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PRESIDENT'S DESK



Kai Steward

As I sit down to write this final article of the season, my thoughts drift back to the weekend we just spent up north with family and friends. It almost didn't happen—after the recent warm spell, we were worried the snow wouldn't be good enough for riding. Still,

my wife was eager to see the ice caves, so we decided to make the trip regardless of the conditions. I'm so glad we did.

Although the ice caves were only open for 24 hours and had broken up before we arrived, we were able to snowmobile—and found ourselves on some of the best trails of the season. The unexpectedly great conditions made for a truly fun and memorable adventure.

Reflecting on past trips, I realize that some of our most cherished memories have come from those spontaneous journeys—finding accommodations on the fly, staying in quirky hotels or Airbnbs, and chasing the snow wherever it led us. If I have any advice for the rest of this season and the next, it's this: take the trip, make the memories—whether on a snowmobile or otherwise.

A quick reminder: March 10th is our raffle drawing at the IASC monthly meeting, held at Double O Saloon in Monroe Center. If you'd like to donate to next year's raffle, please reach out to Don Schaefer.

Wishing you all a wonderful end to the season—may you find another chance to ride before spring arrives.



Salvation Army Donation

By Georgia Herman

The Cedarville Snow Travelers voted to give \$500 to the Freeport Salvation Army because they meet a big need in our town of Freeport. The Salvation Army started in London in 1865, and our Freeport Salvation Army opened 20 years later in 1885.

The biggest needs they see in Freeport are food and affordable housing. They assist by providing noon sack lunches and offering a food pantry twice a week, and delivering once a month to people that can't pick up the food. Working people need to pick up food too, so twice a week they can order online and pick it up after work. They also offer Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Besides their food ministry, they give away clothing.

Pathway of Hope is a case management service for families with children to assist in overcoming challenges in their lives. Their social ministry program stands in the gap for services that are not available elsewhere in the community. A worker meets with them to discover what help is needed. This program helps them in a crisis, and gives referrals to other

agencies who can help. The Salvation Army assists with things that are not available from other agencies such as water bills, car repairs, work that requires steel toed shoes, scrubs, gas to get to work, laid off and need help with mortgage, prescriptions, bus tickets and laundry vouchers. This program is what they will use our donation to fund. Also, they run an Angel Tree Christmas Toy Store. This year, they served 661 children from 290 families. A total of 5,400 toys were distributed.

The Salvation Army always comes to mind when we think of emergencies like fires, floods, and natural disasters. They provide immediate services to help.

We are grateful to have the funds to share because we continue to raise money at our annual fundraiser. This year, it is April 11, from noon to 3pm at Rt. 20 Bar & Grill, 2051 AYP Rd in Freeport, IL. We have a meat raffle, basket raffle, \$5 for \$100 wheel, 50/50 and auction items. Join us for the fun! Call Georgia at 815-238-7826 for more information.

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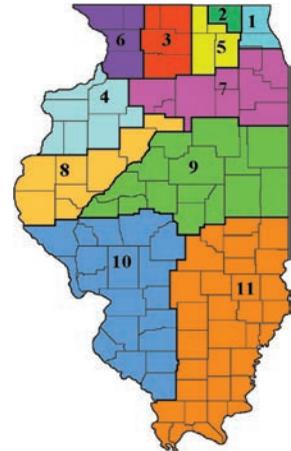
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Midwest Trailblazers A New Direction Annual Saddlebag Trip 2026



By Robyn Harms, Lisa Wall and Robin Wall

For the Midwest Trailblazers, the 2026 annual saddlebag trip was all about embracing new. New trails, new sights, and an exciting new direction. Traditionally held in Michigan's Upper Peninsula the trip has benefitted from the U.P.'s reliable snowfall. But for years, members dreamed of exploring western Wisconsin, a region rich with riding potential but historically unpredictable winter conditions.

This year, with weeks of steady cold and generous snowfall blanketing northern Wisconsin, that dream finally became reality. The plan: a 4-day, 3-night trek from Ironwood, Michigan to Hayward, Wisconsin and back. Riders would experience everything from twisting forest paths to open fields, scenic valleys, and long stretches of railroad grade, an adventure that promised variety at every turn.

