



# First Tracks

## Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Newsletter

September 2023

**Long Hot Summer...Ready for Snow to Fly!**

### Notes from the President...

Hello fellow Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Members. The countdown has begun to the start of snowmobiling and winter activities. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer with friends and family as summer sure has been sliding by fast!

We have some new faces helping the club this year. I am looking forward to you meeting them at the upcoming meetings for the club. The meetings will be scheduled each month on the first Thursday at various locations with our Aberdeen Driftbuster Association Club Members. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend. I think with some cooperation with some snow to ride in, we should be able to plan some great club events.

I also hope to see you at our fall campout September 15-16 at Wylie Park Campground.

Enjoy your remaining summer.

Jim Friedt



### Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Summer Campout

Open to all current Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Members and their families. As in the past, there will be camping, campfires, turkeys, potlucks, go carts and a whole lot of fellowship!

The fun will begin Friday the 15th with turkeys cooked in fryers, time to be determined. Please bring a dish to pass (this can be as easy as chips, dips, watermelon, desserts, etc.). The club will provide the turkeys, plates, silverware, napkins, soft drinks, and water. This will be followed by a campfire.

Saturday at 5:00 we will have a potluck held in the meeting room at the lodge at the campground. Joey Nagel will be making pulled pork. Please bring a dish to pass. The club will provide the pork, plates, silverware, napkins, soft drinks, and water. From 6:30 to 7:30, the club reserved the go-carts for a private party. Following the go-carts will be another campfire.

# Driftbuster Meeting Dates

Regular Club Meetings held at 7:30pm. Mark these dates on your calendar! Locations of meetings will be announced in the monthly newsletters and on the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club website and Facebook page.

September 7, 2023 – Anchor’s Away	January 4, 2024 – TBD
October 5, 2023 – TBD	February 1, 2024 – TBD
November 2, 2023 – TBD	March 7, 2024 – TBD
December 7, 2023 – TBD	April 4, 2024 - TBD

## (Special Announcement)

Volunteers needed for float assembly for the Gypsy Day Parade on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

More information to follow in next month’s newsletter.

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Hello fellow Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Members!

With the winter season fast approaching us, it's time to start getting those sleds out of storage and get them all polished up and ready to go. I can't help and wonder if we could possibly be blessed with the same or even more snow than last winter, minus the cold, one can only hope for anyways. We were finally able to have radar runs, club rides, and being able to enjoy the sport that we all love.

We just completed our annual campout at Wylie Park and the weather was terrific. Great food was had, some totties were drunk, some go-carts were ridden, and on Saturday night, as we were sitting around the campfire, we got a perfect view of the international space station flying directly over us, which is a cool sight to see. It was great to see familiar and new faces join this year's Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Campout.

Wishing everyone a great fall season, and until next month!

Jim Friedt



### **GYPSY DAY PARADE**

Saturday, Oct. 7 | Starts at 9  
a.m.

Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club has a float entered in the Gypsy Day Parade. We are looking for volunteers to help assemble the float. **If you are able to help with the float or would like to participate contact Jim Friedt 290-7603**

Each year, the Driftbusters has a float in the Gypsy Day Parade, and we need someone who would like to take over the float and walk the parade route to throw candy out. Even if you could walk part of the route, we can plan out a section for everyone. If anyone is interested in getting together a trailer that we can load some sleds. The parade is fast approaching!

## **Driftbuster Club Meeting Notice / October 5<sup>th</sup> – Richmond Oasis** Regular Club Meetings held at 7:30pm. Mark your calendar!

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### **(Special Announcements)**

#### **Aberdeen Driftbuster Treasurer Position Update**

Lisa Friedt has accepted the position of the Aberdeen Driftbuster Treasurer. Let's welcome her to the new position. The help of all our club members makes the club great!

