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PRESIDENT'S DESK



George Thompson

Hey Everybody,

Are we ready to go? Sled maintenance done and everything up and running? Trips planned and reservations booked? On the club side of things, from what I hear, they are ready! Trails are marked and groomers are ready to go! We are missing only one thing and what do you think that is? Yes you guessed it, SNOW! You all will be reading this in our January Magazine.

As you all know I am writing this, "From the Desk" in December, actually the Thursday before Christmas! The weather forecast earlier in the week was predicting a big dumping of snow for the area a lot of us live in! Well, it's Thursday and the forecast is backing way out of the totals they were predicting! My question is, why? Could it be that we all were so busy preparing our trails and getting ready for Christmas that we might have forgot to do our snow dances? Hmmm? We better get dancing!

On the business side of things, I think we finally have a better connection now with the DNR. They are taking better care on getting grants through processing. If you read my last article, I had stated that we were able to establish a new connection with the DNR grant processors. With their hard work along with the IASC members putting in all the volunteered time in writing the grants, it is finally paying off. The combined effort is working and we are finally receiving the much needed grant funds. Again, I would like to thank everybody involved in the process! I would also like to thank the director of the DNR for taking time out of her busy schedule to help correct our grant problem!

Like last year, my wife and I celebrated Christmas with our family the weekend before Christmas. This year, we didn't need any Christmas magic to get Aunt Jess home from Colorado. We were so blessed this year to have two new additions to the family, two more grandchildren. I also had a little help from Mother Nature. She had given us just enough snow in the yard that grandpa could get that old Kitty Cat fired up for the older grandchildren to ride! The look on our five and three year old grandkids riding that thing around was very gratifying for this old guy! Let me close with this, please reach out and wish everybody a wonderful day. Remember, you just might make that person's day. I promise if you do, he will always remember you!

George
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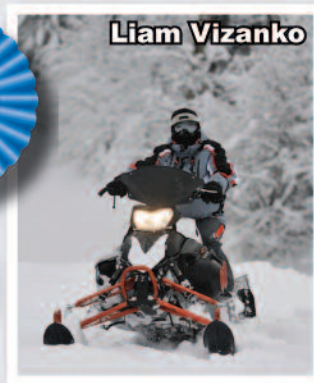
2022 Yamaha Challenge Winners

By Patrick Pendergast

This year's IASC Convention in Joliet provided members with a little change of pace. While some of the event's format had changed, the one thing that didn't change was the awarding of Yamaha Challenge prizes. Not familiar with the Yamaha Challenge, you say? I'll provide some background for you. Any youth between the ages of 12 and 15 is required to be certified by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources in snowmobile safety. Students can participate in an online course or take one taught by an IDNR certified Snowmobile Safety Instructor.

To be eligible for the Yamaha Challenge, the student first must have taken the instructor-taught course; online does not qualify them. Once a student has completed and passed the course, they are put into 3 categories; those who received a score of 100%, those missing only one question (98%) and students who missed two (96%). So a student can only miss, at the most, two questions on the 50 question test to be in the running for Yamaha gear. There is another opportunity for those who miss more than two questions to be eligible for a prize. An instructor may nominate one student per class who they feel is truly working hard, participating in class and being an all around good student. This student will be placed in the 96% winners group, giving them a chance for some Yamaha gear and a helmet. There are three drawings held, one for each group of 100%, 98% and 96% gradings. First through third place winners receive various amounts of clothing provided by Yamaha Motors and a helmet provided by the Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs' Safety Education Program.