Day 1: Ironwood to Ashland

The night before departure, riders gathered at a local favorite; The Iron Nugget in Hurley for the traditional pre-ride meeting and the first draw of the trip's annual poker run, coordinated once again by Lisa Wall. Excitement ran high as everyone anticipated the journey ahead.

By 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning, sleds were fired up in Ironwood and the group headed toward Trail 11W through the Island Lake area. A photo stop at the Mercer Area Snowgoers Trail Sponsorship sign on the north end of Trail 14 kicked off the day's scenic highlights.

After fueling up in Glidden, the group enjoyed a warm lunch at Lena's Bar and Grill before continuing west toward Clam Lake for a refreshment break at Ransom's Bar. From

there, the ride continued north to Ashland, where the group checked into the Best Western which was under renovation, but still welcoming, with its signature carved wood furniture and sweeping views of Chequamegon Bay. A relaxing dinner at The Landing wrapped up a successful first day of 120 miles.

Day 2: Ashland to Solon Springs

Following a hearty hotel breakfast, riders originally planned to head toward Duluth via Superior. But after reconsidering a long railroad-grade stretch, the group opted for a more scenic route north into Washburn, WI in Bayfield County. Fueling up there, they continued west toward Valhalla before reaching Iron River and discovering The Other Place and it was a perfect lunch stop with great service and lively conversation.



New trail recommendations from fellow riders helped shape the afternoon route south toward Solon Springs. Along the way, the group paused at an overlook of the storied Bois Brule Bog, birthplace of both the Bois Brule and St. Croix Rivers, each flowing in opposite directions, forged by glacial retreat.

A refreshment stop at Lakeview Lodge on St. Croix Lake set the tone for a peaceful evening at the St. Croix Inn. The hotel bar, overlooking a lake dotted with ice fishing shacks and a fun little ice-road shortcut that lets cars drive right over the frozen lake. It was the ideal setting for a casual pizza night. Day two closed with 113 miles.



Day 3: Solon Springs to Hayward

Thursday began with a scenic 44-mile stretch of railroad grade heading toward Spooner; it was a refreshing contrast to the twisty forest trails of previous days. Just north of town lies the Great Wisconsin Northern Railroad in Trego, known for its popular scenic train rides and noted as a possible future club adventure.

South of Spooner, the terrain opened to farms and fields, leading to a refreshment break at Rummel's Tap. Across the road, young bison played in the snow at Northstar Bison Ranch, a surprise highlight of the day. The group drew the final cards of the poker run here, crowning the winners:

- 1st Place – Judy Logsdon**
- 2nd Place – Lisa Wall**
- 3rd Place – Doug Logsdon**

Lunch at Lincolnwood Restaurant and Bar served up great food and a view of Long Lake stretching nearly 19 miles. It's one of the few landmarks that truly goes the distance to live up to its name. Refueled and recharged, we pointed

our sleds northeast toward Hayward, eventually landing at the Beechmoor Bar and Grill on Whitefish Lake just in time for a sunset worth slowing down for. The showstopper sky painted the lake in breathtaking colors as riders completed the 130-mile day at Seven Winds Casino. Dinner at the Kinnikinnick Basket Restaurant with a little evening gambling for those feeling lucky.

Day 4: Hayward Back to Ironwood

The final leg began with breakfast at the casino before heading east to Clam Lake for fuel and a busy but satisfying lunch at Elkhorn Lodge. Afternoon stops at Drop Tine Bar and Grill in Mellon and Cleavo's Bar in Gile added some last-minute memories before riders rolled into Hurley for dinner at Trailside Bar and Grill.

The day wrapped up with 127 miles, as riders returned to Ironwood for the trip's end; tired, happy, and already reminiscing.

Another Journey in the Books

The 2026 Midwest Trailblazers Saddlebag Trip delivered nearly 490 miles of adventure, scenic detours, and at least one moment where someone definitely missed a turn but refused to admit it. Riders Doug and Judy Logsdon, Cory and Kristen Taft, Robin and Lisa Wall, Dave Stout, Bob Steele and Shawn Mitchell cruised through new territory, collected stories they'll be exaggerating for years, and proved once again that the real fuel of the trip is laughter, powered by sunshine, scenery, and a few strategic breaks.

