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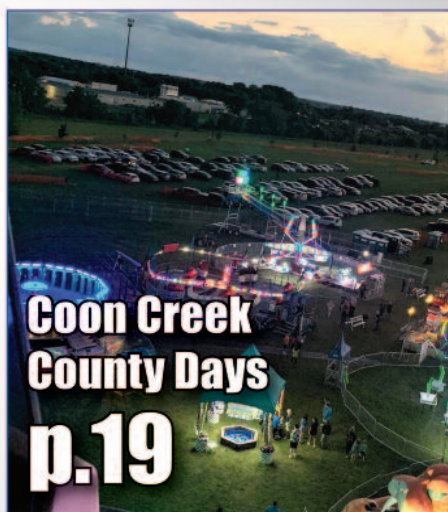
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George Thompson

Hi all!

It's that time of the year for me to write my first entry. I don't know about you all, but for me, this summer has flown by. Last year, I wrote in August for the first entry, it is already the middle of September as I sit down to write. Sorry, Jane, for being a little late on this one.

The IASC has just had its second meeting and things seem to be going along as usual. The IDNR is taking its time on getting our grants issued, something that we should be getting use to by now. It is still tough to deal with when clubs have been patiently waiting for their funds. We can all help the process by contacting our state legislators and asking them to look into on our behalf.

Another topic I would like to address is the state convention. We are celebrating our 50th year and I would like to see as many of you make it as possible. It is a one day event this year. We did this to streamline it some so more people can come. It's a lot of fun and you might learn something you didn't know about. I also think you will totally enjoy the entertainment at the dinner banquet. I am told it will be better than last year, and I thought last year's was GREAT! We also will be hosting the International Snowmobile Congress next June. It will be in Moline, Illinois next year. Jane, Suzy and Don have been working really hard on this to make it better than ever. I will give you more updates on that in the future.

In closing, I would like to encourage the clubs and members to start prepping for the season. First, start talking to your landowners to make sure that you still have their permission and the route you are marking is still good with them. This early season contact continues to build a good working relationship with them, also giving you more time to find an alternate route if you have to. Also, do an inventory on your supplies to make sure you will have enough. With the supply chain issues we are experiencing, we don't know how long it will take to get some needed items.

Please start to do your snow dances early this year! Maybe it will bring us more snow than last year!

Yours truly,
George

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Jane Austin

I don't know where the time has gone, but it sure disappeared. We have been extremely busy here.

ISC 2023 is taking up a lot of time with plans and meetings. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining. There are a lot of aspects of ISC that the average attendee has no knowledge about. All aspects are equally important and each one must have the proper consideration and follow through as the next.

Illinois will be hosting ISC 2023 at the Wyndham Hotel in Moline, Illinois. ISC 2023 recently hosted the ISC Planning Committee in Moline. There were people from the US and Canada attending. On the first night, the group was in Moline and we went out for dinner. Ed Klem from the Manufacturers Association was in attendance, a birthday cake was brought in, we sang Happy Birthday and ate cake. There were a few people that had very blue lips. All in all everyone had a good time.

The next day was full day. First there was a tour of the host hotel, the Wyndham, formerly the Radison. Next came the tour of the TaxSlayer, now the Vibrant Arena, where the meetings, meals, silent auction and groomer display will be held. After a short walk in 100-degree weather to the overflow hotel, the Element, we toured the hotel. Then back to the Wyndham for lunch where the planning committee meeting was held. Later that evening, Dan and Barb Long hosted dinner. Great food and a relaxing time were had by all. Thank you, Dan and Barb! The next day, everyone parted ways and went home. Thanks to all who attended.

This year, Iowa hosted ISC 2022 and did a nice job. There were over 300 people in attendance. The off-site was the "Field of Dreams" and everyone had a great time. Thank you, Iowa, for hosting ISC 2022.

Can you believe it, the IASC will celebrate its 50th anniversary this year at Convention. We are hoping to see past presidents, region directors and trail advisors. How about bringing new club or old members to the celebration.

