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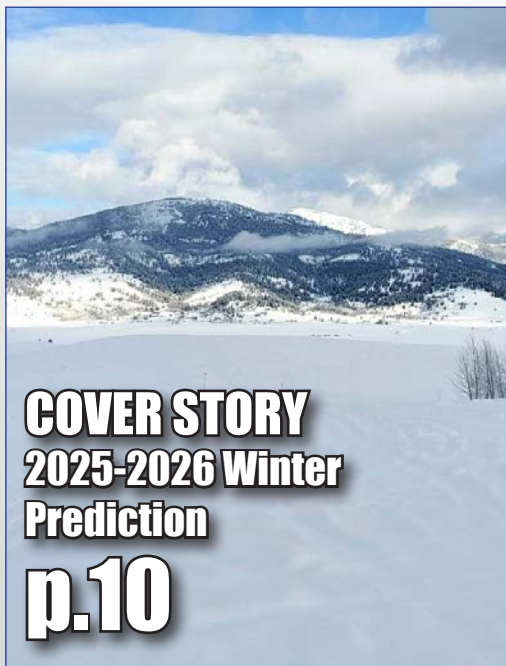
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PRESIDENT'S DESK



Kai Steward

The 52nd Annual IASC Convention at Chestnut Mountain Resort is around the corner on November 7th and 8th. It's been a few years since we have made our way out to Region 6. I hope you all get a chance to enjoy some down time and explore this beautiful area.

While most people get a little down about the changing seasons, I see this as an exciting time to be a snowmobiler

here in Illinois. Our season is quickly approaching, and the long-range forecast looks promising for a great snow year. With all the snow in the forecast, I am proud to say Illinois will have four new groomers operational this year. Thank you to the individuals that made this happen. These efforts start at the club level with you, our club members that want to groom and make our trails better. Thank you to our regional officers that bring these wants and needs to the state level, our trail advisors, grant writers and everyone that continues to register their sleds each year.

We regularly talk at the state level about the importance of registering your snowmobile here in Illinois, but do you know why it is important and where that money goes? First, when we get rideable snow, you have your sled stickered and ready to ride. Two, the money from your registration is deposited in the STEF and SNOW funds. From those funds the IASC and others write grants to pay for club and trail insurance, insurance for the equipment, groomer operation and maintenance, signs, posts, and this is where we are able to get matching funds for RTP grants. Multiple low snow years and the rising costs for insurance, signs etc., are depleting these funds. If folks continue to wait for snow to register their snowmobiles, we may not have the funds to pay insurance much less signs and maintenance costs.

Speaking of insurance and trails... I cannot wait to sit in on the seminars about insurance from our agent, Kelly O'Donnell, and protecting land access/landowner relations from Sam Landes. Our convention committee has been working hard to make sure we have interesting, relevant topics to discuss. If you are not signed up, let us know. We'll make room for you to enjoy the weekend out at Chestnut Mountain. It's nice to have a venue that prays for good snow as much as we do.

As always, we will hope and pray mother nature takes her wrath out on us in the form of snow.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Team Arctic Locks In Factory XC Race Team

(THIEF RIVER FALLS, MN October 22, 2025) – Team Arctic is eagerly anticipating the coming winter, when it aims to reclaim its rightful place atop the cross-country racing world with a newly expanded factory team.

Rising star Jesse Hallstrom will team with legendary racer Zach Herfindahl in the Team Arctic hauler in the Pro classes on the Cor PowerSports race circuit, while Derek Kloety returns to chase the Semi-Pro titles. Each will compete on Catalyst chassis-based ZR 600 R-XC models.

Hallstrom, 19, of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, started his career racing Arctic Cat snowmobiles at age 4, when he learned what it takes to reach the podium. After spending the last three seasons with another team, he returns to his hometown roots with more experience and robust aspirations. “As I look ahead to this new chapter, I’m grateful for where I’ve been and even more energized for what’s to come being back on an Arctic Cat,” said Hallstrom.

