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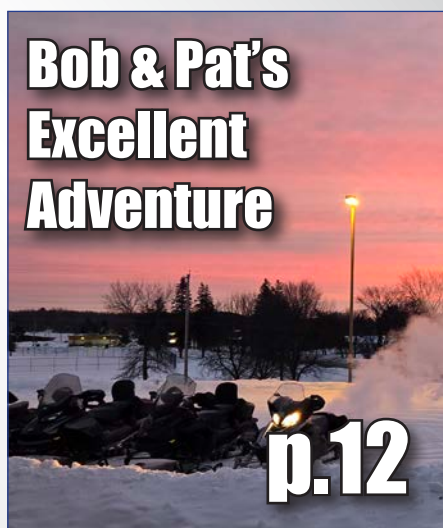
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PRESIDENT'S DESK



Kai Steward

We are back after the summer break! September is rapidly coming to an end, and December will be here before you know it. This summer started off on a high note for Illinois and the Hermann family—Earl and Georgia were named Family of the Year at the International Snowmobile Congress in PEI, Canada. Congratulations to the Hermanns; you both truly deserve this award.

Volunteerism is a remarkable thing—people donate their precious time to a cause. Most of the readers of this article volunteer countless hours to organized snowmobiling. Some of you have received awards for your work, but many more have not. You should be thanked for your time and dedication to snowmobiling. I thank you for your commitment, but I would also like everyone to hear about what you do for Illinois snowmobiling. If you know someone who deserves recognition, please let us know.

On November 8th, 2025, we will hold our annual IASC Convention at Chestnut Mountain Resort in Galena, Illinois. At the convention, we recognize those who volunteer countless hours for Illinois snowmobiling—but we need your help. Please let us know who you think deserves to be our Snowmobiler, Family, and Club of the Year, among other honors. Check your email for nomination forms or contact us and we'll make sure you receive one.

We would love to see at least one person from each club at the convention. Did you know each club is invited to send one person at half price? Come and check out our seminars! This year, we are offering sessions on club insurance and protecting land access/landowner relations. We are also excited to welcome Hank Armbrecht, who will speak about organizing trips, followed by our Annual Meeting in the afternoon. Dinner, drinks, entertainment, and awards will round out the evening, along with the 2025 Scholarship Auction Live! I cannot wait to see who gets into the biggest bidding war this year.

If you need any information about the convention, please let us know.

Think Snow,
Kai Steward

Carrying on the Tradition

A 5-Year-Old's Love for Snowmobiling

By Hilary Fiene, Lena Blackhawk TrailBlazers Club Secretary

For many families in the Midwest, snowmobiling is more than just a winter pastime—it's a tradition. This past winter, my husband Ethan and I were able to see that tradition come alive in the eyes of our 5-year-old son, Waylen.

Waylen has grown up watching Ethan and me prepare for snowmobile trips, hearing stories of trails, rides, and winter adventures. This January, we brought him along for one of our snowmobile trips. We headed up to Mercer, Wisconsin, a favorite riding spot of ours, and let him experience firsthand the joy of snowmobiling.

Waylen rode on Ethan's sled, seated snugly in front of his dad. Thanks to the addition of a Toasty Tots handlebar warmer, Waylen could hang on safely and comfortably, even in the frigid temperatures. Over the course of three days, we logged more than 100 miles with him along for the ride. Watching his excitement grow with each stop and every new stretch of trail was unforgettable.

One of the highlights of the trip was how warmly the snowmobiling community welcomed him. At every stop—whether a small-town bar, restaurant, or lodge—fellow riders lit up when they saw Waylen march in, bundled in his little snowsuit and helmet. Before long, the staff at local spots recognized him, making sure he always had a kiddie cocktail in hand. It was a reminder that this sport is about more than machines and miles—it's about community, connection, and family.

As Club Secretary of the Lena Blackhawk TrailBlazers, I've seen how important it is to involve the next generation in snowmobiling. Watching Waylen fall in love with the sport at

such a young age fills me with joy and hope. His excitement on the trails and constant requests to “go snowmobiling again” remind us that these experiences will shape his memories for years to come. Even now, in the heat of summer, he brings up our Mercer trip weekly, begging us to plan the next ride.