There will be a seminar on grant, from start to finish and the correct process completing IASC forms, insurance incorporation and taxes in the morning. Lunch following and the annual meeting, a cash bar, the awards banquet, entertainment and the scholarship auction.

Back by popular will be the Dueling Pianos. It will not be the same guys, but the top requested ones in the group. The house rocked last year. Let's see if we can blow the roof off this year.

Come out and help us celebrate 50 years of organized snowmobiling. A lot more to come and do in the future. Think snow!



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2022 Minnesota Travel Trip

By Pat Pendergast

OK, I'll admit it. Covid kept me pretty close to home in '21, but I decided I was going somewhere in the '21/'22 sledding season. After some last minute decision making and work-related rearranging, I found a willing participant to head to my favorite riding area, northeast Minnesota. My long time partner in crime, Bob Hennenfent, was



Smooth trails just outside of Duluth

recovering from shoulder surgery, so his season was pretty much a wash this year. He farms full time with his brother, so the winter timing of his surgery was a must for him; snowmobile trips don't generate much in the way of income, so I understood! My wife Deb was in the middle of an unplanned change in jobs, so she wasn't comfortable slipping away for a week, either. Working for a living certainly has a way of interfering with fun. The newest member to the Excellent Adventure team, Josh Curry, said he was definitely up for a Minnesota trip, so we were all set. Another work-related issue kept me from getting out of town until Tuesday (this work stuff has got to change) versus our normal Sunday departure. What the heck, we were headed to Minnesota, so all was good with the world in our eyes. We pulled into Moose Lake early afternoon, unloaded our gear and headed out for a short ride to "get our bearings" and see what the conditions were like. There is a grade less than a mile from the hotel with easy access, so we were on the trail in short order. Trails were in good shape, temps were nice and we had our usual (my usual, I should say) "how the heck do we get back to the hotel?" moment. We floundered around, fixed a burned out tail light and cleared out a huge mouse nest from Josh's TZI, and made it back to the hotel before dark after a 20+ mile jaunt. We grabbed a bite to eat and turned in early after the day's driving.

The hotel's free breakfast and pool/hot tub were both out of service. Probably a good thing Bob wasn't on this trip. He would have fired me on the spot for picking a launch point with neither amenity available! Josh and I both had some cereal bars with us, so we were good to go and on the trail by 6:30, just before sunrise. It was partly cloudy with temps in the low

20's as we began our journey. We got on the Munger State Trail, Corridor 47, and headed northeast towards Duluth. After a few navigational issues on the outskirts of Duluth, (I know, shocker, right?!), we got squared away and hopped on Reservoir Lakes Trail, Corridor 51. After a nice stretch of smooth as glass trails, we stopped at Stokke's Meat Market in Hermantown where we topped off our tanks, replaced a burned out fuse on Josh's sled and also bought a few snacks while there. It had become very windy and the temps were dropping, so it was nice to get inside for a quick warm-up. Plus, the assortment of meat sticks that they make on-site was amazing! We then caught the North Shore State Trail, Corridor 60 and continued northeast. That trail was in excellent shape with very little sled traffic, so we just cruised along non-stop at 35-40 mph for a good portion of the day. We filled the sleds up at Crooked Lake Resort in Finland (they have a 24-hr. pump) and had a hot chocolate at the Trestle Inn next door. Tofte wasn't too far away and we were in the later afternoon portion of the day, so we headed towards the AmericInn right on Lake Superior. Luckily the trail took us through temperance River State Park. What a beautiful area to stumble upon. The trail crossed a bridge over what I am assuming is a fairly active river. A lot of it was frozen, but there were walkways you could traverse where open areas in the river made for some eerie falls/whirlpool areas. Those, along with the bluff-type rock formations with ice and water coming out of them made it a very worthwhile stop. We made it to the hotel just before dark and luckily the pool and hot tub were open! No restaurants were close but the hotel offered a pretty darn good frozen pizza that certainly hit the spot. Unfortunately, the dining area was being remodeled, so another morning with no free breakfast. Contrary to popular belief, I survived, and it probably didn't hurt me to miss out on my Belgian waffles smothered in syrup. Our first day's riding gained us 190 miles of beautiful riding.