Herfindahl, 29, of Eagle River, Wisconsin, has already amassed 14 points championships, five cross-country I-500 victories and a Soo I-500 enduro win in his storied career – all aboard Arctic Cats. He is looking to build on that success in 2026 with his new teammate. “These are exciting times for Team Arctic,” Herfindahl said. “I am pumped about the addition of Jesse to our team.”



Kloety, 21, of St. Hilaire, Minnesota, finished fourth in Semi-Pro Improved Stock last season, including two trips to the podium in five rounds. “I’m excited to have Jesse back on Cats where he belongs,” said Kloety. “We all work well together and are hoping we can all push each other to get faster.”

Team Arctic Race Manager Mike Kloety added, “Jesse coming back to Team Arctic brings talent, youth and passion for the sport, plus a good Arctic Cat family heritage, all in one program. Having another good rider racing out of the factory trailer will provide more feedback, which will speed up our ability to get information and support to all of Cat’s racers.”

This winter, Team Arctic will be showcasing a broad range of returning and new cross-country racers who each play a vital role in the team's efforts to chase checkered flags and continue development through competition. Also returning this season is the factory Arctic Cat race trailer, ready to offer support to all of Team Arctic at every Cor Powersports race. Look for more complete Arctic Cat race team details in coming weeks. And look for its racers at the front of the pack this winter.

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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER



Carol Bly-Julian

I am finishing my sixth year as the Treasurer of this organization, and in that time, I have learned a lot. One of the most important lessons I have learned is the importance of having a financial plan for your organization. I am not talking about something overly detailed, but something that shows how you get your funding, and what you do with your money. This plan should be written. I know that no one likes to talk about the business side of club management. We are all interested in the fun side of snowmobiling, but both are very important to the success of your club.

As I look at how the IASC gets its funding, and how fragile some of that funding is, I am forced to look at how we can survive if there is a funding hiccup or shortfall. As clubs, you should do the same.

We all rely heavily on grant funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. As many of you know, that is how clubs get reimbursed for insurance, as well as trail signage. As snowmobile registrations go down, so does the funding available in some of our grant programs. What you need to be thinking about when considering your club's financial plan is, what if we didn't get reimbursed for insurance, or other trail maintenance costs? Could we survive a couple of years without that reimbursement? This has happened in the past. You also need to think about what your club's future needs may be. Insurance has gone up 20% a year. Do you have enough to pay for that up front and wait for reimbursement? Do we have enough money to operate our groomer throughout an entire season? An entire season with grooming! That is wishful thinking on my part.

As I have said before, your club is a business. You need to operate it like one. A simple financial plan with regular financial reporting to membership is an important part of that.

Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club's Student Education Program Class

By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

On Sunday, October 5th the Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club held their SEP class at the Park District building in Hampshire. Eight students attended the class that day, accompanied by several parents who remained for the duration of the class. They even participated in the learning activities. Our club's two new SEP instructors taught their first class on their own. Thank you Mike Reid and Keith Lima so much for taking this on for the club. I visited briefly, took a seat, observed, and listened; both were impressive. A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officer, Andrew Gott, spoke with the students before I arrived and answered all their questions. I understand he did a very nice job.

Thank you to everyone involved. Thanks to the Hampshire Park District for letting us use the facility. Thanks to Mike and Keith for all the time spent before class and the day of class. Thanks to Mike and Keith for all the gear they brought to show the students. Thanks to Mike for bringing snowmobiles. Thanks to the DNR and Officer Andrew Gott and thanks to Becky Haseman for all her help and for lunch. Thanks to all the parents who took the time to bring their kids to class and for picking them up. Thanks to all the other instructors around the state taking time out of day to do the same thing.

I love seeing an SEP class and the students who are the future of our sport.



