



President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

Wow, what a month it has been, from the 3 feet of powder to the spring crust. It has been a great month of sledding! I have attended 2 of the Southwest Colorado Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Roundtable (SCCORR) meetings. They call them listening Sessions. We give our input to them; they write it down. Then where does it go? I will find out soon, I hope. I need your support at all of the meetings,

- Thursday March 7th, La Plata County Fair Grounds 5:30-7
- Monday March 11th Pine River Library, Bayfield 6pm-7:30
- Tuesday March 12th Community United Methodist Church, Pagosa, 5:30-7
- Tuesday March 19th Bayfield Calvary Presbyterian Church 5-6:30

Motelores has a different name (montelorescoalition@gmail.com). Send them an email and tell them you would like to be included on all of the meeting invites. If we don't show up in full force at ALL of the meetings, no telling what will happen to our open lands we all like to ride. Tell all your friends that enjoy the open Forest. Moto has a good chance to lose riding areas. I hope to see you at a meeting. I'd like to thank Travis and Kevin along with the Weminuche Grill for the ride up Middle Mountain. I think we had a pretty good turn out and raised a few bucks. Just next time make sure there is some powder. Reminder not to light a tree on fire, unless you want to be the center of attention and have the chopper show up. Was not one of us. Thanks to all who attended.

CSA Winter convention in Buena Vista, February 23rd, 24th & 25th. We had a good time. Rode Cotton wood pass for the first time ever, went over to Tin Cup Colorado. 65 miles round trip. The BV Snowdrifters did a great job at grooming. I was impressed that the tree trails were clearly marked every 20 feet with the orange diamonds. I went minnow fishing in the beaver pond (Thanks William). At the Saturday night awards ceremony Gabby Smiley with CPW won the snowmobiler of the year award. Much deserved for all that she does for all of us. Rich Hott was as giddy as a teen aged girl when Chris Burandt signed his hat. It was a great time had by all.

March 2nd, Silverton Snowmobile club has a Fun day at Molas Lake. Pot luck lunch at 11am. Inner tube races.

With the recent storm accumulation, be aware of the avalanche danger. Be safe out there.

See you on the mountain, Bryan Meador President SJS Snowmobile Club

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Club Officers

- President—Bryan Meador
- Vice President—Chris Hinds
- Treasurer— Kristina Blumenauer
- Secretary—Jennifer Hawn
- CSA Representative—Curt Larsen
- Grooming Foreman—Travis Leonard
- Club Reporter—Ken Hilfiker



Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

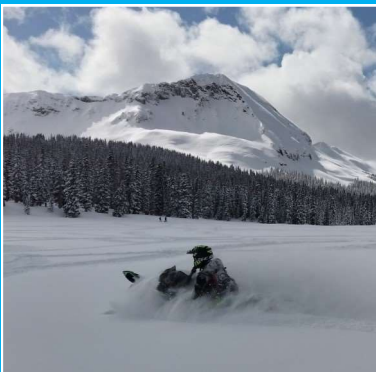
- The March meeting will be held Tuesday March 12th at the Fun Center. Dinner at 6. Meeting at 6:30.
- The club election was held in February and many thanks to our returning officers: President Bryan Meador, Treasurer Kristina Blumenauer, and Grooming Foreman Travid Leonard. Also, Dianne Larsen as Ride Chairperson. Many thanks to all our volunteers for your time and effort!
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com. You all have been doing great this season!!!



Kristina, Travis, and Bryan

February Barlow Ride

- There was a club ride February 10th at Barlow.
- Glen Pauls led the ride with the help of son Trevor. Other attendees were Matt BASHAM, Chris and Stephanie Hinds.
- After some concern about avalanche danger, the group proceeded cautiously thru the avalanche areas along the road and then enjoyed a fantastic day in the deep powder.
- Chris Hinds: "Best snow conditions I've ridden in several years!"
- Left to right: Chris Hinds, Glen Pauls, Stephanie Hinds



Memorial Poker Run Report—Amanda Williamson

Our first annual Memorial Ride for Peewee Botkin and Wilbur Brack was a huge success. A beautiful bluebird Colorado day brought out 48 members to participate in the adventurous poker run on Middle Mountain up at Vallecito Lake. The ride was led by Travis Leonard and Kevin Walters.