The 3rd place winner for '21-'22 was David Eckerman from South Wayne, WI. David took his safety course at the Lena Community Center with Suzy Giese and myself teaching. I'm sure David and his parents are glad they made the effort to drive to Illinois to get him in on an instructor-taught class! This year's 2nd place winner was Liam Vizanko of Wonder Lake. Liam's class took place at the McHenry County Government Center with Alan Sabol, Cody Smith and Suzy Giese instructing. Our first place winner for the '21-'22 season was Daniella Hopp. Daniella hails from Spring Grove and also received her safety training at the McHenry County Government Center from instructors Alan Sabol, Cody Smith and Suzy Geise. Along with the incredible clothing Yamaha provides, this year Yamaha pitched in three top of the line gear bags for each of our winners, wow! Congratulations to all of our participants. We appreciate you putting forth the time and effort to take an instructor-taught class. I also want to thank the parents who realize the importance of getting their kids to an instructor-taught safety class. I would like to thank Yamaha Motors for their continued support of the Yamaha Challenge. Our Snowmobile Safety Program could never provide the quality of prizes that we award without their support. Another big thank you goes out to this year's helmet sponsors; the Dekane Sno-Trackers Snowmobile Club, the McHenry County Snowmobile Association and the snowmobile clubs of Region 6. These organizations' generous donations make our awards complete and help further our mission of snowmobile safety. I feel students get much more of an education on snowmobiling from a real, live experienced snowmobiler than they do from sitting in front of a computer. You just can't replace experience when it comes to snowmobile safety. And last, but most certainly not least, thank you to all of our snowmobile safety instructors for sharing your time, talents and experience with our snowmobiling youth. Your efforts will pay big dividends as these students mature and expand their horizons in the snowmobiling community.



OFFICE NOTES



Jane Austin

As I sit here looking out the window writing this article, the ground is covered with snow! It does look pretty. Are you ready for the season to officially start? Are your snowmobiles and trailers ready for travel? Have you done all the pre-checkups that need to be done? Nothing is worse than getting out on the trail and having a breakdown that could have been easily prevented if you had only checked your sled out before you

went out snowmobiling.

The official IASC Office was closed on November 30, after being in the same location since 1986 with just one move from the bottom floor to the second floor when Hicksgas purchased the property and said if we wanted to move upstairs, we could. It has been a great run with Hicksgas, and they have treated us very well. Thank you Hicksgas for all you have done for the IASC.

The IASC office is now home-based and we will continue to provide the same care as we have in the past. The IASC has a new cell number as the landline has been disconnected. You may reach us at 815-210-0587. USPS Mailing address will stay the same, IASC, PO Box 265, Marseilles, IL 61341. If you need to send by UPS / FedEx, call the IASC for that address. Everything has been disposed of in various ways.

The 2022 IASC 50th Anniversary Convention was hosted by the IASC this year with all regions taking part in the different aspects, which seemed to work out well as long as moving to a one-day event. At this time, we are looking to see where 2023 will be held. More on that as plans are made.

The 50/50 Cash Fundraiser is underway and will be drawn at the January IASC Meeting. Contact the IASC for more information.

A reminder that the annual IASC Fundraiser is in full swing. The drawing will be March 14, 2022 at the March IASC monthly meeting in Rochelle. Winners need not be present. You may obtain tickets by contacting the IASC office. Remember, this is a great opportunity for your club to earn money without any expense to your club. Get out there and sell, sell, sell.

ISC 2023 is coming to Illinois we will be looking for volunteers. Please consider signing up to help. Contact the IASC office and Jane Austin or Sue Giese will be happy to assist you.

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HWR Fall Trail Work 2022



By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

On Saturday, November 26th and Saturday, December 3rd, the Hampshire White Riders completed the trail marking for the club's 25 miles of trails. We were slightly down in volunteers but with members ATV's, UTV's and 4-wheel drive trucks along with the new groomer, things went well.

The new groomer's winch came in handy for moving a bridge back to its original location after spring rains caused the creek to rise and reposition the bridge. Everything is ready, let it snow.

Thanks to all who helped, including Ton Baldner, Dan Eikler, Ed Hagendorn, Mike Benssko, M3, Matt Stadie, Clayton Stadie, Luke Stadie and Dwain Stadie. Let the snow dancing begin.



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2022 Earl & Nayola Nelson Scholarship Program Winners



By Danielle Christoffel

Each year, IASC members and their families are invited to participate in the Earl & Nayola Nelson Scholarship. The requirements are as follows: all applicants must be full or part time students, carrying at least 9 credit hours and earning the equivalent of a "C" average or better at an accredited college, university or technical college. Lastly, applicants must reside in the state of Illinois. If these requirements are met, they're eligible to submit an original written essay on a topic picked by the IASC. Two scholarships are awarded in the amounts of \$1,000.00 and \$2,500.00. For more information about eligibility and the application, visit www.ilsnowmobile.com/scholarship.

The theme of this year's essay was "Tell us about a contribution you've made to the snowmobiling community, your club, region or the IASC." Essays are judged by a panel chosen by the IASC. As is evident by their essays, the winners are not only very passionate about the sport, but understand what snowmobiling can mean to all involved in the sport.