Thursday morning single digit temps and clear skies greeted us as we hit the trails by 7 am. We rode some of Tofte and Lutsen's local club trails, which were in great shape, before backtracking south on the North Shore so we could catch the Tomahawk Trail and head towards Ely. The Tomahawk was in awesome shape and very twisty, so it was a fun ride all the way to Ely. Cruising along in that 35-40 mph range sure allowed the sleds to do well on fuel and still let us enjoy the sights along the way. We stopped at a bridge crossing for a short break and saw a wolf in the distance crossing the frozen river. Once we arrived in Ely we filled up the sleds and caught the Taconite

Trail, Corridor 88. I know I have said it before, but that is one great trail with its ups and downs, curves and twists that just make for a very fun ride. We stopped at the Cenex in Tower for a hot chocolate and warm-up break. Temps hadn't risen too much and it was becoming very windy, so the hot chocolate hit the spot. That convenient store had quite the collection of old outboard motors to check out, and tanks full of bait fish, so it was an interesting stop. Just as we were leaving Tower, it began to snow lightly but quickly turned into some of the heaviest snow I have ridden in for some time. The Taconite was in great shape and, with the fresh snow, it was a blast to ride. Plus, sled traffic was minimal, so that made it even better. We stopped in a heavily wooded area for a break from the wind and to figure out our next move. When we saw the sign that said Grand Rapids 80 miles, we thought we might as well go for it. What's another 80 miles, right? I guess I should have looked at our odometer

as we already had 180 miles under our belts at that point. Yowza! Josh and I were riding very steadily making very few stops, so the miles added up fast, especially with optimum trail conditions. We made a short detour for our final fuel stop of the day at the Side Lake Store. Back on the Taconite where the blizzard-like snow turned into some light freezing rain, though it ended up being short-

lived. We made it to Grand Rapids after 7:30, filled up the sleds at the Holiday Station and got a room at the Country Inn and Suites. I think they stole the sign because that place didn't really live up to the brand name! We ended up riding 260 miles that day and were certainly ready for the pool and hot tub. Oh, guess what, the pool and hot tub were closed there, too! We had to have someone come get the TV going, then the water was shut off to repair a leak, so things were a little wacky for a bit. But we had many miles of great trails, so we were happy. On the up side, the hotel offered a really good complimentary breakfast, so they redeemed themselves.

Friday morning was partly cloudy, single digit temps and the wind was back. We took the Driftskipper Trail, Corridor 41, heading south with the Grand Casino at Mille Lacs/Onamia as our shorter mileage destination for the day. We experienced really fun trails the first part of the day, but farther south, we encountered more roadside riding and the trail marking left something to be desired. Arriving at the casino by early afternoon after some floundering around in ditches, woods and parking lots. The temps were dropping too and the next morning promised

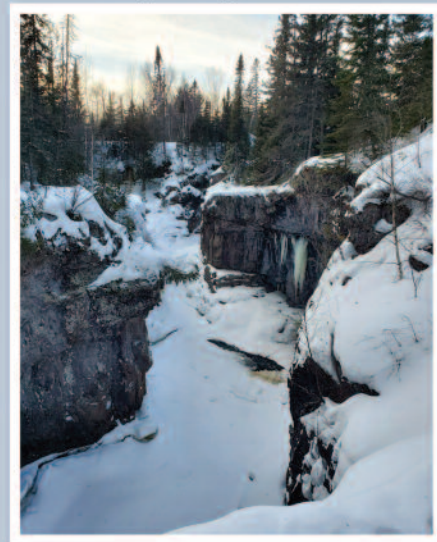
to be a chilly start. The Grand Casino lived up to its name, the rooms were big, they had a great pool and hot tub, plus a couple of dining choices all under one roof. It was a cold and very windy day, so after 130 miles, we were glad to be inside.

