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**Executive Director**

Well, it's that time of year again. The leaves are all gone, deer season is over, signs are up and all we have to do now is wait for Santa Claus and snow! It's going to be great! It's been a busy fall for me having taken part in the National Off Highway Vehicle Conservation Council meetings in Great Falls and participating in the Sask Snow Show in Saskatoon. The NOHVCC convention was a great event with many helpful seminars and meetings. I was able to visit and meet with many of the people that I had met at ISC in Rapid City last summer and met many new people involved in the off

road world. It was a valuable venue to share ideas and learn of some solutions that others have discovered in their experiences with their positions in their various states. The Sask Show was very large and well attended. We visited with countless people, young and old, about the trails we have in North Dakota and Canada. Many of them knew of our trail systems and had ridden here in the past. The ones who had not heard of our trails were very interested and had many questions. It was an awesome show.

With low snow years in areas of Canada and other areas in the US, the struggle to retain and create new memberships is common across the area. It's important to focus on the long range picture and keep

involved with local clubs and friends. I would again like to thank all of the members and volunteers across the state for all of the hard work you do. As I write this, we have been preparing for the state convention in Bottineau. I look forward to seeing everyone again! Let's hope there's snow!

*Todd Thronson*



**Office Manager**

One thing I would like to reiterate, like I do every year, is make sure you get your memberships in the office so you don't lose your

clubs are in the process of having meetings.

subscription to the Sno-Dak News. Also, please get your club officer list in so we send information to the correct people.

Make sure to check out the article by the Northern Lights Trail Blazer and the full page ad about the upcoming State Ride coming up in February 2017!

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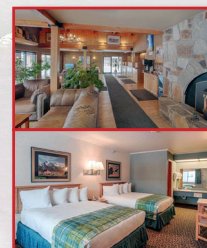


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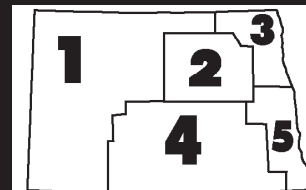
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# THE Region Reports



## Jesse Fritz Region 2

With no big news to report from Region 2 and the season still young, here are a few snowmobile facts for you.

- In 2016 there were 126,972 snowmobiles sold worldwide, 56,606 were sold in the U.S.
- There are over 1.2 Million snowmobiles registered in the U.S.
- The economic impact of snowmobiling in the U.S. is 26 billion annually.
- Arctic Cat went bankrupt in 1982.
- The average age of a snowmobiler is 42 years old.
- The average snowmobiler rides their snowmobile 1210 miles per year in North America.
- The average snowmobiler spends \$4000 each year on snowmobile related recreation.
- The average Polaris owner thinks about buying a Rotax at least twice a year.
- Snowmobilers are caring neighbors raising 3 million for charity annually.
- Snowmobiling is a great family lifestyle. It is an activity keeping kids and parents together. Historically individuals who snowmobile at a young age continue to snowmobile with their parents throughout their lives, sharing great experiences as a family. In many winter regions, snowmobiling is simply the main form of winter outdoor recreation and in some cases the main method of transportation.
- More avalanche fatalities occur in Colorado than any other state.
- Alaska outperforms all other states when it comes to cold weather. North Dakota gets the Silver Medal in this category.
- Snowmobile North Dakota is still searching for a board member in Region 2.

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# CLUB NEWS



## Rough Riders Snowmobile Association

The Rough Riders have been busy getting the trail signed and their snowmobiles looked over for the upcoming riding season. The new spring check units have been arriving and trading has picked up at the dealerships. We have been selling raffle tickets, attending avalanche avoidance training (big risk around Bismarck huh) generously provided free of charge by Ski Doo and their dealer Moritz Sport and Marine in Mandan. We have a large component of mountain riders in the area. Our club served hot dogs, chips and coffee at the avy class and we sold memberships and raffle tickets. We plan to have a display of sleds at

the Sports Show in December which draws a large crowd. A good place to introduce the club to new members. At our last meeting we brought in our Community Emergency Response back packs to check over the emergency contents in the event we get activated to perform a Snow Emergency Response that our club has voluntarily offered to perform when called upon by the Sheriffs and Emergency Managers of Burleigh and Morton Counties. By the time you read this the very warm weather we are experiencing for deer hunting and fishing will hopefully be past and more normal weather with SNOW will have arrived and

we can ride, ride, ride.

Bob Gregoire, Sec.

## Northern Lights Trail Blazers

Greetings fellow members of SND!!

The members of Northern Lights Trail Blazers have been busy: as of today, Nov. 10th, most of the Trail System is signed, we've had a couple of club meetings, and preparation for the 2017 State Snowmobile Ride is well underway!! Over the past couple weeks we have had record-breaking unseasonably warm weather, but we are hoping for the opposite to start in a couple weeks.....cooler temps and LOTS of SNOW!! We are

overdue for a good snow year. Make plans to attend the 2017 State Ride on February 4th. We will be having a gathering at the warming house again on Friday night, so plan to spend the whole weekend with us! Guaranteed to have a GREAT time (ask those who attended last time)!! Motel rooms can be booked at Cobblestone Inn (701.881.3000), Northern Lights Inn (701.776.5776) or Oakwood Inn (701.776.5272) Additional happenings planned for this year include: Fun Run on Jan. 7th, Snowbunny Run on

Feb. 25th (Ladies only run!). Be sure to follow us on Facebook (Northern Lights Trail Blazers) to keep up to date with club events. You are ALWAYS WELCOMED to join us!! Keep up the SNOW DANCE!

Respectfully submitted, Tonia Dosch





# North Dakota Parks & Recreation



# Erik Dietrich

Get your sleds  
running!!!

Hopefully everyone is ready for snow because I sure am!! That means the snowmobile season will soon be upon us! The Snowmobile North Dakota convention just wrapped up on December 2nd and 3rd up in the great city of Bottineau, so now it is snowmobile ready for the season so.

Here are some things you need to make sure you have on your snowmobile before you ride:

- Any snowmobile being driven on public lands is required to be registered with ND Department of Transportation. Registration fee is \$50 paid every 2 years. Place your registration stickers on either side of your snowmobile in a place that is visible.
- Any out-of-state snowmobile being driven on public lands is required to purchase and carry with them the out-of-state public trails and lands access permit. This permit is \$25 and is available to purchase online at [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) and click on Online Services.
- Any snowmobile being driven on any portion of the state snowmobile trail system is also required to have liability insurance on the snowmobile and carry proof of insurance with them.

Don't forget that anyone 10 and older, who does not have a valid driver's license, is required to have a snowmobile safety certification card obtained through one of our safety courses to operate on any public lands. In addition, those 10 and 11, also need to be directly supervised by a parent or guardian. Tari has been working at scheduling courses so check for one in your area by visiting [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) or watch for SND constant notice.

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Be safe and see you out on the trails when the snow flies!!!!



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