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## PRESIDENT'S DESK



Kai Steward

Fellow Snowmobilers,

Anticipation for our season is ramping up with Hay Days, local snow shows, club meetings starting again and the annual IASC Convention just around the corner.

I encourage all of you to come to the IASC Convention on November 9th. We have some great seminars lined up on leadership, and positive social media presence in the morning. The Next Gen Riders will be speaking at lunch about getting more young adults involved, and our annual meeting will be held in the afternoon. We have a great banquet planned with awards to our fellow snowmobilers, live music, a silent auction, basket raffles, and we end the evening with the annual Scholarship Auction. It's a great time, and with club table specials, we hope you all can bring a group from your club.

On the IASC Facebook page, we have been posting more events. Please let us know about your club happenings. Speaking of that, on our Facebook page, you'll find several safety classes. These classes are not just for your kids; anyone can sign up. For parents bringing kids, we encourage you to stay and learn along with your kids for these in-person classes. We have great volunteers teaching these classes and I guarantee they will get more out of an in-person class. I'll be at the October 5th class in Boone County with my son.

Summer flew by and it seems like fall is going to come and go just as quickly. Start saying those prayers now that Mother Nature takes her wrath out on Illinois and the Midwest.

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## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER



Carol Bly-Julian

I usually like to take a moment to let everyone know what is coming up and this time is no different.

As we start thinking about starting the snowmobile season, there is always business to take care of. The first thing we have on the IASC to-do list will be to renew club insurance. I will contact our insurance agent to get the insurance renewal premium notices as soon as possible. Still, historically, the information has not been available until sometime in October. Make sure your club contact information is up to date with the IASC so I can get the invoice to the correct person without any delays. If you have any special requests, for example, you would like one invoice for all the clubs in your region, be sure to get that to me as soon as possible. You can email the request to me at the IASC office email address [iasc.illinois@gmail.com](mailto:iasc.illinois@gmail.com). Our insurance term goes from December 1st to December 1st each year. The insurance premiums must be received by our agent, before November 30th, to continue our insurance coverage. I know trying to get this done can be a challenge for the clubs and that is why I want to get everyone thinking about it early. As everyone knows, the insurance premiums are reimbursed using grant funding. For your club or region to qualify for reimbursement, membership with the IASC must be current and you must be in good standing with the Illinois Secretary of State. If you have any questions concerning this, let me know.

As always, I am here to help with whatever I can to make things easier for all of us!



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# Dear Snowmobiler...

By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

I just want to remind everyone about the local snowmobile club. The sport of snowmobiling would not exist without the local snowmobile club. It all starts with the club volunteers. Most people really do not know or understand how these orange blazers on trails show up every fall. The members of the local snowmobile club put in countless hours creating and maintaining these trails. Each snowmobiler really should belong to the local club and be at least a little active in that club if you want the sport to survive. You just need to donate a couple of hours here and there and it will be a tremendous help to keep the sport going.

