

President's Pondering—Bryan Meador

Hello fellow sledders.

How is everyone holding up during the fall? I can't wait to "social distance" with a "face mask" in the mountains. We did see some fresh pretty white snow today. I just hope it sticks and continues. If you travel to Northern Colorado, Farmers Almanac says "cold, above normal snowfall" so let's hope the above normal applies to Southwest Colorado as well. Not only for us to play on but the fill the Lakes back up and put out some of these fires around the country.

I talked to the forest service today about the road to the gravel pit at lemon. Jed told me James, Pete and Alan are all on board to let us fix the road. So please spread the word that we need heavy equipment to make this happen. Have people call me Bryan Meador 970-946-5775 if they have a dump truck, water truck, loader or if they want to donate time money diesel fuel or a load of gravel.

When we get the road done. we are hoping the Forest service and County can come to an agreement for the snow removal. I am very positive about this.

I do not have a date to start the construction yet. I need a letter to proceed from the forest service. I am really hoping before the snow freezes down and we can't work on it.

Thank you, be safe and hope to see you on the mountain Bryan Meador.



Travis Leonard dirt biking up near Summitville.

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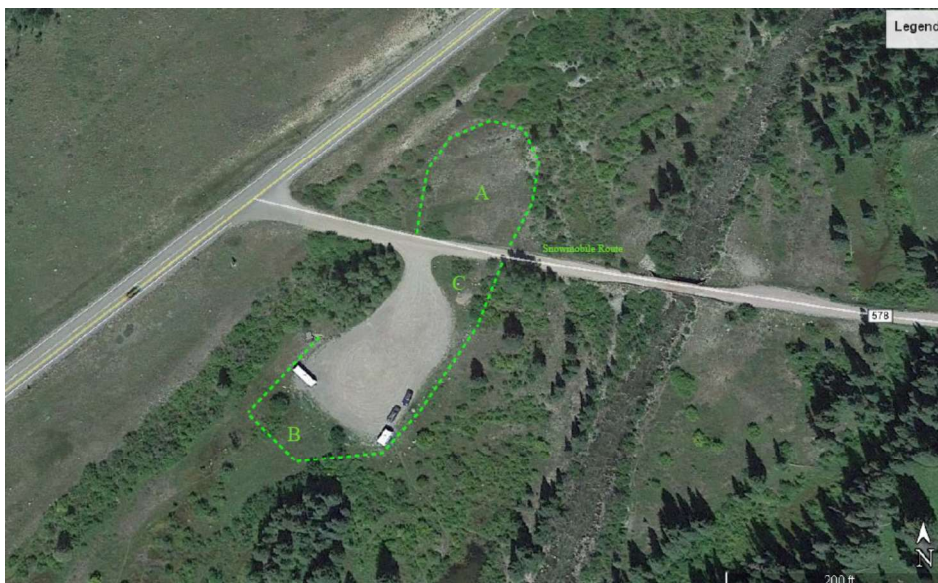
Club Officers

- 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 November meeting is planned to be held at Handlebar Motorsports. Please bring your own chairs and a mask. Dinner at 6, meeting at 6:30. Depending on the Covid requirements at that time, other arrangements may have to be made and communicated via email a day or two before the meeting.
- When you read the minutes from our October meeting, you will see that we voted to make our founding members Lifetime Members. We still have four founding members in the club: Jeanne Scarborough, Ed & Rochelle Williams, John & Bonnie West, and Mike Francis. Be sure to thank the folks in person when you see them for creating our awesome club!
- The photo below shows the proposed parking lot enlargement for the Barlow Parking. Many thanks to our members that have been involved in this project, especially Kevin Walters for spearheading it!
- As always, please send me interesting stories and photos to be published in future newsletters to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com.



Proposed Barlow Parking Lot

Name that sled! Since our beginning of snowmobiling Curt & I have named our sleds: Bumblebee, Darth Vader, Red Baron, and for the last several years my sled has been the Smurfinator! I'll be picking up my new snow check here in the next couple of weeks and haven't been able to think of the perfect name! Send your suggestions to a.dianne.larsen@gmail.com and if there is a name that sticks, I will buy you a SJS t-shirt!



October 17th CSA Meeting Notes—Curt Larsen

This was a Zoom meeting from 9am to 11am Saturday October 17th.

The Safety presentation discussed riding with care in recent burn areas and also provided a summary from CAIC of 2019-2020 avalanche statistics.

CSA lifetime memberships don't exist, but many clubs offer lifetime memberships independently and pay the CSA dues yearly for lifetime members.

We have a new clerk, Jennifer Paddock, and she is up and running. She is currently updating the mailing list. The new CSA mailing address is PO Box 575 Hartsel, CO 80449.

The grooming clinic is being affected by Covid. It will be in Grand Junction when possible, date pending. It was scheduled for Nov. 1st but we will have to wait and see. *As of Oct. 27th, the grooming clinic has officially been cancelled for 2020 and will resume next year. Piston Bully will host in 2021, Prinoth in 2022.*

Great American Outdoors Act, is available for grants. We are looking into how to apply. Approval is long and money is tight.

The CSA Raffle is still being decided. As of now it is still moving forward, but the raffle will be held at the 2021 Spring Fling.

CSA is helping with an "outdoors video" for the Colorado tourism board.

The winter convention is not expected to happen in the usual format. The CSA meeting will be a separate Zoom meeting. Regional rides, North, Central, and South are being considered instead of the usual weekend event to be held early in February. Jim Lokey, has volunteered to head organization for the southern region ride possibly to ride Molas. More information will be provided as details firm up.

The Snow Scoop is no longer being published and the CSA officers are considering updating the CSA website and rolling in some new version of the Snow Scoop into the website.