Advanced riders were able to get off trail and carve through the snow, while beginner riders were able to ride the groomed trail with ease. Riders met up at each clue location to punch their poker cards and pose for group shots! Lunch was had over the fire, as members gathered to admire the steel name plates honoring Peewee and Wilbur that now reside on the front of the stove at the barrel.

Members of Peewee's family were able to come for the weekend and join us on our ride. At the barrel, Kendra, Peewee's granddaughter, gave a small speech on how grateful the family was to have their beloved Peewee and Wilbur honored, and how much snowmobiling meant to these two great men.

Following lunch, members were able to continue on the trail following Travis and Kevin to complete the clues of the poker run, and to find meadows of snow to play in. There were many

smiles and lots of laughter!

Everyone met up at the Weminuche Woodfire Grill for the unveiling of poker hands, a great dinner after a phenomenal afternoon spent outside in the snow and perhaps a beverage or two.

Fun Center provided some exceptional prizes this year with the first place hand going to Ira Long winning a Monosuit! Second place was a pair of goggles and helmet awarded to Eric Johnson, third place was Robert Ramley winning a saw, probe and shovel following up with Austin Twedt and Brady Leonard winning t shirts and glasses. Fun Center provided enough swag that each member received a gift for participating. Please make sure to thank Fun Center for helping with this grand adventure and Memorial Ride!

Lastly, through all the participation with this Memorial Ride, we were able to raise approximately \$3000 all of which was donated to help keep our trails open for us, our families and our future generations to enjoy.

Thank you to Travis and Kevin for honoring Peewee and Wilbur by putting together this great event and to all who came out to play in the snow!



Poker Run Attendees!

February 13th 2024 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by President Bryan Meador

Member & New guest introductions

MOTION: Minutes from January 9, 2024 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Chris Hinds; 2nd Rich Hott

Treasurer's Report – Kristina Blumenauer

Balance: \$31,316

Revenue: \$295 memberships

Expenses: Total \$877.48; Bryan CJB \$110.16; Mountain Graphics \$104.80; Travis parts \$161.52; Travis Parts \$376; Pizza Meeting Fund \$125

Paypal account: Account Balance \$840; \$690 last year balance; \$150 Poker Run

MOTION: Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Rich Hott; 2nd Morgan Hott

Committee Reports –

Club Rides –

Bryan suggested that we have club trail clean up on weekends in April and May

Grooming – Travis Leonard

Kevin stated that we should complete our grooming contract

We have a \$10,000 check coming

Membership – Kristina Blumenauer

109 members

Unfinished Business –

Bryan reported that Ken Hilfiker finished putting up the signs at the trailheads

New Business –

Morgan passed around sheet at meeting for ordering the SJS vests if you are interested

President Bryan handed out literature on Southwest Colorado Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Roundtable regarding areas to ride. This group is working diligently to prohibit the use of motorized vehicles (to include but not limited to snowmobiles, dirt bikes, side by sides etc). He also handed out a schedule of meetings to be held on this topic. If you are interested in attending a meeting please contact Bryan for additional information.

Chris Hinds wrote a letter to Commissioner Candelaria (Montezuma County) regarding the issue of plowing parking lots in that area. Stay tuned

Elections: SJS Elections were held at this meeting. Listed below election results –

President – Bryan Meador

Treasurer – Kristina Blumenauer

Grooming Foreman – Travis Leonard

Ride Chair – Dianne Larsen

Saturday, February 17, 2024 will be the Poker Ride at Vallecito

CSA State Convention will be held February 23-25, 2024 in Buena Vista

March meeting will be held at Fun Center

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm – accepted by Chris Hinds; 2nd Kristina Blumenauer

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hawn, Club Secretary



Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- **Bryan Meador**, Safety Instructor
- **Dianne Larsen**, Rides Chairperson
- **Ron Corkish**, Search & Rescue Liaison
- **Dianne Larsen**, Newsletter Editor
- **Chris Hinds & Ken Hilfiker**, Website Administrator & Facebook Administrator

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call / Introduction of Guests
- III. Reading of Minutes
- IV. Treasurers Report – Kristina Blumenauer
- V. Committee Reports
 - Club Rides - Dianne Larsen
 - Equipment/Grooming/Truck To Do List– Travis Leonard & Kevin Walters
 - Membership – Kristina Blumenauer
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

The March meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 12th. Dinner at 6pm, meeting at 6:30pm