Our family looks forward to many more adventures together on the trails. Snowmobiling has always been a passion for Ethan and me, and now, it's becoming a tradition our son is eager to carry forward. Seeing the sport through Waylen's eyes reminds us of the magic snowmobiling holds—and the importance of sharing that magic with the next generation.





Tucker Shed Open House

Cedarville Snow Travelers and Pearl City Sno-Pearls

By Georgia Herman

On September 6 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm, we invited fellow snowmobilers and friends to tour the building we have renovated to store our 2010 Tucker Sno-Cat. We deemed it a success when the first of 52 attendees arrived at 3:30pm and others remained until 10:30pm.

Of course, serving brats, cowboy beans and our locally made potato chips along with beverages, cheese and desserts was an incentive to attend. The event was such a success that we may make it an annual social event.

It was a beautiful day for people to look over the Tucker and our New Holland Tractor.



A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER



Carol Bly-Julian

Over the summer, I attended the International Snowmobile Congress, held in Prince Edwards Island, Canada. I have only been attending the Congress for the past four years, but each time I have found it to be a wonderful learning experience. I not only learn from my interactions with snowmobilers from all over, but also from the seminars and meetings held at the event.

This year was no different. One of the seminars I attended was on Economic Impact Studies. The presenter was someone who had been conducting the studies for decades, and the information he shared really got me thinking.

He shared all the different areas of the economy that are affected by the snowmobile industry. First the obvious, the snowmobile dealers and manufacturers. That is a no brainer. But when you start thinking about how these two business types employ people, maybe those people don't snowmobile, but they live in the community. As members of the community, they spend their money at the local restaurants, stores, and gas stations. Those of us who do purchase, and ride snowmobiles have a more far-reaching effect. At this point, you may be thinking, "Carol, everyone knows this!" But the reason I bring it up is to get you thinking before we go out to ask dealers to contribute to our fundraisers, and landowners for permission to use their land for trails, just how snowmobiling has impacted them.

We have had a couple of not so good snow years in a row. This makes it difficult for those local businesses to continue to look at snowmobiling as something they want to support. So, I just want to remind everyone, when you are out riding this winter (hopefully in Illinois) to say thank you to those that have supported us through the good years and the bad years.

Remembering AV



By Patrick Pendergast

The Prairie Drifters Snowmobile Club lost a long time member this summer who will be sorely missed. Albert (AV) Larson was one hard core, dedicated snowmobiler. You may recall Al if you attended the last IASC Convention in Galesburg, he was Miss Polaris. At one of our convention planning meetings, Al excused himself to go to the restroom and that is when he got nominated to wear the dress. He said from then on that any meeting he went to he was going to wear Depends and not miss a minute of the meeting.

Al joined the Prairie Drifters in what I would guess was the late '70's/early '80's. He and his buddy Butch took about every Decker tour there was; Alaska, Iceland, the Snow Train and anywhere in between. Those guys would ride between 3-5,000 miles every season, traded sleds every other year, all that good stuff. If there happened to be a good, rideable snow up north, Al, a railroad conductor, would call in and lay off so he and Butch could go ride. The railroad would tell him he couldn't just call in and lay off again and Al would say, "If I died, you'd have to get someone to take my place, wouldn't you?" And off they'd go. That may have had something to do with the multiple marriages as well, but I can't confirm.

Al and Butch made many saddlebag trips, mostly to northern Wisconsin and the UP. Al is who got fellow snowmobile safety instructor Bob Hennenfent and myself into touring by sled, something we have been doing for 18 years now and have no intention of stopping. So you can blame Al for all of the Bob and Pat's Excellent Adventure stories. He started it all. Al always had some hilarious snowmobile stories, some shareable here, some not. He made many friends from all over the country through his Decker tours and snowmobiling in general.

Al also made sure his grandkids had ample chances to ride. He bought Kitty Cats, SnoScoots, SnowSports, Indy Lites and the list goes on. He even bought a snow making machine for his yard! The first year he owned it, we had no snow and he ran that blasted thing around the clock. He got into it with his neighbor when he made enough snow that it formed a drift across the neighbor's driveway. His grandkids were riding the Kitty Cats and Snowscoots all over that yard like a dang amusement park with not lick of snow anywhere else in the county. He always said "Everybody ought to have a grandpa like me." I would have hated to pay his water/sewer bill that year, wowza.

