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Taking Advantage of a Traffic Stop

Greetings to all fellow snowmobilers! Well, this winter is starting to look a lot like last winter: no snow to ride on. Is everyone doing the snow dance? When all of you are at your next club meeting, do something different for a change: Go outside as a group and do the snow dance... if nothing else, it will get the neighborhood talking!

Talking about club meetings, I hope all of you are making an effort to attend your next club meeting and do not forget to invite a non-member, pick them up and make them feel welcome. Being at a number of club meetings already, I hear that with no snow, memberships are down. We all need to think "outside of the box" and come up with new ideas to attract members and non-members to our club meetings. Work with your Region Director; these guys have ideas for you to think "outside of the box."

In December, I made a late night trip to Ames to pickup the snowmobile simulator and trailer from the Southeast Iowa Ridge Blasters. They met me there around 10:30 p.m., and then I drove on to LeMars, arriving there around 2:30 a.m. The Powder Players Snowmobile Club set the simulator up at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds for a Sunday evening display. Mrs. Claus was so pleased with the turnout and positive comments that she invited the Powder Players to come back the following weekend. In all, there were 200 children who rode the snowmobile.

I went out there Sunday night to do what

I do best: talk. I was able to visit with many of the children and their parents that night. A very high percentage of the children have never experienced a motor-rized vehicle of any kind so to see the smiles and hear the giggles of the children was great. Most of them wanted to change their Christmas list after the experience.



Merv Hoermann
ISSA President

The Powder Players did sell some club memberships. If you have not had the snowmobile stimulator yet, make a date to reserve it. If nothing else, it makes for some great memories. I want to thank the Powder Players Snowmobile Club for all the volunteers spending their time in making a difference to all those young people.

Going to Sutherland the other day, I had the privilege of meeting a new Iowa State Patrol officer. After we finished up the paperwork, I saw an opportunity to visit with him about if he was aware of all of the changes that has happened in the Iowa Code regarding snowmobiles. And guess what, David Downing? I am still batting 100 percent. But what the officer did next surprised me. He reached in the back seat, pulled out a copy of the Iowa Code and read the section pertaining to snowmobiles, Section 321.

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Powder Players working the snowmobile simulator at the Plymouth County Fairgrounds during Christmas.

Legislative Update

Start Making Calls to Support Gas Tax Reimbursement

The time has come to once again make your presence felt in Des Moines. Please email your legislators today to support the allocation of the portion of the fuel tax on fuel used in snowmobiles going back to the snowmobile program as a part of the legislation when the fuel tax legislation is passed. It cannot be done as separate legislation.

Iowa has done the allocation for boat fuel for many years. All the snowmobilers are asking is to have the same done for the snowmobile program as is already done for the boaters. Every other snowmobile state but Iowa already does this, and it is only fair to use the tax for fuel used in snowmobiles to provide snowmobile trails just as fuel used in highway vehicles go towards highways. Farm use fuel is also being exempted from highway fuel tax.

Thank you to the Iowa snowmobilers who have contacted their Iowa legislators to ask them to support the Iowa snowmobile program by receiving the gas tax we already pay when we put fuel into our sleds. We must have many more snowmobilers contact their legislators to let them know this is important to you!

If allocated, the funds from the Iowa gas tax will be enough to pay for one more new groomer every year. We need this to keep updating the old grooming equipment we still have out there. You are paying the tax on the fuel anyway; it is just not coming back to the snowmobile program.

Please take the time today to contact your legislators by phone, email or letter. Ask them to support Iowa snowmobiling by allocating the gas tax from fuel used in

snowmobiles to support the snowmobile program.

As our lobbyist, Mike Heller, stated in his January update, "It is critical for ISSA members to contact their legislators and ask them to support putting fuel tax funds used off road in snowmobiles by snowmobilers into the Trail Fund. Legislators will not do it unless they hear from their constituents about the unfairness of the taxing snowmobilers for roads when we are not using them on our snowmobiles."

The only way we will be successful in fighting the big lobbyists working against us on this is if your legislators know that getting the gas tax from snowmobiles back to the snowmobile program is important to you and to the thousands of other voting snowmobilers in Iowa.

They need to hear from everyone. Please do not think someone else will take care of this. It will only be successful if you do your part. Iowa snowmobilers have motivated legislators to help us in the past; we can do it again if you act now.

We need every snowmobiler to do this. Every husband, wife and voting-age kid all need to send a message of support, and we need it now. If the language is not in the proposed legislation this year, we may not have the opportunity again for many years. The last time this came up was 1985. There is no way to know when the opportunity would be possible again. We need to get these snowmobile dollars back to snowmobiling now.

Please do your part, and send this message to every snowmobiler you know and ask them to do their part. Together, we will make a difference. With this success, we can turn our attention to getting it to snow, but that comes from a much higher authority than Des Moines.

You can get your legislators email address by going to the legislative website at <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators>. If you put in this address, it will take you to you a webpage where you can put in your town and that will take you to your legislator's website and give you contact information. Be sure to contact both your senator and your representative.



Jim Willey
Immediate Past
ISSA President

Hoermann

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I thought, wow, how many of you have visited with law officials? Something to consider, that's for sure.

December was pretty busy with a number of training sessions for groomer operators to either be certified or recertified to operate groomers. This is good for three years before recertification is required again.

These operators spend many hours running grooming equipment, to keep our trails smooth and safe to ride on. If and when it snows again, so the groomers can be out to groom, remember to thank these operators for the time they spend operating these machines.

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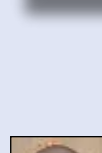
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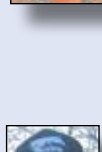
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ACSA Update

Important Face-to-Face Contact with Decision-Makers

The holidays are behind us, and credit card bills are arriving. We all begin to focus on taxes and how to get out of paying more than we feel we should. Snowmobile trails are signed and (in some areas) groomed and are being ridden. And for those of us who snowmobile, we are in the middle of our favorite season. I hope you are all enjoying it and have been blessed with adequate snow.