Saturday would be our last day of riding and we weren't too far from Moose Lake, so Josh and I were looking at riding the local club trails in the area to finish out the trip. The skies were clear and the temp was -16 degrees. We left before 8 am, taking it slow allowing everything to warm up as much as possible. The terrain in the central part of the state is much flatter and open, but the clubs still have a nice assortment of trails to ride. Trails varied from woods to frozen wetlands. They weren't in terrible shape but definitely could have used some snow.

Riding on a Saturday made the traffic much more than we had experienced all week but it was nice to see larger groups and families out enjoying the chilly but sunny day. We also had to stop and decide what critter we were looking at perched at the top of a tall spindly tree. It ended up being a porcupine! I had no idea porcupines could climb trees but they obviously can. This guy was just sitting up there chewing on a stick. Grade riding on the Soo Line Trail got us back to Moose Lake before 4 pm. We relied on the Polaris Ride Command app more than I planned on doing, especially after I lost my NE Quadrant map, but we got along fairly well. The state corridor trails are marked very well but some of the local trails and town access route-marking leave something to be desired for us out-of-towners. We ended up with 750 miles for the four days of riding and almost all of it could be classified as hard to beat as far as trail riding goes. The sleds did great with no breakdowns other than a few very minor issues. Hard to believe for me, right? We fared better than a group we ran into at our hotel upon our return. When they got back, they discovered that their 4 place enclosed trailer had been stolen. They apparently had it all locked except for the hitch in their receiver, it still had only the pin and clip holding it in place. That's why I don't have the really nice stuff, no one would consider stealing my old trailer! We celebrated the trip with an awesome dinner at the Route 61 Lounge and Bowling. Sounds like a corny place but we had a very good meal there, amazing service for as many people as they were serving. We missed having our regular travel group along for the ride, but we still had a lot of fun. Many miles of beautiful scenery, smooth trails and interesting people, a great trip from start to finish.



Iced up Polaris after a full day of awesome riding



Temperance River State Park

Planning an International

By Suzy Giese

In past issues, I have written articles about how many of the IASC members attended a 4 day event called the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC). It is usually held first or week of June and goes from Wednesday – Saturday. The attendee for this event is members of the various snow states of the USA and members of the American Council of Snowmobile Clubs (ACSA) and the Territories and Provinces of Canada (Canadian Clubs of Snowmobile Organization – CCSO) and in the past there have been members of Sweden organizations, Russian organizations, and others.

This year was no different except for one thing, the IASC is going to be hosting this event in June of 2023. I thought that I would write some continuous articles about how this major undertaking is planned and hopefully get you to consider attending the ISC 2023 Congress.



Jane Austin, Allison Hudson (rep for TaxSlayer), Beth Esomil (rep for Wyndham Hotel), Dan Long, Cornbelt Driftbusters (Region 4), plus a couple others touring the TaxSlayer facility for ISC 2023 Congress.

Each year, a different state hosts the event and it was (back then) split between the three chapters (East, Midwest and West) with every area taking turns. Sometimes it was in the US and other times in Canada. It has been a great way to meet others from various areas, network with them, hear their problems that they are having and making some great friendships. Lately, there has been trouble finding states willing to step up and take their turn as hosts.

In June 2021, at the ISC in Omaha, NE, the members of the IASC were approached and asked if we would be willing to host Congress in 2023. Since the IASC hosted this event back in 2001 we had the background and knowledge of what it takes to host the event. Jane Austin and Sue Giese stated that they would be willing to get the ball rolling as long as they had the backing of the IASC and people to help be on the Steering Committee. All the members that attended that Congress said that they would help. So starting that night, because the bid application needed to be at the ACSA office by August 1st, Jane and Sue were on the computers looking into places big enough and reasonably priced enough to make this work.

