

President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders,

I seen it! That white stuff we all love! SNOW! It topped Wolf Creek on Friday the 24th. It didn't stay long, but it was there. Start dancing that snow dance and let it snow.

I would like to congratulate Rich and Morgan Hott on the arrival of our youngest member Lincoln Hott.

Let's talk a little sled preparation. It's time to dust off the ol' machines, kick out the rat's nest under the hood and check the compression builder. Check all the wiring to make sure the mouse didn't eat all summer on the harness. A simple short and you could have a bomb fire you don't want. Check in the exhaust as well. Check the belts, did the rat have a feast on the belt or use it for an outhouse? Check or change the oil in the gear box. Check the chain tension. How about the coolant and the oil? Lay it on it's side an look at the bogie wheels, track, shocks, bent tunnel, from when you bumped that rock last season. Grease the pivot points. Stand it back upright. Put some fresh non ethanol fire builder in it, give that rotten pull cord a tug and see if lights off before the cord breaks. Smell that 2 stroke in the enclosed area you are working in, rev it up and let the neighbors listen to it. Tell me who shows up first, the fire department, thinking the shop is on fire or the sheriff's department for the noise.



I attended the SnoMo Expo in Denver. If you have never been, it is a sight to be seen. Diz does a great job at getting everything together. We sold a few sweepstake's tickets, met a lot of new people and said hi to a few old friends. Explained how we don't just groom. We fight for our right to ride and keep the back country open for all to enjoy. How almost everything is volunteer driven. Why sticker fees increased and how that helps the snowmobile community.

Sweepstakes sales and new member sign up. If you sign up a NEW club member, must be NEW, not a re-join. You will get a free entry into the drawing for the new 2026 Ski Doo 850 snowmobile. Email coloradosnowmobileassociation@yahoo.com with your name, address, phone number, and the person you signed up information. Once verified, you are entered for free.

SELL SELL SELL, them sweepstakes tickets. Click on the link below (or copy and paste), it will bring up the link for the sweepstakes. Make a donation. \$25 gets you 22 entries to win. \$1,000 gets you 2100 entries to win. You could also win 2 days/2 people all-inclusive riding workshop with Mountain Skillz, worth over \$4,000. San Juan Sledders needs to be a top seller this year. Let's make that happen. <https://www.tapkat.org/colorado-snowmobile-assoc/e5L0J5?promo=SANJUANSLEDDERS> closes November 30.

One last thing. Be safe out there. Cyber-attacks happen every day, all day long. Make sure you know who the email is from before you open it. Make sure, if you are doing a money transfer online, it is a secure sight. If you doubt it call the sender to make sure they sent it to you. Write an old-fashioned check and drop it in the snail mail, or overnight it.

See you on the mountain,

Bryan Meador, President

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Club Officers

- President—Bryan Meador
- Vice President—Chris Hinds
- Treasurer— Kristina Blumenauer
- Secretary— Morgan Hott
- CSA Representative—Curt Larsen
- Grooming Foreman—Travis Leonard
- Club Reporter—Dianne Larsen



Editor's Note—Dianne Larsen

- The November meeting will be held Tuesday the 11th at the Fun Center. Dinner at 6. Meeting at 6:30.
- It's time to renew your memberships! Bring your checkbooks to the November meeting and take care of your renewal for the upcoming season. Or renew online. Or call Dianne to renew via credit card.
- Last year San Juan Sledders was one of the top sellers of the CSA Sweepstakes tickets! Let's do better this year and be the top seller. Not only do you get a chance to win a new Ski Doo or other great prizes, but every entry sold helps pay for groomer insurance which benefits ALL grooming clubs. Let's be the BEST! Use the following link to purchase entries and SJS will get credit for the sales:
<https://www.tapkat.org/colorado-snowmobile-assoc/e5L0J5?promo=SANJUANSLEDDERS>
- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.

Avalanche Awareness

Snowmobile professional and San Juan Sledders club member Clyde Leonard will be providing a talk at our November meeting. This is the perfect time to learn more about avalanche awareness and to learn about the best training available to make you safer in the mountains sledding with your friends and family.