For more photos and video mapping on Relive, follow the Midwest Trail Blazers on Facebook: **@Midwest Trail Blazers**



Arctic Cat Unveils Bold 2027 Snowmobile

February 24, 2026 Arctic Cat Press Release: John Prusak, jprusak@arcticcat.com

Arctic Cat came out swinging with their exciting 2027 snowmobile lineup on February 19th, and riders of all types are ready to be ALL IN on Arctic Cat.

From light-steering, sharp-handling trail sleds; agile crossovers with an innovative new rear suspension; truly groundbreaking utility sleds; versatile deep-snow machines; thrilling entry-level choices; and luxurious touring snowmobiles, Arctic Cat offers something exciting for every rider for 2027. Plus, legendary Arctic Cat model names – including El Tigré, Jag, Bearcat and XF – return with exclusive new technology.

The 2027 lineup reflects an “ALL-IN” attitude from Arctic Cat, its dealers and its riders, capturing the shared passion each group feels for snowmobiling. Those who are willing to commit early will have access to dramatic Whiteout color packages, 2- and 3-year warranty options, free EPS upgrades and up to \$800 Cat Cash during the Spring Guarantee Pre-Order event, which runs through March 23.

Pioneering Trail Sleds

This winter, select Arctic Cat trail riders had their expectations forever changed when they rode the first-ever two-stroke-powered snowmobiles with electronic power steering (EPS). The response was overwhelmingly positive and the statement “this is a game-changer” could be heard echoing throughout the industry. For 2027, more riders can enjoy the effortless steering, dampened negative feedback, precise handling and other benefits of the Arctic Cat-exclusive EPS technology.

Another new feature specific to Arctic Cat is the use of the Arrowhead pre-studded track – a breakthrough in traction technology – plus expanded availability of the Arctic Cat G8 digital display.

The popular full-sized two-stroke ZRs are found in the modern, lightweight Catalyst chassis with the buyer's choice of 600 or 858 C-TEC 2 engines with or without EPS. Mid-height windshields are a standard feature on most ZR and ZR Sno Pro models for MY27. Key models are:

- ZR and ZR EPS – featuring our ATAC 3 system that gives riders push-button control over adjusting three Fox iQS shocks, with either a 129-inch Ripsaw track surrounding a responsive uncoupled suspension, or a 137-inch Ripsaw II track around a coupled Slide-Action rear.
- ZR Sno Pro and ZR Sno Pro EPS – with all the ZR features but using Arctic Cat's premium clicker-adjust AC5S shocks at all four positions
- ZR R-XC – race-inspired models now with EPS, the Arctic Cat G8 digital display, reinforced R-XC Slide Action rear suspension, premium Fox QS3R shocks and handguards.

Atop the trail lineup is the “All-In” El Tigré in throwback black and green. This exotic, full-featured sled features EPS, ATAC 4 handlebar-controlled Fox iQS shocks in four positions, C&A Pro XPT skis, G8 digital display and much more. It is available in a 137-inch model or a 146-inch model.

New for 2027 on the El Tigré 146 and all 146-inch trail or crossover models is the all-new Cross-Action II rear suspension, an uncoupled design with a raised rear wheel and rail section that allows it to corner like a short-track machine but float off-trail and bridge bumps like a crossover.



Also new on the El Tigré is the Arrowhead track, which features pre-studded lugs strategically angled to provide extra traction for acceleration, cornering and braking. It's available with a 137-inch length in Slide-Action-equipped models or a 146-inch length with the new Cross-Action II.

Those seeking El Tigré features in special spring-order-only Whiteout coloration can reserve a ZR 858 White Tiger model in either track length during the Spring Guarantee event.

The Cross-Action II is also an option on the sport's highest horsepower snowmobile – the full-featured Thundercat. Its amazing 998cc turbocharged four-stroke triple delivers 200 horsepower. For 2027, the Thundercat now benefits from the high-tech Arctic Cat G8 digital display, plus new spindles on its ARS II dual A-arm front suspension. It's available with a 137-inch Ripsaw II with the Slide-Action rear or a 146-inch Cobra with the Cross-Action II.

Riders seeking a less powerful four-stroke option are thrilled that the ZR 7000 is also back.

A Jag Revival!

Historically, the Arctic Cat Jags were among the sport's best lightweight and fun snowmobiles. The iconic name returns for 2027 on affordable, sporty trail sleds in the mid-sized chassis – now with new upgrade options.

