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UW Platteville Clean Snowmobile Team



From left to right: Kendra Dilg, Katie Fisher, Cade Klefstad, Andrew Stamberger, Isaac Dommer, Joey Zwettler, Carter King, Houghton Jaeger, Ethan Henneberry, August Hees, Austin Schroeder. Members not pictured are: Ryan Lubahn, Eric Sperduto, McClain Ivie, Josh Stone, Joe Kloos, Graham Rockouski, Joe Delaporte, Nate Sharrett, Dylan Jaroch, Kaleb Koester, Ian Johnson, Mandy Benz, Grant Bouche, Zack Watter, Shayde Beimbom.

By Kendra Dilg

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Society of Automotive Engineers Clean Snowmobile Team is a group of twenty-eight young individuals who share a passion for snowmobiling, engineering and mechanics. The team is a mix of majors ranging from engineering, construction and agriculture. The team currently runs two snowmobiles: a 2020 Yamaha Sidewinder with a Ford 1.0L EcoBoost, which competes in the spark ignition classes and a 2022 Yamaha VK540 with a Kubota D902 diesel, which competes in the compression ignition class. The team competes in the SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge held in Houghton, MI on March 7th-9th, 2024. The goal of the competition is to design and build snowmobiles to be cleaner, quieter and more efficient. The team has won back-to-back overall spark ignition championships the last two years as well as 1st place in the sound division. In 2023, the diesel snowmobile took second overall for the compression ignition class as well as 1st place in the sound division.

The team goals for this year are to set up better clutching and tuning for both sleds to increase our acceleration and fuel economy. For the spark ignition class the team is working to eliminate even more sound, create self-deploying ice scratchers, rebuild a gear and update the electronic enclosure. The compression ignition class goals are to create an active regen diesel particulate filter or DPF and tune to minimize emissions.

Professional success is also important to the team. SAE provides many companies such as Milwaukee, Oshkosh, John Deere, RFA Engineering and many more with amazing employees who are not

only academically skilled but have real-life hands-on experience. SAE also provides opportunities for leadership through executive board. Many companies have begun to hold special networking days for the SAE teams, in hopes of reaching students with skills that align with their companies' values.

Outside of the shop and meeting times, the team participates in community service and fun team events. The community service that the team participates in include highway clean up, M clean up, M whitewashing and lighting the M for homecoming. One of our very own team members, Cade Klefstad, is doing a fantastic job to plan and make sure the big M in Platteville looks better than it ever has before. Fun events that the team participates in are testing days, team cookouts, bonfires, external events to show off the snowmobiles and more. Most recently the team attended the Belvidere Prairie Riders Grass Drags and Swap Meet.

The UW-Platteville Clean Snowmobile Team is greatly appreciative of our current sponsors and is always looking for more. If you are interested in sponsoring the UWP SAE Clean Snow team please email uwpscsc@gmail.com. For updates and more about the team please follow our social media pages.

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December 12th
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Officers/Directors Meeting
6:00pm – Moose Knuckle
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JANUARY

January 7th:
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February 4
Lake Story, Galesburg, IL
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information 1-309-337-6494

January 9th
IASC Meeting
General Meeting
7:30pm – VFW Hall
Rochelle, IL

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

We have reached the point in the year where memberships will be renewed. Membership dues and contributions are a source of financial support for the IASC. This funding is critical for the IASC's sustainability and its ability to carry out its programs and initiatives. Here are some of the methods we use to further our mission.

The membership dues help us continue making the magazine and website available. Although many members do not see the digital magazine and website as a benefit, they do provide us with the opportunity to reach more people. This gives the IASC, as well as your organization, the chance to spread the word about organized snowmobiling.

The IASC also represents members through government advocacy. The IASC has an ongoing relationship with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources administers the grant program that funds our trail system. The IASC Trail Advisors keep up to date on grant funding issues and complete the necessary paperwork for us to get reimbursed.

The IASC is an information resource too. The IASC office provides members, and those who are not yet members, an initial point of contact. With every call to the office, we have the opportunity to further educate and advocate. Without this valuable resource we would lose that chance. Although this seems like a short list, each of these benefits takes the time and financial support from all our members. We need to work together to promote organized snowmobiling and encourage membership.

Membership provides us the opportunity to connect with like-minded people who share a passion for snowmobiling. Your membership and commitment keep the trails in Illinois going for all of us to enjoy!