Even with extravagant purchases like the snow making machine, Al would fall into what I refer to as the "frugal" category. Food

stops always had to be buffets, preferably Chinese, and he was always looking for someplace with a "clearance" rack. "Let's go see Clarence," he would say when hitting one of these stops. Or we'd have to stop at Fleet Farm so he could use his gas discount card. On one of our saddlebag trips in Minnesota, we stumbled into Brainerd after dark, cold and tired, looking for lodging and there was a large youth hockey tournament in town. I thought to myself there was no way we were getting a room in this town. Not only did Al procure us a couple of rooms, he got some sort of discount on them. I don't know if it was because he looked so much like Santa Clause or if he just plain wore them down, but he got money knocked off the price even with the town packed for the hockey tourney. My first couple of trips to Hay Days were with Al, setting up his 7 or 8 tables of merchandise (most of it total crap) that he had been dragging around to local swap meets for years. He had a single Yamaha Phaser sled that he would set out to sell at every swap meet in Illinois for at least 3 or 4 years. Every year I'd say "Al, who in the heck is going to buy one skeg for a Phazer?" I'll be a SOB if he didn't sell that blasted thing at HayDays, at a silly price as well, I might add. And he'd bargain down to the final penny for everything he sold, too. The Santa appearance thing or he just wore 'em down, not sure which. Regardless, it was a comical process to watch.

Al was also generous, delivering food to safety classes, helping members like myself purchase a sled for the kids (selling it for way less than it was worth), offering a space on the trailer for a sled trip, etc. You could always find AV at a club work day, radar run or swap meet, contributing wherever he could. He'd also provide ham and beans anytime someone requested them for an event. And he could make some mean ham and beans with cornbread. I called him shortly before he passed and told him I was coming over for a ham and bean lesson, but I waited too long. The last few winters that AV wasn't able to ride, he was always asking for someone to come over and track up his yard with a sled. Well I rode over one frigid evening that we had rideable snow and tore the heck out of his yard like some hoodlum, he was so pleased.

AV was a really good guy, someone who had risen up above a pretty rough childhood, made a good life for himself and his family, and loved snowmobiling as much as, if not more than, anyone I will probably ever meet. The Prairie Drifters and the snowmobiling community lost a good club member with AV's passing. Happy trails, Albert.

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Region 2

Director: **Craig Adams**
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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
Call or Email for Information & Location

Region 5

Director: **Jennifer Baumgartner**
815-509-9373 snowdiva18@yahoo.com
Second Wednesday of the Month - 7:00pm
August - May
Red Ox Bar and Grill, Hampshire, IL

Region 6

Director: **Kirk Polhill**
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Second Thursday of the Month - 7:30pm
September - April
Buckhorn Saloon, Stockton, IL

Region 7

Director: **Dale Fritz**
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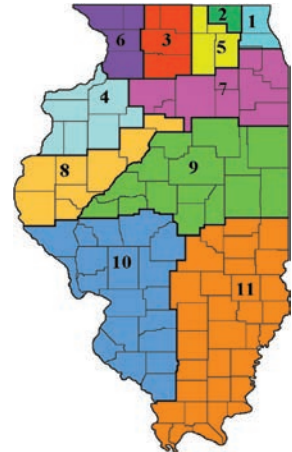
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NOVEMBER

November 22nd:

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Midwest Trailblazers Summer Campout & Picnic 2025



By Robin Wall

The Midwest Trailblazer's had their 1st annual summer campout/picnic on Saturday, August 16th at beautiful Lake Taylorville in Taylorville, Illinois. Thank you to Shawn and Connie Mitchell for hosting the picnic at their lake lot. Several members started camping on Thursday and Friday to make a weekend of the festivities. We started the weekend with a taco bar on Friday night, which was a huge hit, followed with drinks and friendship the entire evening. On Saturday, we convened at Mitchell's Lake lot for boat rides around the lake, swimming, and lunch.

On Saturday evening, Judy Logsdon gave the prayer before the great potluck featuring ribeyes and marinated pork chops from Turaski Meats in Springfield, IL. The members provided wonderful sides to complement the meat. After dinner, we gave away 4 door prizes to our members. Judy Logsdon, Lance Thomas, Dean Beck, and Fiona Gillman were the big winners. Thank you to our treasurer, Robyn Harms, for putting them all together for us. The members all had a great time and are already looking forward to next year's Pic-a-Nic.



