June. Board meetings were on the docket for May and August. We enjoyed attending the Antique Snowmobile National Show in Huron in August. I'll be sharing some sled pictures at the SDSA Convention in December.

Oh yes, how could I forget the monthly convention planning meetings. The Drift Busters are planning a fun SDSA Convention. Will this be the last of its kind? I hope not, but we need a club or a group of clubs to step up for 2027. If no bid is received by December, the SDSA board will have some tough decisions to make about how to hold next year's annual meeting and auction.

This year's convention is set for December 4-5 in Aberdeen. If you are at all considering attending, MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION BEFORE NOVEMBER 1. Due to a large construction project in the area, hotel rooms are at a premium in Aberdeen. Once the block is released, the rooms will sell out quickly. It is a lot easier to cancel a reservation than to have to drive to Webster for a room (no joke).

It is the efforts that happen in the off season that make the winters enjoyable! Here's a few things I would like to highlight:

SDSA Snowmobile of the Year Award Updates: Award nominees will no longer be required to sit for an interview at the Convention. It seems this criteria was limiting who clubs would nominate if members could not attend convention. Awards will be due November 1 and reviewed by a judging panel. Awardees will be notified by November 15 and will be recognized at the Saturday night banquet at convention. RECOGNIZE YOUR VOLUNTEERS and get those applications submitted (find forms on the SDSA website under Archives).

SDSA Scholarship Awards: The essay topic for the SDSA Scholarship will be the same as the ACSA Scholarship topic, making it easier for our SDSA members to apply for both. The ACSA Scholarship deadline is Feb. 1st , and the SDSA deadline will remain February 25th. This year's topic is Snowmobiling is a Privilege, not a Right. See the application at the SDSA website for the specific essay questions to be addressed.

Snowmobile User Survey: The survey has been completed and confirms that about half the traffic in the Black Hills are riders from outside South Dakota. More details from the survey will be shared at the SDSA Convention along with Black Hills trail route updates and Grant in Aid changes. This information and future budget projections bring us back to the conversation on a non-resident user fee.

Hope your fall is off to a great start!

Kelly

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**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**




# Thank You!

**The 21st Annual National Championship Show held at the Huron Fairgrounds August 7-9, 2026 was a great turn out. We had several new South Dakota participants with some very nice show sleds. We would like to thank our sponsors for their support. A snowmobile event may not have been a part of the criteria but your support was appreciated. For the first time ever we had to have an admission charge because we were short of funds, we felt bad but it all turned out and therefore we came out ahead in the end.**

**We would like to thank Dale Athow, a Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Club, for spending many hours helping unload sleds and making our quest welcomed. Many commented on how well he did unloading. Although it was airconditioned in the Norby Hall he did a lot of sweating. Your help was very much appreciated.**

**Thank you to Peggy Besch and Bella Philips for their hospitality at the Norby Hall. Many compliments on such a great place to do our event.**

**The furthest traveled award went to Marco Vachon and his wife from Thetford Mines, Q.C. Canada, 1,692 miles.**
**The National Championship award went to David Pero from Brant, NY with his 1974 Alovette Silver Cloud. To see more pictures and all the winners go to the program at milbankshow.com**

**Cal and Linda would like to say THANK YOU to the Vintage Association for giving us the opportunity to do a one time Vintage National Show in South Dakota and for all their expert advice.**

**Thank you,**
**Cal and Linda Moser**



**Brian & Tracey Erickson,Greg & Diane Hiles, and Kelly Weaver were among the pups inducted into the Iron Dogs this year at ISC.**





**Photos from Off site at ISC**




# Ryan Raynor, Trails Specialist



I've always felt there are 3 things that really kickoff the next snowmobile season. They always happen in the same order and happen within days of each other from year to year. The first is our August Snowmobile Advisory Council Meeting. At this meeting we always take a good look at the budget over three fiscal years, review and approval of the grant applications, along with updates on various projects. The 2nd kickoff to the season is always the first Sno-Plainsman article for September. Finally, the third is completing equipment inspections, which typically take place during the week of Labor Day. The season is upon us everyone!

13 grants were approved for the 2026-2027 Grant-in-Aid program, and we'll tentatively have a 14th trail sponsor if all goes well. Thank You to the clubs and volunteers who do a great job providing safe snowmobiling opportunities throughout eastern South Dakota. During this meeting, we made major changes in what and how we reimburse clubs through this program. Maintenance and Repair, along with grooming hourly rates were increased from $13/hr to $18/hr. We completely changed the way we reimburse clubs for signing, which means more money in the pockets of the clubs, and individuals who help put signs in the ground, make corrections and remove signs. Finally, we added 2 new reimbursement categories for vehicle mileage on the personal vehicles club members use to maintain the trail system, along with side by sides. We understand clubs are struggling to find new, younger bodies to help place signs and while we understand money doesn't solve all problems, we hope this will be a way to help recruit help, while dealing with signs.

Also approved at the meeting was the fiscal year 2028 snowmobile budget. Not much changed from the previous year, which is standard for the snowmobile program as we roll into a $1.5 million dollar budget authority. The council was also updated about where the program's current trails fund balance is and where our fiscal year 2026 revenue and expenses ended up. Total revenue earned last year came in at $913,424 where our final expenses came in at $792,662. This meant our Snowmobile Trails Fund went from $631,354 up to $752,116. We feel the fund balance is in a good place as it represents well over half of our annual spending. We earned $511,665 in gas tax, $71,133 in the $10 resident registration and $219,653 in excise tax. We call these the BIG 3 for the program's revenue and typically makeup between 80% and 90% annually.

The council also received updates on the Economic Impact Study, Use Survey and Easements we are working on in the Black Hills. I'll use next month's article to dive in more to the Use Survey as we do have a completed project in hand and want to share some of that information with everyone.
The month of September is always busy with the necessary paperwork to keep the snowmobile season moving forward. This includes GIA and Equipment Agreements, DOT right of way agreements, ordering our various permits we need and other necessary requirements. The agreements that GFP has with the state should be in the mail by late September and if those clubs could send back a PDQ, instead of mailing it back, you can certainly do so.

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

That's all for this month.

Stay safe!