CSA elections will take place at the winter meeting. The office of VP is up, and current VP Randy Miller is willing to accept another term. All odd year district reps are up for election. William Hall is our club's current rep, and he is term limited. Bylaws allow another term if no one wants to serve from our district. The district rep responsibilities include:

1. The District Representatives shall serve as voting members of the Board of Directors and voting members of the Executive Board.
2. Each District Representative shall have one (1) vote on all business of the Board of Directors and Executive Board.
3. Each District Representative must be a member of a Local Club in the district he/she represents.
4. Each District Representative shall maintain all CSA assets and equipment in good working condition, consistent with established budgets.
5. Each District Representative shall turn over all association records and property to his/her successor at the time he/she leaves office.
6. District Representatives shall communicate pertinent CSA information to all Local Clubs in their districts.
7. May serve on committees and/or chair committees.
8. Shall present to CSA all Local Club directives, inquiries and concerns from within his/her district.

October 13th 2020 Meeting Minutes—Jennifer Hawn

Meeting was called to order at 6:27 pm by President Bryan Meador at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. Member & New guest introductions

MOTION: Minutes from April 14, 2020 meeting approved as presented - accepted by Dianne; 2nd Curt

Treasure's Report – Dianne Larsen

- Balance: \$46,274
- Revenue: \$16,569 grooming, \$2,165 2k for the tracksetter & swag, \$450 membership from CSA (\$385) & swag, \$1225 memberships
- Expenses: \$304 CSA membership dues, \$279 Roger Pennington: Electricity, Amsoil, grooming food, \$820 Dianne Larsen: Tshirts, \$1160 Bar D

MOTION: Accept Treasure's report as presented – accepted by Curt; 2nd Travis

Club rides – Contact Hope at hopekim123@yahoo.com or 970.759.8047 if you have ideas for rides this season. Mid-week rides will begin as soon as we have enough snow.

Grooming –

- Travis reported that the wheel lift off the new truck was sold for \$2,000
- Travis picked up the Cat today (10/13/20)

Committee Reports –

Membership – Dianne Larsen reported 100 members and 1 new member tonight's meeting

Sponsored Events – No sponsored events at this time

Old/Unfinished Business -

Barlow Parking lot–

- Kevin suggested that we build what we can with the grant money we receive
- We will be getting a check for 60% of the \$44,775
- The grant money expires the end of June 2021
- Groomers took precedents over the parking funding

Purgatory Parking lot –

- Bryan has been talking with Jed (Forest Service)
 - Purg will not meet with anyone due to COVID
 - Scott Jones (Lawyer on retainer for CSA) will assist us with a letter to Purgatory regarding Parking lot
- Dianne has additional Swag items for sale

New Business -

- Lemon Parking – Bryan talked with Jed (Forest Service) why the Forest Service road was not being plowed. The road was not finished to the gravel pit. The additional 2.5 miles of the road will be able to be plowed once it is completed to gravel pit. Bryan is waiting to hear back from Jed on how to proceed with completion of the road. SJS members are willing to volunteer to complete the road.
- CSA Awards – Dianne encouraged members to nominate individuals for CSA awards
- Forest Service is asking for input regarding E-bikes on trails. At this time, they do not have to purchase tags. They would like you to comment on how E-bikes should be classified. For more information on the Proposal:
- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/2020-21128/forest-service-manual-7700-travel-management-chapter-7700-zero-code-chapter-7710-travel-planning>
- Dale Willbanks is going to check on liability insurance for SJS Board Members and will have a quote and present to us at the next meeting.
- Dianne informed club that John West, one of our founding members, was diagnosed with ALS.
- Curt has 1 radio left. He will buy an additional 10 radios if Travis has new members joining.
MOTION: Curt will buy additional 10 radios if new members join – Dianne; 2nd Roger
- Discussion was held regarding founding members becoming lifetime members and club will pay dues for SJS and CSA.
MOTION: Founding members will become lifetime members and club will pay their dues – accepted Kevin; 2nd Roger
- Next meeting to be announced .

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm – accepted by Dianne, 2nd Roger.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Hawn, Club Secretary

Committee Chairs & Volunteers

- Roger Pennington, Safety Instructor
- Hope Stroud, Rides Chairperson
- Ron Corkish, Search & Rescue Liaison
- Dianne Larsen, Newsletter Editor
- Chris Hinds, Website Administrator
- Chris Hinds, Facebook Administrator

The November meeting will be Tuesday November 10th tentatively scheduled at Handlebar Motorsports Dinner at 6pm. Meeting at 6:30pm.

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 – Hope Geer
 - Equipment/Grooming/Truck To Do List– Travis Leonard & Kevin Walters
 - Membership – Dianne Larsen
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Motion to Adjourn

Want Ads

WANTED: 2014 or newer snowmobile. 146" track. Contact Brett at 970.749.9511.

FOR SALE: 2014 Triton XT 12 VR-101 aluminum v-nose trailer with drive-on/drive-off ramp for 2 snowmobiles. \$3,500 new and used only a couple of times as previous owners left state. Snowmobiles not included! Asking \$2,200. Ken 970-240-3788.



WANTED: 2 touring snowmobiles with utility wide track, Zup preferable. Arctic Cat ZR 200 or smaller snowmobile for a child. Contact Ben at (970)-903-7916.

FOR SALE: Women's Klim padded bibs with drop seat. Size medium. \$125. Women's Klim jacket. Size medium \$75. Contact Dianne Pauls at 970.318.0105.



FOR SALE: 1998 Ski-Doo Grand Touring Trail Sled For Sale. Runs great! \$1,500. Contact Kristy at 970-570-5933