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August - April
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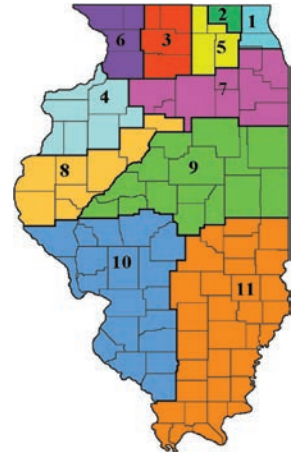
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November 23rd:

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DECEMBER

December 6th:

Midwest Trailblazers
3rd Annual Christmas Party
5:30pm - 10:00pm
Fundraiser for Ronald
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January 24th:

Music Trivia Night
Registration opens at 5:30pm,
Trivia Starts at 7pm
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January 28th-February 1st:
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2025-2026 Winter Prediction

By Dale Marting

As we come to the next snowmobile season, I am starting to see all the winter predictions on YouTube. Forecasters are talking about El Niño, Natural, or La Niña ENSO; the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO); the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO); the Arctic Ocean ice; the Siberian snowpack plus other weather and climate conditions all trying to predict what this winter will be like. All this talk got me thinking, what is a true “normal” winter snowfall in the Chicago area?

If you go by today’s convention, we used to get more snow than we currently do. I will agree, considering last year was the worst year for snow in my lifetime. However, based on snowfall data from NOAA, last year was the fifth worst year for snowfall. Yes, there have been four winters with less than 17.6 inches of snowfall since 1884 with the worst year for snowfall during the winter of 1920-1921, which saw 9.8 inches of snow. So, are we really in low snow years or were the 1970’s heavy snow years?

To help answer that question, I took the NOAA snowfall data for the Chicago area and began analyzing it. If you are interested in NOAA’s data, go to the following link https://www.weather.gov/lot/Chicago_seasonal_snow.

I rearranged the data and sorted it by seasons. Unfortunately, NOAA’s data lacked the snowfall information for the winters of 2022 to 2023, 2023 to 2024, and last year’s snowfall data. I Google searched that information and added it to the data set.

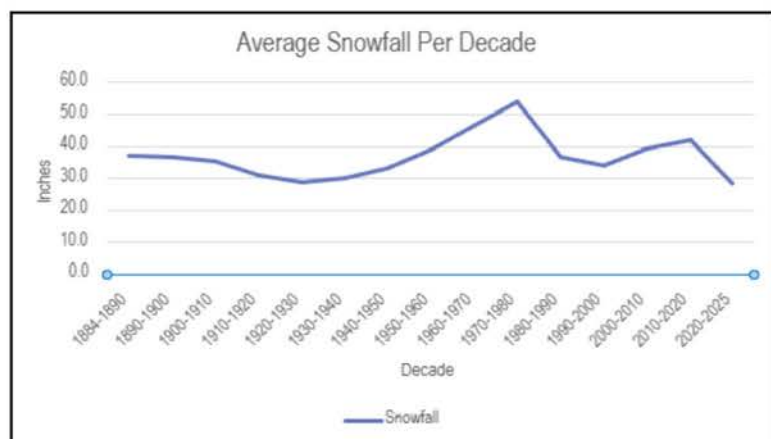
According to NOAA, “normal” snowfall in Chicago is 38.4 inches. Therefore, last year’s snowfall was 45% of “normal” snowfall. Not particularly a fun year. However, when I compared each season’s snowfall to the “normal” snowfall, 40% of the winters since the winter of 1884-1885 have exceeded 38.4 inches. That means 60% of our winters had snowfall below 38.4 inches. Most winters have less than 38.4 inches of snowfall? Surprisingly, this correlates with the exact percentage of our chances of having a white Christmas at 40%.

Okay, so it is starting to look like we do not get big winters that often. Next, I calculated the average snowfall for each decade, the chart looked something like this.

Surprisingly, during the 1950’s, 1960’s and 1970’s we had more snowfall than the “normal” snowfall over the decade. This will become important later. Also note, the number of decades with below “normal” snowfall outnumber the number decades with above “normal”

Decade	Avg. Inches
1884-1890	37.0
1890-1900	36.8
1900-1910	35.6
1910-1920	31.1
1920-1930	28.7
1930-1940	30.1
1940-1950	33.1
1950-1960	38.9
1960-1970	46.5
1970-1980	54.0
1980-1990	36.5
1990-2000	34.0
2000-2010	39.2
2010-2020	41.8
2020-2025	28.4

