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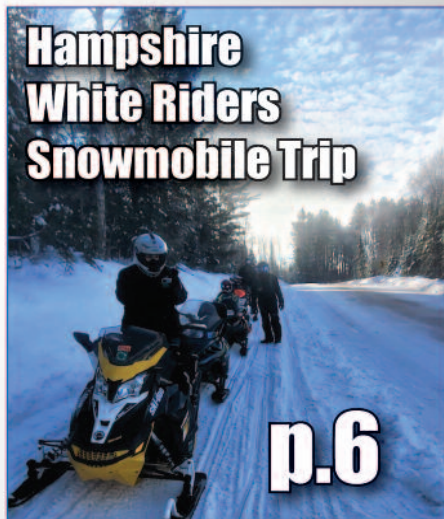
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George Thompson

Hi all,

As I sit down to write my message, I will have to admit that I'm a little frustrated and a little depressed. Why? WHERE IS THE SNOW? It is January and all we been getting is rain and 50 degree temps here in Illinois. Most of us have been ready to go since the holidays. Trails

marked and groomers ready to go! Sleds ready to go! What else do we need? So you all don't be like me, stay positive and do your snow dances and maybe the weather will change!

On the business side of things the grant money has been trickling in. We are at the DNR's discretion, and we have to keep working at it and keep hoping they don't put us on the take care of later list. I guess we all have those lists. I was just informed that the new grant cycles were just opened up. A little later than what we were told but opened up just the same. As you know, that is government. I know our volunteer members will now be hard at work writing and applying for these grants now that the cycle is open. I am so proud of these dedicated hard working volunteers! Without them the IASC would cease to exist, along with snowmobiling in Illinois! Hmmmm... I don't think any of us would like that!

In closing, I would like to give a special thanks to Jane, our office administrator, for all she has done. She is always there to pick up the pieces when we need something taken care of. I don't know where this association would be without her. In my opinion she is the glue that keeps things together, something that this president needs! Again thank you, Jane!

Regards,  
George

P.S. Don't forget to get your registration in for Congress in June! Snow dances PLEASE!

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# Hampshire White Riders Club Snowmobile Trip

By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

The Hampshire White Riders Club trip this year was January 13-16, always MLK Weekend so the kids don't have to miss school. For so many years now, we've stayed at the Great Northern Motel in beautiful Mercer, Wisconsin. This location is perfect for a club gathering. The motel has eighty rooms, decent parking for vehicles with trailers, a bar/restaurant and the Great Room which is awesome for members to hang out together in when not riding. It's like a giant family room. Plus, the motel is located right on the trail with a gas station just two doors down.

The Mercer area of Iron County consists of 74,500 + acres of public land, 214 lakes, the magnificent 14,300 acres of Turtle Flambeau Flowage, and 200+ miles of snowmobile trails wandering through it, all beautifully maintained by The Sno-Goers Snowmobile Club. Iron County all together has 500+ miles of snowmobile trails. That's a lot of riding.

The club reserved 10 rooms this year for the holiday weekend. Some members arrived early in the week, with all members on site by Friday night. There are groups who will be happy to do some sightseeing and put on 80 miles for the day, others that will ride 125 to 150 miles in a day, and the diehard riders who won't be happy until they've exceeded 200+ miles for the day. The adventure is best if you find a group that's right for your style of riding.



*Some of us studying the maps and others studying the GPS.  
Either way, where are we?*

Mercer and Iron County offer many nice riding opportunities. The main corridor trail 17 (The Grade as it's known) is located right outside the back door of the Great Northern Motel. The old railroad line is a major north south route used in the county. If you ride north, you'll ride through Pine Lake and to areas like Hurley, Montreal, Pence, Upson, and Saxon Harbor right on the shore of Lake Superior.



*Left to right: Renee, Burt, Heather, Garrett, Pete and  
Ethan enjoying our lunch stop.*

The views from the harbor looking out over Lake Superior are very majestic for sure.

Northeast of Mercer is "Da U.P." of Michigan with Ironwood, Wakefield, Lake Gogebic, Marenisco, and Watersmeet. The lake effect snow always makes riding here very nice, and with elevations of up to 1,800 feet, it's a very cool area to ride in with scenic view around every corner.