Ryan Raynor
Snowmobile Trails
Coordinator

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**for a code to take the course free!**

# Treasurer's Trail - Jody Moss



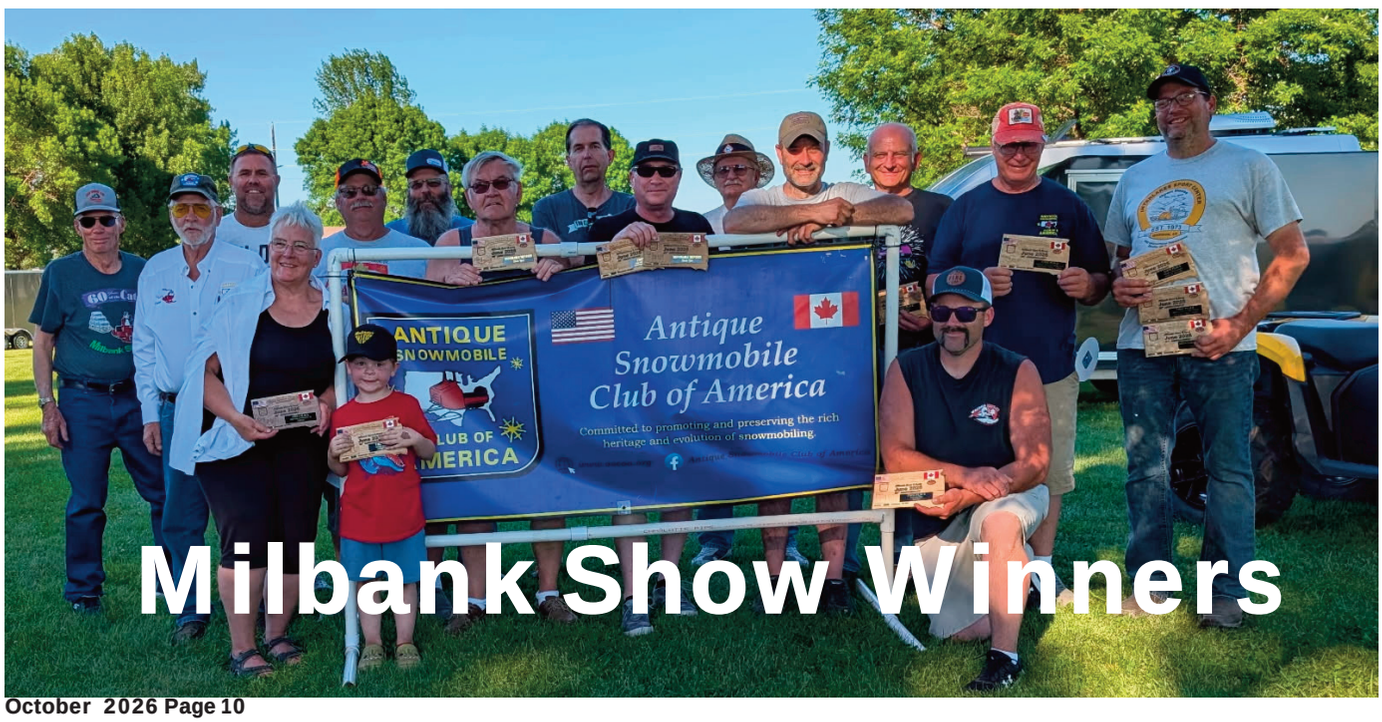
As we turn the page toward a new snowmobiling season, there's a shared sense of hope and excitement in the air. After last year's light snowfall, our clubs are eager for a winter that brings the fresh powder we all love. The anticipation is building, and with it comes the energy to kick off another great year of riding, volunteering, and connecting with fellow enthusiasts.

Across the state, I hope clubs are already gearing up for their season opening activities. My club is planning our annual club picnic and recently held our first club meeting of the year. Whether it's trail prep weekends, membership drives, safety refreshers, or community outreach events, these early efforts set the tone for the months ahead.

Volunteerism continues to be one of the most meaningful parts of our snowmobile community. From trail maintenance to local fundraisers to Adopt a Highway cleanups, your efforts make a real difference. Please remember to encourage your members to track their volunteer hours throughout the season. These hours are vital for our annual charity report, which highlights the generosity and impact of snowmobilers across the region. Accurate reporting helps showcase the positive contributions our clubs make year after year.

And of course, one of the highlights of the season is just around the corner—the December convention. It's always a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, learn, celebrate accomplishments, and share ideas that strengthen our association. We're looking forward to seeing fellow riders from across the state come together for a weekend of camaraderie, education, and inspiration.

Jody Moss, SDSA Treasurer




## Milbank Show Winners

# The Cat's Back

## Whetstone Valley Snowmobile Club

# Milbank Show & Swap

## 2026 Winners

**• Featured Arctic Cat Front Engine Antique (pre – 68) – Survivor**
**First Place**, Chris and Julie Blegen
of Wilson, WI
1968 Arctic Cat P12

**• Featured Arctic Cat Front Engine Antique (pre – 68) – Original**
**First Place**, Darron Bentow
of Glyndon, MN
1966 Arctic Cat 460 Deluxe

**• Featured Arctic Cat Front Engine Antique (pre – 68) – Restored**
**First Place**, Tony Rolfes
of Sartell, MN
1962 Arctic Cat Polar,
first ever Arctic Cat ever built (serial #1)

**• Featured Arctic Cat Trail (69 – 74) – Survivor**
**First Place**, Jeff Blankespoor
of Madison, SD
1971 Arctic Cat Panther 440
**Honorable Mention**, Tom Besch
of Kasson, MN
1970 Arctic Cat Panther 303

**• Featured Arctic Cat Trail (69 – 74) – Original**
**First Place**, Brian Seppala
of Chisholm, MN
1971 Arctic Cat Panther 634
**Honorable Mention**, Gary Lindstrom
of Pine City, MN
1972 Arctic Cat Panther 305

**• Featured Arctic Cat Trail (69 – 74) – Restored**
**First Place**, Clayton and Joyce Busch
of Sanford, MT
1970 Arctic Cat Panther
**Honorable Mention**, Darron Bentow
of Glyndon, MN
1970 Arctic Cat Panther 440

**• Featured Arctic Cat Trail (75 – 81) – Survivor**
**First Place**, Raymond Bigge
of Armour, SD
1975 Arctic Cat Lynx 250
**Honorable Mention**, Les Pinz
of Isle, MN
1978 Arctic Cat Sand Cat

**• Featured Arctic Cat Trail (75 – 81) – Original**
**First Place**, Colton Decker
of Grey Eagle, MN
1977 Arctic Cat El Tigre 4000
**Honorable Mention**, Jeff Blankespoor
of Madison, SD
1976 Arctic Cat Pantera

