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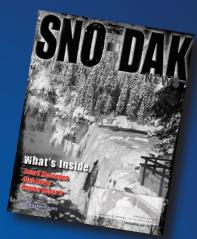
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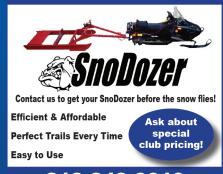
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Board Messages

Executive Director

Hello everybody! What an exciting season we have this year. Most systems open and grooming with great snow conditions. I can't remember a year with so many buried signs. We also have the unfortunate problem of poor ice conditions in parts of the state. Here we are in February and still have turf temperatures under the snow at 28 degrees plus. Just can't

make ice with those temps. Very frustrating for the areas affected. Trails were rerouted where possible.

State ride was held in Rugby with a very good turnout. The trails were freshly groomed and fast! It sure was good to see so many familiar faces. A big thank you to the Northern Lights Trailblazers from the Rugby area for all their hard work.

Just a few reminders for the end of the season: Remember to get your sign removal and sign order forms in by April 30th, new trail applications are due April 2nd and equipment maintenance and

repair deadline is June 1st. I'm looking forward to a couple more months of riding on our great trails. It's the first time in 4 years we have been able to groom and ride in the Bismarck area so my better half Donna and I have had some great days riding and are looking forward to many more for sure. Hope you all are able to get out and enjoy the trails. Have a good one!

Todd Thronson



Hi everyone, I hope everyone had a great winter. We got snow this year and some areas received more than others. I am glad we were able to ride snowmobile in ND. SND was able to test the GPS in the tuckers, so the public will know which trails were recently groomed. I would like to thank all of the volunteers, SND staff and board and NDP&R for the hard work they did to keep the trails safe and groomed. I would also like to thank the landowners for leasing their land for us to ride, if it wasn't for you we would be riding in ditches.

I have ridden on a few fun runs this year. I noticed all of the snowmobiles that were not registered. The most famous excuse from non-registered snowmobiler is we don't ride the trails. Do they realize the ditches they were riding on were state trails? If you can afford a

snowmobile, you can afford a license for \$25.00 a year.

I would like to thank Northern Lights Trail Blazers for hosting the SND State Ride. You did a great job. The trails were awesome.

Stay safe and see you on the trail!

Laura Forbes

2018 SKI-DOO: SHOT START SYSTEM

What if you could get push button start without the weight of a starter, motor, and battery? Well, that day has finally arrived thanks to the engineers at BRP. SHOT Restart system is a radical new approach to starting your sled. While it's similar to electric start, there are some very key differences. Here are a few key notes to know about SHOT:

- 1. Adds just 2 lbs.
- 2. You have to start the engine once with the rope, then the rest of the day the Shot kicks in.
- 3. You get just one shot per charge.
- 4. Static charge in the ultra capacitors lasts about 20-25 minutes. (It worked for up to an hour in our experience)
- 5. BRP engineered this. 100 percent BRP invention.
- 6. OEM option on Freeride and Summit. This is mountain-specific. This feature adds \$600 to price of vehicle.
- 7. Shot is a restart system. **Don't confuse this with an electric start.** It will require pull rope starts at times.
- 8. SHOT activation is one rotation of the crankshaft. E-Tec starts on a short degree of rotation.
- 9. It doesn't crank and try to start like a car or an electric start dirt bike. It just starts.

Shot starts your sled by storing electricity in an "ultra-capacitor" that weighs a mere 2 lbs. That's a 22 lb savings over traditional electric start systems. But don't call this an electric start, because it's not.

We like to call this invention "Auto-Restart." This is because Shot requires an initial start by pull rope. After your sled runs for 2 minutes, enough energy will be stored to re-start your sled by pure electricity. This works for almost 30 minutes after the sled has shut down. We think Ski-Doo was conservative on the 30 minutes, we had it working for up to an hour after the sled had been shut off. Impressive.







North Dakota Parks & Recreation



With the snowmobile season coming to a close I am reminded of the extraordinary effort it takes from volunteers across the state to make the state snowmobile trail system function. It's hard to imagine the amounts of volunteer hours that club members and snowmobile enthusiasts donate to provide this great opportunity for North Dakota snowmobilers and its visitors.

In consort, Snowmobile North Dakota assists in coordinating this effort to provide that 1-2 punch that makes the snowmobile trail program a success. Those of us who hit the trails this winter owe it to those volunteers and I personally thank you for your efforts.

I had the opportunity to participate in the 2017 State Ride in Rugby this year. Great job to the club for putting together a fun event. The trails were in great shape and good job on the signing. These well placed signs were much needed because at times with the snow fog, we were literally riding from sign to sign. But more than the trails and the snowmobiling, it was nice to visit small town North Dakota which our snowmobile trails connect and experience "North Dakota nice". In every town we stopped, we were seemingly greeted with chili and a smile. We truly live in a great state with people that you will find no were else.

Our success this winter was a great effort by all and it is easy to see the passion and drive by North Dakota snowmobile enthusiasts. Remember to take a friend snowmobiling and introduce them to the great opportunities we have right here at home.

Matt Gardner











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Magic City Drift Busters

In January the club held a radar run for anyone who wanted to see how fast their snowmobiles would go in 1000 feet, for bragging rights. We had a great turn out with participants and spectators. Thank you everyone for coming out. KXMC News interviewed Blaine Kotasek and Jon Conolle about the Radar Run. Great job! The KXMC reporter had never been on a snowmobile, so Blaine took her for a ride. Thank you KXMC News.