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By Don Schaefer

After the last snowmobile club meetings last spring, most snowmobiles put away their sleds for the summer and bring out their summer toys. However, for some, snowmobile meetings do not end. Several officers and members of the IASC attended the 57th Annual International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) that was held June 11–14, 2025 in beautiful Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada. Yes, the ISC finally returned to Canada, which last held the ISC in 2020. It was worth the trip to attend. The PEI Snowmobile Association did a great job of hosting the event in a great coastal area and town as the background.

The ISC is an annual event where many different snowmobile organizations/industries come together to talk snowmobiling. It starts with the American Council of Snowmobile Association (ACSA), Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations (CCSO), United Snowmobile Alliance (USA) and Northeast Chapter (NEC) representing the snowmobile Clubs and State Associations in the United States and Canada. The International Snowmobile Media Council (ISMC) and International Snowmobile Tourism Council (ISTC) representing snowmobile media industry and snowmobile tourism bureaus. The snowmobile manufacturers are members of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) and government administrators representing the States and Provincial Department of Natural Resources are part of the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators (IASA). The Iron Dog Brigade represents individuals that are voted to belong and have made outstanding contributions to snowmobiling, and are also a member. They had their annual meeting and banquet during the ISC. In addition, there is a trade show where many companies attend and proudly display the current groomers, GPS trail guides and assorted

other snowmobile related products/service for the attendees to see and discuss with the representatives of the business. The groomer display is a highlight as you can see firsthand the new groomers available to snowmobile associations/clubs.

The big meeting of the Congress is the annual and one and only meeting of the International Snowmobile Council where all the above groups are members as well as each state and provincial association. Each group provides their annual reports and addresses issues that affect snowmobiling. Dealing and addressing trespassing/land rights was the big discussion as an ongoing problem that we need to continue to be aware of and communicate to the public to avoid trail closures. The other big discussion was the updating of the Bylaws and Standard operation policies for the Council and the ISC in general. As a side note, the IASC's very own treasurer, Carol Bly-Julian, was elected the Secretary/Treasurer of the Council.

The majority of the Illinois delegation attended the ACSA meeting(s) and the ACSA Trail/Mountain riding group meetings. This was the annual ACSA meeting, and a lot of reports were provided. The ACSA sponsors or oversees many different events/actions that helps promote and sustains snowmobile riding in the United States. Please think about having your club join and be able to share their Friday emails updating snowmobilers with current news and events affecting our sport.

There were the ACSA legal Defense and Friends of Snowmobile Political Action (FOSPAC) reports that assist groups defending or pursuing lawsuits threatening snowmobiling and providing financial assistance to Federal Candidates for congress that support snowmobiling rights. In addition, the ACSA sponsors the DC fly-In to allow state representatives to meet and greet federal officials and Congressional members in Washington, DC. This is especially important as snowmobiling has been under attack to restrict many riding areas in the United States by groups that are against snowmobiling or promoting wilderness vs. public access as well as the federal/state government.

There was discussion addressing the need to get the youth/young adults more involved. Several programs are addressing this, specifically, the ACSA Future Leaders Program. This group for 21 to 35-year-olds is new and just starting out so more information about how to participate and get involved



The Prince Edward Island, Canada International Snowmobile Congress

will be forthcoming. The success of the Scholarship Program was reported as well as the efforts by the OEM ambassadors' program to get OEM ambassadors to promote the ACSA and how they can help with communicating about issues facing the snowmobiling community. In addition, promote the importance of joining snowmobile clubs.

The Trespassing Committee meets regularly to try to increase the importance of staying on the trail or within the riding area. This is a big problem in both Canada and the United States and needs to be addressed as more snowmobile clubs are experiencing the problems associated with trespassing. Contests were held to promote activities to address the importance that trespassing that can result in trail closures. Also, they are working on increasing communication with the public to stay on the trail and respect the trails. I am sure this is an issue that has been discussed by many in Illinois on our trail systems.

At this time, we need to thank Dan Long for his leadership at the ACSA level. He worked himself up the ACSA ladder by becoming an ACSA officer, then became the president, and for the last 2 years as the past president on the ACSA Executive Board. He is still involved as FOSPAC Chair but in the meantime, thanks Dan, for your time making the ACSA a better organization. Note that Mark Hazzard was voted as ACSA Director at Large and Mason Long has replaced Mark as ACSA Trail Riding Area Facilitator.