**• Featured Arctic Cat Vintage Race – Survivor**
**First Place**, Doug Koch
of Wentworth, SD
1973 Arctic Cat EXT 290

**• Featured Arctic Cat Vintage Race – Restored**
**First Place**, Clayton and Joyce Busch
of Sanford, MT
1971 Arctic Cat Puma Z
**Honorable Mention**, Mike Meagher
of Grey Eagle, MN
1973 Arctic Cat EXT

**• Featured Arctic Cat As Raced Oval and Drag**
**First Place**, Mike Meagher
of Grey Eagle, MN
1977 Arctic Cat 340 Z

**• Featured Arctic Cat As Raced Tag Along Cutter**
**First Place**, Chris and Julie Blegen
of Wilson, WI
Arctic Kat Freighter
**Honorable Mention**, Chris and Julie Blegen
of Wilson, WI
Arctic Kat Cutter

**• Antique Front Engine (pre – 68) – Survivor**
**First Place**, Perry Ptacek
of Roscoe, SD
1967 Johnson Skee Horse
**Honorable Mention**, Dale Deibert
of Surrey, ND
1968 Ski doo Olympique Super 370 E

**• Antique Front Engine (pre – 68) – Original**
**First Place**, Gary Lindstrom
of Pine City, MN
1966 AMF Ski Daddler

**• Antique Front Engine (pre – 68) – Restored**
**First Place**, Cole Berntson
of Kolm, ND
1968 Polaris TX-500

**• Antique Rear Engine (pre – 68) – Restored**
**First Place**, Sandy Goman
of Rice Lake, MN
1964 Polaris Sno-traveler
**Honorable Mention**, Gary Lindstrom
of Pine City, MN
1963 Polaris K-70D

**• Youth/Mini Sled – Survivor**
**First Place**, Clayton and Joyce Busch
of Sanford, MT
1972 Arctic Cat Kitty Cat
**Honorable Mention**, Everett Blegen
of Wilson, WI
1973 Arctic Cat Kitty Cat

**• Youth/Mini Sled – Restored**
**First Place**, Raymond Bigge
of Armour, SD
1973 Arctic Cat Kitty Cat

**• Trail (1969 – 74) – Survivor**
**First Place**, Perry Ptacek
of Roscoe, SD
1970 Ski-Doo Invader

**• Trail (1969 – 74) – Original**
**First Place**, Bryon Henningsen
of Pierre, SD
1969 Ski-Doo Alpine

**• Trail (1969 – 74) – Restored**
**First Place**, Tom Besch
of Kasson, MN
1970 Scorpion Mark 2
**Honorable Mention**, Dale Nater
of Columbus, MN
1970 BOA Ski Mark 1

**• Trail (1975 – 86) – Survivor**
**First Place**, Ken Larson
of Grand Rapids, MN
1980 Kawasaki Drifter 340 F/A
**Honorable Mention**, Brad Gomer
of Bryant, SD
1980 Polaris Centurion

**• Trail (1975 – 86) – Restored**
**First Place**, Randy Martin
of South Range, WI
1978 Ski-Doo Blizzard
**Honorable Mention**, Cole Berntson
of Kulm, ND
1978 Polaris TX-L

**• Vintage Race – Survivor**
**First Place**, Keith Elsberry
of Garretson, SD
1971 Polaris Racer
**Honorable Mention**, Preston Lee
of Coleraine, MN
1972 Northway RX 440

**• Vintage Race – Restored**
**First Place**, Brian Seppala
of Chisholm, MN
1971 Arctic Cat Ext 440
**Honorable Mention**, Preston Lee
of Coleraine, MN
1978 Polaris RXL 250

**• As Raced Oval & Drag**
**First Place**, Lee Helene
of Webster, WI
1973 Rupp Nitro

**• Cutter/Sleigh – Survivor**
**First Place**, Colton Decker
of Grey Eagle, MN
1971 Arctic Cat Freighter
**Honorable Mention**, Bryon Henningsen
of Pierre, SD
1970 Ski-Doo Ski Boose

**• Cutter/Sleigh – Restored**
**First Place**, Perry Ptacek
of Roscoe, SD
1970 Ski-Doo Ski-Boose
**Honorable Mention**, Randy Martin
of South Range, WI.
Ski-Doo Cutter

**• Classic (1987 – 2000) – Survivor**
**First Place**, Perry Ptacek
of Roscoe, SD
1977 Ski-Doo Mach 2
**Honorable Mention**, Perry Ptacek
of Roscoe, SD
1995 Ski-Doo Formula 2
**Honorable Mention**, Ike Jahnke
of Detroit, MN
2000 White Litening 995 PSI

**• Classic (1987 – 2000) – Restored**
**First Place**, Brad Gomer
of Bryant, SD
1992 Polaris Indy 500
**Honorable Mention**, Marty Bigge
of Armour, SD
1987 Arctic Cat El Tigre 8000

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# South Dakota WINNERS

## Huron, SD

### U3 UNRESTORED TRAIL 1967-1969

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 67' Johnson Skee Horse | Perry Ptacek | Roscoe, SD |
| 2nd | 69' Scorpion Mark 3 | Jeff Blankenspoor | Madison, SD |
| 3rd | 69' Ski Doo Alpine 370 E | Bryon Henningsen | Pierre, SD |

### U4 UNRESTORED TRAIL 1970-1972

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 71' Arctic Cat Panther | Jeff Blankenspoor | Madison, SD |
| 3rd | 71' Scorpion Stinger 3 | Jeff Blankenspoor | Madison, SD |

### U5 UNRESTORED TRAIL 1973-1975

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| 3rd | 73' Arctic Cat Panther | Jeff Blankenspoor | Madison, SD |

### U6 UNRESTORED TRAIL 1976-1979

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| 3rd | 78' Scorpion Range Whip 400 | Duane Stanley | Hot Springs, SD |

### U7 UNRESTORED TRAIL 1980-1985

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| 3rd | 80- Arctic Cat El Tigre | Marty Bigge | Armour, SD |

### U8 UNRESTORED TRAIL 1986-1995

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| 1st | 93' Yamaha Phazer II | Mike Robbins | Florence, SD |

### U10 UNRESTORED TRAIL MUSCLE 1976-1985

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| 2nd | 80' Polaris Centurion | Brad Gomer | Bryant, SD |