I happen to live in an area that hasn't been so lucky yet, but I'm certainly not giving up hope. Depending on where you live, many are used to having to trailer to find good snow conditions on an annual basis. Others have the luxury of getting early snow, plenty of new snow and have riding conditions all winter long that many of us can only dream about. I envy those people!

Snowmobiling is truly an addiction in my opinion. It is a sport that consumes us year round. For the thousands of volunteers who assist at all different levels, it is a year-round commitment. Many belong to and serve at the local club level. Others get involved at the state, national and even international level.

To all those volunteers everywhere, I'd like to say Thank You. Without all of you, snowmobiling as we know it today wouldn't exist. It's all of you that make the trails happen, the rules and legislation necessary for our protection and safety possible and the constant awareness of threats to our sport that become front and center to those who don't get involved.

I have the pleasure to serve all of you as the President of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA). Chances are, if you're reading this, you are involved at some level in snowmobiling. You most likely belong to your local club, and in most cases as a result, also belong to your state association. You then, in turn, become affiliated with ACSA.

We are the umbrella organization that monitors and watches out for your snowmobiling interests at a variety of levels. We serve as watchdogs regarding continuous and ongoing threats to our sport and where we ride. Over the years, ACSA has built and nurtured relationships with decision-makers at the national level in various areas of government. These relationships have proven to be invaluable when "knowing the right people" has been a critical part of favorable outcomes

regarding potential closures to some of our favorite areas to ride.

ACSA currently has one full-time executive director and one part-time office person. The governance of ACSA is the responsibility of volunteers who serve, for no other reason except, for the fact that they love the sport of snowmobiling.

The ACSA Board of Directors is made up of delegates from each of our member Associations. ACSA works closely with each state Association and the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association to stay on top of issues that arise and policies that could have a negative impact on our sport. In addition, ACSA has a close working relationship with the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations, our sister entity in Canada.

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Forest Service Releases Final Snowmobile Rule

The U.S. Forest Service in late January published a final rule that will regulate when and where over-snow vehicles (OSV, i.e. snowmobiles) can be used on national forest lands.

The final rule, which will take effect in about a month, will "provide a wide range of motorized and non-motorized recreational opportunities," explained U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "This policy maintains community input and local decision-making so that those with knowledge of local areas can decide how to best balance natural resource issues with legitimate recreational uses of national forest land."

Established in 2005, the Travel Management Rule adopted a system in which local forest managers designated trails, routes and areas in which off-highway vehicle use was allowed or prohibited. Because snowmobile tracks melt with the snow, whether to use this specific regulatory system to manage over-snow vehicles was at the discretion of the land manager. In March of 2013, an Idaho federal judge ruled in favor of a lawsuit filed by the Winter Wildlands Alliance filed in November of 2011, requiring the Forest Service to conduct more analysis.

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) and the Idaho State Snowmobile Association—with substantial support from the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA)—appealed the decision against the Forest Service. This appeal is currently ongoing. Blue Ribbon Coalition is also listed as a participant in the appeal.

The proposed rule was published on June 18, 2014, and the Forest Service received and analyzed thousands of comments that were received during the comment period. Along with ACSA, ISMA and the other participants in the appeal filed detailed public comments. Based on its findings, the Forest Service issued the final rule.

The final rule will now require that each Forest Service unit and/or ranger district

which has adequate snowfall to support OSV use, develop an OSV plan that decides which routes, trails and areas should be open to snowmobiling, unless the unit already has such a plan in place.

This rule will provide consistency in how over-snow vehicle use is allowed by requiring the publication of maps designating trails, routes and areas where snowmobiles are allowed. Those forests that have already



Tidwell

made decisions on OSV use—with public involvement—will not be required to go through that process again and current use may continue, unless the unit chooses to reopen its prior decision. Thus, a substantial number of forests will not be required to go through

this process again.

For those forests that must conduct proceedings to designate trails, routes and areas as open or closed to snowmobile use, current use is protected on an interim basis while the unit conducts the proceeding. The Final Rule explains it this way:

"Until designation for a unit or district are complete and an OSV-use map identifying those designations is published, existing OSV travel management policies, restrictions and orders remain in effect. Use of NFS roads, NFS trails and areas on NFS lands consistent with current OSV travel management decisions and management objectives may continue."

The rule provides for the creation of OSV-use maps. It also modifies the definition for an "area" to encompass over-snow vehicle use over a broader landscape. The Forest Service explains that this recognizes that cross-country snowmobile use may be appropriate in areas in which cross-country use by wheeled off-highway vehicles would not be

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Look Before You Pump Campaign



The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) has partnered with the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) in the 'Look Before You Pump' campaign, an ethanol education and consumer protection program.

The campaign reminds consumers to always use fuels containing no greater than 10 percent ethanol when powering their outdoor power equipment or other non-road product, such as boats, snowmobiles and motorcycles, not designed for higher ethanol fuel blends.

The 'Look Before You Pump' campaign is most known by its emblematic prominent, red warning hand symbol indicating 'OK' for 10 percent ethanol and 'No' for mid-level ethanol blends (such as E15, E30, E85). The campaign was launched in October of 2013 in response to higher ethanol blended fuels being made available in the marketplace for 'flex-fuel' automobiles, and to warn consumers not to inadvertently mis-fuel their engine products not designed to handle these higher ethanol fuel blends.

The level of support for 'Look Before You Pump' continues to grow. No one wants to damage or destroy their equipment. But

the changing fuel marketplace demands education, as evidenced by retailers, dealers and manufacturers—and now major industry organizations—being more proactive in telling American consumers and business owners to be more mindful when selecting the right fuel for their products.