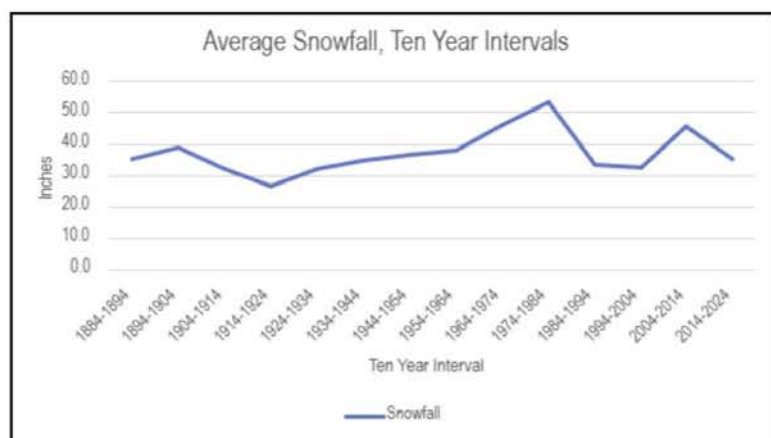
snowfall two to one. (Yes, I know the 1880's and 2020's are only half-decade.)



The next thing I did was to see if I shifted the pattern by half decade to ten-year averages starting with the 1884-1885 winter and ending with the 2023 – 2024 winter, what would happen with the snowfall patterns. That chart looked like this.

10-year Inv.	Avg. Inches
1884-1894	35.3
1894-1904	39.0
1904-1914	32.0
1914-1924	26.4
1924-1934	32.2
1934-1944	34.8
1944-1954	36.7
1954-1964	37.9
1964-1974	46.4
1974-1984	53.4
1984-1994	33.6
1994-2004	32.3
2004-2014	45.8
2014-2024	35.3

Surprisingly, the graph correlated with the prior decades graph. When you look at winters at a ten-year interval, you start seeing a better picture of what is going on. As in the other graph, the number of below “normal” snowfall seasons outnumber the number of above “normal” snowfall seasons by about the same ratio, two to one. You also start seeing why most believe what we believe.



According to this data, 1964 to 1984 was a heavy snowfall period. We surpassed the “normal” snowfall by 20% to 40% over the twenty-year period, with a sprinkle of below “normal” snowfall winters. Whereas the prior period from 1904 to 1964 saw below “normal” snowfall by 1% to 25% over the sixty-year period, with a sprinkle of above “normal” snowfall winters. If you look at the decades since 1984, the snowfall amounts are returning to the pre-1960's, pre-1970's snowfall amounts. So, what does this mean?

My hypothesis is we think winters are getting snowless because of the period we grew up in. Most snowmobilers today grew in the 1960's and 1970's. The heaviest snowfall period in Chicago's history based on the available NOAA data. If we grew up in the 1910's, 1930's, or 1940's, we would feel the past years are normal snowfall years. If not slightly less than “normal,” but nothing to worry about. If we grew up in the 1920's we would be like, winters are getting worse. It is all a matter of perspective.

What is my prediction for this winter? The eternal optimistic snowmobiler in me is hoping for another winter like the winter of 1978 to 1979 where we got 89.7 inches of snow. However, the realist in me is predicting my truck, trailer, and sleds are ready to chase snow.

Wonder Lake Lakers/Sno-Bugs

By Craig M. Adams, Wonder Lake Lakers/Sno-Bugs Snowmobile Club

In early October 2025, the Wonder Lake Lakers/Sno-Bugs Snowmobile Club got to work. The club had a small bridge to rebuild that was over 30 years old, falling apart and was no longer safe to cross. This bridge was the main access on our trail system to the McCullom Lake, Illinois community and the Cullom Knoll Restaurant and Tavern. This is a stop to warm up and get some food for many snowmobilers. This project was more involved than we had thought during our original assessment. We had projected that we could accomplish this total rebuild in a single day. But as with most projects, we ran into some problems and had to split this rebuild into a two-day project.



Logging machine removing railroad ties.