### U13 UNRESTORED VINTAGE RACE 1978-IFS

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| 1st | 79' Arctic Cat Sno Pro | Dave Koch | Brookings, SD |
| 2nd | 85' Arctic Cat Twin Track | Dave Koch | Brookings, SD |

### U15 UNRESTORED CUTTER/TOW BEHIND ONLY

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 72' Arctic Cat Cat Cutter | Jeff Blankenspoor | Madison, SD |
| 2nd | 70' Ski Doo Ski-Boose Mark II | Bryon Henningsen | Pierre, SD |

### R8 RESTORED TRAIL 1986-1995

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|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd | 92' Polaris Indy 500 | Brad Gomer | Bryant, SD |
| 3rd | 93' Ski Doo Mach Z 780 | Kelby Fey | Aberdeen, SD |

### R9 RESTORED TRAIL MUSCLE 1970-1975

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd | 74' Chaparral SSX 440 | Duane Stanley | Hot Springs, SD |

### R10 RESTORED TRAIL MUSCLE 1976-1985

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| 2nd | 82' Polaris TX-L Indy | Brad Gomer | Bryant, SD |

### R15 RESTORED CUTTER/TOW BEHIND ONLY

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|---|---|---|---|
| 2nd | 70' Johnson Cutter | Perry Ptacek | Roscoe, SD |
| 3rd | 70' Ski Doo Ski-boose | Perry Ptacek | Roscoe, SD |

### M18 TRAIL MODERN 1996-2005

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| 2nd | 96' Yamaha V-Max-4 | Mike Robbins | Florence, SD |

### M19 ACTIVE RACE SLEDS 2005 & OLDER

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|---|---|---|---|
| 3rd | 92' Yamaha V-Max-4 | Mike Robbins | Florence, SD |

### M24 UTILITY/WARK SLEDS 1990 & OLDER

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| 1st | 76' Ski Doo Alpine 640cc | Bryon Henningsen | Pierre, SD |
| 2nd | 89' Ski Doo Alpine II | Bryon Henningsen | Pierre, SD |
| 3rd | 70' Ski Doo Invader | Perry Ptacek | Roscoe, SD |

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# SDSA Awards Scholarship

**SDSA Awarded a $500 scholarship to Jalen Hohm, daughter of Jamie & Colleen Hohm of Willow Lake, SD. Jalen is attending Black Hills State University majoring in Elementary Education.**

Below is Jalen's essay:

Why Snowmobiling is Important to South Dakota and to Me

When asked why snowmobiling is important to South Dakota and to me personally, the answer extends far beyond recreation. Snowmobiling plays a significant role in the state's tourism industry, strengthens rural economies, fosters community involvement, and creates meaningful family traditions. In South Dakota, snowmobiling is not simply a winter pastime—it is an economic driver, a cultural tradition, and for many, a deeply personal connection.

South Dakota is home to more than 1,500 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, with the majority of them located in the Black Hills. These trails attract thousands of residents and out of state visitors each winter. The trail systems are carefully maintained by local snowmobile clubs and volunteers who dedicate countless hours to grooming and preserving safe riding conditions. Annual events, conventions, and organized rides further contribute to tourism, drawing enthusiasts from across the Midwest and beyond. Snowmobiling generates revenue for hotels, restaurants, gas stations, repair shops, and other small businesses, providing essential income during the winter months when tourism might otherwise decline. For many rural communities, snowmobiling helps sustain local economies and and supports small-town businesses.

Beyond it's economic impact, snowmobiling fosters a strong sense of community. For over 56 years, organized snowmobile clubs and associations in South Dakota have brought people together in meeting rooms, on trail systems, and in towns across the state. Individuals of all ages gather to share their passion for the sort, volunteer their time, and build relationships that often last a lifetime. Snowmobiling promotes teamwork, responsibility, and outdoor stewardship, as riders work together to preserve trail sstems and respect the natural beauty of South Dakota's winter landscape.

On a personal level, snowmobiling holds an even deeper meaning for me. I was raised in the snowmobiling community, and it shaped many of my most cherished childhood memories. I remember bundling up in heavy winter gear and riding our 120 and 340 Polaris snowmobiles alongside my younger brother. We spent countless hours outside, laughing and exploring, completely unaware of the passing time. Those simple moments created bonds and memories that remain with me today.

When I was ten years old, my younger brother sadly passed away. His absence changed my life in immeasurable ways. However, snowmobiling continues to serve as a connection to him. Each time I ride, I am reminded of the joy we shared and the memories we created together. Although he is no longer physically beside me on the trails, I carry his memory with me. In that sense, we still ride together, just in a different way.

Snowmobiling means something different to every individual. For some, it is an adventure. For others, it is economic opportunity or community involvement. For me, it represents remembrance, family and tradition. For the state of South Dakota, it strengthens tourism, supports local businesses, preserves outdoor recreation, and unites communities during the winter season. Snowmobiling is more than a sport; it is an enduring part of South Dakota's identity and a meaningful part of my own life story. BRAAP ON!

# CLUB NEWS

Fellow snowmobilers welcome back!

I must tell you it is hard to write an article for a snowmobile magazine when it is 92 degrees outside.

I hope everyone made the most of their summer and the warm sunny days we have had. We have finally had some rain in August which has helped green things up this side of the state. September should bring cooler temperatures and the natural progression to fall. The beautiful fall landscape of colors and then that elusive white stuff called snow. I have heard all kinds of predictions for the winter forecast. Not sure what will happen but hopefully we are able to get some much-needed moisture.

Our club is just getting started with our first meeting planned for Tuesday October 6th at 7 pm at Rice's Rapid Motorsports. The Dirt Therapy Fun Ride took place in June with another good turnout with some UTV riding in the southern hills. We had a respectable turnout for the ride and a few staying to camp for the weekend. It was HOT and dry and so thankful for the UTV's with air-conditioning available.
More to come next month after we get started. We are looking forward to seeing our fellow snowmobiling gang in Aberdeen for this year's snowmobile convention.

Until next month.... Stay cool and dream big.
Black Hills Snowmobile Club



**Duane Duerr and Chris VanDenHemel attending meetings at ISC in June.**

As we look ahead to another busy and exciting season, it is a great time to reflect on the activities, conversations, and community connections that have kept our club moving forward over the past year. From our end-of-year banquet to summer rides, our 2nd annual golf outing, and the start of a new meeting season, there has been plenty to celebrate—and even more to look forward to.