Best regards,
Carol Bly-Julian, Treasurer

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Kai Steward

I would like to start my first article for the IL Snowmobiler off with a Thank You. Thank you, George Thompson, for your time on the board and being President. You led the organization well during this time of change. Thank you, Chris Palmer. He has stepped down from the board after moving to Michigan. Chris continued to help with the transition to the online magazine format even after moving and saw this through. Thank you, Jane Austin, for your 37 years of service

as our office manager and the many, many hats you have worn over the years. Thank you, Jessica Dicker and Don Schaefer who have agreed to step up and be part of the new board along with Kaite Polhill, Carol Bly-Julian and Jennifer Baumgartner. I'm confident the new board has the drive to serve the Illinois snowmobile community well. Lastly, thank you to the convention committee. The 51st Annual Illinois Convention was well done with informative seminars, good food and great company.

A little about me. I've been snowmobiling around the farm since I was a kid but at about 16 a friend's mom let me tag along on a snowmobile trip up north and I've been hooked ever since. My incredible wife has been along for the ride for the last 15 years. She only rode on a two up once before wanting to be on her own sled and I haven't been able to leave her at home since. Our 10-year-old son was born into organized snowmobiling. You'll find him at most meetings, riding around the farm if there is snow and if there is enough snow, in the jump seat, learning to groom.

Although I've only been on the State board for the last 2.5 years, I've been coming to state meetings with my wife since I was President of the Oaks Ridge Riders. The last few years I've been the Treasurer of our club and one of our groomer operators. I regularly attend Region 3, Tri County Alliance meetings and have previously sat on their board as VP.

I will tell you where I've been so I can stress the importance of being involved. Most organizations are struggling to find volunteers and without our volunteers here in Illinois, we will quickly lose our trail access and our ability to ride here at home. I feel as a board and an organization we can be more effective with additional representation. I urge clubs to start sending a representative to the State meetings. Please get involved and stay informed.

Hopefully the new year brings us plenty of snow, great trails, and fun adventures.

Keep them shiny side up,
Kai Steward



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First Wednesday of the Month - 7:30pm
August - April
Rusty Nail Bar & Grill Ringwood, IL

Region 3

Director: **Dan Dampitz**
815-985-6071 dandampitz@gmail.com
Second Monday of the Month - 7:00pm
July - April
Uptown Lanes / Back Alley Bar Byron, IL

Region 4

Director: **Pat Pendergast**
309-335-4095 ppendergast@knox.edu
September, November & March - 7:00pm
Third Monday of the Month
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Region 5

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Region 6

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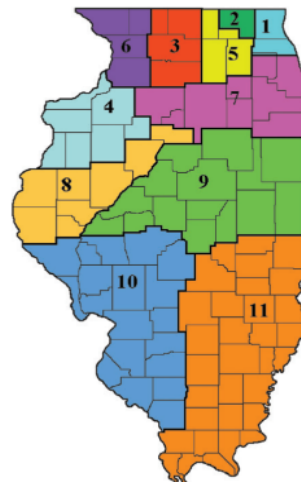
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Thank You, Jane!

The End of an Era - Jane Austin Retires

By Suzy Giese

When the announcement of Jane Austin's retirement as the Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs Office Manager came, I knew we had come to the end of an era. The IASC office opened in 1986. At that time, Eric Menssen was president, and Ron Hambly was executive director. With the boards' approval and the help of Walt Olson (a snowmobile club member), an office that was once a Ski-Doo Dealership was transformed into the IASC office.

Knowing that someone needed to be in charge of organizing things, Walt suggested that maybe his sister-in-law, Jane Austin, would be willing to take on the part-time job of secretary/office manager for the IASC. Jane, a snowmobiler herself with her husband Larry, said yes.



Jane has worked with 12 different presidents, in addition to countless region directors, committee chairs, magazine editors and publishers, club presidents, and club members. She was the voice you heard when you called the office. She was the constant at the IASC. She helped answer questions and provide guidance to new presidents on what needed to be done.

When membership started dropping, Jane volunteered to cut her hours back. When the membership voted to close the office, Jane just moved it into her home, so it stayed business as usual for the IASC.

Jane's dedication to the sport and her job never faltered. Although she has not ridden a sled in many years, she still volunteers much of her time to help with snowmobile safety education classes, has worked with her local club on radar runs, and was front and center helping Region 7 whenever they hosted an activity.