According to ISMA President Ed Klim, "it is important our customers know their fuel selection is important."

The National Marine Manufacturers Association also joined forces last summer in spreading the campaign messaging, and major retail outlets including Lowe's, Walmart and True Value, as well as independent dealers, began using the 'Look Before You Pump' message in their stores and in customer circulars and catalogs this past year.

A summer 2013 interactive study shows the vast majority of Americans (71 percent) are "not at all sure" if it is illegal or legal to put high level ethanol gas (i.e., anything greater than 10 percent ethanol) into engines such as those in boats, mowers, chainsaws, snowmobiles, generators and other engine products. According to Klim, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is on record stating that snowmobiles should NOT use fuel with more than 10 percent ethanol (E-10).

Forest service rule

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appropriate.

"Snowmobilers have participated in Forest Service planning for decades. Unfortunately it seems every time a Forest Service Plan is updated, snowmobilers lose trails and access," said ACSA President Duane Sutton. "With this new rule, snowmobilers must maintain their diligence in attending these meetings and participating in the planning process. Our participation is more important now than ever."

ACSA is very appreciative of the input and financial support from individual snowmobilers, snowmobile clubs, state associations and businesses throughout this process. ACSA looks forward to working with all of those individuals and organizations in the implementation of this rule.

To view the entire final rule, see <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-01-28/pdf/2015-01573.pdf>. If you have any questions, please contact the ACSA office at 271 Woodland Pass, East Lansing, MI 48823. (517) 351-4362 or visit www.snowmobilers.org.

Sutton

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continuous legal challenges by various anti-snowmobile groups. The ACSA Legal Defense Fund (LDF) was created many years ago to help with this financial support. The LDF was revitalized a couple years ago as a result of a lawsuit filed against the United States Forest Service in Idaho. Since that time, snowmobilers everywhere have realized how critical this financial support is and have contributed to our ongoing legal financial needs. I want to extend a sincere thank you to all the individuals, clubs, businesses and organizations which have contributed. As a result of your support, I strongly believe we continue to make a difference in the outcome of the legal challenges we face.

Enjoy the rest of our favorite time of year, be safe on the trails and continue to be ambassadors for our sport. It's because of you that our sport is strong and growing. Let's all help ensure that our children, grandchildren, and beyond are able to enjoy the beauty of winter missed by those who don't snowmobile. For further information visit www.snowmobilers.org.

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ISSA Plans March Trip to Copper Harbor

Get in on some late season riding with your fellow Iowa snowmobilers

by **Jim Willey**

Immediate Past ISSA President

We ALL have something in common...We are PASSIONATE about snowmobiling...It's time to get our old friends together and make new friends... Let's go snowmobiling with the Iowa State Snowmobile Snowmobile Association.

Last fall, my wife Becky, Past ISSA President Bruno Andreini and I had a cup of coffee when we were picking up the ISSA Trail Break Trailer from him after an event. As is usually the case when snowmobilers get together, the conversation turned to some of the many enjoyable trips we have made with other snowmobilers.

As we relived those happy memories, we talked about the opportunity we have to make future memories with our many friends in the clubs across Iowa. Somewhat prophetically, we discussed how—in years without good snow in Iowa—many Iowa snowmobilers yearn for a trip to where there is abundant white stuff, but do not know where to go or how to set up a trip with their friends.

As we discussed this, we recognized the opportunity to create a trip for ISSA club members to meet at a designated place to ride together in groups of their own choosing, to gather in the evenings to share stories, enjoy group meals and in general just have fun.

As president of the ISSA at that time, I asked Bruno—with his experience in organizing trips such as this for his club and other groups—to organize a trip for all Iowa snowmobile clubs to participate in. Bruno enlisted the help of Tammy Gaulke, who is also experienced in organizing trips, to put the trip together.

What we came up with is a trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan March 2-6. Our destination is the Copper Harbor area, and we have a block of rooms reserved at the Magnuson Copper Crown Hotel in Hancock, Mich., through Valentine's Day.

The ISSA room rate is \$81.41 per night, and we plan to ride in small groups during the day and ride for as long as you want. For those interested parties, we will meet for meals in the evening and

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO...

Call (906) 482-6111 to make your hotel reservations. Rooms will be held until 10 p.m. Feb. 14. Rooms are blocked at Magnuson Copper Crown under ISSA – Snowmobile Group. \$81.41 per Night including tax. 24-hour cancellation requirement.

Contact Bruno Andreini at awbrunoa3@gmail.com or (515) 992-3455 or Tammy Gaulke at tcgaulke@gmail.com or (515) 490-5303 to let them know you are planning to go, so they can plan for group events, etc. You can also let me know if you are going at (563) 920-0911 or james.willey@camoplast.com.

IF YOU ARE A PROCRASTINATOR...