SIOUXLAND SNO-TRACKERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

Our end-of-year banquet was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a club, celebrate the past season, and enjoy time together away from the trails. A highlight of the evening was hearing from guest speakers Brian and Tracey Erickson, who shared information about their club's experience operating as a joint snowmobile and ATV club.

Brian and Tracey offered helpful insight into the benefits of bringing snowmobile and ATV riders together under one club structure. Their presentation encouraged members to think about how year-round recreation can strengthen participation, build partnerships, and keep club involvement active beyond the winter riding season.



Although snowmobile season may be our focus, club activity did not slow down over the summer. In June, members took part in a club ATV/UTV ride in the Black Hills, enjoying the summer sights of the hills and spending time together on the trails. It was a great way to stay connected, explore beautiful scenery, and enjoy another form of outdoor recreation as a club.

In August, the club hosted its 2nd annual golf outing and hackathon. The event brought members together for a fun day of friendly competition, laughter, and club fellowship. It was a memorable addition to our summer activities and a great example of the many ways our club continues to build community throughout the year.



We also held our first club meeting of the season, with a strong amount of information shared for the upcoming year. Members discussed plans, updates, and opportunities to stay involved as we prepare for the months ahead. The meeting helped set a positive tone for the season and reminded everyone how important member involvement is to the success of the club.

Looking ahead, members are encouraged to take part in our upcoming ditch cleanup and our next club meeting, which will be held on the first Thursday of November. These events are a great way to support the club, contribute to our community, and stay informed about plans for the year.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the past year successful and to all members who continue to give their time, ideas, and energy to the club. We look forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events and to another great season ahead.

# This Is Our Territory. This Is Our Winter.




Listen up, pal. **Bugsy "The Boss"** here. When the snow starts falling, some folks head for the couch. Not us. **The Drift Busters ride.**

The Aberdeen Drift Busters Snowmobile Club isn't just a club it's a mob of riders, families, volunteers, and snowmobile fanatics who know that keeping this sport strong takes more than talk around the watercooler. We work the trails, promote safe riding, raise money, support our fellow riders, and show up when there's work to be done. When winter comes knocking, **we ride.**

That's why joining your local snowmobile club matters. Your membership helps support local trails, snowmobile activities, safety, and the future of the sport. But more than that, it's about being part of something. It's about knowing the people who ride beside you, helping build the trails you enjoy, and doing your part to keep snowmobiling alive for the next generation. We don't just talk about snowmobiling around here—**we make it happen.**

And now, pal, we've got some serious business on the table.
**The 2026 South Dakota Snowmobile Association Convention** is coming to Aberdeen **December 3–5,** and the Drift Busters are hosting the whole operation. Registration is open, so don't wait. Register now and reserve your hotel room right away. When those rooms are gone, they're gone. Wait until the last minute and you might find yourself left out in the cold ya see!

We've got a weekend lined up that's going to be one for the ledgers. There will be **vendors** bringing the latest gear and equipment, Bugsy's favorite, **Beer & Bull** with good food and plenty of snowmobile tales, **live and silent auctions** where you'll have a chance to take home some great prizes so bring your bank roll, and a **FREE Avalanche Training Class** offering real skills and knowledge that can save your hide from those who ride where the snow gets serious. Then Saturday night, we're taking things underground with **The Speak Easy**—a prohibition-era evening of entertainment, atmosphere, and a whole lot of fun. Dress the part, enjoy the evening and most important watch out for Johnny Law!

But this isn't just meeting in the back of the pawn shop, it's a gathering of the people who keep snowmobiling alive across South Dakota. It's a convention about **Bootleg Trails & Powder Tales, friendships, safety, clubs, volunteers, trails, and the future of the sport we love.**

So, here's the deal, pal: join your local snowmobile club, register for the 2026 SDSA Convention, and book your hotel room now. My snitches told me a hotel room block is reserved under SDSA Convention.

Because around here, we don't wait for winter to happen. **WE MAKE WINTER HAPPEN.** The snow is coming. The trails are waiting. The Drift Busters are handling business. **Ride Hard. Ride Safe. Ride Together.**

*Tell them Bugsy "The Boss" sent ya, and remember pal... if you're not with a snowmobile club, who are you with?*

The scoop on the 2026 SDSA Convention can be found here, visit www.AberdeenDriftBusters.com/2026sdsa

# SDSA Awards Scholarship

**SDSA Awarded a $500 scholarship to Brody Wenger, son of Jack & LeAnn Wenger of Rapid City. Brody is attending Mount Marty majoring in nursing.**

The following is the essay that Brody wrote to apply for the scholarship.

Snowmobiling has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. Some of my earliest memories are of my brothers and I riding a little 120cc snowmobile that my dad let us drive out in the country where we live.

Living in the Black Hills,riding the trails became a regular part of winter. My family is involved with the South Dakota Snowmobile Association in Rapid City, and through that I've been part of the YETIS program. Being involved has taught me a lot about responsibility and safety. I've attended multiple avalanche classes and learned how important it is to be prepared and aware of your surroundings. Snowmobiling is exciting, but it also comes with real risks, and I've learned to respect that.

One memory that stands out to me is the Deerfield Radar Run. Watching sleds race across the frozen ice is something I'll never forget. My dad and I helped build a track for younger kids so they could safely ride their snowmobiles on the jumps I thought were so big. Seeing their excitement reminded me of when I first started. Moments like that show how snowmobiling connects generations and brings people together.

Snowmobiling is important to South Dakota for many reasons, but one moment especially showed me how much it matters. During Winter Storm Atlas, members of the South Dakota Snowmobile Association went out on their sleds to rescue truck drivers stranded in their semis. I remember waking up that morning to my mom making breakfast for truckers my dad found stranded. It showed me that snowmobiling isn't just a hobby - it's a community. When people needed help, snowmobilers stepped up.



Those experiences have shaped who I am. I am currently a freshman at Mount Marty University pursuing a nursing degree, and I hope to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) one day. Snowmobiling has taught me to stay calm, think ahead, and put safety first, qualities that are just as important in health care as they are on the trails. Whether on a snowmobile or in a hospital, being prepared and looking out for others makes all the difference.

Snowmobiling is important to South Dakota because it strengthens communities, supports local economies, and even helps during emergencies. It is important to me because it has shaped my childhood, strengthened my family, and influenced my desire to serve others.