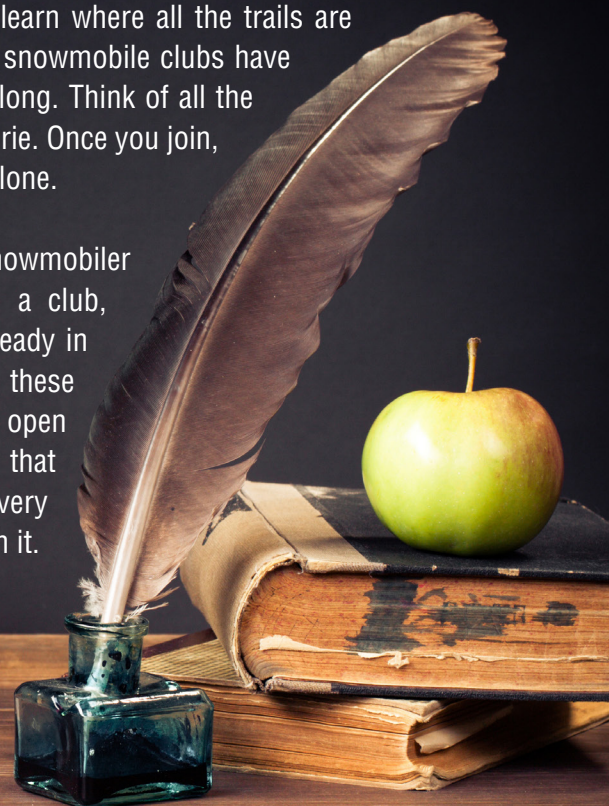
It is amazing if you think about it. There is not one government agency that makes any of these trails. There may be several grant programs to help with funding for signs, stakes, lumber for bridges, but no workforce or labor. It is all done by the local club volunteers. Think of all the trails in North America. You could ride from Illinois to Canada and all the trails you would take were created, marked, and maintained by club volunteers. Truly remarkable when you think about it.

We would have no sport at all if it were not for the snowmobile clubs. The clubs create the trails in their neighborhood, maintain them and groom them. Then volunteers from all the area clubs form regions or county organizations. They work together to make all the trails connect, and on more regional issues. Then volunteers from the clubs, regions, and counties form state associations. They work on several issues including laws, grants and many other things that affect their state. Then volunteers from all these fine groups work for the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) that deal with the federal government on snowmobile issues. Let us not forget, there is an International Snowmobile Congress that meets every June where volunteers from the United States, Canada and Europe meet to work on national issues. These are all volunteers working together for one cause. Without the clubs and the members. The sport we all love would not exist.

Even more amazing is how small their numbers really are. Look at the number of registered sleds in each state. Then look at the number of club members in the same area. You will find 15%, maybe 20% at the most, belong to a club. We all need to get together and promote membership in our clubs if we want to survive. If you are reading this magazine and belong to a club, pat yourself on the back. If you do not belong to a club, it's time to join one. The club membership is cheap compared to the cost of your sled and all the gear that goes with it. You will belong to a group of people who share your passion, and you will have plenty of new people to ride with. Plus, it is fun on a beautiful fall day to be outside marking a trail, even more fun to ride down that trail in January knowing who marked that section.

This wonderful magazine has listings for every club in Illinois and has a website that lists clubs in every state and contact info for those clubs. I bet you could find a local club in your area, and I am sure they will get you the necessary info to join that club and be part of organized snowmobiling. Club membership is affordable and you'll benefit from meeting a lot of people who share the same love of snowmobiling as you do. You will learn where all the trails are in your area, and snowmobile clubs have activities all year long. Think of all the fun and camaraderie. Once you join, you'll never ride alone.

Let's get every snowmobiler out there to join a club, and if you are already in a club, welcome these new people with open arms. Our sport, that we all love so very much, depends on it.



# Region Meeting Schedule:

Be a Part of the Process - Attend Your Local IASC Region Meeting!

## Region 1

Director: **Don Schaefer**  
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## Region 2

Director: **Craig Adams**  
815-687-2844 craigmadams@yahoo.com  
First Wednesday of the Month - 7:30pm  
August - April  
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## Region 3

Director: **Dan Dampz**  
815-985-6071 dandampz@gmail.com  
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Uptown Lanes / Back Alley Bar, Byron, IL

## Region 4

Director: **Pat Pendergast**  
309-335-4095 ppenderg@knox.edu  
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Third Monday of the Month  
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## Region 5

Director: **Jennifer Baumgartner**  
815-509-9373 snowdiva18@yahoo.com  
Second Wednesday of the Month - 7:00pm  
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## Region 6