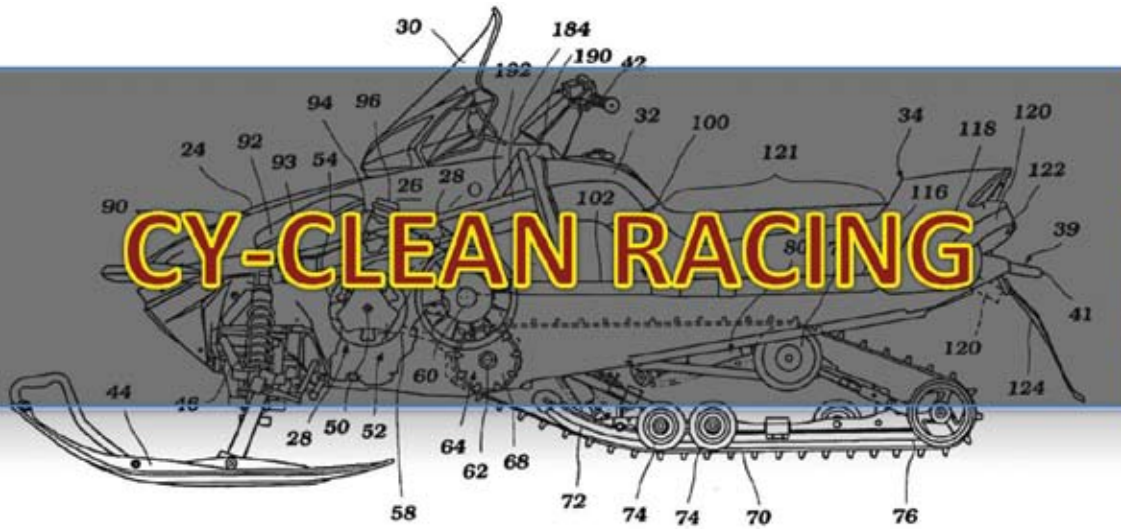
• If you do not make your reservations right away and the host hotel above is full, you can still contact these additional hotels:

- Ramada Inn Hancock: (906) 482-8400
- Magnuson Franklin Square: (906) 487-1700
- Travelodge: (906) 482-1400
- Super 8: (906) 482-2240

take some time to share our stories and adventures.

Our first night there we will have a pizza party. We will be taking donations to cover that cost, and all other meal costs during the trip are on your own. A continental breakfast is included with your room rate, and snowmobile garages are provided to store your sled and to keep the safe and out of the elements.

There is plenty of free parking for tow vehicles and snowmobile trailers, and restaurants and bars are within walking distance. So stop sulking about the lack of snow on our trails and plan to ride with the ISSA in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan! All ISSA members are invited to attend.



ISU Team to Enter SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge in March

by Cameron Hanson

For the first time in the 12-year history of the SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge, a team from Iowa will be participating in the competition at the Keweenaw Research Center in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan next month.

Advised by Dr. Emmanuel Agba, 10 engineering students from Iowa State University will enter a 2014 Polaris Indy 800 snowmobile into the March 2-7 contest, hosted by the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Michigan Tech.

The ISSA has signed on as a Level 5 Sponsor of the Cy-Clean Racing team, and ISSA President Merv Hoermann has lent his expertise to the project. For the past 10 years, Hoermann has volunteered at the competition in the U.P.

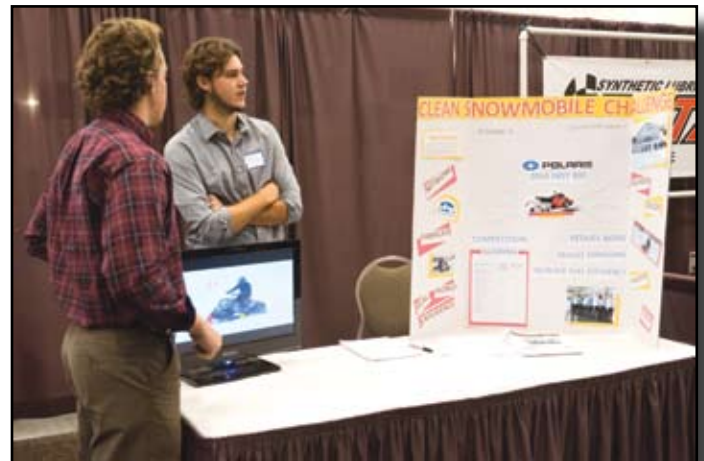
"This is exciting to finally have a team from Iowa participating in this prestigious event," Hoermann said.

The Clean Snowmobile Challenge (CSC) started in 2003 in an effort to help snowmobile manufacturers meet the increased requirements from the Environmental Protection Agency for cleaner-burning, quieter and fuel-efficient snowmobiles.

According to its mission statement, the purpose of the ISU team is to expand upon classroom education in various fields through the design, modification and fabrication of a stock snowmobile as well as the management of a student-led competition team.

"Our CSC organization is an enthusiastic group of ISU students preparing to compete against other collegiate teams and represent snowmobiling in Iowa with high honor," explained team president Dan Clemens.

The first-year team continues to look for sponsors. Polaris Industries has already stepped up big with the donation of their



The ISU Cy-Clean Racing booth at the 2014 ISSA Snow Show in Dubuque.

snowmobile. In addition to the ISSA, the North Iowa Sno-Jammers of Region 3 have kicked a Level 3 donation as well.

"As a first-year competitor, our needs for support are very high," Clemens said. "A great deal of equipment and supplies are necessary to operate the shop and past members have done a great job getting us equipped to become a top tier team. Any and all support is greatly appreciated!"

All donations are tax-deductible through the ISU Foundation. The team welcomes many forms of sponsorship, including material and service donations and general funding. Supporting the team also gives the donor recognition of supporting higher education.

"We have a great group of young college students who are willing to get involved with snowmobile research and development," Clemens said. "We know that snowmobilers in Iowa are known across the country for their strong efforts in organization, volunteerism and charitable fundraising."

According to Clemens, the \$1,000 donation from the ISSA will help offset a portion of the team's travel-related expenses. ISU has also furnished shop and office space, but the team has identified many other expenses which still need to be covered.

"We have many tools and equipment yet to purchase at this time and we are looking to the clubs, businesses and snowmobilers of Iowa to help meet our goals of being a very competitive team," Clemens said.

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To donate, visit www.me.iastate.edu/snowmobile.



Enter GoSnowmobiling Contest for Chance to Win \$1,000



by Ed Klim

President, International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association

The snowmobile manufacturers represented by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) are excited to partner with the organized snowmobiling community and the many snowmobile associations and clubs who support snowmobiling throughout North America.