# *SDSA News*

## 2026 SDSA Convention

# BOOTLEG TRAILS & POWDER TALES

### *100 Years of Snowmobile Fun!*

***THE ABERDEEN DRIFT BUSTER SNOWMOBILE CLUB IS HOSTING A "SPEAK EASY" AS PART OF THEIR SATURDAY NIGHT SDSA ENTERTAINMENT. 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 EVENING EVENT!*



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# Summer 2026 Recap

**provided by Kelly Weaver**

SDSA Summer Board Meetings Recap
Here are a few of the key actions taken at the SDSA Board meetings this summer (full minutes will be published once approved):

- The topic for the SDSA Scholarship will mirror the ACSA Scholarship topic. The topic is "Snowmobiling is a Privilege, not a Right". Deadline is February 25th. This topic is the same as the ACSA Scholarship which is due February 1st.
- SDSA Awards have been updated to remove interview requirement. Applicants need only to submit the written application; an in-person interview will not be required. Nominations are due November 1. Please recognize your members for their involvement!
- SDSA applied for a Ski-Doo Pass Grant to provide signage that will accompany gates and fencing being installed to protect areas from traffic that is not allowed in the area.
- Governor's Ride and Membership Appreciate Ride date is set for Saturday, February 13, 2027. The ride will be headquartered at Hardy Camp, south of Trailshead Lodge.
- Everybody Wins fundraiser details were finalized. Tickets will be sent to clubs in October and the drawing will be held no later than Governor's Ride.
- No bid has been received for the 2027 SDSA Convention. Bids will be accepted by December 1

## DC-Fly-In Update

DC Fly-In was held April 18-21. SDSA's members in attendance included Kelly and Jim Weaver, Diane Hiles, Tracey Erickson and Kim Raap. ASCA 2027 Region Meet and Ride dates were set:

- Trail Region – Siren, WI, Feb. 3-7
- Mountain Region – West Yellowstone, Feb. 17-21

Monday included agency meetings at the Forest Service Office. Meetings with a variety of Forest Service leaders provided insight into their proposed reorganization and their efforts to encourage volunteerism and partnerships. We received a presentation on the latest survey on outdoor recreation by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Outdoor Recreation Survey has both national and state level data and can be found at https://www.bea.gov/data/special-topics/outdoor-recreation ISMA President Smith and lobbyist discussed legislative priorities. On Tuesday over 100 meetings were held with Congress members at the Capitol which focused on the importance of retaining the Recreational Trails Program in the future Highway Bill Reauthorization and monitoring the Forest Service reorganization process and impacts on our local National Forest. South Dakota representatives were able to meet with Sen. Rounds and staff, Rep. Dusty Johnson and staff, and staff at Sen. Thune's office.

## ISC 2026 Update:

First of all, congrats to several South Dakotans recognized during ISC:

- Chris VanDenHemel received an ACSA scholarship;
- Greg and Diane Hiles were announced as members of the 2026 class to be inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame September 18- 19 in Eagle River, WI.
- Greg & Diane Hiles, Brian & Tracey Erickson and Kelly Weaver were inducted into the Iron Dog Brigade: Kim Raap (V.P.) and Jim Weaver are on the Iron Dog Board
- YETIS member Chris VanDenHemel, Ella Smith, Corbin Boock, Ada and Annie Rider participated at ISC and presented a session on youth engagement.

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International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) President Jaret Smith gave presentation on the state of the industry. The goal is 100,000 units sold per year. Last season just over 76,000 sled were sold in North America and over 92,000 worldwide. Even with widespread low snow across the snow belt in recent years, interest remains strong. ISMA is revising website to have an industry facing site (SNOWMOBILE.org) and a snowmobiler user facing site (gosnowmobiling.org) ACSA website is snowmobilers.org. ISMA is serving as point of contact to request industry rep participation in conventions, events, etc. ISMA announced its events for the upcoming season:

- Snowmobile Day - October 31, 2026
- International Snowmobile Safety Week - January 9-17, 2027
- "Take a Friend Snowmobiling" Week - February 6-15, 2027
- International Snowmobile Ride Day - February 13, 2027

We need to do a better job of engaging tourism industry partners (ISTC group). Our upcoming Economic Impact Study update will be a key tool for this message. The Importance of Social Media was again highlighted in several sessions.

State Reports along with Charity Survey and State Association Survey results were shared throughout ISC. These reports can be provided to members upon request. Here are some state updates of note:

- MN Noise Regulations: For those of you who ride in Minnesota, be aware that a new law on noise levels when into effect on July 1 along with penalties up to $750 for a violation. Sleds must meet the 78 decibel rating required by the manufacturer.
- MT has now created a Youth program - Montana RidgeRunners-Youth.
- MI will have an increase if there trail permits based on their 5 year fee update schedule.

Recent Presidential Executive Orders were discussed. These do not cause immediate change on the ground and are not permanent – we need to keep doing the work! If you are interested in future impacts to public lands, sign up for notifications from the US Forest Service (general or by Forest). Also encourage your members and clubs to join ACSA to get direct delivery of the weekly ACSA E-News which recently shared USDA's proposed recission of the Roadless Rule with public comment to be taken until September 21 at regulations.gov (search Roadless Rule Rescission). One impact of the recission is that more decisions will be made at the local forest level so once again we need to be aware and make sure we are at the table. As the saying goes, "If you are not at the table, you are on the menu!". ACSA will resume the Snow Business calls on September 23. The topic will be announced in a future ACSA E-News.

## *Legacy Membership $750*

**(1) Any individual active member is eligible for legacy membership, who has an interest in snowmobiling and is willing to pay current legacy membership dues. Dues must be paid prior to granting a legacy membership. A legacy member maintains the same privileges as an active member.**

**(2) To honor the dedicated interest in snowmobiling and in club activities, a snowmobile club in good standing with SDSA, may sponsor an individual club member for a Legacy Membership by making an application and paying, on behalf of the individual, the current legacy membership dues**

# Mary Anne Grabow, Secretary-Editor



I really can't believe it's time to put out the first issue of the SD Sno Plainsman. We had a lot of information to put in the first issue and I hope that I covered everything that you all had questions about. I didn't have many club articles this first issue and I do hope that it wasn't an internet glitch and it was just that clubs are busy winding down the summer.