The Lakers/Sno-Bugs as all snowmobile clubs always have problems getting enough volunteers to do all of the work that needs to be done. Yet, we forged forward gathering some of our members to get this project completed.

Our club assembled the following volunteers to get this job done. We luckily have some professionals that belong to our club. Our volunteers for this project included a civil engineer, an industrial engineer, a professional landscape design and tree removal owner, a Maine Township road district foreman, a professional insurance agent, a general construction estimator and project foreman, a high school teacher and a retired politician to tackle this project. While



Jacking up telephone poles. Preparing to deck bridge.

we did lack the professional opinion of a structural engineer, we used our combined professions to run some calculus formulas to determine the weight load that this bridge can handle based on our construction plans.

The first order of business was to tear apart our old failing bridge. Luckily for our club our professional landscape and tree removal company owner volunteered his equipment to help tear apart our old bridge. He brought his large tree grapple equipment that is used to pick-up large tree trunk pieces when cutting down large trees. This grapple helped us to easily remove the old railroad ties that decked our bridge and saved us many hours if we had to manually remove these ties.

After removing the old and rotting railroad ties, we assessed the telephone poles that are the main support for the bridge. All of the old poles were still structurally in good shape, but a couple were sagging and needed to be jacked up and supports needed to be added underneath them. Unfortunately, we had not brought any jacks or supporting cribbing material to reinforce the poles that were sagging. We did have two new telephone poles that we had brought and decided to add these poles for more structural support. We pushed the new poles into place and set them. We

Rebuild Snowmobile Bridge

had to call it a day because we needed to come back with hydraulic jacks and cribbing material on another day. Our club's first day of reconstruction was completed and a plan was formulated to come back in one week and finish the bridge with the additional tools and materials that were needed.

The next week's work day arrived and most of our volunteers returned to finish rebuilding our snowmobile bridge. The first thing to accomplish was to jack up some telephone poles that were sagging that were not as secure to the bank as were required. The jack with cribbing material placed underneath were set in place so that the poles could be jacked to the correct height. After jacking up the old telephone poles to the correct height, cribbing material was placed underneath the logs to keep them in place. Cement was poured in place to make sure the cribbing material could not move.



Bridge completed with chip board added to decking

We added a rail on each side of the decked bridge to keep all snowmobiles and groomers from accidentally sliding off the deck of the bridge. The last step was to place chip board over the decking to aid as protectant for the underlying deck. This would ensure wear and tear from wear bars on sleds would be protected from the underlying original planking deck material.

This chip board could be removed after worn down and replaced, saving the deck boards underneath. After approximately a four-hour work day our club had completed rebuilding this important bridge. It should be good for another 25 to 30 years for use by the snowmobile community.



Bridge Decked and Siderails Added

The base supporting poles were now all secured in place. Next, we planked the bridge with outside wood decking material and screwed the decking in place to the log's underneath.

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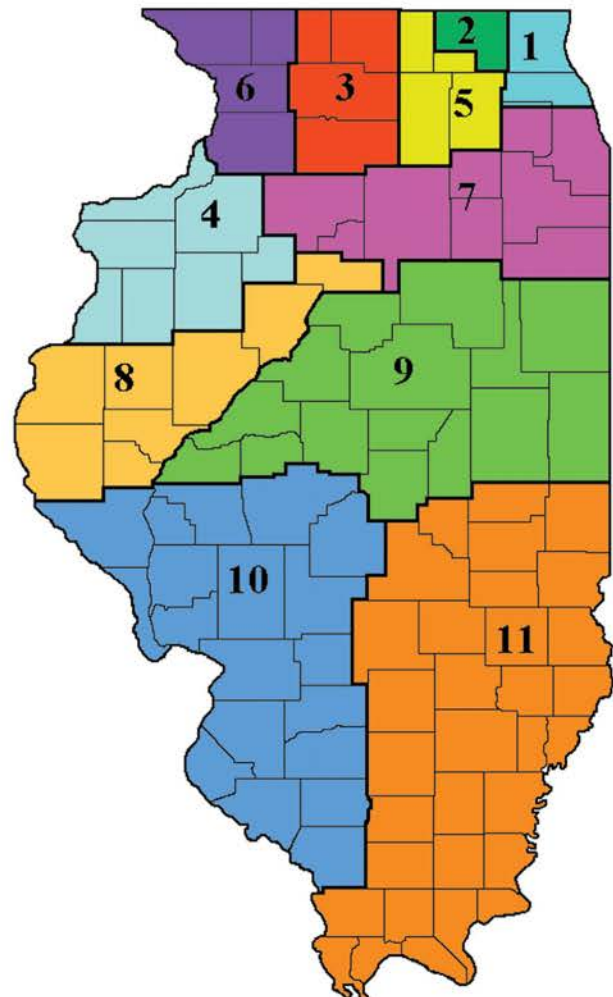
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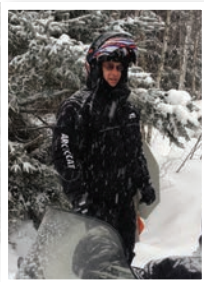