So began Jane's career as the office manager for the IASC. Ron Hambly dropped off an old computer, a box (or four) of paper, and a mailing list of people who were to receive the IASC Magazine. Now, after 37 years, Jane is retiring from her not-so-part-time job. Oh sure, the office hours were 9 a.m.–1 p.m.,

but if you had Jane's number, she would never say to call me tomorrow at the office. Her dedication to the job never had hours.

Jane filled many other positions at various times throughout the years. When no one was available, she held the position of treasurer, as well as a year or two as secretary of the IASC.



Jane has worked not only with our state association but with more than twenty-three other US states and the 8 territories and provinces of Canada. If a question was asked, Jane usually knew the answer or where to find it. Jane helped bring two International Snowmobile Congresses to Illinois and has only missed three out of the 55 Congresses held. She felt she needed to go to make sure she was current on anything happening in the sport. She made many international friends over the years. She has the uncanny ability to remember things. She could remember where, when, and who was with whom from years ago. It actually came in handy at times.

Her patience is unrelenting, her heart for helping is huge, and she has been a priceless member of the IASC. She does not have big feet, but her shoes will be hard to fill. When you look up the word “manager” in the dictionary,

it states, “a person responsible for controlling or administering all or part of a company or organization; a person who controls business dealings and other aspects of the career or livelihood of an organization; a person who handles tactics, training, and activities of a sport or organization.” Jane has done this and more.

At some point, the job Jane held became less about the paycheck and more about her passion for the sport. Her commitment to make sure this family of snowmobilers had whatever it needed, whenever it was needed, is what made Jane the heart of the IASC. Words cannot express the gratitude we have for all you have done to keep us going all these years. Thank you, Jane, from all the members of the snowmobiling community. You will be missed dearly. Here is hoping that you can enjoy your retirement in whatever way you want. Happy trails, Jane.



2023 Dealer of the Year



By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

Every November, the Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs (IASC) recognizes many amazing people with awards over a variety of categories at its annual convention. Among these awards is the "Dealer of the Year" award. This award goes to an Illinois snowmobile dealership that has shown on every level an outstanding dedication to the sport of organized snowmobiling. To be named the dealer of the year is a great honor, a major accomplishment, shows your dedication to your customers, local clubs, the region and the sport of snowmobiling. Winning this award is something to be proud of, but to win this award three times (2013, 2019, and 2023) is nothing short of amazing and that is just what Dockside Marine has done.



Dockside Marine (located at 23210 W Strip Mine Road in Wilmington) is a family-owned business that started with boat sales in 1984 and started selling snowmobiles in 1991. Dockside offers a variety of recreational vehicles; snowmobiles, boats, personal watercraft, ATVs, UTVs, spiders, trailers and all the necessary gear to go with them, as well as snowmobile storage facilities.



Dockside Marine's owner, Terry Thomas, has been involved in organized snowmobiling for 42 years. He is the director of the I&M Trail Blazers Snowmobile Club of Minooka and occasionally uses his business

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to host club meetings. He is also involved in Region 7 meetings, activities and fundraisers. Terry has used his business to support snowmobiling in Illinois in more ways than you could easily count. Aside from club meetings, Dockside Marine has hosted SEP classes and avalanche classes. They have been involved in club trips, provide snowmobiles for displays at IASC conventions, sell tri-county calendars and IASC fundraiser tickets and host a donation box on the counter to support grooming. When you purchase a snowmobile they even include payment of the first year's dues to join I&M Trail Blazers.

Perhaps one of their most notable acts of support was providing equipment for grooming local trails, which is no small feat. Dockside provided a Can-Am Defender UTV with tracks to replace worn out groomer for the 2018-2019 season. During Covid, when UTVs were nearly impossible to get, Dockside provided and installed tracks on a club members UTV to guarantee the I&M Canal would be groomed. It is evident this is an owner and a company full of employees who all share a deep passion for the sport of snowmobiling.

Beyond this award, Dockside Marine will be submitted to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) for the Dealer of the Year award at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) held June 2024 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. With this list of accomplishments, we hope this outstanding dealership can take another award home. It is hard to imagine another business more deserving. For more information or to make your next purchase, go to www.docksidemarine.net or call 815-476-7802.