Personally, I had six different places that I could be today - and I made it to three of them. Marty and I went to a local auction for about an hour and then on to a car show to look at all the classic cars, out for dinner and then back to the office to work on the SnoPlainsman layout. I could have driven to HayDays but that would have been a lot farther to travel and I wouldn't have been able to finish my day in the office.....and I could have gone to the LacQuiParle County Fair.....or to Volleyball for a couple of the grandkids. But, there's only one of me and I couldn't be everywhere at once. And quite honestly, I knew I needed to work on the Sno Plainsman - so choices had to be made!

Get your rooms reserved for convention. I understand that there is a real shortage of hotel rooms in Aberdeen and if you don't get yours reserved you could be staying further away from convention than you really want to. I'll be getting the information for convention out shortly to club leadership. We'll also be distributing raffle tickets as soon as they are available.

We're in a new year for SDSA. 2026-2027 sled season began July 1st - that means it's time for memberships to start coming in. Clubs are encouraged to send their memberships in at least monthly during the snow season so that your members get their membership recorded promptly.

Congratulations to Greg & Diane Hiles. I'd hoped to see you be awarded International Snowmobile Hall of Fame but I had a conflict so I won't be there to witness it. Well deserved, my friends. Also congratulations to the Tracey & Brian Erickson, Greg & Diane Hiles and Kelly Weaver as they were inducted into the Iron Dogs at ISC this year! Chris VanDenHemel received the ACSA Scholarship at ISC as well! South Dakota was recognized this summer!

I guess the most exciting news at our house this summer is that our daughter, Ali and her husband and family are our neighbors. They moved in to the west of our farm. Jessi lives to the east of us and Amy & Jamie live 3 miles apart from each other. All of our girls and their families live within 12 miles of our home. That's something to be thankful for! We've waited for this day for a long time. Ali's been in Sioux Falls for several years and we've always hoped she'd move closer to home. It will be nice for school activities too.



We got together for family photos and a meal the other day. This is a photo of Marty & I with all the grandkids.
Hope to see you at convention or other snowmobile related events!

Mary Anne



## Darin Cooper, District 1 Director

What is an El Niño? El Niño is when the water in the Pacific is warmer than average. Current temps in the Pacific are at a record high for this time of year. Warmer ocean temps mean more moisture as warmer water evaporates easier. We already saw the effects this summer with South America having record snowfalls. Moisture from El Niño events tend to hit the southern United States more but have hit further north.The other side effect of El Niño is warmer temps. For snowmobilers we will most likely see more moisture but it's hard to say if it will be cold enough to be snow. Let's hope for lots of snow!



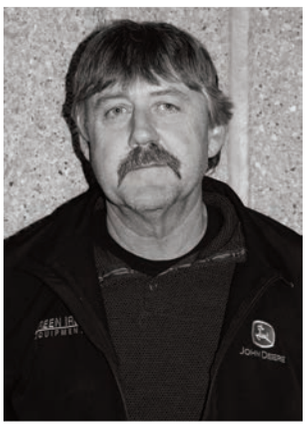
## Jackson Wenger, District 2 Director

Good morning, good afternoon and good evening from District #2.

Another summer is winding down as I have shipped kids off to college and am helping to prepare for a wedding that will come to fruition in a couple short days.

I'm busy trying to get fall work done before mother nature decides it's time for Winter to hopefully show up with some moisture.

I do not have much to report on the snowmobile front but will keep praying for snow and a wet winter. Hoping to get a chance to ride in the hills this year!!!



## Lee Olson, District 3 Director

Hello everybody, how was summer? Went by way too quick, can't believe it's time to do this again already.

The show in Huron in August was good, some people hauled there sleds a lot of miles to attend. We talked with people from many states and Canada.

Time to get ready for winter, maybe we'll have an actual winter this time. Up here we are working on expanding the trail system in the area.

If you're planning on attending the convention, hope you have your reservations made, with the construction by Ellendale, rooms are hard to find in the area.
See you in Aberdeen.

Lee Olson
District 3 Director

## Nathan VanZee, District 4 Director



Welcome back everybody.
I have some good and bad news. I just looked at the 45 day forecast, temperatures are going to finally start dropping but not much moisture predicted. Hopefully that changes about the first of December.

It's been a busy summer, went on some poker runs but not nearly as many as I wanted. Our club decided to do a poker run the middle of August. I was very surprised on the turnout we sold just over 50 hands.

While the weather is still warm, remember to check over your trailer get them greased and tires checked. You will appreciate doing it much more now instead of the night before your trip and discover you have a bad wheel bearing



## Caeden Bunde, District 5 Director

Welcome Back, Snowmobilers!
It's hard to believe October is already here. It seems like just yesterday we were wrapping up the snowmobile season, and now the leaves are changing, the days are getting shorter, and there's a definite chill in the air. That can only mean one thing—winter is on its way!
I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Whether you spent your time camping, boating, traveling, working around the house, or simply enjoying the warmer weather, I hope you made some great memories along the way. As much as we enjoy summer, there's something exciting about turning our attention back toward snowmobile season.
October is a good time to start thinking about the upcoming winter. The sleds will soon be coming out of storage, gear will be getting organized, and conversations about the coming season will start picking up. Before long, we'll be watching the weather forecast a little more closely and wondering when that first real snow will arrive.
So, what might winter have in store for us?
It's still too early to know exactly what South Dakota will see, but NOAA is currently forecasting a strong El Niño pattern for the upcoming winter. El Niño can influence winter weather across the country, but it certainly doesn't guarantee what kind of snow season we'll have here at home. As always, we'll just have to wait and see what Mother Nature has planned.
For now, I'm going to remain optimistic. There's plenty of work to be done before the season gets underway, but that's part of what makes this time of year exciting. Before we know it, the clubs will be preparing the trails, the snow will begin to fall, and we'll be looking forward to those first rides of the season.
Welcome back, everyone! Here's hoping for a cold, snowy winter, great riding conditions, and plenty of safe and enjoyable miles with family and friends.
Bring on the snow!



## Todd Wess, District 6 Director

Well, I guess it's that time of year again.

I hope everyone has had a good summer. It's been a really busy summer for me.

I'm definitely looking forward to winter. Hopefully, that means the temperatures will finally start to cool down and we can get some relief from this heat. Bring on the cooler weather and the snow this year.

## Trace Damm, District 7 Director



Hello Everyone

Summer seems to go by faster every year.