Ride the grade south and you'll find Manitowish, Boulder, Springstead, and Lac Du Flambeau. To the west is the massive 14,000+ acres of The Turtle Flambeau Flowage. There are all kinds of wonderful areas to ride, and with the location so close to the Lake Superior snow machine, Mercer is blessed with an annual snowfall of 130 inches of snow and Hurley just to the north receives 160 inches every season. Very cool.

Twenty-five club members gather Saturday evening in the Great Room after a day of riding. Everyone brought snacks to share, the club bought pizzas and there were conversations, stories, and, of course enhanced stories. The truth can be stretched rather far sometimes when it comes to snowmobile stories. NFL playoff football was on the big TV. The same scene repeated itself on Sunday before we all headed home on Monday.

I spent the weekend riding with my friends. I had a wonderful time, my weekend was filled with fun, and all of it was made possible by being a member of a snowmobile club. You can't beat that. Make sure to check out Mercer and Iron County this upcoming season. With many wonderfully-groomed miles of trails over all kinds of beautiful terrain and majestic scenery, it's a great area to ride and you'll be happy you did.

# OFFICE NOTES



Jane Austin

As I look out the window, all I see is dead grass. Well, what a bummer this season has been so far, NO SNOW! Or the little teaser we get every once and a while. My granddaughter and her family recently moved to New Mexico and guess what; they had snow! The pictures showed it was almost knee high. Who would have thought...

The scholarship deadline is April 1st. The topic for 2023 is "Please tell me your ideas on how, as an association/region or club we can educate other snowmobilers about trespassing issues, loud pipes and respect for the trail system, our landowners, and other snowmobilers." See the IASC website [www.ilsnowmobile.com](http://www.ilsnowmobile.com) for information or contact the IASC office [iasc@mtco.com](mailto:iasc@mtco.com).

The IASC annual fundraiser drawing will be March 14, 2023 after the monthly IASC meeting. Contact your local club for tickets.

The IASC is hosting ISC 2023 June 7-10, 2023 at the Wyndham Moline on John Deere Commons, Moline IL. Checkout the article in this issue. Make plans to come.

The IASC Convention 2022, turned out well and we are in the process of making plans for the 2023 Convention. We will let you know when and it will be.

I know the IASC awards aren't due until October 1st, 2023, but if you know who you want to nominate, do it now so you don't forget. Check the IASC website for all of the award forms.

Until next time, think snow and ride responsibility.



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### February 18th:

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Vintage Show  
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Roger at 715-495-8836 or  
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## JUNE

### June 7th-10th:

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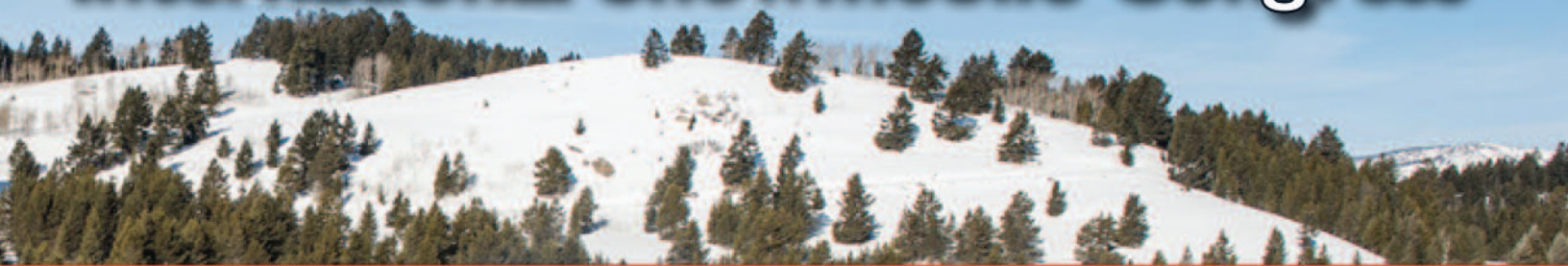
**What is the Agenda?** Meetings of the different organizations list above as well as the ACSA Trail, Mountain and Northeast Chapters are held during the day on Thursday, Friday and Saturday with most open to the Public. There will be a

