



President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello Fellow Sledders!

October? Snow on the peaks? Cooler mornings? I think it is time to think snow! But before we get ahead of ourselves. We should really talk trailers. Trailer maintenance in particular. I have grease fittings(zerks) on the spindles of my trailer. I have always greased them before every season. Last year when I got to the trail head. I noticed one of my white wheels was covered in grease and the grease cap was missing. Yup, I smoked a spindle. Turns out the grease I pumped into my zerk, pushed the seal out the back and my grease never got to the outer bearing. Now I pull the wheels and hubs and hand pack my bearings before the season. Just something I do for peace of mind, before I spend the day getting stuck.

Tires? What them round black things that hold air? Ya, them things. Did you know tires have a date code on them? It is next to the DOT in the oval on one side of your tire. It has the week and year the tire was made. Most tires are only good for 7 to 10 years before they go pop! When they go pop, they make, what truckers call an alligator, they bite everything in the way, normally destroying a trailer fender, floor or your sled above it. So, check them date codes and save yourself a headache of changing a flat on the side of the road in a snow bank. Most importantly, damaging you sled. That would be a bad day if a tire wrecked your sled, not your buddy.

Lights, the bright things on the sides and rear of your trailer, the ones that tell others you are turning or stopping. YUP, them be the ones. Check them, make sure they are working. Marker lights and tail, turn and stop. The trailer should be plugged into the truck to do this. 😊

Now that your trailer is all ready to go, load the sled and head for the hills! Not Really! We will cover a few things next month to check on your machines before heading out. In the meantime, think snow! Happy Halloween.

Bryan Meador

President, San Juan Sledders Snowmobile Club.

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Club Officers

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



Editor’s Note—Dianne Larsen

- Our October meeting will be at the La Plata Fairgrounds Tuesday the 10th. Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30.
- At our October meeting all remaining SWAG and radios will be available. Caps, beanies, tshirts, and a few hoodies.
- This year’s snow show has been renamed to the Rocky Mountain Powersports Expo. It will be October 6-7th. This is always a

fun event that really gets you ready for snowmobiling! Find out more at [Rocky Mountain Powersports Expo \(rmpowersportsexpo.com\)](http://rmpowersportsexpo.com).

- As always, please submit stories and pictures to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.



Bar D Night—Dianne Larsen

Our club enjoyed our yearly kick-off event at the Bar D Chuckwagon September 14th. Our attendance this year was 48. It was a really fun evening and awesome to see our friends we haven’t seen all summer.



April 11th 2023 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by President Bryan Meador

Member & New guest introductions

MOTION: Minutes from March 14, 2023 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne Larsen; 2nd Roger Pennington

Treasurer's Report – Dianne Larsen

- Balance: \$32,288
- Revenue: \$6,050 Feb Grooming
- Expenses: Total \$22,575; Basin Coop \$932; Loan Payoff \$16,411; Weminuche Grill \$1,920; PO Box \$194; CSA RTR donation \$900; State Farm Truck Insurance \$558; Blue Ribbon, \$50; Basin Coop \$1,610
- Loan Balance: \$0
- Paypal account: \$590
- **MOTION:** Accept Treasurer's report as presented – accepted by Roger Pennington; 2nd Travis Leonard

Committee Reports –

Club Rides – Landon Tate

Grooming – Travis Leonard

- Groomer went out 26 times
- Request money for groomer fuel that was not included in grant
- Request additional money for the truck for transporting the groomer that was not included in the grant



Membership – Dianne Larsen

115 members

New Business –

- Received a bill from Domain Networks. Chris is going to check and see if the company hosting is us.
- Dianne will stop SPOT
- A young man contacted Curt and wants to add channel 300 to our Beacon sign. President of Colorado Search & Rescue agrees. Turn radio to 300 for Search & Rescue.
- Columbine Open House – Mary Monroe (Fat Tire Mountain Bike Volunteer Coordinator) for Mountain biking grooming LaPlata Canyon has been approved by Nick (Forest Service) for Columbine. We
- need more information before SJS decides if they want to support.
- Ken Hilfiker has Echo Basin draft of map to put at the trailheads
- Chris Hinds will attend CSA in place of Bryan Meador
- We will hold the membership drive dinner at Bar D in September
- Chris Hinds checking with neighbor to see if we can store some equipment in his barn
- Can we put something on our website and FaceBook page for donations? Ken can add a QR code.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm – accepted by Ken Hilfiker; 2nd Roger Pennington

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hawn, Club Secretary

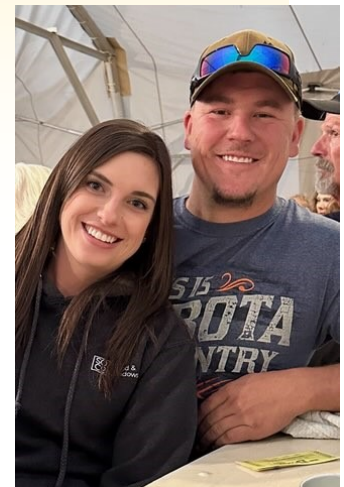
Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- Roger Pennington, Safety Instructor
- Landon Tate, 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 – Dianne Larsen
- V. Committee Reports
 - Club Rides
 - Equipment/Grooming/Truck To Do List– Travis Leonard & Kevin Walters
 - Membership – Dianne Larsen
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