**Ann Nagel has dedicated many years to Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club.**

**Thank you, Ann, for your years of service!**

### **International Snowmobile Day Show and Shine Event – October 28<sup>th</sup>**

Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club will host a Show and Shine event in the parking lot of Ken's Fairway Foods and Ken's Shell Express. This event is free and open to the public. Anyone with an interest or passion for snowmobiling is encouraged to participate in the Show and Shine event. Snowmobiles may be entered the morning of any time before the 11:00 am event start. The Show and Shine event will welcome the community to come see all the snowmobiles, new and old alike! There is no cost to attend. The Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club will be serving free grilled hotdogs, water and hot chocolate from 11:00 to 1:00pm or while supplies last. Bring the family down to this special event and help us celebrate International Snowmobile Day Saturday, October 28th from 11:00am to 2:00pm

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November 2023

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### Notes from the President...

Hello fellow Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Members!

Hoping your fall season is moving along nicely. At our home, the camper has been put away for the season and the snowmobile trailer is sitting in the camper's place waiting for the winter season to start.

The club had a float in the Gypsy Day Parade, and I would like to thank all of those who took the time to help me get the float put together and to those that helped walk the parade route. The weather was perfect, and I even made the whole parade route without needing oxygen or better yet an ambulance.

We will start putting in the trail signage this month and we can look forward to a new section of the trail that will again take us from Westport to Columbia. Thank you, club members, for stepping up to bring this portion of the trail back again.

Until next month...

Jim Friedt



## Trail Addition!!

Diesel Tank installation  
at **Karen's Bar & Grill** in  
Columbia, SD.

Scott Malsom , AJ Jensen and Sunny Pence teamed up to load and move the diesel tank from Kenny Ham's place to Karen's Bar in Columbia. Scott and AJ hauled the tank over to Columbia for installation at Karen's Bar & Grill. Thank you Tyler and Karen Kampa, for allowing the Driftbusters to place the diesel tank at their location so the groomer can make the trip to Columbia!!

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December 2023

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### Notes from the President...

Happy December fellow Snowmobile Club Members!

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. At our house, we had our kids and grandchildren over and then went out to Deadwood for a little bit of R&R that weekend. Needless to say, Deadwood took our money but much fun was had.

A few of us club members spent the weekends putting in signage for our trail system and I for one, look forward to riding from Westport to Columbia again! Thanks to the group of people who stepped up to make this portion of trail available again.

I would also like to ask that you make it a point to come to our monthly meetings, as we will start putting together club rides/club rides in the hills. So come and enjoy a meeting and give us some suggestions on what you may want to see from your membership.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and let it SNOW, SNOW, SNOW.

Until next month,  
Jim Friedt



## Ski-Doo Snow Pass Grant Received!

We received the Ski-Doo Snow Pass Grant which helped the club expand the trail another 12 miles with the addition of the Westport-Columbia trail. It will be great to make that run again and all we need is to have Mother Nature bless us with a good amount of snow fall so we all can enjoy the expanded trail. Thank you, again to Ski-Doo with helping make this happen!

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January 2024

Winter is here, hoping for snow!

### Notes from the President...

Happy January fellow Snowmobile Club Members!

I would like to start this month's newsletter by saying THANK YOU to all of our club members for again making the Driftbusters the largest club in the state of South Dakota. Yet again, while other clubs in the state are seeing declining numbers of members, we continue to see growth and are holding our own.

What a difference a year makes. Last year at this time, we had snow and most likely had our sleds out by now, at least to get things checked out. This December, it seems to appear that we just get to admire the sleds tucked away and dream of better times with family and friends enjoying the sport.

I want to invite all of you to make plans to attend the annual steak feed in January, to visit and reminisce about past, present and future activities.

I want to wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Until next month,  
Jim Friedt



## Steak and Hamburger Social

When: Jan 20<sup>th</sup>

Where: Dan Rorhbach's Shop –  
3606 Rolling Meadows Dr

Time: 6:00pm

Bring a Canned Good for the  
Salvation Army.

Just because Mother Nature hasn't quite blessed us with any snow to ride on doesn't mean that we cannot get together and have some fun! Please mark your calendar to join everyone at Dan Rorhbach's for some food, fun and great conversation. Please bring a dish to pass and a canned good to donate to the Salvation Army.