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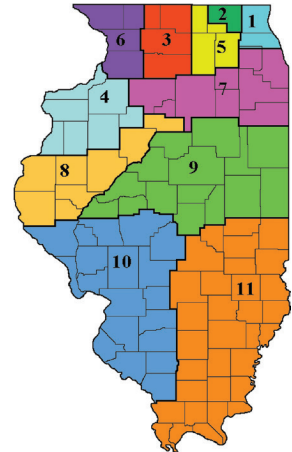
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## NOVEMBER

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## DECEMBER

**December 14th:**  
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## JUNE

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By Dan Dampitz

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# Coon Creek Country Days: The Tradition Continues

By Dwain “Duey” Stadie

The tradition in our small town continues. The second weekend in August in Hampshire is Coon Creek Country Days, a small-town festival that cannot be missed. It’s a classic Midwest small town county fair type of experience that we all love and wait for every year. If you’re new to Hampshire, it won’t be long until you’re involved in something at this 4-day small town party. Every group and club are part of “Coon Creek.”

At Coon Creek Country Days, there’s something for everyone to do. There’s a carnival, craft tents, touch a truck, police K9 dog demonstrations, a petting zoo, pony rides, 2k and 10k run, a sound stage with bands, bands, and more bands. There are Saturday night fireworks and a local radio station broadcasts on site. Sundays offer free sweet corn. There’s a beer garden, Saturday and Sunday’s ice cream eating contest, a parade on Sunday, raffles, and plenty of food tents!

Speaking of the parade, the Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club had our groomer and drag in the parade again. We handed out candy, which is simply great public relations for the club. What a fun four days in Hampshire. Thanks to everyone who cleaned the groomer, decorated



the groomer, and were involved in the parade and throwing candy. Thanks to Ed Hagedorn, Scott Haseman, Becky Haseman, Matt Stadie, Clayton Stadie, Luke Stadie, Dwain Stadie, and a big thanks to Dan Eiklor for his help and use of his shop.

Make sure to mark your calendar for next year August 7th through August 10th., I will see you there, and please share your club’s summer events. We would all love to hear about them.



# 56th Annual International

By Don Schaefer

Organized snowmobiling is one of the most successful motorized groups and the club members are active year around. In the fall, we work to prepare the trails and set up activities for club members. In the winter, we ride as well as maintain the trails. Spring is spent cleaning up the trails. The summer? Well, summer is spent meeting representatives of other snowmobile organizations, snowmobile vendors and government representatives at the International Snowmobile Congress. The Congress is an annual get together for a few days with representatives of the organizations (see side chart) that form the International Snowmobile Council and as well as a few other groups. It provides a communication forum to discuss issues facing our sport, as well as events to allow us to enjoy each other's company. In 2023, the IASC hosted a very successful ISC in Moline, IL. This year, it was a great event hosted by the AWSC in Green Bay, WI, and the IASC was well represented.



Meetings with ACSA, as well as the Trail and Mountain Groups, were held on Thursday and Saturday of which the IASC is a member Association. On Friday, there were many workshops, presentations, and round tables of various topics to assist snowmobile leadership. This was in addition to vendor displays, daily speakers, and the fun and parties that took place when we were not at meetings. On Saturday, all the groups attend the International Snowmobile Council to provide a summary of their activities/issues.

The big topic and discussions of the ACSA were the problems of trespassing, the federal government's 30-30 proposal/plan, and how to get youth involved in organized snowmobiling. There is a trespass committee that has been working hard the last few years of which IASC is represented by Dan Dampitz. They have been pushing the message to "stay on the trail." This year, they introduced a "No Trespass" contest to get our young snowmobilers involved. There is a video contest for ages eighteen and up, a create a meme for ages 13 – 17, and coloring contest

for ages up to 6. More information can be found on ACSA's website at [www.snowmobilers.org/docs/ACSA-no-trespass-contest-2024.pdf](http://www.snowmobilers.org/docs/ACSA-no-trespass-contest-2024.pdf). Please share the word and practice "stay on the trail" while we snowmobile. Some trail closures are the result of trespassing or off trail riding problems.