Please enjoy the winning essays from these ambitious, talented students.



1st Place
Lauren Montavon

Our first place winner of the \$2,500.00 prize was awarded to Lauren Montavon. Lauren hails from Oregon, IL, and is a member of the Blackhawk Snowblazers Snowmobile Club. She is currently attending Illinois State University double majoring in Finance and Risk Management/Insurance with a minor in Organizational Leadership. She has accepted an offer from Acuity as a Commercial Lines Underwriter and is moving to Sheboygan, Wisconsin post-graduation. Please enjoy her essay below.

Snowmobiling has been a part of my family's life ever since I can remember. Snowmobiling has allowed my family and I to make countless memories and create friendships with other families who are also a part of the snowmobiling community. Family trips up to Wisconsin to ride trails, being pulled behind the snowmobile on sleds, or just a day trip around the local trails are just some of the great memories that snowmobiling has brought me. When I was younger, I couldn't wait to take the safety course that would allow me to receive my snowmobile license. At age 12, I finally got my license and that is easily one of the best days of my life. As a member of the Blackhawk Snowblazers Snowmobile Club, I have had an even more involved experience in the snowmobiling community. Being a member has allowed me to go to fun events like club member dinners, raffles, and holiday parties. Along with all of the benefits that come with being a snowmobile club member, there are also opportunities to volunteer and give back to the snowmobiling community. Giving back to the community has been something that I have taken part of my whole life, so there are many great memories

I can choose from.

One of the most memorable snowmobile related volunteer experiences I have taken part of is marking and unmarking the snowmobile trails. I decided to choose this volunteer experience because the marking of the snowmobile trails marks the beginning of a great snowmobile season to come. It was so exciting because as we marked the trails I couldn't help but think of all the great times and memories that were going to be made in the upcoming snowmobiling season. I was able to volunteer for this because of my dad and his role in the snowmobile club. Marking the trails was an all day event, so we had to head out right after dawn. Leaving on the four wheelers with my dad on a cold morning right with a trailer full of signs is how this memory began. Since it was morning, the ground was still wet so it was easy to put the signs in. As the day went on, it got warmer and it became harder to put the signs in the ground, but we kept on going. We would always pack water and snacks so we wouldn't have to trek back home because we would get up to a half hour away from home. When the sun began to set we took that as our sign to head back home. Most years of marking the trails would be a two day event because we couldn't get all of the signs in in one day. Marking the trails is also memorable to me because it allowed me to become more familiar with the trails. Lastly, I felt good knowing that marking these trails made it able for other snowmobilers to enjoy the trails.

Fast forward to the end of the snowmobile season. The snow is beginning to melt and many memories have been made with friends and family that all came from the trails. As we headed out to unmark the trails, I had a different feeling compared to how I felt when we went out to mark them in the beginning of the season. Instead of being filled with excitement and anticipation, I was feeling a little sad because I knew that we wouldn't snowmobile again for 9 months. However, despite being sad, I was grateful for yet again another great season with my family and friends.

Marking and unmarking the trails is my favorite snowmobile related volunteer experience due to all of the mini memories that come along with it. Through marking and unmarking the trails, I was able to do something for our snowmobile club and the snowmobiling community all while making memories with my dad.

I would like to conclude this essay by saying how much this scholarship would mean to me. I have a goal of getting my degree at Illinois State University and this scholarship would allow me to be one step closer to my goal. Lastly, I am thankful for all of the memories and opportunities snowmobiling has brought me.



2nd Place
Gus Lackner

Our second place winner, who was awarded the \$1,000.00 prize, is Gus Lackner. Gus lives in St. Charles, IL, and is member of the Elgin Cold Ducks. Gus is attending the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Please see his essay below.

Life is heavy, all demanded requirement and defeated repetition. So we find reprieve in withdrawal. We find a peace under our own power. To control my own power, to sail through unbroken snow, to gallop across the land, to wrestle the machine for great distances across great land. This is the freedom of snowmobiling.

The act of snowmobiling is solitude. The engine roars outside the helmet, the warmth is for you alone, and you drift across the trail in silence. But the feeling is more. Around the next turn is excitement, and just along the trail are your friends, drawn in together by the thrill and escape.