There were several education sessions that were attended such as climate change, building your case to protect access, economic impact studies and bridge building, as well as round table discussions about trespassing and groomer operations. These were presented to help the attendees to become more aware and informative to help you to become a better snowmobile association/club. The round tables were great to hear from others about their success or failures in addressing the trespass problem or what works or does not work with grooming operations. The ISMA Executive Director, Jarret Smith, provided his yearly state of snowmobile presentation and as expected, sales and registrations were down.

Although there are 3 days of meetings of the many separate groups, there were still many events to entertain the attendees and to allow networking among attendees besides the nightly

hospitality room during the event. On Wednesday, prior to the first meeting, ACSA FOSPAC had their fundraiser event with attendees playing BINGO as well as networking with the many different people representing their states. There was an opening reception that showcased the many different seafoods that PEI is known for as well as potatoes! There were a lot of great conversations

and over 250 attendees were present. As a bonus, a local group provided some entertainment. The Thursday night off site event was at the local Harness Racing Track and Casino. Some winners were smiling extra but overall, the food was great, and the racing was exciting. The Friday night event was the annual groomer reception to allow a backbone industry for snowmobilers a chance to mingle with the attendees and discuss a subject that is dear and true to all snowmobilers - groomers and trails.

The last official event of the ISC is the Saturday night banquet and awards dinner where the ASCA and CCSO proudly announce their winners of the many awards presented by these organizations. For your information, the winners of the IASC awards presented at the annual convention are submitted to the ACSA for consideration. There have been many winners from Illinois and this year, an Illinois family was selected as the ACSA Family of the Year, Herman's!!! Congratulations to Earl and Georgia Herman and family!!

It was announced that the 2026 ISC will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, June 3--6, 2026. Stay tuned for more information if you are interested in attending. It is a lot of fun and educational. My personal experience is that I have met many snowmobilers from throughout the United States and Canada that are always great to mingle with at the many meetings, events or the local bar and restaurants close to the Congress meeting place. Many conversations and discussions take place, and you can hear laughter all the time. Plus, this year was extra special as several of us were able to explore Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick by car to enjoy the scenery.





By Pat Pendergast

This year's Excellent Adventure took Bob and myself back to the NE quadrant of Minnesota. Nothing original about a trip to this area, but it has become one of my favorite places to ride. The U.P. had snow in certain areas at the time, but traffic had been so heavy, I had no desire to ride there. Minnesota was late to get rideable snow, but they had enough to get a halfway decent base going and grooming operations had begun, so MN it was. That portion of Minnesota is very rocky, so a good base is very important and they had just enough in most areas. We were really wanting to ride into Ontario from Minnesota, but the remote border crossings were closed to those who didn't currently hold a remote border crossing pass. I checked into this late last year, and while Canada was accepting applications for remote border crossing passes, they were not processing them and had no positive answer as to when or if they would award them. So we nixed the Canada portion and decided to make do with MN only, which rarely disappoints with its trail systems. Along with Bob Hennenfent, Josh Curry and myself, we had a new brave soul join us for this year's adventure. Long time rider Greg Lardi signed on for the trip, giving us an even 4 people to travel together.

Sunday, February 16th, we headed for Two Harbors, MN where we would launch out of. That was "Plan A" anyway... more on that later. We lucked out on the way up as we passed through Dickeyville, WI, and caught Holy Ghost Catholic Church having their monthly breakfast. We discovered that they have this breakfast the 3rd Sunday in February, which explains why we caught this same breakfast a couple of years back. It's a great meal and they appreciate the support, plus it's always nice to meet new folks on our journeys.

We have learned to slow down a bit on these trips and make it a point to enjoy what there is to offer along the way. After we filled our bellies with pancakes, homemade cinnamon rolls, and all the other breakfast goodies, we arrived in Two Harbors late afternoon, unloaded the sleds, got settled into our rooms, purchased Minnesota's out of state trail passes and found McQuade's Pub and Grill, which is only a 5 minute walk from the hotel. It is a great place to eat, have a craft beer and enjoy the music they have playing. Pool and hot tub time followed supper after a long day in the truck.