After narrowing down the choices to 6 places, within a week of the end of the 2021 Congress, Jane and Sue went out and personally checked out all the places that they thought would work.

One of the places was the Wyndham in Itasca. This was the place where the IASC hosted the Congress in 2001. They not only remembered the event in 2001, the two people we were working with remembered the event, all the fun and crazy people and had the records of the gathering and saw how much money the Hotel made with the ISC. Our only concern was the cost of the package to attend was going to be high and many complain already that we are starting to get too high. But, we kept it on the back of our minds if we couldn't find anything else. We checked a couple other places in the Rockford area, but none of them could hold 300 plus members for meals and seminars. We knew that 2022 was going to be in Dubuque, Iowa. After talking to several friends from Iowa and IASC members of Region 4, Moline's TaxSlayer Center was one of the 6 places we researched. A quick day of going to Moline, and checking out a couple places, we decided to move forward with the Moline area.

We met with the Event coordinator (not sure what her actual position is called) and she was the most positive person and she not only has been in on the whole planning with us, but she stated that Moline is trying to get events like this in their town. She works closely with the TaxSlayer Center's event coordinator and between the two of them and the two of us, we put together a

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plan, crunched numbers and put in a bid for the ISC 2023 hosted by the IASC.

Now, on the ISC side, there is a Planning Committee. This group represents all the various committees that meet during the Congress. ACSA group, CCSO group, Media, Tourism, Administrators (DNRs) from all the states and CCSO providences and territories, Past ISC hosts, Iron Dogs. After a bid has been submitted, these people read through the bids and take a vote on what bid they are going to approve. Granted, they only had the IASC bid, but we still had to jump through the hoops and questions to meet their approval and move on.

Knowing that Jane and Sue couldn't do this alone, they contacted the IASC members that have attended at least one (if not more) Congresses so that they could have people that know what the event is all about and willing to help put everything together. Calling it the Steering Committee, the members and Jane and Sue, broke down the various needs, attending monthly meetings, heading up various positions needed to meet the needs. Breaking down the various jobs of Sponsorships, Groomers and Display, Motorcycle/Car ride, Guest Speakers, Trade Show displays, Registrations, Silent Auction, Meals, Offsite and Transportation, Hospitality events. The heads of these jobs will then contact and set up volunteers to help with them to run this event as smooth as possible.

Right now, we have all jobs covered by experienced people and they will be reaching out to IASC club members for help. If you haven't been contacted, feel free to contact the IASC office or Sue Giese and they will be happy to answer any questions and take your name.

As I said in the beginning, I will be continuing to write about the many facets of this event, and I hope that you as a snowmobiler and/or a club member will be moved to early volunteer some time or donate to this event. The more donations, the better the event and the profit from this event goes back to the IASC General Fund. Wonder how much profit there could be? Iowa hosted the 2022 event, had a great place, offsite was the Field of Dreams with fireworks and lots of great guest speakers and food. They did an amazing record making profit of \$80,000 plus

for their state Association. Need I say more. We made \$22,000 plus back in 2001. Do I need to say it, we would love to see a great turnout of members attending and of monetary support. If you have a business that you would like to help sponsor or know of a company that you would be willing to contact and ask for support or sponsorship, you will find the forms and more information of costs on the IASC Facebook page or the ISC 2023 Facebook page.

I know clubs are starting to gear up so I hope you all have a great season. Be safe and think snow.