speaker at each of the daily luncheons as follow: Thursday - Sean Considine, an Illinois snowmobiler and landowner, Super Bowl Champ; Friday - Ed Klim, President of International Snowmobile Manufacture Association and Saturday - Mike Caplan, Meteorologist, Fox Chicago. On Friday, there will be a variety of seminars/workshops discussing avalanche training (not a class), media presentation, groomer round table with representatives from the groomer industries; grant application process, Volunteer Recruitment, Development and Retention presentation and Cross County Trips/Planning for Clubs presentation to name a few. The social Events are many! There will be a Motorcycle/Car Ride on Tuesday. On Wednesday afternoon, The Friends of Snowmobiling Political Action Committee (FOSPAC) will host a fundraiser; then there will be the IASC welcome reception that evening. Thursday night will be a Riverboat Dinner Cruise on the Mississippi River. Friday there is a groomer reception and the 2024 ISC host reception. In addition, Friday afternoon, there will be a taste testing and fun activity of some type. Saturday night is the big Awards Banquet and then the Thirsty Dog reception. A groomer display and trade show Thur - Sat. Your full registration fee includes the IASC reception through the reception.

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS SUCCESSFUL FOR THE IASC**

**Sponsorships:** Available from \$100 to \$10,000. Information on the ISC website and soon on the IASC web site. Attached is a sponsor form to forward to any interested businesses or we will welcome your clubs or region participation. Contact Don Schaefer at 847-917-4202 or [dschaefer@msn.com](mailto:dschaefer@msn.com) if any questions.

# International Snowmobile Congress



**Volunteers Needed:** We have several opportunities that you can help and volunteer to make this a successful and profitable for the IASC. Below is an idea of the different opportunities that we will need assistance from IASC members. We will accept your assistance once, daily or whatever your schedule permits. You are welcomed to work more than one position and all help is greatly appreciated. Contact Sue Giese if interested 815-276-3250, text is best or email [suzygiese8484@att.net](mailto:suzygiese8484@att.net)

**Registration/information desk:** (Barb Dicker, chair) : Hours will be Weds 11:30am to 7:00pm, Thursday/Friday: 8:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday 8:00am to 4:00pm. Looking to have 2-3 people per shift and about 3-4 hour shifts (16-20 shifts). Will provide registration information and answer questions as well as provide assistance to attendees and vendors.

**Motorcycle/car ride helpers:** 2 to 4 people to represent the IASC and participate in the Motorcycle/car ride on Tuesday. Ride leaves about 9:00am and returns about 4:00pm. Assist with the group leader and provide help as needed while enjoying the ride.

**Welcoming committee:** Assist with the hosting duties during the IASC reception on Wednesday night from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. About 3 -4 people.

**Wednesday set up:** Assist committee members with setting up doing various duties as needed from 10:00am to 7:00pm, 2 shifts of about 4 hours. Need about 4 per shift. The Arena workers will be doing the heavy lifting.

**Sunday clean up:** Assist with committee members with cleaning up and packing doing various duties as needed from 8:00am to 12pm. 4 people

**Silent Auction attendants** (Ellen Hazzard, Chair) To monitor

the Silent Auction area. Thursday/Friday open 9:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am to 6:30pm. About 2 people per shift, 4 hour shifts.

**Ticket Takers and Bus Guides:** Offsite event Thursday night. Buses begin departing at 6:00pm and Cruise leaves at 6:30pm (5 min bus ride). Take the tickets & be a guide on bus to & from Riverboat. About 8 needed.

**Decorating Crew:** Decorate for the IASC reception, lunches and Saturday Banquet. Decorations will be planned and prepared but will need to be put together. This will be for the IASC reception Weds night, Set up Luncheon tables on Thursday morning and Saturday afternoon for awards banquet.

**Videographer:** Video tape the various daily functions and compose a 5-10 min presentation to be shown at the Thurs, Friday and Saturday Luncheon. This is a Stipend Job.

**Graphic Designer:** Assist with preparation of a daily news letter incorporating a summary of the previous day events to be provided at the Thursday, Friday and Saturday Luncheon. This is a stipend Job.

Hope to see you in Moline, Il and thank you !!