- #### Club Rides
- 3/16 Echo Basin. 10am. Led by Curt & Dianne Larsen. RSVP to 970.946.3107
 - Call Dianne Larsen at 970.946.8845 if you want to lead a ride



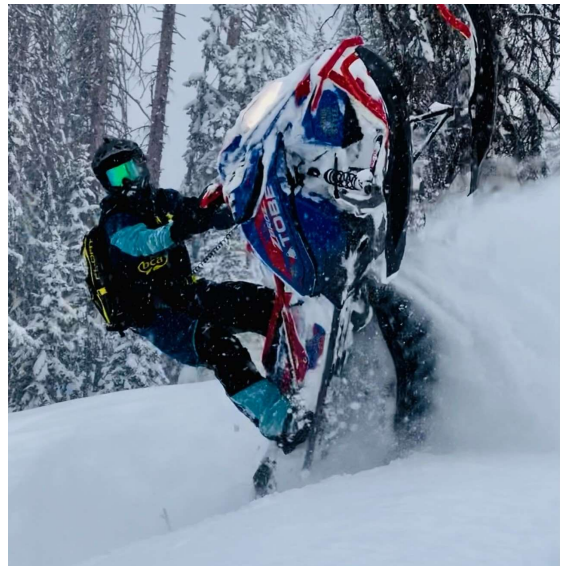
SJS members take over Walden! Jim Goodwin, Stuart Allen, Ken & Patti Hilfiker, John Wallace, Curt Larsen all watch the Superbowl together after a day of riding in Gould



Jim & Tana Creek—Poker Run



Melody, Allia, and Amanda—Poker Run



Brady Leonard—Middle Mountain



425 Degrees Take & Bake Pizza
970-799-0425—Michael Gunn



Advantage Repair Service
970-903-7340—Lynn & Lee Parks



970-946-9008
BAYFIELD BUILDERS LLC
Concrete to Cabinets
Bayfield Builders
970-946-9008 Jordan Frane



Blouin Brothers Construction
970-759-2179—Lyndsey Blouin

BOLETUS CREEK APPRAISALS

Boletus Creek Appraisals
Phone: 9709034416—Geoff Bourque

BUILT TO LAST AUTOMOTIVE

Built to Last Automotive
970-259-8777 Jeff Howard



Home Roots Hardwood Flooring
970-749-6821
Jesse King



Nic McDonald
970-565-7893



Dale R. Willbanks Agency
970-247-5828—Dale Willbanks



DPF Alternatives
505-330-0904—Jason Groen



Durango Dog Ranch
970-259-0694—Greg & Gretchen Dubit



La Plata County Search & Rescue
970-946-4437—Ron Corkish



**** Handlebar Motorsports**
970-247-0845—Jim Updike



Leonard & Sons Excavation
970-759-1995
Travis Leonard



Lucchesi Property Group
Dan Lucchesi 970-799-5354
Residential • Commercial • Investment
"Total Realty Advisors"



Phantastic Screens
970-247-7907
Marty & Ann Gunn



McCormick Construction
970-946-6857—Doug McCormick



McDonalds
970-247-9391
John Bronson



Phillips Electric
970-259-3395



Durango Adventure Rentals
970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



Silverline Construction
970-759-2327
Wes Harriman



Spellbring Construction
505-325-5600
Aaron & Tami Spellbring



The Bug Masters
505-325-7477
Delbert Raney



Twin Buttes
970-259-3883
Glen & Dianne Pauls



Welch Automotive
303-324-7185
Jack Welch



Weminuche Grill
970-884-7153—Joe Zebas

FUN CENTER

Fun Center, Inc
970-259-1070—Joe Washburn & Pete Tabor

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Mailing Address:

San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club

PO Box 591

Durango, CO 81302

New Member _____ Renew Member _____ Business Member _____

Single Membership \$43/Year _____

Family Membership \$48/Year _____

Business Membership \$68/Year _____

CSA Right to Ride Donation _____ (Optional)

CSA SEEDS Donation _____ (Optional, SEEDS—Support, Education, Events, Development, and Safety)

Total: _____

Please make check payable to the San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club & mail to the address above.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

of Snowmobiles: _____ Sponsors' Name: _____

Dues to San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club includes membership dues to the Colorado Snowmobile Association.

To join or renew online, go to www.snowmobilecolo.com.