For me, it may be the three kiddos I am starting to chase around more. Sports and activities are starting a touch earlier than I would prefer for kids these days, but we are still involved in a few and find time to enjoy our family and the outdoors. Although, Bre and I must have thought we weren't that busy, so we are having baby number 4 here early November. We 've got some excited big sisters that are learning a lot about the chaos of having a baby brother. Maybe aren't quite sure what to think about having another sibling yet, but we will get through that.

As we are just returning from a hot few days (mid 90's) at the state fair; one could argue it's hard to think about snow or even snowmobiling, but I think for many of us we can easily say we are ready for some cooler days and look forward to snow this winter!

-Trace

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adult Full Registration (15+ years old) | $175.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |
| Friday Beer & Bull Social | $60.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |
| Saturday Breakfast | $25.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |
| Saturday Lunch & Program | $30.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |
| Saturday Awards Banquet & Speakeasy | $70.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |
| | **Fee** | | **Number** | = | **Total** |
| Youth Full Registration (6-14 years old) | $100.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |
| Youth Beer & Bull Social | $25.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |
| Youth Saturday Breakfast | $25.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |
| Youth Saturday Lunch & Program | $30.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |
| Youth Saturday Awards Banquet & Speakeasy | $30.00 | X | _____ | = | $ _____ |

**Total Registration Fee Submitted** $ _____

***Make Checks payable to Aberdeen Drift Busters Snowmobile Club***
***Aberdeen Drift Busters***
***PO Box 204***
***Aberdeen, SD 57402-0204***
***or Register online at www.AberdeenDriftBusters.com/2026SDSA***
*(Online Registration Convenience Fees Apply)*

# SDSA Convention Registration Agreement

## Return This Page with Registration

***Your "Speakeasy Prohibition Alias" will be assigned to you at convention***
***Keep this alias confidntial, you never know what flat foot might be watching you!***

Adult Name(s): _____

Adult Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SDSA Club Name: _____

Dressing in 1920's Attire: (Yes) or (No)
*Please Select One*

Youth Name(s): _____
*(Ages 6-14 years old)*

Youth Name(s): _____
*(Ages 1-5 years old)*

***Avalanche 1 - Training & Awareness (Free to Attend) Total Number of People Attending** _____
***This helps with room setup and attendance needs.***

**No refunds will be given after November 16, 2026**

*Listen up, see… The Aberdeen Drift Busters Snowmobile Club has been workin' behind the scenes — quiet like — lining up plans for a convention that would make even the toughest mob boss tip his fedora. Dressing the part ain't mandatory, but if you show up in pinstripes, suspenders, fedoras, flapper fringe, pearls, or slicked-back hair, you'll fit right in. There may even be a little something special for those who look like they just stepped out of a Chicago back alley. Keep it on the level… So, keep this under your hat, capisce? You never know who's listening.*
***The trails may be cold… but this convention's gonna be hot.***

For more information, contact Casey Weismantel at (605) 216-7058
or caseyw@visitaberdeensd.com

**(Do not write in the space below)**

Date Rec'd: _____ Check # _____ Amount Recieved: _____

ABERDEEN DRIFT BUSTERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB

# Come to the 57th SDSA Convention

## Celebrating a Century of Snowmobiling

## "Bootleg Trails and Powder Tales"

We are so excited about hosting all our snowmobile friends once again in Aberdeen. We promise a memorable convention packed with lots of excitement! Book your room and register now!

## December 3-5, 2026 / Aberdeen, SD

## Convention Schedule & Exhibit Hours:

**Friday, December 4th**

Governor's Snowmobile Advisory Council
SDSA Board Meeting
Presidents' Meeting
Beer & Bull Social
SDSA Auction
Vendor Trade Show

**Saturday, December 5th**

Vendor Trade Show
SDSA Annual Meeting & Luncheon
Avalanche 1 - Training & Awareness Session
Awards Banquet
SDSA Speakeasy Entertainment

## Featured SDSA Convention Events

**Avalanche 1 - Training & Awareness Session**

New interactive classroom session with hands-on transceiver use, demonstrations, Powerpoint and video. Emphasis on avalanche transceivers and new rescue techniques. Class will start with a review on avalanche accidents, how to prevent getting caught, the different types of avalanches and reading into avalanche forecasts. Will progress to new more advanced avalanche rescue techniques, terrain analysis, route finding, snowpack analysis and transceiver use. Keep your skills current, get in the right mindset for the season, practice transceiver skills 3-4 hours. **(*NO CHARGE to attend Avalanche 1 Training)**

**SDSA Speak Easy Entertainment**

The Aberdeen Drift Busters Snowmobile Club is hosting a "Speakeasy" as part of their Saturday Night SDSA Entertainment. The Speakeasy will consist of music, games, raffles, and prizes. Attend the Saturday Night SDSA Banquet to get the "Secret" password to attend this special event. A prohibition alias will be assigned to you during conference registration! Keep this alias a secret! Your speakeasy alias can be used on silent and live auction items. Dressing up for the Speakeasy is not mandatory but guests are encouraged to dress up in 1920's prohibition attire and pay along with the evenings event! Bring out your inner gangster!

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SDSA
SOUTH DAKOTA SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 1 DEADLINE

# SNOWMOBILE CONVENTION

**No interviews necessary this year!**




- Snowmobiler of the Year
- Dealer or Associate of the Year
- Groomer of the Year
- Hall of Fame
- Bids for convention 2027 & 2028
- Nominations for 1,3,5 & 7
- Membership incentive for all members into the office by Nov.1 ($100 cash or $200 if you are present at the drawing)
- Forms are on the website for your nominations

GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN BY NOV. 1!

# Calendar of events

**October 31, 2026**
**Snowmobile Day is a day to celebrate the snowmobiling community and begin preparations for the upcoming season. Snowmobile clubs, local dealers, associations, and snowmobile groups are invited to participate.**

**December 4 & 5**
**Annual SDSA Convention Aberdeen, SD**

**January 9-17, 2027**
**International Snowmobile Safety Week**

**Feb. 3-7**
**ACSA Trail Meeting – Siren, WI**

**February 6-15, 2027**
**Take A Friend Snowmobiling Week**

**February 13, 2027**
**Governors Ride & Membership Appreciation Ride**
**International Snowmobile Ride Day**
**Feb. 17-21**
**ACSA Mountain Region – West Yellowstone**
**June 9-13, 2027**
**The 59th International Snowmobile Congress Salt Lake City, Utah**

**June 7 – 11, 2028**
**The 60th International Snowmobile Congress**
**Rapid City, South Dakota**









*Some of the SDSA members who attended ISC this summer.*




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