The unique partnership between the snowmobile manufacturers and the snowmobile community is now more than 40 years old and has grown since the inception of the GoSnowmobiling promotion six years ago.

The campaign is designed to encourage the associations to work with their local snowmobile clubs, Visitors and Convention Bureaus, and other interested parties in developing and holding snowmobile demonstration rides each winter.

This season, the snowmobile riding events may be held any time between Jan. 1-March 31. Participants are encouraged to enter their events in the Take-A-Friend Snowmobiling Contest. The winning entry wins \$1,000 from the GoSnowmobiling campaign.

The contest encourages the development and expansion of relationships that clubs and associations have with visitors and convention bureaus, the media and the related snowmobile businesses: dealers, restaurants, gas stations, banks, resorts, etc..

Research shows us that many individuals who do not presently snowmobile are very interested in "giving it a try." Over 80 percent of all citizens look very favorably toward a fun snowmobiling winter experience.

Our research firm, interviewing thousands of non-snowmobilers across North America, discovered that when asked, non-snowmobilers will rate their interest in going snowmobiling on a scale of 1:10 as high as a "9" rating.

Those of us who have participated in taking friends snowmobiling know there are "miles of smiles" from those that we invite to join us and a good time is had by all. Very often, our snowmobiling family expands as new riders purchase their first new or used snowmobiles as a result of our invitation to try snowmobiling for their own family fun in the winter.

We encourage all clubs and associations to participate in this fun and profitable contest. We encourage snowmobilers to welcome non-snowmobilers to enjoy snowmobiling and the great scenery, friendship and fun that we all enjoy during the winter months.

All snowmobile clubs are encouraged to participate in the Take-A-Friend Snowmobile events and support their state or provincial snowmobile association in helping make their organizations grow and prosper. An action manual containing some great ideas on holding a ride event can be found on the www.GoSnowmobiling.org website.

All participants are welcome and encouraged to post photos of their events on our [www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling](https://www.facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling) Facebook page along with some brief written points telling us some details about the ride. Our Facebook page is now close to 7,000 likes and is growing rapidly. Come join us!



Entry Form for \$1,000 Prize
2015 Go Snowmobiling
Take a Friend Snowmobiling Campaign

The answers to the questions below will be used to judge the winner(s) of the 2015 Go Snowmobiling Take a Friend Snowmobiling campaign effort. Prize is \$1,000 in CASH! Prize may be shared with participating club/association if desired. If you hold more than one event, please complete an entry form for each event. You must be a member of ACSA or CCSO to be eligible. Events may be held any time between January 1, 2015, and March 31, 2015. Entry forms due by April 30, 2015.

EVENT DETAILS

What was the name of the event? _____

When was the event held? _____

Did you provide refreshments? ☐ Yes ☐ No

How many snowmobiles were involved? _____

How far did the participants ride? _____

How many attendees? _____

How many non-snowmobilers went snowmobiling? _____

ATTENDEE DATABASE

☐ Yes, I have attached a file (Excel or Access preferred) with the names, addresses and e-mails of all attendees.

EVENT PHOTOS AND PR

Please include the following (attach printed pages or include digital files)

☐ Yes, I have attached photos of the event (By including photos with this entry, I am granting ISMA permission to use photos in industry PR and marketing efforts).

☐ Yes, I have attached news clips (examples of any media coverage) of the event

Contest entry forms, rules and ideas are available online at www.gosnowmobiling.org.



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Clean Snowmobile Challenge

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Iowa Sno-Jammers member Terry Durby has met with the team and was "very impressed with their progress and passion to compete."

"It is always great to see young college students take an interest in anything to do with snowmobiles, and I think this organization will do Iowa proud," Durby said. "Their need for fundraising is greatest their first year because of all the equipment and tools they need to purchase. We are challenging other clubs, snowmobilers and businesses in Iowa to step up and support this group of college students in their effort to represent Iowa at the CSC."

To donate online, visit <http://www.me.iastate.edu/snowmobile> and click on sponsors tab across the top of the page. Then click on the link that says 'Donate online by clicking here.'

Checks are also accepted. Please make them payable to the ISU Foundation and put 'Clean Snowmobile Challenge' in the memo line. Mailed donations can be sent to:

Clean Snowmobile Challenge
Iowa State Memorial Union
West Student Office Space
2229 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50011



Kelli Ann Gerdes, daughter of Region 6 Director Gene Gerdes, won the 2015 ISSA Grand Raffle during the drawing at the Nov. 22 convention in Dubuque. She received \$10,000 from the ISSA toward the purchase of a new snowmobile from an ISSA-member dealer. In December, she picked up her new 2015 Ski-Doo Renegade 600 from Black Hawk Marine in Lake View. Presenting her with the check is ISSA Grand Raffle Committee Chair Gary McVicker.

Proceeds from the raffle were estimated at \$2,500. In addition to boasting the lucky winner, the Sac County Sno Lovers also sold the most raffle tickets, thus pocketing a \$500 bonus. McVicker and the ISSA are moving forward with the same grand raffle in 2015. Tickets cost \$20 each or six for \$100. Early bird drawings for \$1,000 in snowmobile accessories will be held in June at the ISSA Summer Campout with the grand prize drawing at the annual convention at Storm Lake in November.



Former Region 8 Director Ron Sienknecht received the Sly Dog Travelling Trophy as the ISSA's Region Director of the Year in 2014. Sienknecht stepped down from the post at the 2014 ISSA Convention in Dubuque but remains on the board as an assistant for Region 8.

Educating the Future of Snowmobiling in Iowa

by **Cameron Hanson**

The ISSA Education and Scholarship Foundation (ISSAESF) awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to qualifying students of ISSA families in 2014, bringing the total number of students aided to 36 over the past 16 years.