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- Keeping trails open and developing new trails
- Supporting trail grooming
- Initiating and supporting lawsuits that threaten access
- Encouraging snowmobiler participation in clubs and associations
- Promoting snowmobiling as a family activity
- Providing safety awareness and education through the Safe Riders! program



+ Safety & Education +



Pat Pendergast

It will be November when you read this, but the day I wrote it, Boulder Junction reported on their Facebook page that it was snowing! I'm sure it didn't amount to much, but exciting to hear nonetheless. Many of the extended forecasts at least sound favorable for a decent winter. Let's hope they are even halfway close and this winter brings us some of that white gold so we can all ride locally and at our favorite northwoods riding areas.

Along with the usual fall snowmobile events like snow shows, grass drags, swap meets, it's also when the crops are picked and trail brushing and marking begin in earnest. Safety needs to be practiced when working on trails as well. Anytime multiple people are using tractors and mowers, chain saws, pruning saws and any other type of power equipment there is the opportunity for accidents. Everyone should be on the same page as to who is working where, using what, etc. If there are trees that need to be cut down, everyone should be aware of what is going on and where the tree is planned to be dropped. It sounds obvious, but multiple workers doing different jobs makes it easy to miss some of the communications, so make sure everyone is paying attention. There are still plenty of tractors and combines out and about in November, so keep an eye out for them as you travel from one area to the next. Bowhunting season is going on this time of year, too. When organizing your work days, check with the landowner to see that the areas you need to cover don't have hunters trying

to bag a deer there. With outfitters securing more and more ground these days, keeping the lines of communication open between your club and the landowner is vital.

While marking and brushing trails is hard work and it has the potential for accidents, it can be a lot of fun as well. If you've never helped on a work day, find out when your club's going to be out there and join in. Clubs are always looking for more volunteers to assist and you'll have a sense of pride when you finally get out to ride and realize you helped make it all happen. You'll also be less likely to complain once you realize the amount of work that goes into putting in a trail system. Here's to hoping you all have a blessed Thanksgiving and are able to share it with family and friends.

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TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

How can you protect the environment when riding your snowmobile?

- a) Avoid riding in large groups
- b) Ride only when the ground is covered by at least four inches of snow
- c) Ride only in residential areas
- d) Wear a helmet approved by the Department of Transportation

Answer: b) Ride only when the ground is covered by four inches of snow.



Safety Class Schedule



Class Date	Location	Address	Time	Registration
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
11/29/25	Leone's Polaris	3061 E 103rd Rd., Peru	8:00am-4:30pm	815-220-1780
12/13/25	Oneida/Wataga Fire Station	316 S. Willard St., Wataga	8:00am-4:30pm	Bob 309-368-0620 Pat 309-335-4095
12/13/25	Lena Community Center	497 Lions Dr., Lena	8:00am-4:30pm	815-990-2652
1/3/26	H.Q. Kane Cnty Forest Preserve	1996 Kirk Rd., Geneva	8:00am-4:30pm	Ron 630-546-8058 rgjulian@comcast.net

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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