More to come,
Suzy Giese



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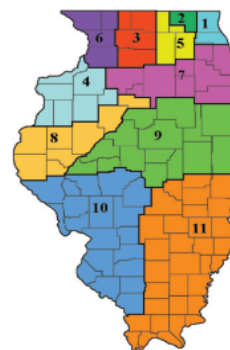
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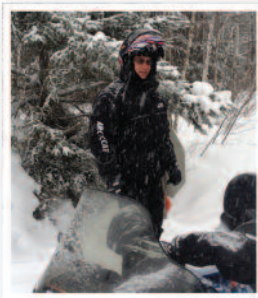
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+ Safety & Education +



Pat Pendergast

Greetings all. I hope everyone has had a good summer and is ready to make the transition into snowmobiling pre-season. What snowmobiler isn't ready to make the shift to pre-season, right?!

individual! So if you know someone who is just entering the sport, make sure they are aware of these requirements. Neighboring states do honor Illinois' safety certifications. If you have taken the class in Illinois, you are good to go in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, etc. (Wisconsin's pre-'85 deal is still a requirement, regardless of what state you are from.)

Another thing to think about is the age of the majority of those involved in snowmobile accidents and the causes. The majority of the adults who are involved in reported accidents had one or more of these contributing factors: alcohol in their system, driving too fast for conditions (especially at night), failure to negotiate a curve, etc. Please make sure you have your certification card readily available if stopped; not carrying that pink card is a ticketable offense. Otherwise you may have to leave your sled where you were stopped until you can provide proof of being certified along with paying a fine.

Please get your kid and/or yourself signed up for an instructor taught class. If you're signing up your kid, please consider taking the class

with him or her. I can just about guarantee you will learn something new, plus it will give you something to talk about on the drive home. Until next time, think snow. While you're at it, be thinking about snowmobile safety. It pays to always be thinking about safer ways to snowmobile these days. Our safe return to the truck, cabin, lodging, and most importantly, our families, depends on it.

It looks as though in person snowmobile safety classes will again be the thing this season, so start making plans for that if you are an instructor or have someone eligible to take the class. Get those classroom spaces reserved, notify all parties involved of dates and times and get your materials ordered. While the online classes did serve a definite purpose during Covid, let's get out there and show families that in-person classes are the best way to go. Please keep in mind that these classes are not only for kids, especially since Wisconsin requires anyone born after 1985 to be in possession of a snowmobile safety certification. That is a 37-38 year old

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QUESTION

When performing pre-season maintenance on your snowmobile, which of the following is the best source of information?

- a) The study material received with the safety course
- b) The owner's manual
- c) The person who sold you the snowmobile
- d) Your family's auto mechanic

Answer: b) The owner's manual



Safety Class Schedule



Class Date	Location	Address	Time	Registration
10/1/22	Countryside Fire Station	801 S. Midlothian Road., Mundelein	7:00am-4:00pm	Tony Rodkey 847-918-6145
11/12/22	Hampshire Township Building	170 Mill Ave., Hampshire	7:30am-5:00pm	Genice Brettschneider 847-987-3986
12/10/22	Watage Fire Station	316 W. Willard St., Wataga	8:00am-4:30pm	309-368-0620 or 309-335-4095
12/18/22	Lena Community Center	497 Lions Dr., Lena	8:00am-4:30pm	815-275-2528



Pre-registration is required. Call the number listed by the date and location of the class you wish to attend. Please note that most class sizes are limited. Instructors are volunteers and are not paid. Please remember to cancel your reservation if you find you cannot attend the class so that your spot can be filled by another student. For additional classes scheduled after the magazine deadline, please visit the IASC website or call the IDNR office at 800-832-2599 or 216-557-9206, the IASC office at 815-795-2021, Pat Pendergast at 309-344-2554. If you have lost your Snowmobile Safety Certificate verifying that you have passed the required safety class, visit the IDNR website at www.dnr.state.il.us/safety/safety.htm.