The results of the radar run:

Modified 800	Tom Mickelson	65 mph (1993	
Arctic Cat ZR)			
Stock 1000	Scott Backes	78 mph (2017	
Yamaha MTX)			
Stock 900	Doug McDonald	84 mph (2004	
Arctic Cat MTN Cat)			
Stock 800	Byron Norsby	86 mph (2012	
Polaris Pro R Switchback)			
Stock 700	Greg Schell	87 mph (2005	
Arctic Cat F7 EXT)			
Stock 600 TIE	Nolan Schmitz	71 mph (2011	
Arctic Cat Cros	ssfire)		
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Yamaha 600 SX	()		
Vintage	Mark Forbes	37 mph (1972	
Arctic Cat Lynx	<u>()</u>		

Dakota Trailblazers

The Dakota Trailblazers Snowmobile Club has been riding the local trail system around Minot and at the Metigoshe trails. The trails are in very good condition. Some trails on the Metigoshe system have not been groomed because of the poor ice conditions.

The Sno-Trail system has new trail maps out and can be picked up at the local dealers and other map ad supporters. Please support the map ad supporters.

The Dakota Trailblazers are at the Metigoshe State Park for a club weekend of riding and meeting and also a supper. They are using the Slemmen Lodge in the State Park.

The Dakota Trailblazers would like to thank the Northern Lights Trailblazers for a great State Ride weekend in Rugby. The trails were well groomed, the supper was very good. Many prizes for the ride were awarded. Also, many door prizes were handed out. It was very much appreciated especially by a certain club member, guess who. Hope to see you on the trails.

Dale Deibert



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Dale Deibert Region 1

Dale Deibert reporting for Region 1 of Snowmobile North Dakota from Surrey.

Well the snow just keeps coming this winter. The bad part of there always seems to be a lot of wind also. We have had a couple of meetings days.

The Gasmann Coulee Cruisers had a Fun Run on January 21st, which ended in Berthold. There were 386 cards sold. The trails were in excellent condition and there were a lot of riders.

The Magic City Driftbusters had a Radar Run on January 22nd at the club house north of Minot. There were many sleds running in different classes.

The Sno-Trails system has been doing a lot of trail grooming and the trails are in very good shape. The Peace Garden system has done some grooming, but are not able to cross the lakes because they do not have the thick ice. The Rolla area trails have been groomed and are in very good condition.

The State Ride was in Rugby on February 4th, ending at the Eagles Club on the west side of town. They had a very good turn out and lots of snowmobile riders.

The Sno-Trails has a new trail map out and can be picked up at the dealers and trail sponsors around the trail system.

See you on the trails, bye for now.

Shawn Cole Region 4

What a year this has been. Some areas have been fortunate enough to be able to groom, other areas were able to just start rolling good. Than, Mother Nature threw us another curve ball with more warm weather and rain, just another season for the record books.

The state ride in Rugby was a real fun time for all who attended. Hats off to the members of the Northern Lights Trailblazers for their time and effort, it was great, even though my trail guide was lost.

As the season winds down I would like to thank all who are out there putting up signs and making sure the trails are ready. We can hope for a better season next year.

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As I write this article in mid-February, more of our region's trails have finally seen some grooming! While we would love to be able to groom all of our trails that is not a reality this year. But with some trails groomed and officially opened it is nice to be able to provide good news to those snowmobilers who are anxious to get some trail riding in this season. Our trail coordinators have had many calls from folks wondering about the trail conditions. I am sure they got tired of explaining why the trails were not groomed or opened and enjoyed finally being able to share some good trail news with the callers.

A big thank you to the Northern Lights Trailblazers for hosting the state ride. The trails were great and the area hospitality was excellent. This was my first state ride and I loved seeing how supportive club members were about attending the ride. It had been a long time since I have ridden a snowmobile 90 miles on the prairie where everything is so wide open! Thanks also to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) for their support and for providing enforcement – was great to spend time with some of my "old" colleagues.

Also would like to thank Jessie Mickelsen the secretary for the Peace Garden Trail Association for giving me an orientation to how the associations work. It was great to meet in person and Jessie did a great job explaining to me how paperwork was handled and bills were processed. She is one organized gal! At the last SND Board of Directors meeting I mentioned that some of the Peace Garden Trails are in need of widening and that I would be interested in coming up with a long term plan to work on this project. More than likely other regions and associations have trail issues that need to be addressed and that cannot be completed with a handful of volunteers. If anyone is interested in looking ahead and working on a plan to improve your trails let me know. If we could get a plan together with some dollar amounts it would help SND and NDPRD plan for the future of the trail system.

On a personal note, this is the first year my husband Jim (trail coordinator) and I have traveled to support other associations/clubs rides and shows. Probably because it is just easier to hit the trails right from our farm in the Turtle Mountains! What a treat it has been to travel around, meet other snowmobilers, ride new trails and of course the food is always good.

P.S. Looking for T-shirts from your association/club events and the state rides. This years, last years, new or used, doesn't matter as long as it is clean. If I get enough (40) I will make a T shirt quilt for the SND silent auction at the December convention. You'll get yours back if you bid high enough! Send me your T's with a note on the cost and I will pay you back. Of course donations accepted! My information is listed below.

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