If you have not heard, the US Forest Service, with the push of government leaders in Washington, is embracing the 30-30 rule. What is the 30-30 rule? It is a worldwide initiative for governments to designate 30% of earth's land and ocean area as protected areas by 2030. You can imagine that if this is successful, there will be areas closed to snowmobiling which WILL affect snowmobile trails. No thought to local economies, and the importance of outdoor recreational opportunities. ACSA is watching this via lobbyists, working with other groups and sponsoring the ACSA D.C. Fly-In which was held in April 2024. The IASC was represented at the Fly-In by George Thompson, Mark Hazzard, Mason Long and Dan Long. In addition, the Friends of Snowmobile Political Action Committee (FOSPAC) are providing contributions to the politicians that are supporting the sport of snowmobiling and the realization that the 30-30 rule will negatively impact our sport. Check out the FOSPAC website if you're interested in donating, [www.snowmobilers.org/friend-of-acsa.aspx](http://www.snowmobilers.org/friend-of-acsa.aspx).

Last year, ACSA created an exploratory committee to develop a plan to create a Future Leaders Program. After a year, the committee reported their findings, presented a plan and requested to become a permanent committee. This was approved and will concentrate on the age group of 21-35 with the idea of getting more young individuals to get involved and recognize and listen to the input of these young people. Remember, this starts at the club level. Welcome and include these young people in your club. Let them get involved, and most importantly, listen to their ideas and thoughts.

There is much more that was discussed and updated involving ACSA. They represent our sport. They offer a scholarship program, recognize special people/clubs/business via an awards program and are working to promote the sport of snowmobiling just to name a few.

One of the big items that was talked about a lot at the ISC was the changing of the guard of the International Manufacture Association (ISMA). Ed Klim has been the executive director of this organization since the incorporation of ISMA in 1995. He announced that he is retiring, and this was his last "official" ISC. He is being replaced by Jaret Smith, who I believe will continue the great work of ISMA and the

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support they provide for the sport of snowmobiling.

Friday is known to be education day at the ISC. There were 11 breakout sessions that were attended by members of the IASC executive board and hopefully will improve their leadership roles. There were the trespassing, magazine and groomer round tables for open discussion among the attendees. Tourism was the subject of 2 seminars, Wisconsin Snowmobile Friendly Communities program and Tourism 101. Other subjects were a leadership seminar, the future of snowmobiles, RTP presentation, breaking down barriers and groomer tracking presentation. The most interesting seminar I attended was "How to Make Social Media Work for you." This was presented with great slides and 2 social media executives from Polaris and BRP. I have a feeling that we may see this presentation at the IASC Convention and will highly recommend it, even if it is presented by members of the IASC E-Board.



Each day of the congress is a general session where the attendees get to listen to speakers. This year, we were greeted with a great keynote address by Andrew Nussbaum of the Wisconsin Department of Tourism. Please note that Andrew attended the whole ISC and not just the day of his speech. We were also brought up to date with Ed Klim's last annual State of the Snowmobile Industry presentation. As you can imagine, after the poor snowmobile season, sales were down, and economic impact wasn't as great this past season. Then, on Saturday, the attendees were greeted with the story of 3 old guys and their 38-day, 5000+ mile trip from Minnesota to Alaska in March of 2023. It was a remarkable story about their adventure and the problems and thrills they encountered. Check out their Facebook page! There were other speakers from the International Hall of Fame, Discover Green Bay, IASA 50th year anniversary and Woody's with their presentation of donations to several organizations from the proceeds of their annual golf outing.

What is a congress without the vendors and groomer displays? Many

companies were well represented and showcased their products. We are lucky for these representatives, and they help support the ISC and its members!



There were also plenty of fun activities. The attendees had many events to attend to meet fellow snowmobilers or to catch up with friends from other states and Canada. On Tuesday, before the start, there was a car/motorcycle/truck ride to Door County for those that came early. On Wednesday, if you did not have to set up anything, the attendees were able to visit Lambeau Field and/or the birthplace of the snowmobile in Sayner, WI. FOSPAC had their annual fundraising event/reception during the afternoon that had many games to keep the attendees busy. The ISC officially opened with the welcome reception hosted by the AWSC Wednesday night which lasted into the night.