# Driftbuster Meeting Dates

**Driftbuster Club Meeting Notice / January 4<sup>th</sup> – Karen's Bar and Grill**  
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## New Website Coming Soon!!!

- Casey Weismantel is teaming up with McQuillen Creative Group to develop a new website to replace our outdated platform. This new platform will give us 100% control over content and design. Something we do not have the current platform.
- Stay tuned for more information and a rollout date.

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February 2024

Winter is here, hoping for more snow!

### Notes from the President...

Happy February fellow Snowmobile Club Members!

Wow, I hope you all were able to stay warm and cozy with the cold spell we had in mid-January. I rode in minus 15 degree weather back in the day and have made it a point to not ever to do that again. I guess one would call me old now but I choose to think "wiser" is the better term.

This season has not been in our favor for riding the trails, but I am looking forward to my annual trip to the hills at the end of the month to enjoy some snow cross events and of course maybe hit the trails. The club is making an attempt to groom the trails to establish a "base" for more snow. We need a shot of snow!

Don't forget to check out our new website and tell all your friends about what an improvement it is from the old one.

I always end each month by saying "until next month" but maybe it's time to change things up a little.

So, on that note;

Snow, Snow, Snow!

Jim Friedt

**Aberdeen Driftbusters**

# POKER CHIP RUN

**EVENT:**  
**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3RD**  
**\$1000 PAYOUT**  
**3 PLACE PAYOUT**

**STOPS INCLUDE:**  
THE CROSSING BAR - RICHMOND OASIS - KAREN'S PLACE

**START & END AT THE CROSSING BAR**  
REGISTRATION 11:00  
RIDE ENDS 5:00PM  
Snow or No Snow!  
ALL VEHICLES WELCOME  
**\$20.00 ENTRY FEE**

Just because Mother Nature hasn't quite blessed us with adequate snow yet to ride on doesn't mean that we cannot still have some fun! Please join us for the Poker "Chip" Run February 3<sup>rd</sup>! If we do get lucky and get some snow, we can go by sled. If not, we can go by car/truck.

Please help share the Poker "Chip" Run with other riders!

# Driftbuster Meeting Dates

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## **New Website is Live! [www.AberdeenDriftbusters.com](http://www.AberdeenDriftbusters.com)**

- We would like to welcome you to the **NEW Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club Website!**
- We are proud to offer this new and improved updated website. Thank you to Casey Weismantel and the McQuillen Creative Group for putting this together.
- This new website will allow for better communication to club members.
- Log in via your smart phone or by computer and check it out.

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March 2024

Spring is almost here, there's always next year!

### Notes from the President...

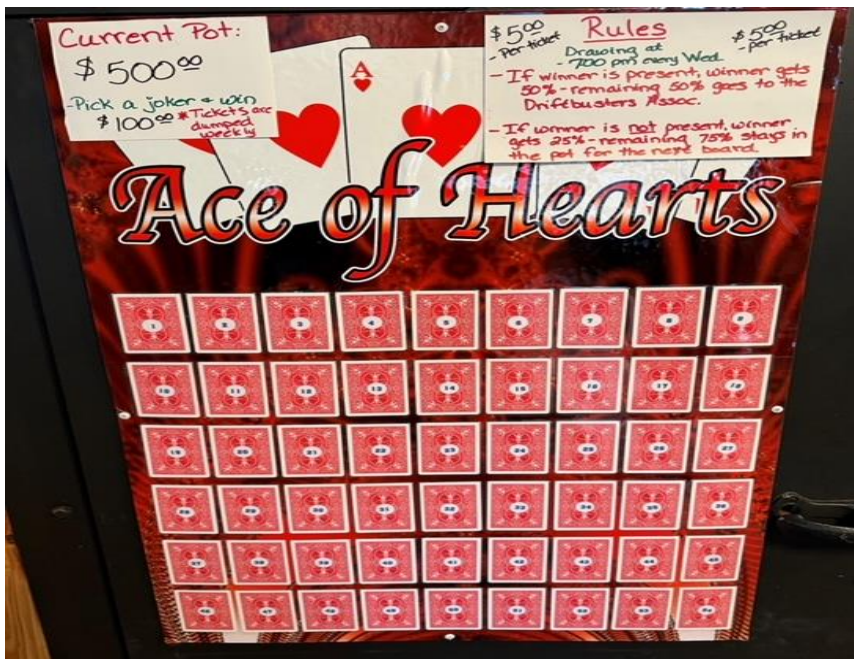
Hello Club Members,

We had a great turnout for the first poker run of the season. Congratulations to the 3 winners in the Poker Chip Draw. Although we didn't get to ride, it left more time for everyone to slow down and take a little time to visit and get to know each other just a little better.