The 2023 ISC Steering Committee,

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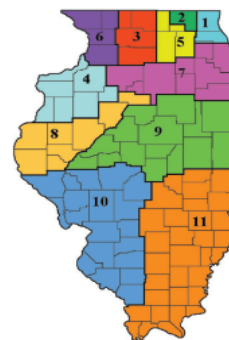
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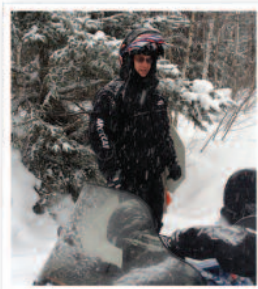
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# Safety & Education



Pat Pendergast

While trying to decide what to write this month's article on, I started looking up snowmobile incident reports from neighboring states, namely fatalities. As sad as the news is, it is still very aggravating to me.

Michigan showing 6 fatalities as of January 12th, Minnesota has had 6 deaths since the beginning of 2023! I have no current numbers for Wisconsin as of this writing, but they posted 16 deaths in the 2022 calendar year. And the ages of a good number of the victims are much older than the youth we volunteer our time to educate. We're talking folks in their 40's, 50's, 60's and up. As I imagine you can guess, speed and alcohol were big factors, leaving the trail and striking a fixed object was almost always involved, too. It makes me curious, at what point does everything we as adults have learned about snowmobile safety go right out the window and we make these poor choices? Do those of us who have been riding for many

years just get too comfortable with our abilities and let our guard down? I suppose some of these folks are old enough that they were not required to take a safety course. In Wisconsin, since 2011, 70% of the fatal accidents involved alcohol, over 50% in Minnesota were alcohol related. While I feel strongly about educating our snowmobiling youth, it appears that the larger issue is educating our adults. Changing the culture of making the rounds to our favorite establishments and having a few drinks at each one is a step in the right direction, in my opinion. I was up north recently and was amazed at the amount of riders that appeared to be in no condition to take off on a 120-180 hp snowmobile across a frozen lake or through the woods on trails, much less cross a busy highway. Wherever we stopped for a meal or break, probably 90% of the folks in that establishment were drinking. Now don't get me wrong, I enjoy a good beer as much as the next person, but I feel if we want to see the statistics swing in our favor we need to do better. What kind of example are we setting for the youth we are educating? And what message is this sending to the non-snowmobiling community? I just don't like the fact that this is how folks perceive this as what snowmobiling is about. Like I stated earlier, I don't think there

is anything wrong with having a good time, but if drinking is a major part of our sport and it is also the reason for a large portion of related fatalities, don't you think it is time to make a few adjustments?

I hope readers don't take this article the wrong way, or feel I am pointing fingers, I just don't want to keep reading these numbers and names in state snowmobile incident reports. It is both sad and aggravating, and there is room for improvement. I'm stepping down off of my soapbox now, ride safe everyone.



## QUESTION

What is the first step when crossing a road?

- a) Select a crossing point that offers good visibility in both directions
- b) Slow down on the shoulder of the road
- c) Look both ways and yield to oncoming traffic
- d) Have your passenger dismount

Answer: a) Select a crossing point that offers good visibility in both directions.



## Safety Class Schedule



Class Date	Location	Address	Time	Registration
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No classes scheduled at this time



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 815-210-0587, 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](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/safety/safety.htm).

The Safe Riders! Snowmobile Safety Awareness Program provides basic essentials about snowmobile safety and includes short quizzes to help test your knowledge about safe snowmobiling practices. It is meant to supplement information provided by the state or province in which you register or ride your snowmobile, so be sure to check local rules and requirements before venturing out on the snow.

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### Test Your Snowmobiling Knowledge

Visit [www.saferiderssafetyawareness.org](http://www.saferiderssafetyawareness.org) to test your knowledge about safe snowmobiling practices. If you're an experienced snowmobiler, you may try a quiz first to see how much you think you know — and then take the quiz again after you've reviewed a section's materials to see how much you've learned. If you're new to snowmobiling, work through each section first before taking the quiz to enhance your learning experience.