Behind the Scenes at the 2023

By Suzy Giese

We have had some great articles written about the 2023 Congress. I would like to provide a behind the scenes look. The side that only a few people know what really happened. Nothing went wrong so I decided to go Committee by Committee and explain not only what needed to be done to make things go so smoothly but who stepped up to help make that happen. Keep in mind that not only was this a year and a half of meetings and preparations, but it is still a work in progress until we present the final report to the IASC and ISC Planning Committee in September. You can see that this is not just an event that is held once and done. We are still dotting the I's and crossing the T's. A total of 14/15 people were willing to be part of our Steering Committee when asked. It goes without mentioning that this recap is in no way in order of importance, but important jobs that were necessary to put such a big event on. We held monthly meetings from the time we were ok'd to host. Several drove more than an hour to make those 2-hour meetings.

All in all, I am so pleased with how everything went. We had to convince the ISC Planning Committee to try thinking outside the box and allow us to try holding our general sessions and guest speakers during lunch instead of breakfast. Especially since breakfast was included in the hotel costs and basically served the same as if we had had a breakfast buffet. Our thoughts were that there were more choices for lunches and the amount of time saved by not having to go find a place to have lunch and get back in time for the afternoon seminar sessions or association meetings. Thanks to the forward thinking of the ISC Planning Committee, they approved our pilot program and we were on our way.

Our illustrious president, George Thompson, was our emcee for the entire event. He welcomed everyone, introduced speakers and helped communicate any changes on the agenda. He also had asked early into the planning stages if we had anyone for the national anthems for both U.S. and Canada. He said that it has always been on his bucket list to sing that in front of a crowd. Well, it wasn't Wrigley Field or Cellular Field (Sox Park) but he did a great job, a-cappella, I might add, for the first time. He was so nervous that he would not do it right. Well, he knocked it out of both ballparks. He did say several times throughout the planning that he was nervous about how this was going to go and if we would make money but he had our backs completely.

Barb Dicker was asked to oversee turning a list of names into name tags and tickets for the various events in an organized manner. She asked Skip Schaefer to help and between the two of them there were spreadsheets and very few problems. Quite a feat considering we had 384 people attending the event at

one time or another. Anyone who has put together a function like this knows that most of the registrations come in during the last month. There were a couple of people who offered to help work at the registration desk during the event and we want to thank them as well, Cathy Dampitz and Carol Bly-Julian.

We needed a Treasurer and since Carol Bly-Julian is the IASC Treasurer, it only made sense that she take on that role. Keeping all monies collected from donations and sponsorships and making a report of expenses, incomes and profits. She was also responsible for the final report that was given to the IASC and the ISC Planning Committee when they met in Green Bay in September.

Don Schaefer headed up not only the Secretary position (keeping us all informed and reminding as needed) as well as the sponsorship and trade show chairperson. He also handled the keynote speakers and seminar programs. He wrote up introductions and asked a couple of volunteers to help make sure the rooms were ready with everything the speakers needed or asked for. Thank you to Don, Dan Dampitz, John Saigh, Rob Lange, and Jeremy Baumgardner. Mark Hazzard took all the groomer and trailer companies and made sure they had a spot that was perfect for everyone to see and be seen during the event. He had his measuring wheel and notes to make sure all equipment fit in the area. He even made a separate trip to Moline so that he could get a better look at what was involved in setting it up correctly. Thanks to Mark for your due diligence.

A huge part of the Congress is documenting either through newsletters or videos or picture displays of the events that were held. In the past hosts have hired videographers and used state magazine writers to follow, write, print, edit and have things ready for the morning sessions. By making lunch we were able to extend the time to prepare for the presentation. Jessica Dicker was asked, since she was one of the younger members of the committee, if she thought she could take pictures and make a PowerPoint presentation. Knowing that the younger generation is way more knowledgeable of the computer world, she, along with Kaite Polhill and the kids from Wisconsin (KAOS) did an excellent job of making a video diary that showed each day while everyone ate their lunch. She also got the logos from all our sponsors/trade show participants and helped make sure that everything was in the format needed to be able to display continuously on the video ribbon that lined the arena and on the big screen several times during the lunch. This special effect (one of the reasons we wanted to hold the Congress there) really was a huge hit for all our sponsors and they loved the opportunity to have their company names on display. The groomer companies also loved that their displays



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were not only inside but anytime of the day, people could come in and look at their products and talk to the reps. Thank you, Jessica and Kaite. Jessica also helped with all the audio and the guest speakers' presentations during the lunches. Another reason that clubs need to reach out to the younger members and get them involved. We could not have done it without these two young ladies.