With Spring just around the corner and no snow in my yard, I have actually bought seed packets to start plants for our garden.

In my last letter, I expressed how excited I was for my annual trip to the hills to ride. Unfortunately, that didn't happen due to the poor riding conditions in most of the hills. That marked the fourth time going to the hills since 2000 where the lack of snow changed my plans. It leaves me to wonder if I have jinxed myself by saying in my closing comments SNOW, SNOW, SNOW.

Until Next Month,  
Jim Friedt



Ace of Hearts Drawing at Karen's Bar and Grill

\$5.00 tickets will be sold for a chance at the Ace of Hearts. Drawing held 7pm every Wednesday evening.

All proceeds of the benefit will help the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club.

Tickets are available any day in advance of the drawing.

# Driftbuster Meeting Dates

Driftbuster Club Meeting Notice / March 7th – Pizza Ranch

**Aberdeen Drift Buster Snowmobile Club Steak and Hamburger Feed**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Aberdeen Elks Lodge – Doors open at 5:30**

**Please bring a dish to pass and nonperishable food items to be donated to the Aberdeen Salvation Army.**

Please continue to bring your ideas to the meeting and consider how you can be part of the club. Active and involved club members make the Aberdeen Driftbuster Snowmobile Club stronger!

## Successful Poker Chip Run!

- The Aberdeen Driftbusters held our annual Poker Chip Run on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 and even though we did not have enough snow to ride, we still had a successful turnout!
- Big winners as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Cory Gelling
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Kit Donley
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Cheryl Gelling
- We also gained two new club memberships and possibly two new associate memberships.
- Thanks to all the stops along the Poker Chip Run!

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# Last Tracks

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April 2024

Spring is here, bring on the Snow!

### Notes from the President...

Hello Club Members,

As I sit down to pen my final monthly letter, what do I see out the window but something white on the ground. We finally got some snow with more predicted, a bit late in the season, but hopefully we get enough to go out for a ride or maybe even two.

Our upcoming annual steak feed for club members will be happening in early April, so plan on attending to enjoy some great food and conversation amongst friends. Keep an eye out for further details on our website. In closing, I hope everyone has a great spring and summer and hope to see you all at our annual fall cookout at Wylie Park in September.

Jim Friedt



### Steak and Hamburger Social

When: April 6th

Where: Elks Lodge

Why: Spend time with good friends

Time: 5:00-9:00pm

**Please bring a dish to pass!**

The Elks Bar will be open

Bring a Canned Good for the Salvation Army.

Not a member? Come to the Social, pay your \$50.00 membership fee and hold your membership fees for '24-'25 season.

2024/2025 Aberdeen Drift Buster Snowmobile Club Memberships are now available. Purchase your membership early to ensure your support for the Club!

# Drift Buster Meeting Dates

Drift Buster Club Meeting Notice / April 3rd – Karen’s Bar and Grill  
Regular Club Meetings held at 7:30pm.

Come to the meeting early for the Ace of Hearts drawing!

We will select Aberdeen Drift Buster Snowmobile Club Officers and Board Members at this meeting. Mark your calendar!

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## Ace OF Hearts

**Tonight - 7:00 pm**

**\$5.00 per ticket**

- Wednesday night Ace of Hearts Drawing (7:00pm)
- Ace of Hearts Pot size will grow each week until the Ace of Hearts is drawn.
- Proceeds to benefit the Aberdeen Drift Buster Snowmobile Club
- Meet your friends at Karen’s Bar and Grill!



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