The Jag 400 gets playful with a 397cc liquid-cooled, fuel-injected, single-cylinder engine creating 65 horsepower to spin a 121-inch Hacksaw track.

The upgraded, all-new Jag 400 Sno Pro featuring a 40-inch ski stance with sway bar up front, premium AC5S shocks all around, the uncoupled Slide-Action rear suspension and a 15- by 129- by 1.25-inch Ripsaw track. It's light, agile and fun!

Capable New Crossovers

The dynamic Cross-Action II rear suspension is also found in Arctic Cat's 2027 crossover lineup. Previously known as Riot, the crossovers return to the historic XF moniker but with modern features.

When combined with the narrow AWS 39 front suspension and 146-inch

Lineup With Innovations In Every Segment

Hurricane track on the full-sized XF and XF Sno Pro models, the unique geometry of the Cross-Action II with its elevated rear wheel creates incredible flotation and nimbleness when picking a line between the trees or exploring meadows, yet impressive handling on groomed paths.

- XF 858 – featuring Fox iQS shocks at three positions controlled using the ATAC handlebar-mounted switches.
- XF Sno Pro (600 or 858) – with premium AC5S clicker shocks at all four suspension locations.

Returning with a new name is the XF 400 – in the mid-sized chassis with the single-cylinder 397cc engine driving a 15- by 146- by 1.6-inch Cobra track.

More Deep-Snow Options

Mountain riders also get more options and choices for 2027 from Arctic Cat. The lightweight Catalyst-based M Sno Pro models – with either a 600 or 858 two-stroke twin – are available with the buyer's choice of:

- The Alpha One mono-rail rear suspension for unrivaled deep-snow agility, or
- The Float-Action twin rail rear suspension for all-condition adaptability.

Twin-rail M Sno Pro models are available with either a 146- or 154-inch PowerClaw track featuring 2.6-inch lugs, plus a full-length heat exchanger. Alpha One models are available with 145-, 154- or 165-inch PowerClaw tracks, with varying lug height options. Both offer variations of optional G8 display and electric start.

Hard-charging deep-snow riders will love the HCX and HCR models, now with an even higher grade of super adjustable Fox QS3-QSR shocks. Each comes with Arctic Cat's high-output 858 C-TEC2 engine and a reinforced version of the twin-rail rear suspension.

- HCR 858 – A hillclimb racing-focused machine with a 154-inch PowerClaw track with 2.6-inch lugs and a short heat exchanger.
- HCX 858 – A backcountry weapon with a full-length heat exchanger, 146- by 2.6-inch PowerClaw and a lay-down steering post angle often preferred by riders who alternate between standing and sitting.

The capable M 400 is back with the Alpha One rear suspension, 397cc single-cylinder engine and 146-inch Challenger track with 2-inch lugs.

A New Utility Benchmark

Arctic Cat redefines the utility segment with the triumphant return of the Bearcat name and an industry-exclusive innovation that will be particularly beneficial to work-and-play riders.

The 2027 Bearcat LT (600 or 858) debuts in the Catalyst chassis, offering a lightweight design, centered masses and superior ergonomics. It's also the first two-stroke utility sled with electronic power steering (EPS), which makes slow speed on- or off-trail handling easier, even when hauling a load or pulling a sleigh.

Key features include the adjustable Xtra-Action rear suspension with a 154-inch Cobra track, wide G2 Pro-Climb-7 skis, three sets of ATACH brackets and a rear rack.

Returning with a new name is the Bearcat 400 LT. Its 400-series engine, mid-sized chassis and 146-inch Cobra track make it capable, agile and fun.

Luxury Touring Defined

Arctic Cat builds on its long, proud history of setting the benchmark for multi-passenger touring with a new 2027 Pantera lineup.

- Pantera 9000 – The most powerful, comfortable, capable and well-appointed 2-Up sled ever built features a turbocharged 998cc four-stroke triple, EPS, the now standard Arctic Cat G8 gauge with on-screen mapping, abundant onboard storage and heated seats, grips and visor plug ins for the driver and passenger.
- Pantera 7000 – Powered by the naturally aspirated 1049cc four-stroke triple, it has many of the same features found on the 9000 for those that look for the same comfort, but a little less go on the throttle.
- Pantera 400 – Built on the mid-sized chassis with a two-passenger seat, 146-inch track and the single-cylinder 397cc two-stroke.