The ISSA's scholarship program was created with the seed money left over from the ISSA's hosting of the International Snowmobile Congress in Cedar Rapids in 1995. The amount awarded each year is determined by the proceeds of its investments as well as the success of its fundraising efforts.

The first scholarship was awarded in 1998. Recipients have been as few as one and awards as little as \$200. Since 2007, the foundation has maintained scholarship levels at \$1,000 per student.

Recipients for 2014 included Hunter Thome of St. Ansgar, Mitchell County E-Z Riders, Region 4; Kara Denner of New Hampton, Chickasaw Sno-Riders of Region 4; and Ty Lauritsen of Exira, Raccoon Valley Snow Chasers.

The deadline for applying each year is April 15, and application materials can be found on the ISSA's website at www.iowasnowmobiler.com/issa/scholarship. The top applicant is then forwarded on to the international C.J. Ramstad Memorial Scholarship competition.

To qualify, the student or his/her family must be in good standing with the ISSA. The scholarship is based in part on need, and since 2012, each applicant is expected to acquire an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) rating number from the Iowa College Access Network at www.icansucceed.org.

To get this number, the student will be required to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. After filling out the FAFSA, the applicant will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) and be issued the required EFC number.

"This number is now required to be attached to the scholarship foundation application, replacing the requirement to furnish their parents' 1040 tax form with their application in the past," Andreini explained.

According to Andreini, many of the foundation's guidelines also follow those established by the International Snowmobile Media Council (ISMC) for its Ramstad scholarship, including judging applications for neatness, completeness, accurate spelling, correct grammar and school and community involvement.

"Keep all of this in mind when filling out your application; every required detail is important," Andreini said. "Take your time and follow the instructions as closely as possible; it will pay good dividends if you do. Carefully read the instructions listed



The ISSA Education and Scholarship Foundation awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to the following students in 2014: Hunter Thome of St. Ansgar, Kara Denner of New Hampton and Ty Lauritsen of Exira. Thome received his check at the 2014 ISSA Annual Convention in Dubuque last November. Making the presentation were ISSAESF Treasurer Kim Herman and President Bruno Andreini. Pictures of the other two recipients appear on pages 14 and 15.

on the application information. They are very important items of instruction to follow for the Iowa program as well as for the international snowmobile scholarship."

The number of applications the ISMC receives in a yearly cycle is quite similar to what is received by ISSAESF, making the odds of our qualifying students receiving another \$1,000 scholarship very good," Andreini said.

Student applicants are also asked to write an essay on 'What Snowmobiling Means to Me.' Last year's submissions appear on pages 14-15 of this month's issue.

All decisions of the scholarship committee are final. Scholarship funds will be awarded when the school of choice confirms enrollment.

Andreini thanked everyone for their support of the program over the past 15 years. Since the scholarship program's inception, Iowa snowmobilers have contributed

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Past ISSAESF Scholarship Recipients

1998
Denise Blocker

1999
Jeremy Miller

2000
Jill Kutzbach

2001
Shellie Hudecek

2002
Ben Diekhuis
Lacey Felkey

2003
Adam Belitz
Randy Swestka

2004
Carrie Gunderson

2005
Amy Strothman
Lance Speed
Jessica Jungers

2006
Brooke Jensen

2007
Alexandrea Ackerman
Kaitlyn Vorwald
Kayla Miller

2008
Tricia Gunderson
Michael Scott
Brittany Weaver

2009
Ashley Wiuff
Russell Benson
Jordan Kintzle

2010
Nicole Schotanus
Nathan Nall
Kara Marie Netsch

2011
Kelli Ann Gerdes
Joran Durby
Holly Jo Heims

2012
Austin Bonnstetter
Brianna Sharff
Jordan Nall

2013
Makaya Henniges
Lori Roseland
Travor Rohach
Hunter Carmichael
Taryn Kline

What Snowmobiling Means to Me

Snowmobiling is my passion. I have been riding snowmobiles since I was 8. I got my snowmobiling certification at 12. At 15, I was asked by a member of the ISSA to be part of the Youth Ambassador Program. In 2010, I went to the state convention and met with the head of the program, Tyler Willey.

I was one of the first six kids in the program. I've helped with making flyers for our events, helped design our club's logo and helped build two bridges. I also try to attend all of our meetings and events along with trying to get young riders to the meetings and events. Now that I'm 18, I have also taken the groomer operator certification course. That I put to good use last winter.

Another thing that I love about snowmobiling is that it's a family-oriented activity. I remember being little, and our family would take trips with my cousins and their parents. Everyone can be out on a sled together, even though I had to ride with my mom and my sister had to ride with my dad, we were all together doing something exciting. As I got older, we all eventually ended up with our own sleds. Then once again my family and myself were off to ride.

With my dad being Trail Master for the last 10 years in our club, I would go out and help mark trails. When it would snow, I would go out and ride with him in the groomer, I always thought that was a blast. He has given me a lot of experience on marking trails, making sure that you are in the right field and that the landowner has signed the land lease form. It's amazing how much time and effort goes into just marking the trails and making sure they are safe. I take pride in doing all of that work to make sure that not just myself can go and enjoy the trails but so others can too. Sometimes being a part of snowmobiling also means making sacrifices, taking a day off of riding to go and run the groomer, or spend my weekends maintaining trails, I will.

In 2012, I was in a major car accident. I was unable to ride the whole winter season. I realized all the things I take for granted. Snowmobiling is a privilege, to be able to get out and enjoy the fresh air and snow, be with family and friends who enjoy the same activity. Those are just a few that pertain to snowmobiling. It is a great feeling to be able to be outside sledding on the trails, ditches or taking trips to different areas.

I guess in a round about way snowmobiling to me is having fun with family and friends, being an important part of an organization, being able to learn and understand what it takes to be a safe snowmobiler, making sacrifices so others can enjoy the snowmobiling experience.