Because of the Moline area, we had the opportunity to have a Mississippi River Boat ride for our offsite event. The food, the view and the entertainment all provided a great time for all. Would also like to thank Region 4 for providing a band to play at our "Welcome to Illinois" hospitality night. The venue had to change at the last minute but it all worked out for the best.

Ellen Hazzard volunteered to help work with the Silent Auction site for ACSA. Setting up tables, checking in the donations brought in by the many states and just being there for any problems that arose. I cannot tell you how nice it is to be able to have many people that have done the job before and know what is involved and still say "yes" when asked. Ellen is one of these people and I cannot thank you enough.

For the past 4 or 5 years, ISCs have been having a motorcycle/car ride to show participants in the area what the ISC host state or providence/territories have to offer. A gentleman by the name of Russell (Huck) Willis owned a Snowmobile Museum in Hopedale, a small town about a 2.5-hour ride. A few members of his club in the area helped make a route from the hotel to the museum. The museum was his pride and joy and he was so delighted that we were going to include this as the main stop of the ride. Huck unfortunately passed away one week before the ride. His family insisted that the ride go forward as they knew it was what Huck wanted. The four members of the Willis family opened their doors, acted as guides, offered delicious homemade cookies and even arranged the small restaurant on the next block to open on an off day to serve the group lunch. Thanks to the following people who picked up the load and made sure we had the ride. Thank you to Larry Griffith, Bob Atkins, Joe Burkitt, Ray Litton, Robert Hill and of course the Willis family. There were over forty motorcycles and cars that participated in the ride, some meeting up with us along the way. They all were impressed and shared stories about the sleds they saw and possibly owned one of them at one time or another that made for fun conversations.

Ellen Hazzard, Barb Long, Helen Kline and Vicki Long also put together a couple of activities for those that attended the Congress with their other half but did not want to sit through meetings with them. The attendees were able to bring the kids

(it is a family sport) and attend a boat scavenger hunt using the Mississippi River as transportation and held other games after the scavenger hunt was over. More than twenty adults and kids had a great time and won some prizes all donated from local stores and others. A great idea and we had lots of compliments about the event.

The decorations that were needed for Saturday night to make a nice atmosphere for the awards dinner were made by a group of crafters headed up by Sue Giese. At least forty centerpieces and a stage decoration were made in a matter of 2 months. Many of these crafters are not snowmobilers, but love crafting, so any excuse to get together and work on something crafty was all that was needed to get the help. Thank you, Pam Dean, Roxanne Dorsey, Chris Watschke, Jane Austin and Vel Junkunc. Lots of people loved the look of the centerpieces to help soften the arena and make it more sophisticated. The gals and guys that helped decorate the tables and stage made it much easier and faster. Thank you, Jennifer and Jeremy Baumgartner, Ken and Karen Conti, Stephanie, Kai and Ray Stewart, Helen Cline, Jeff Cline, Mike Dicker, Cathy Dampitz, Rob and Jill Lang, Mike, and Sheri Dennis.

Finally, Jane Austin oversaw registrations coming into the office, depositing checks, running credit cards, and making sure the names of anyone and everyone were listed. Jane also made herself available at any time to not only answer the questions of the committee, but also help right from the start to get this project going. Jane and I were the co-chairs of the 2023 ISC starting with the ISC 2022 Congress. We worked together to bring the out-of-the-box thoughts and ideas to the success it was. Thank you partner, it was a pleasure but I am glad it's done. We are getting too old for this stuff. Time to hand the baton to the younger ones.

Thank you to all the clubs, regions and individuals that donated, volunteered or were there to offer help whenever needed. The best part of this whole adventure were the comments from a few Canadian members and several ACSA people (who have attended at least 10 Congresses if not more) said that when a vote was taken at the meetings of their groups, a unanimous vote was to try to do lunches in the future. One Wisconsin state member said, "Wisconsin has some big shoes to fill next year." I have no doubt that with the ladies in charge of Congress 2024, it will be great, but it sure made all the challenging work worthwhile with those statements.

I hope those that volunteered to help and the people who attended had good meals, good companionship, productive meetings and a good time with whatever you did at Congress.