Fun For The Whole Family

Arctic Cat's commitment to family fun doesn't stop there. The ZR 120 and ZR 200 sleds are expertly designed to let young riders enjoy the great outdoors. Each is powered by a single-cylinder, air-cooled, four-stroke engine.

- ZR 120 – A true beginners model limited to 8 mph with a 67-inch-long track.
- ZR 200 – Slightly larger and more powerful, it rides on a 93-inch track. Best yet, it meets Snowmobile Safety & Certification Committee (SSCC) standards, meaning young riders can go out on the trails (where legal by age) with the rest of the family.

New to Arctic Cat's lineup is the Widescape WS 250 – a new way to enjoy the winter. This stand-up enduro sled is made for carving snow-filled meadows, lake tops and hillsides. Not meant to replace traditional snowmobiles, the Widescape offers a truly unique experience that could provide a key entry point to winter motorized recreation. The Widescape not only offers snowmobilers a new way to enjoy the sport but also attracts non-traditional riders who love the outdoors and are looking for a way to enjoy the winter.

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- A three-year warranty; or
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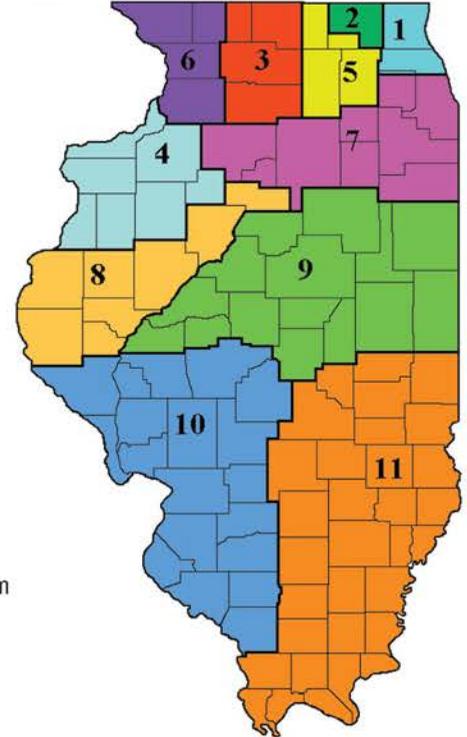
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Team Arctic Terrain Racers Take Center Stage

February 3, 2026 Arctic Cat Press Release: John Prusak, jprusak@arcticcat.com

From the rugged ditches of North Dakota to the snowy countryside of Vermont and everywhere in between, talented and determined Arctic Cat racers were busy running up front and collecting trophies. Cross-country racing took center stage this past weekend, and legendary Pro racer Zach

Herfindahl showcased both his skills and the capabilities of his Arctic Cat Catalyst chassis snowmobiles as the Cor Powersports circuit made its long-awaited return to the ditches, woods and rivers at Manvel, North Dakota. Herfindahl captured the Pro Open victory in the morning and then followed it up with a second-place finish in Pro Factory on his ZR 600 R-XC machines on a particularly challenging terrain course.

“The Catalyst chassis came out swinging in the ditch,” Herfindahl said. “We knew it was going to be good, but it was a blast to put a stamp on it and prove it out on the racecourse. I’m really proud of our team for continuing the fight as we look forward to more terrain races ahead!”

Also at Mavel, Team Arctic racer Elliot Clark won in Semi Pro Improved Stock, a class in which four Arctic Cat riders finished in the top six. Meanwhile, Arctic Cat racer Keegan Houser nabbed second place in Semi-Pro Factory. Reilly Clark continued his domination with victories in both Sport Stock and Sport Improved Stock on his Arctic Cats. Fellow Team Arctic racers Kyle Quesenberry (Sport Stock) and Trig Anderson (Sport Improved) also earned podium finishes behind him. Meanwhile, Adam Brandt won two classes – Vet 30+ and Expert 600 Limited – on his No. 132 Arctic Cat.

Gabby Hallstrom carried the Cat colors to second in Pro Factory Women, while Eric Nymann and Tyler Norine finished first and second, respectively, in the Trail class. Team Arctic’s Bryden Diesen recorded another Junior 14-17 victory, while Kynsie Diesen continued her reign in Junior 10-13 Girls. Arctic Cat racers William Haugen claimed second in the boys Junior 10-13 class.