~ Hunter Thome, St. Ansgar



Kara Denner

Feeling the wind against me, seeing the expanding horizons and hearing the engine of the sleds proves to me that snowmobiling is more than just something to do. Snowmobiling has meaning. To me, snowmobiling means quality time, freedom and fun.

Some children's favorite season is summer because students do not have to go to school, others like fall because of football season, some even like spring because of the beautiful flowers, but for me ever since I was a young girl, my favorite season has been winter. When I was younger, I remember spending quality time with my family during the winter, snowmobiling.

My dad loved to have my brother and I around the snowmobiles. It was very common for him to take me on rides or sometimes he would also pull my brother and I around the yard on a sled connected to the snowmobile. Occasionally, if I were lucky, I would even be allowed to go grooming the trails with him as well. My brother and I loved going to the club meetings, with my dad, whenever they came about.

All of these events left happy memories of quality time with my family that I will never forget. Once I was old enough to start riding my own sled, I took the opportunity right away. I took the snowmobiling safety course so I could get my license. As soon as I got my license, this meant freedom. I would still go on trail rides with my family, but instead I would ride my own snowmobile. I loved the feeling of freedom and how independent I felt. As fun as it was riding with my dad, riding my own snowmobile and having freedom was much more fun.

What Snowmobiling Means to Me

Since I have been riding snowmobile for a while, snowmobiling has turned into the meaning of enjoyment for me as well. To this day, I still enjoy going snowmobiling. I am to the point where I can even go and ride the trails with my friends. Riding with my family is fun, but riding with my friends is enjoyable too.

Snowmobiling is not just something to do. The wind blowing against me, seeing the horizons expand in front of me, and hearing the sleds, are proof. Spending quality time with my family snowmobiling, having the freedom to ride my own sled, and enjoying riding with my friends makes quality time, freedom and fun what snowmobiling means to me.

~ Kara Denner, New Hampton

To me snowmobiling means many different things, such as quality time to spend with friends and family, love for the outdoors, and true freedom along with great thrill.

Snowmobiling is a great hobby that my family got into when I was fairly young. It started when my dad bought a two-up Yamaha Venture from Dennis Murphy at Nishna Valley Cycle. My sister and I would take turns tagging along, one on the back and one in the front of my dad riding the ditches and on the Raccoon River with Craig Flack.

Once I got my own sled, my family started getting even more involved with snowmobiling. We started taking trips out the Snowy Range in Wyoming, which the nine-hour trip out there is great time spent together as well as the riding. We also built a big six-door pickup with a big flat bed with its main purpose to be a sled hauler so that we could involve more people in our snowmobiling experiences.

Besides riding in the snow, participating in our clubs annual grass drags at Flacks River Farm is a great time that I get to spend with friends and family. Since my family are some of the few that have four-stroke Yamaha Nytros, my dad, sister and I were always in the same class which makes it for a very competitive yet very fun time.

Throughout my snowmobiling experience, I have developed passion for the outdoors that can't really be experienced any other way. Whether it's riding down the river or the ditches in Iowa, seeing the land and animals in a different way than you would in a car, or in the summer. riding in the mountains is another yet very different experience from seeing animals, such as moose and elk, and the landscape filled with many pine trees and steep mountains.

Snowmobiling in the mountains is an experience that cannot be understood through pictures or videos. It is a true freedom being up in the mountains riding and exploring places and things that most people will never be able to experience. It seems as if the only limitations when riding in the mountains are the limits of your creativity and imagination.

As I have progressed as a rider and have learned from many different people, I find myself doing and going places that most kids my age will probably never be able to experience. I get a great feeling of accomplishment when I do something or go somewhere where I thought I would never be able to go.

Snowmobiling means family time, love for the outdoors and true freedom. It is a great sport to be involved in where you can find out a lot about yourself. I am glad that my dad got me involved in such a great activity and that many other friends have helped us get more involved in snowmobiling over the years.

~ Ty Lauritsen, Exira



ISSAEF Executive Director Bruno Andreini with scholarship recipient Ty Lauritsen at a club meeting.

Scholarship

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generously to the foundation. Through various fundraisers, including Sally Carmichael's quilt raffles and participation in the Younkers Community Day Events, individuals have donated more than \$30,000 to the program.

At this season's annual convention in Dubuque, the scholarship foundation raised more than \$3,000 for the program. Camoplast donated a snowmobile track, which ISSA member Tyler Willey raffled off for \$1,000, while Carmichael's quilt raffle netted another \$775 through the drawing and subsequent auction.

Last fall, the Cedar Falls Sno Hawks raised more than \$660 for the scholarship foundation by selling coupon booklets at Younkers at College Square in Cedar Falls. Donations from clubs across Iowa were also recognized at convention and brought in another \$550.

"That is what it takes to make this program go," Andreini said. "We need to have that cooperation so please continue to support us, and we will continue to hand out scholarships. This is so important to support our kids with the cost of tuition going so high. Winning a scholarship makes a big difference to a lot of people."

If a student, club or parent has any questions on the Iowa scholarship program, they can contact Andreini by email at awbruno3@gmail.com or by phone at (515) 992-3455.



Iowa snowmobilers raised more than \$3,000 for the ISSA Education and Scholarship Foundation at the 2014 ISSA Annual Convention in Dubuque in November. Above, Sally Carmichael donated two quilts to the foundation for its annual raffle. Lavell Kuennen, left, of Maynard and Karen Benson of Reinbeck each won a quilt.

Below, Camoplast once again donated a snowmobile track to the ISSAESF. ISSA member Tyler Willey, left, then raised \$1,000 for the foundation by selling squares to convention attendees for \$10 each. Greg Hudecek of Protivin won the raffle. Also pictured is Past ISSA President Jim Willey, who serves as Camoplast's director of marketing and sales.