Ken's Tales

From the Earlier Years



Once again a new season is about to begin. Back in the earlier days of shall we say the roaring twenties most of the magazines were loaded with articles with advice, tuning and tech tips to make our sledding experiences safe, enjoyable and trouble free. Over the years we tend to forget about some of the great advice and tips that those articles provided. At the time in Illinois we had our own mechanic and technician, Nick Organ who worked for the B & M Arctic Cat dealership in Mendota, IL who wrote some articles for the magazine. He authored one such article titled "Proper Pre-Ride Warm Up's". The article talked about riding when conditions are at their worst. You know, like when the winter is mild and ordinary all season until you go North on the pre-planned club trip and your suddenly faced with 16 inches of snow, blowing blizzards and frigid temperatures. Nick's tip was in regard to properly and improperly using your machine in these adverse conditions. One of the most common failures from improper equipment warm up is "Cold Seizure of Your Engine." When this happens your sled will come to a slow stop and after a bit when it cools down will often start up again but unfortunately, the real damage has already been done as your cylinder wall and piston will already have scuffs and damage to them. This happens when the piston expands but the cylinder does not due to cold coolant temperature and the two come in contact with each other. This is exactly what happened to me riding out of Lake Gogebic last winter when it was 23 below zero. Nick



stressed in his article that most two stroke sleds take anywhere from 10 to 20 minutes to reach a safe operating temperature. Perhaps some of you have experienced the feeling when your sled starts slowing down and finally comes to an unwanted stop in the middle of the trail. If it will restart you might be able to drive it back to your base or vehicle otherwise you will usually need a tow. When you do get it back and into the shop you will likely find the exhaust side of your piston rounded off or maybe even burnt away or you might even have a hole burnt through the top of the piston. This can be very expensive to fix because you will likely have to replace the piston, gaskets and have the cylinder replated. According to Nick if you have a water temperature gauge safe operating temp is usually 150-170 degrees and if you have an exhaust temperature gauge ideally you should be somewhere between 1000 and 1250 degrees. Anything over 1300 is going to be very, very bad.



Another article back then from a sled expert and associate editor of American Snowmobiler was titled "Don't Drop the Ball". It was about pulling a trailer that is not properly leveled. Doing so can create an uneven weight distribution of the trailers load and if it's too heavy in the back can cause sway and make steering and braking more difficult. According to Ross Halvorson a quick guide is to park both the truck and trailer on level ground, use the tongue jack to level the trailer, then measure from the ground to the bottom of the trailer tongue (A). Then measure from the ground to the top of the draw bar (B). Subtract A from B and this will be the amount of your drop or rise. Another good tip yeah!

I also came across this cool ad that was in the same magazine as Nick's article. Most of the younger and new riders were never aware of this but sixteen years ago the IASC was busy selling tickets to the one and only Super Fundraiser ever held. The prize was a 2007 1200 cc Harley Roadster to be raffled off in May of 2007 along with four other great prizes. Although it was moderately successful (we were able to pay for all the prizes and make a few bucks) it never reached its full potential as there was considerable reluctance in the IASC to change from the old on- going snowmobile raffle we had every year which took place at the annual convention. Maybe someday someone will resurrect the idea again possibly with a raffle of a big ticket item like Ranger or Polaris General. Re/ this season "THINK SNOW!"



I became involved with snowmobiling way back in the early 70's when it was still in its infancy and rapidly growing. Having joined a club my very first year brought with it all the organizational activities taking place in Illinois as well as the entire Midwest. Various papers and publications about snowmobiling were starting up all over and, partly because of my hoarding ways and later by purpose, I have virtually compiled a documented history of snowmobiling from its earliest years to the present. It's easy to spend hours reading about these past days and how snowmobiling evolved to the sport we enjoy today. I hope you will enjoy my tales of earlier days as much as I do.