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Members

Stuart Allen	713-574-0646	Kim Lanyon	970-739-4404
Brian Anderson	970-799-4375	Curt & Dianne Larsen	970-946-8845
Nadine & Drew Barber	970-759-1732	Clyde Leonard	970-759-3597
Ben Beresford	970-819-9388	Travis Leonard	970-884-2239
Eric Beyler	720-347-5645	John Lovell	970-903-9270
Robert Bisinger	970-749-2194	Dan Lucchesi	970-799-5354
Lance Blair	970-946-0034	Bill Luthy	970-749-0337
Kelly Bleck	303-642-6448	John Lytle	303-519-2890
Lyndsey Blouin	970-759-2179	Rob Mackie	970-712-8621
E.L. Botkin	505-325-4173	Jaaron Mankins	970-946-6981
Geoff Bourque	970-903-4417	Doug McCormick	970-946-6857
John Bronson	970-749-0074	Derek McCoy	970-749-9470
Mark Cancemi	214-808-1739	Nic McDonald	970-749-6841
Granger Carlson	720-250-7623	Scott McCloud	281-923-9557
Larry Chapman	970-560-1910	Bryan & Melanie Meador	970-946-5775
Alex Clinton	602-885-2836	Duane Meador	505-386-6707
Glenn Collins	970-759-6419	Gilbert Meador	505-793-4353
Robert Coln	970-247-8648	Lance Meador	505-801-8613
Ted Compton	970-946-2001	Carl Moss	505-320-1965
Allia Connell	970-903-2139	David Okkema	435-459-0784
Ron Corkish	970-946-4437	Dennis Overly	970-729-0575
Brett Craig	970-749-9511	Lynn & Lee Parks	970-903-7340
Jim & Tana Creek	970-232-6639	Gene Patton	970-739-3108
Darby Davis	970-640-4332	Glenn & Dianne Pauls	970-318-0113
Doug Dean	970-596-8999	Evan Pedersen	719-322-4313
Dean Despalmes	970-744-9446	Roger & Debbie Pennington	970-884-2101
Steve Dollens	918-841-0137	Delbert Raney	505-320-1314
Jeff Drefer	970-759-4790	Robert Remley	505-326-4142
Greg & Gretchen Dubit	970-259-0694	Todd Remley, Julie Love	505-320-3639
Mark Earles	815-351-8020	Robert Rodriguez	505-870-2761
Randy Eitel	505-320-8931	Cory Roman	301-448-9001
Ryan Elworthy	970-759-1780	David Sanders	970-759-9784
Joe Farmer	970-679-1472	**Jeanne Scarborough	970-247-5753
Bob & Marg Fillman	928-242-5220	Chuck Schultz	970-335-9311
**Mike Francis	970-749-5082	John Serwe	970-749-9013
Jordan Frane	970-946-9008	Don Shellhammer	858-735-1873
Jan Gillespie	512-659-5223	Aaron & Tami Spellbring	505-325-5600
Jim Goodwin	575-921-2699	Ethan Spellbring	505-320-9365
Jason Groen	505-330-0904	Hope & Jay Stroud	970-759-8047
Tom Grover	970-769-8332	Pete Tabor	970-259-1070
Marty & Ann Gunn	970-247-2707	Landon Tate	505-327-0320
Michael Gunn	970-799-0425	Shane Truby	970-385-4143
Tom Gurr	970-759-0366	Terry Vitrano	504-418-1403
William Hall	970-759-2466	Sarah Vogt	505-947-4246
Lyndsey Hanna	970-759-9213	Roy Vreeland	433-818-7023
Chris Hansen	480-580-2237	John Wallace	970-259-9549
Tom Hansen	623-703-1845	Kevin Walters	970-884-4662
Wes Harriman	970-759-2327	Joe Washburn	970-259-1070
Dorwin & Jennifer Hawm	801-971-4913	Jack Welch	303-324-7185
Tucker Heiner	408-429-0827	Jeff Welch	303-249-5177
Gaylan Hellyer	970-870-0121	Ken West	702-348-0698
Curt & Barbara Henderson	970-533-7160	Scott West	928-205-5031
Ryan Hentz	970-946-1667	Dale Willbanks	970-247-5828
Ken Hilfiker	907-240-3788	**Ed & Rochelle Williams	970-946-7702
Chris Hinds	517-242-1878	Eric Wilson	505-228-5829
Richard Hott	970-759-8779	Rowdy Yates	406-366-2686
Jeff Howard	970-403-6679	Joe Zebas	970-884-7153
Robert Hutson	847-272-6879		
Dan Jefferson	970-749-2556		
Tim Kendzlic	480-440-7567		
Jesse King	970-903-3483		

**** Indicates legacy charter member since 1992**

contact Dianne at 970.946.3107 or A.Dianne.Larsen@Gmail.com for corrections



Long time club member E.L. Botkin (Pee Wee) passed away May 22nd at 97 years old. This photo was taken at the Barrel up Middle Mountain Road with family members (also San Juan Sledders) December 26th, 2019.

Pee Wee was an early member of the Colorado Snowmobile Association with member number 408 and was a great member of the snowmobile community!





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



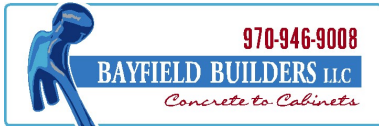
Leonard & Sons Excavation
970-884-2239
Travis & Linda Leonard



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



Phantastic Screens
970-247-7907
Marty & Ann Gunn



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

BOLETUS CREEK APPRAISALS

Boletus Creek Appraisals
Phone: 9709034416—Geoff Bourque



Built to Last Automotive
970-259-8777 Jeff Howard



Durango Adventure Rentals
970-335-9311—Chuck Schultz



Home Roots Hardwood Flooring
970-749-6821
Jesse King



Nic McDonald
970-565-7893



Silverline Construction
970-759-2327
Wes Harriman



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



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



Welch Automotive
303-324-7185
Jack Welch



Weminuche Grill
970-884-7153—Joe Zebas



**** Handlebar Motorsports**
970-247-0845—Tom Grover



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: _____

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