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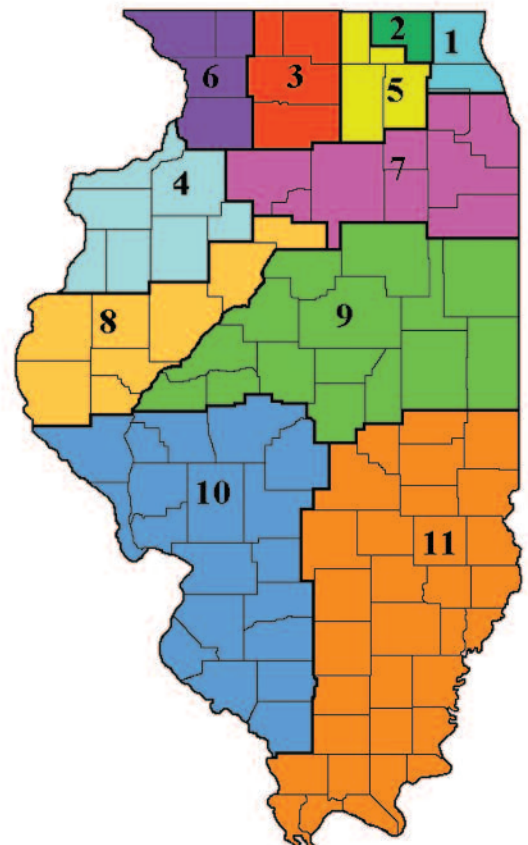
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# Ken's Tales

## From the Earlier Years



Living here in the Midwest, we were fortunate to be close to the birthplace of snowmobiling. A pioneer by the name Edgar Heeten and his brother, who worked for a company called Polaris, was credited with being one of the first to create a snow machine. The original factory was in Minnesota and they are still made there today. Soon, over a hundred more companies started making snowmobiles and some of the most notable ones like Arctic Cat, John Deere, Mercury were being made in factories from Minnesota and Wisconsin. Although riding first evolved riding across flat terrain, it quickly spread to other more challenging landscapes, one of the earliest being hills. Ask any old rider who just couldn't pass up the opportunity to climb to the top of some crazy hill they came upon. I say crazy because if you made it to the top it gave you an exhilarating feeling of having conquered an intimidating challenge, but wow, if you didn't because you likely would be left with a damaged sled rolling back down the hill to the delight of those watching, not to mention the embarrassment of failing.



We have become accustomed to the extreme use of snowmobiling by watching the fastest sleds in the world race in Eagle River, Wisconsin. The famous Soo 500 cross country races farther north and the national Snocross events at the grand finals at Lake Geneva and more recently the National's at Dubuque, Iowa. But that being said, unless you are among the few willing to travel a long distance, we generally have missed out on the greatest hill climbing events in the country. The Rocky Mountain Snowmobile Hill Climbing Association sponsors a series of mountain climbing events starting in January and usually concluding in April. The sleds and riders who participate in these events are truly the best of the best.



the long tracked high horsepower sleds available today. The turbo charged machines that are available today have taken the lid off for almost anyone with the courage and desire to climb a crazy mountain or do extreme side hilling. Mind you to become proficient in side hilling and climb steep verticals requires a little understanding of the laws of physics and, of course, a lot of courage. As an example, the laws of energy when turning require what's called opposite thinking

or counter steering. If your intention is to turn to the left you will need to steer to the right, yes really check it out. Also one of the rules for high marking is to maintain more momentum, then the degree of slope or simply put you need to have enough forward thrust to offset the pull of gravity. You also need to know at what point to make your turn to get safely back down to the bottom. If

you lose your momentum and become high sided by your sled, bad things can happen including getting injured and for sure demolishing your sled. I know watching the experts can make it look easy but rest assured they have put in many, many hours of practice to gain the skill and experience to execute their extreme climbs and side hilling. That being said if you are still so inclined and are ever presented with the opportunity to climb a challenging hill, remember snowmobiling is all about angles and lines. The easiest and safest way to attack a slope is by hitting them straight on. By squaring up to the angle you will have the best chance to maintain your balance and reach the top or to turn out when you need to. For us Midwesterners, the closest hill climbing events we have had the opportunity to see were the Grand Finals the Lake Geneva ski hill and the recent nationals on the mountain in Dubuque. Plus, the sponsored events by the RMSHA all takes place in Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. The world championship takes place every March in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and is televised.

For most snowmobilers, it is probably best to avoid extreme hill climbing unless you're with an experienced mentor to guide you through the proper skills to safely do so. Have I ever climbed steep hills and extreme side hilling? The answer is yes. Some of my early attempts resulted in trouble but later on, with better sleds and more horsepower, I was able to execute them successfully. That being said, at my age now and not having done so for quite a while, I'm not sure the results would be as good. In any event, it's sure fun to watch.



*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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