We headed out in the morning with the temperature at -9 degrees and sunny skies. Getting to the North Shore State Trail was fairly easy and I did it without leading anyone down a cross country ski trail or getting

totally turned around, so that was a plus. If you haven't used the Polaris Ride Command app I would highly recommend it, it is amazing and even I can make pretty good use of it. We headed north and east up the shoreline on the North Shore State Trail with possibilities of Grand Portage as our spot to stop for the night, also part of "Plan A." Trails were good and traffic was light, so riding was pretty enjoyable. It was just cold, but we were managing and enjoying the ride. We made a gas stop in Tofte and went inside for hot chocolate and a warm up break. A short while after that Bob's sled began having issues with the battery/alternator. Here begins "Plan B." We messed with it some until our hands became too cold, then we towed it back towards Tofte as Greg had noticed a sign about the Sled Dr. Snowmobile Repair. We got it inside his heated garage and did some testing on it..Thought we had found the problem and got ready to head out. The Sled Dr. is a former Polaris snowmobile racer by the name of Jerry Gervais. He was quite a character and helped us out, but the repair we completed did not solve the problem. We eventually limped the ailing sled to Grand Marais by nightfall, secured rooms at the Aspen Lodge with plans of taking the sled to Grand Marais Motors to see if they could help us out. Greg was also having secondary clutch issues and they were to look at it in the morning as well. With temps near zero most of the day and by evening strong winds blowing, we were happy to be off of the sleds and in someplace warm. We walked across the street to My Sisters Place and had a good meal and a couple of drinks. Then back to the hotel for pool and hot tub time.



After our free morning breakfast (I'm still frugal, mind you), we headed for the shop for sled diagnosis and repair. Of course, the sled mechanic was "sick" but would be in at noon. I think that is code for hungover, but I can't confirm. After some assistance testing the charging system, we determined that Bob needed an alternator that was terribly expensive and not available for at least a week. He made the decision to update sleds and started looking for a replacement, finding the deal he was looking for in Duluth. With the truck



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at our original launch point in Two Harbors, Bob and Josh needed to secure a ride to get the truck and then pick up the sled in Duluth. Grand Marais Motors had a guy headed south later that morning so they were set to get the truck, pick up the new sled, then return to Grand Marais to pick up their sleds that they left behind. Since we were on "Plan B" now, I cancelled our Friday night Two Harbors reservations and made new ones at our new launch point at the Grand Stay in Silver Bay. Once the sled mechanic "got better," he had Greg's sled going by 3pm, so he and I headed for Silver Bay. Light traffic and good trails made for a fun 100-mile afternoon, rolling into town before dark. The timing for Bob and Josh's return to Silver Bay worked out for us to order Pizza from Zoe's in town and they could pick it up on the way. Good pizza and hot tub/pool time brought a respectable end to the day.

With "Plan B" accomplished, we left Silver Bay with Ely now as our "Plan C" destination. We rode some really nice local trails to Finland so Greg and I could top our sleds off and then headed NW towards Ely. The Tomahawk Trail was a little rough at first, but once past the Trestle Inn, things improved. We made a stop at the Matilla Shelter, which is halfway between the Trestle Inn and Ely along that same trail, and were lucky enough to see the wild fox that hangs around there and enjoys treats supplied by snowmobilers who frequent that shelter to take a break. We had a fire with a bunch of fellow riders and then continued on towards Ely, arriving at the Grand Ely Lodge fairly early in the afternoon. It had been another cold day so we decided to end it there and hit the pool and hot tub. The restaurant didn't open until 7, so we had a late supper and some of the group hit the pool and hot tub a 2nd time after supper.