The camaraderie of snowmobiling is the important part. I am a member of two snowmobiling clubs, the Forest Riders in the Northwoods and the Elgin Cold Ducks in Illinois. Since our family began snowmobiling when I was young, these clubs have been there for us as we have grown, allowing us to travel our increasingly ambitious routes. As we have become better engaged with the snowmobiling community, we have found friends with passions for the sport both outside and inside the clubs. As a family, we realized the importance of giving back. I think this is when I realized that snowmobiling is about friendship just as much as it is about thrilling freedom. In fact, we never would have gone snowmobiling if we had not been introduced by family friends.

One of my favorite volunteering memories was during this springtime last year. The markers have to come down. Each marker must be found, pulled, and piled. It is a melancholy experience to remember the wonderful season as you take things down, but mostly it's just work. The Cold Ducks club is responsible for the maintenance of thirty-odd miles of trail; running, more or less, in a huge loop through forest preserves, along roads, and across fields. With such bare vistas, it is easy to miss the trail; so, to ensure the respect which all landowners are due, it is necessary to pepper the trail with blazers.

Our blazers stand just above waist height. H-channel fiberglass capped with reflective signs. In the winter, they form a carrot nose for the rolling snow-covered hills; but, in the mud and mush of the melt, they stick out like pop-up timers in a wonderful roast; it is time for them to go. With the return of mush brown, the club called us to the farm where we bring the markers to wait for the return of the beautifully brutal winter grays.

There weren't many of us there, but we divided the trails as best we could. My family was set to get some roads while some other members were sent to cross the field in an ATV to capture the rest of the markers. The process usually takes four or five days, so I was looking forward to getting started. I wanted to make a dent that could save us a day or two of work (I have school after all). The

trails loop from road to road through passages in fields. I realized we could save a great deal of time if we just followed the trails linearly, traversing these connections on foot. This would mean carrying a number of markers at once, which, unfortunately, start to get heavy after about twenty-five.

The first jog was fine, with only twenty or so markers, I could carry them like a bundle of sticks under my arm. We fell into a system, I would carry a few markers across the field while the rest of my family would grab the next section of the road in our pickup truck. When our paths crossed, I was finally able to leave my load and stretch my arms. Repetition can be fun, and when you find a good method, you can start to speed up. I got somewhat lost in the movements. The next thing I knew, I was carrying nearly fifty markers on my shoulder.

I guess the next intersection with the road isn't that far, just past this field, so I continued on. I was wrong, and I was soon carrying seventy or so markers without a road in sight. Down the trail a little ways I found myself listing to the side, balancing an enormous quiver of markers on my back, searching, hoping, praying, for a nearby road. Then I fell over—dropping the neatly ordered markers like a game of pick-up-sticks.

It took me minute or two to wrestle the markers back onto my shoulder, but I was able to get them back up with a bit of a flip-twist-squat. Reordered, I made my way onward. I made it to the road like the stick-laden Led Zeppelin cover of 'Fool in the Rain.' My family had been engaged in similar labor, and, combined with my four miles of cleared trail, we had filled the bed of the truck completely with markers.

Meanwhile, back at the farm, some other club members were fretting. A bunch of the markers, you see, had mysteriously disappeared. They thought a farmer might have pulled them. All the markers have to be removed before tilling begins. Did we need to take them out earlier? We pulled up into this discussion in our pickup truck, piled high with markers. It soon became clear where all the markers had gone.

"How did you get through the mud without an ATV?"
"I walked through of course."

After the confusion was cleared up, something else became known; we had finished everything today. Together, we unloaded all the club members cars, and the trails were shut down for the season. Everything was packed in, and all that was left was some summerizing and a great deal of waiting for the next season, when we can again race across the fields a-screaming in the wonderful machine that is the snowmobile.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating in this year's upcoming essay contest, visit www.ilsnowmobile.com/scholarship. A little hint beforehand, this year's essay theme 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." The deadline is April 1, 2023.

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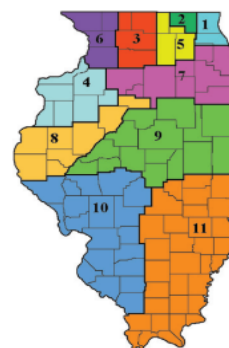
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OUT & ABOUT

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2022 Hampshire White Riders SEP Class

By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

The Hampshire White Riders Student Education Program (SEP) class was held on Saturday, November 12th, at the Hampshire township building in beautiful downtown Hampshire. The class again was smaller than we'd like to see, but teaching the future of our sport is all that matters.