On Thursday night, the AWSC presented the Oneida Dancers during the offsite dinner performing their traditional dances. On Friday evening, the groomer reception was held outside among all the groomer displays. This year, the attendees were welcomed to try their operational skills of several groomers as they had to complete a maze on the front blades of the groomers. It was a timed event, and guess what, a young 20-year future leader had the best time. After the groomer receptions, the host for the 2025 ISC, Prince Edward Island Snowmobile Association held a reception to showcase the 2025 ISC to be held June 11-14, 2025, in Charlottetown, PEI, Canada. The ISC is wrapped up Saturday night with the annual banquet and awards dinner, followed by the Thirsty Dog event. It was announced that this was the last Thirsty Dog event.

As you can see, the ISC is very important to snowmobilers and a great event to meet and work with snowmobilers from all over the United States' snow belt and Canada. It helps ensure the future of snowmobiling. If only it can help with the weather!



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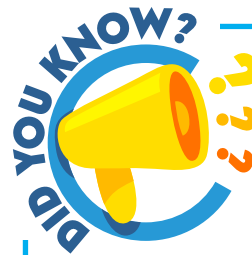
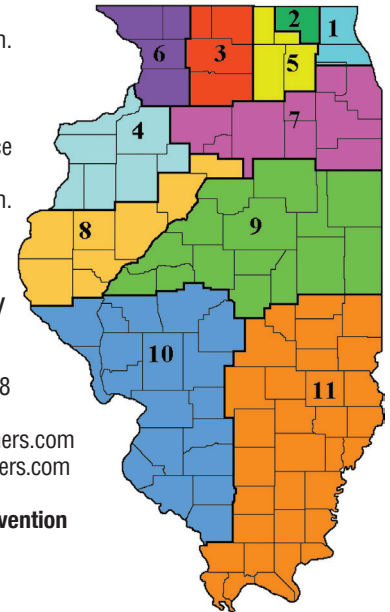
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By Dan Dampz

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# Early Times Street Rods Suds & Fun Car Show

By Dwain Stadie

Every year the Sunday after Coon Creek Country Days weekend is the Early Times Streets Rods Suds & Fun Car Show in Ralph Seyller Park (Eastside Park) in beautiful Hampshire. It's a very majestic park filled with grand old oak trees which provide the lovely shade so you can enjoy this show, rather than a hot and sunny blacktop parking lot like most shows.



For as long as I can remember, the Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club has helped the Early Times Street Rods Car Club fence in the entire park on the Saturday before the car show. On Sunday, the Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club runs the south entrance gate for the car club. We have a food tent at the car show, and take all the fencing down on Sunday after the show ends.

This Event is a nice fundraiser for the Snowmobile club every year. We sell loaded baked potatoes with butter, sour cream, salt, pepper, chili, and cheese. We also sell nachos with cheese and jalapeno peppers if you dare, sweet corn with butter, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, and water. The weather this year was good. We had a light drizzle for about a half an hour, but no one seemed to leave. The temperature was great; not too hot, or cold, so people had great appetites that day. We sold out of

potatoes, sweet corn and Sprite. Only had a couple orders of nachos left, so it was a remarkably successful day. The Coke, Diet Coke, and water we will use at our fall club hot dog roast or our SEP class.