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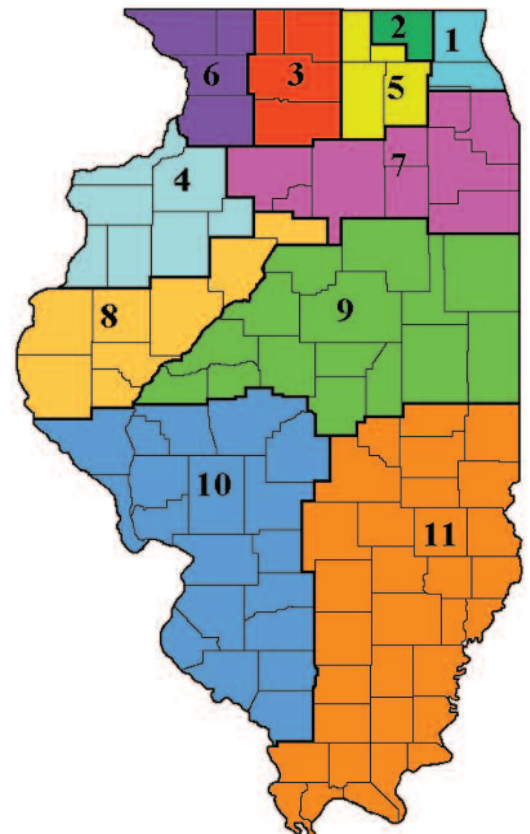
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Coon Creek Country Days

By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

A couple weeks later than normal, but it's August in the Village of Hampshire, Illinois, and you know what that means; the 39th Coon Creek Country Days. Four fun-filled days for everyone, Thursday 6-10:30, Friday 6-Midnight, Saturday 1-Midnight, Sunday 1-5. Something for everyone to come see and enjoy, and it was so easy to find this year. All you had to do was look up in the sky for the gigantic American flag being flown by KB Crane of Hampshire. Thanks Keith and Brandy.

Man, where do I start? A carnival, unlimited daily ride specials (awesome deal for parents), 9 great bands in 4 days, food vendors, craft vendors, petting zoo, raffles, pull tabs, pony rides, bingo, touch a truck, 2K walk, 10K run, Saturday night's famous fireworks extravaganza by the Mad Bomber, Sunday 3000+ ears of sweet corn prepared by a real steam powered tractor, and Sunday's grand parade. It's the absolute best in summertime small town festival fun. It's a huge happening in this community, almost everyone who lives in this area goes to the event, and if you start asking around almost everyone in this area has worked or helped in some way for this festival over the years.



Hillbilly Rockstarz rocking out Saturday night at Coon Creek.

Not only do you get to enjoy Mexican, southern barbecue, American, the Extremely Healthy Classic Carnival food, all while washing it down with a favorite beverage and listening to some awesome bands. The Bands played music from the 60's to 2020's and Saturday night's band, Modern Day Romeos, played all that music. Some bands just play a certain era, but they covered it all, and were amazing. Hanging out in the beer tent with my friends that night listening to the band sure was a great time.



Club members waiting for the parade to start left to right: Ed, Dwain, Haley, Mack, Jenny, Gerhardt & Austin.

The Coon Creek Country Days Committee is a 501 (c) nonprofit organization, so not only will you have fun at the festival, but your money will be going to support local community service groups in the area. Just keep that in mind when the kids come over to you looking for more money.

Hampshire White Rider Snowmobile Club Members helped with garbage pickup over the weekend at the festival, and again had an entry in the parade. But this year we had something way different; we got to show off the club's new groomer. We gave out 4,000 suckers to the kids and received a lot of great comments on the new rig. Half the people or more knew what it was while the rest (non-snowmobilers) looked at it rather puzzled. LOL one guy told me "I don't know what the heck that thing is, but it's cool looking." I guess it's now time for us to educate and inform the residents a little more. Hopefully when they see it out on the trails, they'll figure it out pretty quick.

A very big thank you to Jerry and Sue Hresil for donating all the graphics and lettering for the new groomer. Another big thank you to everyone who helped with garbage patrol and the float, Dan Eiklor, Scott Haseman, Becky Haseman, Chris Moore, Ed Hagendorn, Jenny Jeschke, Haley Hagendorn, Gerhardt Hagendorn, and myself.



There's a lot more pics on the Coon Creek County Days Facebook page. Go check it out and you'll see all the fun that happens at "Coon Creek" as the locals say.



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