Thursday brought temperatures well below zero again and I had to jump start my sled. Looks like the last season for that battery. Once all four sleds were running we left the Lodge shortly after 7 and headed towards Tower on the Taconite. The trail was in good condition and there was no traffic so we had a fun ride on the twisty, hilly trails and made it to Tower in no time. Since the Grand Ely Lodge doesn't have a free breakfast (that is so painful), we stopped at the Tower Marathon for a hot chocolate and snack to warm up. After our break we caught the Arrowhead Trail towards Tower for a fuel stop. The Arrowhead is a really flat, fast trail and fun to ride, but pretty cold when temperatures are low. We picked up the Laurentian Trail for a bit, then south on the Virginia Spur Trail towards Virginia to check out the Thomas Rukavina Memorial Bridge over United Taconite's mine. After a few photo ops, we backtracked through Virginia,

caught the Laurentian Trail again and headed to Hoyt Lakes for the night. We stopped at the Lauren Filter Memorial Shelter along the way and started another fire in the fire ring. We had a nice break to enjoy the fire and have a few snacks. We were able to leave the fire with a guy we nicknamed Captain F-Bomb (for obvious reasons, wowza) to enjoy the fruits of our efforts. We continued on towards Hoyt Lakes on some awesome trails, arriving late afternoon. Once checked in, we headed a short distance to The Haven bar and restaurant for a nice hot meal. We then fueled up the sleds before heading back to the hotel and calling it night. The pool and hot tub were closed, so that was unfortunate, but we still had a free breakfast to look forward to.

Our last day of riding started out at minus 10 degrees, which seemed to be the norm for the week. We took the Pequaywan Trail south and east for a ways, then caught Brimston Trail heading northeast with plans to catch the North Shore Trail again and make a stop at Gooseberry Falls State Park. The falls were completely frozen, but it was still a nice stop as temperatures were close to 20 degrees. Back on the North Shore, we headed for Silver Bay to fuel up and then on to Finland to have a celebration supper at Our Place bar/restaurant. There were a ton of sleds out front when we arrived, but we got right in, ordered our meals, and many of the sledders left shortly after our arrival, so it was a great way to wrap up the trip. Great food on the menu at that stop, as well. I'd recommend the ribs. We returned to Silver Bay and loaded the sleds right after dark and rounded out the adventure with one last pool and hot tub session. Lots of sledders had arrived by Friday night, so there were plenty of folks to visit within the pool area. Other than Bob having to buy a new sled, which really didn't seem to upset him that much, it was a great trip. We also got to introduce Greg to Minnesota's awesome trail system, which he thoroughly enjoyed. He may even go on another trip with us! Some folks are gluttons for punishment. We did end up with just short of 700 miles for the week, not bad considering we lost a good portion of a day for repairs and sled purchase. Like I shared earlier, we have learned to slow down a bit and enjoy the experience versus trying to ride hard and rack up as many miles as possible. After all, we aren't getting any younger. I always recommend Minnesota as an option for folks looking for a great place to ride. A lot of the main corridor trails are maintained by the MN DNR and they seem to do a decent job of grooming based on my experiences there. I hope you enjoyed the latest edition of Bob and Pat's Excellent Adventure. vUntil next time, stay right and happy trails.

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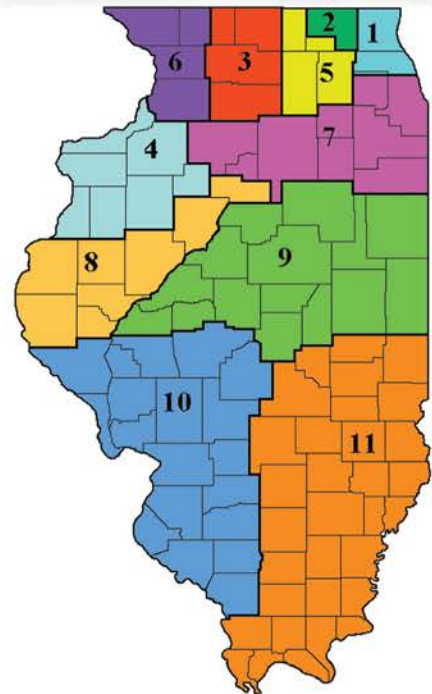
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Cedarville Snow Travelers

By Georgia Herman

Our club has 45 families and we reside in Northwestern, IL. For several years our club has hosted a fundraiser on the first Saturday in April at Route 20 Bar & Grill outside of Freeport. Chances to win include a 50/50, \$5 for \$100-wheel, meat raffle, basket raffle, special prize raffles, and last year, a live auction. We hope you will consider joining us this April.

Not only is the fundraiser tons of fun so that the participants return the following year, but a great way to make money that supports our efforts to maintain our trails and give donations. We donated to the Northwest IL Trails Foundation when they were improving the parking area at the Wes Block Trailhead on the Jane Addams Trail. In the past, we donated \$500 to the Cedarville Lion's Club.