At the Adirondack Cross-Country Racing Series event in Stillwater, New York, the Green Mountain Racing Arctic Cat crew delivered standout performances, with Adam Levi winning Pro Open and Nick Keating claiming Pro Lite. Team Arctic Pro racer TJ Leach earned podium finishes at the New York event as well as Saturday at the Vermont 100 New England XC Racing event.

The eyes of the snocross world were on various events, and Arctic Cat racers were collecting top finishes at each one of them.



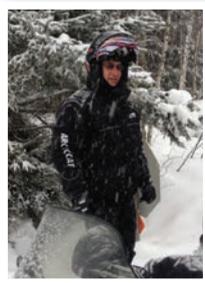
In Ontario, Team Arctic’s Cameron Watchler was on the Pro class podium both days at the Canadian Snowcross Racing Association (CSRA) event. In Pro Lite, Arctic Cat completely dominated all weekend, with Team Arctic racers Nathan Poirier, Wynston Roes and Garrett Flynn sweeping the podium in that order on Saturday. Poirier then repeated Sunday, with Flynn second and Roes fourth. Another Arctic Cat star in Ontario was Tyler Billings, who won Pro/Am Vet class both days and claimed top honors in the new Open Mod class.

On the Midwest Snocross Series stop in Hutchinson, Minnesota, Green Mountain Racing’s Linus Pettersson claimed first in Pro Lite, while fellow Team Arctic racer Ryder Harnois bumped up to the class and finished an impressive third. The Women’s class saw Cat racers McKaylee Meyerhofer and Eleanor Schmidt finish second and third.

“Our cross-country racers took full advantage of the change from Ice to terrain racing, and the podium counts shows how well things went in Cor Powersports and also out East,” said Team Arctic Race Manager Mike Kloety. “The ISOC National SX is on a short break, but many other associations are busy with their races, including CSRA and Midwest SX, and our Team Arctic racers were claiming their share of podiums there as well. Winter Is about midway point now and things are only going to get busier for all. “

From coast to coast in many different facets of the sport, Team Arctic racers continue to compete to win, carrying with them the pride of Arctic Cat riders everywhere.

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Pat Pendergast

It always amazes me how quickly the final March issues sneak up on me. I hope everyone had a chance to do both some local riding and were able to make it to their favorite riding destination, whether northern, western or even eastern. I was fortunate that I was able to attend the ACSA Trails Region meeting and ride in Watersmeet, MI and now just returned from a MN saddlebag trip. The thing I noticed from both of these trips was the effort riders were making to ensure I knew

how many riders were in their group. Even if the entire group was all very close together and you could clearly see them all, they were still signaling their place in the group. People were using signals on turns, in narrow stretches and in rough trail conditions. While I appreciate the gesture, I'd prefer they concentrate on maintaining control of their sled. Is it nice to know that there could be a sled or two coming around the next corner or over this upcoming hill? Sure it is. Is it helpful to know that the rider with his or her fist in the air is the last one in the group? Of course it is. But, as a rider, you need to realize that another rider or two may have caught up to the "last one in the group," which can definitely catch you off guard. And let's face it, if everyone is staying to the right, there shouldn't be too many problems. With the horsepower and amazing suspensions on the snowmobiles today, you'll find people riding fast and hard regardless of trail conditions. I don't always have a lot of confidence

in everyone's riding abilities (along with my own) to feel comfortable meeting them in tough conditions with one hand on the handlebars. So while I feel it is good rider etiquette to let oncoming riders know how many are in your group, please consider trail conditions and your ability to maintain control of your sled before taking that hand off of the grip. Like I said, it is a nice gesture and it does have its place, but don't feel you are in any way obligated to return the favor. Especially if conditions aren't favorable. I'll step off of my hand signal soapbox and leave the choice up to you. No one knows your riding abilities better than you do. Let's hope for a strong finish to our '25-'26 snowmobile season. Ride safe and stay right, folks.

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- d) Have your riding partner pull you out since he is in a safer position to do so.

Answer: c: Swim to the closest edge, stretch your arms out over solid ice, and jab a sharp object into the ice.

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