Glenn Pauls

One of our long time members Glenn Pauls passed in October. Glenn was a great asset to our club. Attended club rides and meetings. Led club rides. Participated in volunteer days helping work on roads and trails. Photo is Glenn, Dianne, and son Trevor.



New Member—Lincoln Hott

Congrats Richard and Morgan!



October 14th, 2025 Meeting Minutes—Morgan Hott

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Byran Meador at Fun Center - Durango

Member & new guest introductions

Motion: Minutes from April 8th, 2025 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Chris Hinds

Treasurer's Report - Kristina Blumenauer

- Members : 114
- Bank Balance as of today: \$37,746.44
- Expenses – \$3,110.00 insurance groomer \$210.00 PO BOX renewal fee,
- Revenue - \$7,117.79 grooming/ CSA payments
- Paypal - \$3,251.00
- Inflight – CSA fees, insurance renewal, Food for meeting
- **Motion:** Accepted Treasurer's Report as presented - Dianne Larsen; 2nd Stuart Allen

Committee Reports

Grooming - Travis Leonard

- Window needs replaced in the groomer hauler

Group Rides

- We need volunteers to lead rides this winter

Unfinished Business

- Signage
 - Add an american flag and logo for club
 - Order 4 signs by next week
- Beaver Meadows Parking Lot -
 - Need to dig a test hole
 - We are working on applying for grants to help fund the parking lot (summer and winter money)
 - Will need roughly 100k



New Business

- Bar D - September 18th - 64 members attended!
- Memberships
 - Renew club membership this month
 - Renew CSA membership in December
- Welcoming Lincoln Hott, our newest and youngest club member!
- Forest Service will start snow management
- Use your phones to make sure you are not crossing into wilderness
- Avalanche training will be in November with Clyde Leonard
- **Motion:** Donation to the sweepstakes - Purchase \$1500 in tickets by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Clyde Leonard. Approved
- Snow Show
 - 60K in door prizes, tons of give aways, largest snow show in Western USA

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Chris Hinds

Respectfully submitted by Morgan Hott, Club Secretary

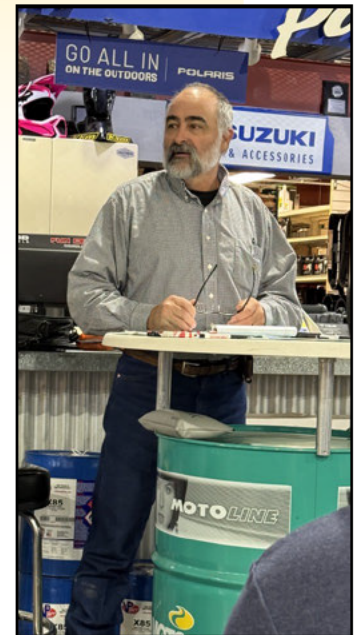
Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- Bryan Meador, Safety Instructor
- Dianne Larsen, Rides Chairperson
- Ron Corkish, Search & Rescue Liaison
- Dianne Larsen, Newsletter Editor
- Chris Hinds, Website Administrator
- Amanda Williamson, 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
- VI. Unfinished Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Motion to Adjourn

The November meeting will be at the Fun Center Tuesday the 11th. Dinner 6pm, Meeting at 6:30pm



October Meeting





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



Lucchesi
PROPERTY GROUP
Residential • Commercial • Investment
"Total Realty Advisors"

Lucchesi Property Group
Dan Lucchesi 970-799-5354



Bayfield Builders
970-946-9008 Jordan Frane



McCormick Construction
970-946-6857—Doug McCormick



Blouin Brothers Construction
970-759-2179—Lyndsey Blouin



McDonalds
970-247-9391
John Bronson



3C Guiding
307-790-9953—Cameron Chimenti



Phillips Electric
970-259-3395



Durango Adventure Rentals
970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



Nic McDonald
970-565-7893



Silverline Properties
970-759-8882
Carli Harriman



Snowmobile Adventures
970-903-7916—Ben Cross



Spellbring Construction
505-325-5600
Aaron & Tami Spellbring



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



The Bug Masters
505-325-7477
Delbert Raney



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



Twin Buttes
970-259-3883
Glen & Dianne Pauls



Leonard & Sons Excavation
970-759-1995
Travis Leonard



Wagon Wheel Liquors
972-256-6570 - James Dempsey



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.