Thank you to all the club members that helped to make this event a success, Hunter Nicolai, Dan Eikler, Jeff Meindl, Kathy Meindl, Jerry Hresil, Mike Bensko, Michael Bensko (M3), Ed Hagendorn, Mack Hagendorn, Haley Hagendorn, Chris Moore, Becky Haseman, Scott Haseman, Randi Haseman, Cameron Haseman, Austin Haseman, Kim Cermak, John Cermak, Sherry Navigato, Mike Navigato, Keith Lima, Kent Nussbaum, Linda Gustafson, Steve Gustafson (Bullitt), Pete Fields, Gerry Kolb, Diane Smith, Laurie Stadie, Matt Stadie, Alaina Stadie, Clayton Stadie, Luke Stadie and Dwain Stadie. Also club members Dan and Cheryl Linnemann of Prairie View Gardens and Farm Market for the potatoes and sweet corn. Thanks to everyone. I know your club had several events over the summer, please share them with the Illinois Snowmobiler Magazine. We would all love to hear about them.

See You at Next Year's Car Show





# 2024 ACSA DC FLY-IN

April 28 – April 30, 2024  
Washington, DC



Mark Hazzard, Dan Long, Mason Long and George Thompson represented the IASC at the 2024 ACSA DC Fly-In



Another successful Fly-In completed. Until you participate in one, it is hard to understand the importance of attending. We were well-received by all the presenters and by the legislative aides and congresspeople. Being able to discuss the importance of the RTP program was perfect timing. Having the Fish & Wildlife and the Conservation Funding presenters attend was also perfect timing for George to make contact regarding the Hackmatack situation in R2.

None of this would be possible without the efforts of ACSA. They coordinated all aspects of the event and have done so for 22 years. Hopefully, this gives you a flavor of what we did in DC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Respectfully submitted by Mark Hazzard, along with Dan Long, George Thompson and Mason Long.



## Amy E. Lindholm – Director of Federal Affairs, Conservation Funding National Coordinator, LWCF Coalition

LWCF is a simple idea: that a portion of offshore drilling fees should be used to protect important land and water for all Americans. These are not taxpayer dollars. Unfortunately, for 55 years the promise of LWCF was broken as \$22 billion was diverted from the program. The Great American Outdoors Act ended the diversion and ensures that LWCF 's permanently authorized \$900 million is used for conservation and recreation projects each year.

LWCF supports the acquisition of land and conservation easements to protect our national parks, wildlife refuges, forests, trails, and BLM sites, grants funds to the states for local and state park needs, protects critical wildlife habitat, watersheds and recreational access, and conserves working farms, ranches and forestlands that enhance local economies.

This fund is involved with the Hackmatack project in R2. George had discussions after the presentation.

This group funds numerous projects, some which benefit snowmobiling areas.

# + Safety & Education +



Pat Pendergast

Greetings, all. With summer winding down we are fast approaching another snowmobile season, hooray! We have been pretty fortunate this summer, at least in my neck of the woods. We have had a few of the usual stretches of miserable heat and humidity, but lately, it has been very fall-like; cool nights, dry and low humidity days. I'll take it! Really gets you in the mood for snow shows, grass drags, swap meets and all that good snowmobile related stuff.

If you are a snowmobile safety instructor, it is also time to start lining up your classes, securing a place to host, ordering materials and possibly lining up a volunteer or two. I feel if we keep doing our best, we can definitely make a difference in our snowmobiling youth. Keep offering up those classes and give those who are considering taking an online course the option to learn safety and ethics from an experienced snowmobiler. It's obviously the better option for all of those involved. I met with several members of the IDNR this summer for a roundtable discussion about the state of our Safety Education Program. I think we all walked away encouraged that there is still a future for the program and I feel we may see some positive changes in the future that benefit all Illinois snowmobilers.

Please remind folks that the safety class isn't just for those 12-15 year olds. In Wisconsin, anyone born after January 1st, 1985, is required to carry proof of having taken a snowmobile safety class. We're now

talking about a 39-40 year old individual. The DNR officer can ask for proof at any time, so make sure you hang on to that card and keep it handy. All other surrounding states honor Illinois' certification, just make sure you have the card available to present if requested. If you have had your license revoked for any reason, this class is required in order to operate a snowmobile as well.