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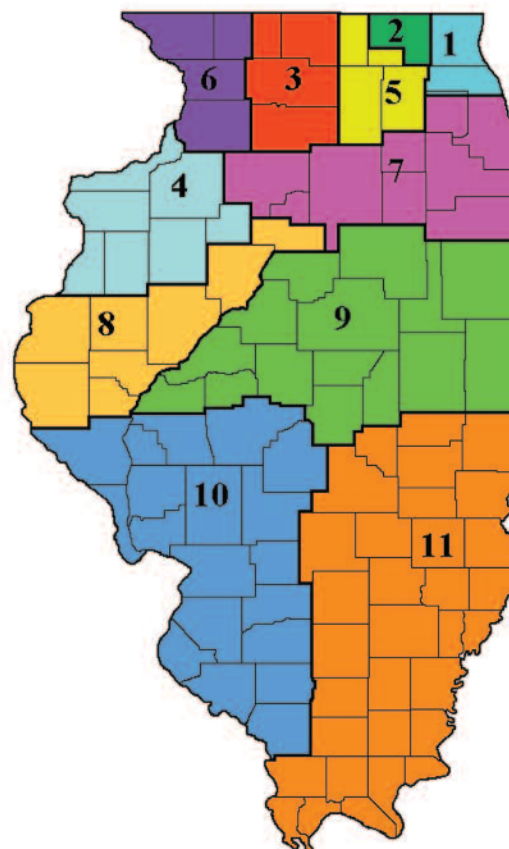
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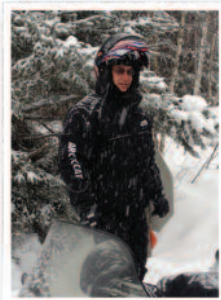
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Pat Pendergast

How can December be here already? October and November are a blur. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and was able to gather with family and or friends. It's a great holiday in my book. I look forward to it every year. With

Christmas right around the corner, I'm sure there are many of you with the ever popular Christmas to New Year's trip planned. Like I say every year, check with the local clubs in the area you are traveling to and confirm trail conditions. Most importantly, get some reliable reports on lake conditions. With our climate these days, you cannot count on lakes being frozen solid enough for sled travel by the end of December/early January. If paths are marked across a lake, don't stray too far from those markers. Local clubs check the ice thickness and won't mark the trail until it is safe. Those markers mean the ice should be safe for riding unless extreme conditions have been experienced recently.

This is also a time for marking trails with your local club members. Please keep safety in mind during trail marking days as well. You should still not be out alone. Too many things to go wrong whether you are using a mower, tractor, UTV, chainsaw, etc. Accidents can happen so fast, no matter how careful and cautious you are. Granted, we most always have a cell phone on us at any given time, but what if you are incapacitated, or injured badly enough where you can't get to the phone or operate it? Did you tell anyone where you were going before you left? Would someone know where to look for you if you didn't return home at the expected time? Our club lost a darn good member several years back for this exact reason. He was out by himself, no one knew exactly where to look for him and he had passed by the time anyone reached him. Please keep these points in mind when you are considering heading out by yourself to complete a few small tasks that seem like no big deal. It only takes one little misstep to turn a routine job into a bad accident.

In closing, as you are doing all of your

pre-season prep, whether it is trailer maintenance, sled prep or tow vehicle prep, please keep safety in mind. Like the old safety videos say, expect the unexpected. Corny but true and totally applicable to almost everything we do that is snowmobile-related.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Ride safe, folks.



QUESTION

What should you do when crossing a hill if your snowmobile slides?

- a) Place more body weight forward for better traction
- b) Pump the break every few seconds to maintain slow speed or stop
- c) Point the front at a steeper angle uphill, or look for more loosely packed snow
- d) Back down the hill

Answer: c) Point the front at a steeper angle uphill, or look for more loosely packed snow



Safety Class Schedule



Class Date	Location	Address	Time	Registration
12/9/23	Lena Community Center	497 Lions Dr., Lena	8:00am-4:30pm	815-990-2652
12/16/23	McHenry County Sheriffs Office	2200 N Seminary Ave., Woodstock	8:00am-4:00pm	Sue 815-385-1947 Suzygiese8484@att.net
1/6/24	Kane County Forest Preserve Headquarters	1996 Kirk Rd., Geneva	8:00am-4:00pm	Ron 630-546-8058
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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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