Since our area relies on fire departments staffed by

volunteers, the members voted to donate \$1000 to the Cedarville Fire Department. We attended their annual pancake breakfast on March 22, and presented them with the money.

In the picture, the three men on the right are members of our club and volunteer firemen there. We have 4 more club members who are volunteers with other departments. We are so grateful that they give their time to this vital service.

When our snow grant wasn't enough to cover the cost of buying a 2010 Tucker Sno Cat, because of the success of our fundraisers, we were able to add the \$4,526 needed to purchase it. We have also purchased a cultmulcher and a brush hog to maintain better trails. Fundraisers are vital for the needs of our club.



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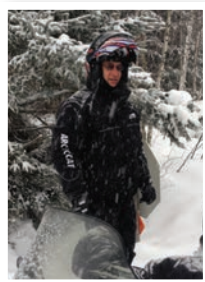


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Safety & Education



Pat Pendergast

Welcome back, readers. I hope you all had a good off-season. Now that September is behind us, let's move forward into our favorite season, WINTER! I do love fall weather with the smells of corn and soybean harvest all around me, but fall also brings Haydays, swap meets, snow shows, etc. Fall also means it's time to check to see if your sled registration expired last year or not. Please keep in mind that as an Illinois resident, even if most of your riding is done in one of the snowier states, you still have to register your sled in the

state of Illinois. Your registration dollars go towards grants and programs that support organized snowmobiling in the state. Clubs buy groomers, secure property to put in interconnecting trail systems, buy trail marking equipment, and the list goes on.

Do you have a family member who could benefit from a snowmobile safety class or needs a class to legally ride a snowmobile? Guess what! Snowmobile clubs have members who volunteer their time to teach snowmobile safety classes throughout the state. Anyone between the ages of 12 and 15 have to be certified through a safety class in order to operate a snowmobile alone. While there are online opportunities to take the class for a fee, you can't really beat the opportunity to have an experienced snowmobiler teach you the ins and outs of riding safely and courteously. Plus, there is usually no charge for these classes. They may not be as convenient as an online version, but I guarantee you or your student will

get way more out of an instructor-taught class than if you sat in front of a computer and poked buttons. So, you're an adult and don't need to take the class, you say? Well, if you are planning on riding in Wisconsin, they require anyone born after January 1st, 1985 to have taken a snowmobile safety class. That's a 40 year old, folks! Laminate that pink card and hang on to it, it's a ticketable offense if you don't have it on you when riding. I'm coming up on my 18th year of teaching snowmobile safety. You'd think I'd be better at it than I am! But I do enjoy sharing my almost 50 years of riding experience with our up and coming riders. I think every class I teach I reach a few kids, and maybe adults, and they pick up some useful tips or ideas that will make them someone I'm not concerned about meeting on the trails. Another thing I got to thinking about as I write this is the accident report that Cody Gray of IDNR from last season. While there were only two accidents and thankfully no fatalities, any guesses of the age group of the riders? One was 44 and the other was 53... Time of day - evening, alcohol involved - of course. C'mon, folks. It is the youth we figure who will be making bad decisions. Sometimes I wonder if we are educating the wrong group.

Ok, I'll ease off here. Are you an instructor? If yes, thank you for taking the time to educate our youth and share your passion for this wonderful winter sport. Do you have a family member who could benefit or is required to take the class? Locate one listed in this magazine or get on the IDNR's website, <https://dnr.illinois.gov/safety/snowmobilesafety.html>, and get educated on snowmobile safety and all of the requirements. Lots of info there for your benefit. Get ready for winter, it's just around the corner!



Safety Class Schedule



Class Date	Location	Address	Time	Registration
10/5/25	Hampshire Township Park District	390 South Avenue, Hampshire	7:30am-4:00pm	Register at the link below https://www.hampshirewhiteriders.com/sepclass
11/29/25	Pingree Grove Fire Station #1	10N255 Dittman, Pingree Grove	7:30am-4:30pm	Joe Kurelo at 815-370-4301 Sue Metz at 847-217-2431
12/13/25	Oneida/Wataga Fire Station	316 S. Willard St., Wataga	8:00am-4:30pm	Bob 309-368-0620 Pat 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.

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.

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