Fall is definitely the time to begin preparing for our favorite season. So even if you are not an instructor, please keep safety in mind. Whether brushing trails, prepping the sleds, trailer or tow rig, make sure to take the extra time to exercise caution. You don't want to get rammy and careless and lose part or all of the season to an injury that could have easily been avoided. We were shorted badly last year, so let's make sure we are ready to roll this season! Local Illinois businesses and all those folks up north at our favorite riding areas will be looking for us. Until next month, enjoy the pre-season.

## TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

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

**a) The study material you received with your 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

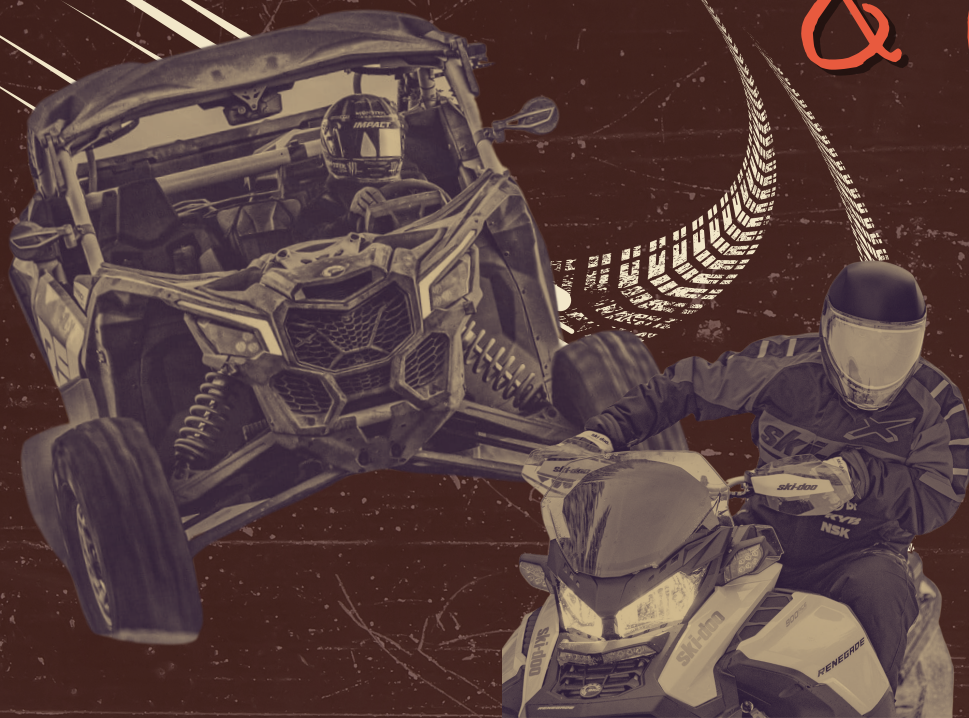


Class Date	Location	Address	Time	Registration
10/5/24	Boone Cnty Fairgrounds	8791IL-76, Belvidere	8:00am-4:00pm	815-509-1180
10/12/24	Countryside Fire Station	801 S. Midlothian Rd., Mundelein	7:00am-4:00pm	Tony: 847-918-6145
11/2/24	Hampshire Township Park District	390 South Avenue, Hampshire	7:30am-4:00pm	Genice 847-987-3986
11/16/24	Pingree Grove/Countryside Fire Station #1	10N255 Dittman Rd., Elgin	7:30am-4:30pm	815-370-4301
12/14/24	Oneida-Wataga Fire Station	254 N Sage St., Oneida	8:00am-4:30pm	309-368-0620 or 309-335-4095



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).

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OCTOBER  
**12** 9AM-5PM

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MADISON COUNTY will be performing from 12-3PM



BEER TENT benefiting the Johnson Creek Fire Department (JC Mutual Hose)

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SNOW SHOW SALE on new and used snowmobiles + apparel and accessories



Can-Am side-by-side DEMO RIDES

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