Thank you to our club's two SEP instructors, Genice Brettschneider and Linda Gustafson. They both work very hard every year to make the class a success. Thanks to the IDNR for having an officer stop by for a while and talk to the students, Thanks to Ed Brettschneider and Steve Gustafson for helping with set up, take down and lunch. Thanks to Keith Lima for the use of his sleds for the class.

I'm always talking about the importance of snowmobile clubs, and the importance of club membership, and the importance of attending club fundraisers. All three, without a doubt, are important. But I've got to say the SEP program is the future of the sport. A big thanks to all the SEP instructors out there, past and present. Thank you very much!



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Class Date	Location	Address	Time	Registration
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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.

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.

This Program has been produced through a partnership between the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA), and the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) with financial assistance from the Recreational Trails Program administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation — Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).



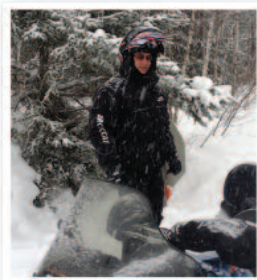
Test Your Snowmobiling Knowledge

Visit 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.

Snowmobile Safety Awareness Program



Safety & Education



Pat Pendergast

Happy New Year, fellow snowmobilers! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and safe New Year. The holidays come and go so fast, it is hard to believe I am writing an article for the January issue already. Were you fortunate enough to get to do the Christmas/New

Year's sled trip? I hope if that's an annual thing for you, conditions were favorable. I know this is a repeat, but I am going to go over some of my early season cautions for riders as I feel it is worth repeating yearly, especially since many of our favorite riding areas have trails that cross bodies of water. Before you even head north, check with the locals to see if the temps have been low enough to allow good ice formation. Sometimes there is not an option for a re-route in the event the ice is not thick enough to support traffic yet, so make sure to get good information on conditions. If you are riding lakes, especially larger ones with marked trails across them, make sure to stick close to the trail markers. Those stakes/barrels not only mark the route to the next set of land-based trails, they also let you know that the ice along that trail has been checked and deemed safe for sled traffic. While the snow farther away from the marked trail looks so much nicer and

smoother, you just never know if there may be a spring, hidden log or other hazard hidden in the snow.

Are you taking a newer rider with you this season? Since I am sure they have already had their safety training, there are a few other things to keep in mind. Make sure to keep that newer rider in between two or more experienced riders. Your more experienced riders should be the leader and the one in the back running sweep. If you are the leader, this allows you to set the pace to where the newer rider feels comfortable and keeps them riding within their skill level. If you're riding sweep, keep an eye on the inexperienced rider to see if they are struggling to keep up, handling turns, keeping the sled under control, etc. If you see problems, discuss with the leader at the next stopping point so adjustments can be made. Make frequent stops to see if the new rider is comfortable, warm, not indeed of a bathroom break or having equipment issues that need addressed. These are all common sense items that we as experienced riders can easily take for granted at times, so make the effort to make this a good experience for a new rider.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for the occasional groomer you may meet on the trail. Aside from the fact they groomers outweigh sleds by a whole lot, they do have the right of way. So when you meet one, make sure to find a way to pull off to the side to allow them to continue on. If you ride up behind a groomer, make sure they are aware you are behind them. When they get to an area of the trail where it

is safe to pass or they can pull over, they will allow you to pass. Don't rush the process, you'll get to go around them when it is safe. Let's remember, groomer operators are volunteers who deserve our respect and appreciation for their efforts. They are snowmobilers who enjoy riding smooth trails just like we do. When you stop at your favorite spot to refill, make sure to drop a donation in the local club's trail map box to assist in covering grooming expenses. In these days of \$200,000 groomers and \$6 diesel fuel, clubs can use all the help they can get. Put these things together and you and possibly a new rider can have a fun filled, safe trip to your favorite snowmobiling destination. And, you won't tick off a groomer operator in the process! Happy trails folks, ride safe.



QUESTION

An important step in planning a group ride is arranging riders in a safe order. Of the four characteristics below, which is most important in determining riding order?

- a) Experience level
- b) Physical size
- c) Intelligence and common sense
- d) Snowmobile performance

Answer: a) Experience level

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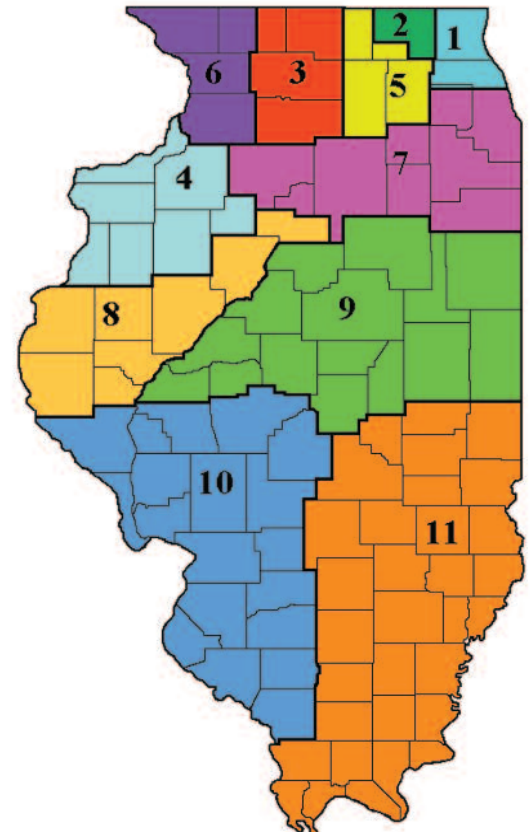
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From the Earlier Years



Tales From The Earlier Days

Back in the 1970's there were dozens of snowmobile manufacturers and each year over a 100 new models of sleds one could choose from, but even then, a couple handfuls of models became the choice for the majority of riders especially in the Midwest. So it was that back in 1972 a leading snow sports publication company started what was called an annual owner's report for snowmobilers who had purchased a new sled the previous year. The company requested all the manufacturers to send the names (usually several hundred) of riders who purchased specified models and then randomly selected anywhere from 1/3 to 1/2 of the names. New sled buyers were invited to participate directly through the magazine and their names were compared to the manufacturers list to make certain no one company was stacking the list. The report listed parts, service, dependability, number of service calls, what features of their sled they liked the best and the least and whether they would buy the sled again. This is the results of the report for the 1975 sleds. Starting out the list that year was a 440 Arctic Cat El Tigre with 88% of owners reporting satisfaction. Most liked features were



weight. The next sled on the report is a 440 Ski-Doo TNT of which 87% said it met their expectations. Best liked features were riding comfort, styling and suspension. Least liked features were small cargo capacity, fuel economy, clutching, starting and weight. A Polaris 440 Electra is the next sled on the report. The owners gave the Polaris a 82% approval rating. Best liked features were starting, riding comfort, breaking trail and deep snow. Least liked were weight, fuel economy and price. Also back in the day we had the 440 Mercury Trail Twisters

speed, performance, riding comfort and styling. Least likes were breaking trails, deep snow, price and fuel economy. Next was a GP433f Yamaha. A whopping 96% of owners reported it met their expectations. Most likes features were styling, speed and performance. Least liked was small cargo capacity, fuel economy and machine

which the Merc owners gave a 90% satisfaction rating. Most liked features were speed, stability, performance and starting and least liked was braking, small cargo capacity, trail breaking and deep snow. These next two sleds placed 2nd only to the Yamaha in satisfaction and one wasn't even in production anymore. The Scorpion 440 Whip was given a 94% satisfaction rating

and liked for over- all riding comfort, suspension and stability and least liked for price, small cargo capacity, breaking trail, deep snow and spark plug life. An the sled on the report but no longer in production was the John Deere JDX8 which received a 94% satisfaction score and was liked for its over all dependability, climbing hills and starting. It was least liked for spark plug life and weight. The rest of the sleds that made up the report are a 440 Rupp Nitro with a 92% satisfaction rating, a Massey 444ST Ski-Whiz with a 79% rating, a Moto Ski 440 with a 92% rating and last a Sno-Jet with a 87% rating. Interestingly the Sno-Jets received the highest rating of all the sled for their suspension. One thing most all the owners disliked the most about their sleds were small cargo capacities, breaking trail, deep snow and price. When you look back over the years many of the features liked and disliked were gradually improved each year when new models were introduced except I guess for the price which just keeps going up but at least we're getting all this new technology for our cost.

Hey riders! It's that time of year to 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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