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Club News

Region 1

O'Brien County Snowtrackers

by Zelda Buse Christensen

Let's look at a dictionary's definitions of two different words and then see how they fit with the O'Brien County Snowtrackers.

"ACTIVE" means lively, effective, operating, busy. All these words have accurately described the Snowtrackers most of the time since the club was first started in 1984. Just a few examples of evidence: the club was named the ISSA Club of the Year in 2003 and second place in both 2006 and 2007. The club has had members honored in different years for top groomer operator, top dealer, top snowmobiler, and the Lifetime Achievement Award. Membership has been over 75 families or individuals.

"DORMANT" means sleeping, still, inactive. These words have unfortunately begun to describe the Snowtrackers in the last few years, but especially this year. Just a few examples of evidence: With snow in short supply, the groomer has not run the last two years, relatively few people came to meetings, volunteers for anything were scarce and absolutely no "annual" membership supper or any kind of meeting has been called for 2014-15.

Is the club doomed forever? Hopefully not! I am writing this Jan. 16. We did get 5-6 inches of snow about a week ago. Wind did fill up some ditches—very hard and drifted very rough—but some snow at least. A couple members took it upon themselves to get the groomer out, do some needed work on it and get at least some ditches groomed. Unfortunately, our long cold spell has now changed to upper 30s, and our snow is melting.

Some members have scheduled a meeting for next Tuesday night, Jan. 20, to "re-group," elect officers, get memberships paid (both new ones and renewals). In short, the O'Brien County Snowtrackers will soon emerge from its temporary dormant stage and hopefully will become fully functional again.

Region 2

Emmet County Driftbusters

by Nick Hanson

We certainly had expected more of Mother Nature this winter season. Much like everywhere else in the state, we have transitioned in and out of winter several times already. While writing this on Jan. 15, we have ditches that are partially full. Unfortunately, they are also filled with dirt and gravel from the very strong winds that blew shortly after the snow came.

Many of us have been able to get out for a few short rides but are hungry for more. Unfortunately, the fun run that we had planned for Jan. 3 had to be cancelled due to the lack of snow. We still have hopes to reschedule it for early March, as well as squeezing in a few family/youth rides before spring rolls around.

The groomer has been out and the plan is to keep it running as needed and as snow conditions allow. Everyone has been glad to see it back in operation in the county and will

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Driftrunners	\$100
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Fundraising campaign renews at the annual ISSA convention.

All donations benefit the ISSA's lobbying efforts at the State Capitol in Des Moines.

Send your contribution to your Region Director or ISSA Treasurer Kim Herman.

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Club News

help to improve attendance at our various club rides.

We held our monthly meeting on Jan. 12 at Dale's Recreation in Armstrong. The main topic of conversation was our Cross Country Race that is planned for Feb. 21 on High Lake. It will be a timed trial over both land and lake. We plan on running both single person events as well as teams of three. Class will be split up based on engine size, studded/non studded tracks and by age. If there is enough interest, we may even run a 2-up class with both riders taking their turn with the throttle! If you have questions about racing or spectating, give one of these three guys a call, and they would be glad to answer all your questions: Tyson Enerson (712) 209-3330; Andy Gosch (712)209-0749 or Trevor Enerson (515) 450-6819.

Our next meeting will hopefully be a ride in at 3G's in Ringsted. We will start at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 9. Keep your fingers crossed for some more of the white stuff!!!

Region 4

Cedar Falls Sno Hawks

by Dick Melick, Retiring Secretary

Greetings from sunny Cedar Falls. The trail is signed, and the groomer is ready to go, so all we need is a good snowfall. The light powder snow that we had a short time ago was mostly blown off the fields leaving miles of dirt. Our groomer has not been out yet. Temperatures forecast to reach the high 30s and possibly into the lower 40s for the next couple of days will probably destroy what little snow is still on our trails.

Just a reminder, there will be an ALS Memorial Ride honoring Sno Hawks club founder Dave Carmichael Feb. 26-28. The ride will begin in Spencer and end in Cresco. A number of the Sno Hawks club members will be participating in the ride. Contact Region 4 Director Scott Nauman or Sno Hawks President Brian Carmichael for more details. The Sno Hawks have shirts commemorating the ride for sale. Contact club Treasurer Missy Buseman for ordering information at busemanfamily@cfu.net. Check our Facebook page to see samples of the shirts. Just log onto Facebook and go to Cedar Falls Sno Hawks.

We welcome back former members Bob and Connie Peters from Grundy Center and Chad and April Clubine from rural Janesville. It is great to have them back on board with the club again. We also welcome new members Billy and Larissa Deeds from Dunkerton, B. J. and Lynnley Barr from Janesville, Kole Knipfel and Sarah Bishop from Waterloo, Dan and Tracy West from Cedar Falls, Rodney and Rebecca Shock from Hudson and Ronald and Renee Rippel from Reinbeck. It is nice to see more of the "younger" snowmobilers taking an interest in organized snowmobiling.

The number of members attending meetings has been increasing lately, and we hope

David Carmichael Memorial Snowmobile Ride Feb. 26-28, 2015 • Spencer to Cresco

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Club News

that the trend will continue. Not much else happening here, just waiting for enough snow so that we can make some use of the trails we have devoted so many hours preparing.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 3, at our regular meeting place, the Comfort Suites, 7402 Nordic Drive, Cedar Falls. Club meetings are normally held the first Tuesday of the month, September through April, starting at 7 p.m. except for special meetings that may start at another time and/or date. As usual, all interested snowmobilers and ISSA officers and directors are invited to attend any of our meetings. For more info about our trails, the club and/or meetings, contact club president Brian Carmichael at (319) 215-5006 or activities director Stanley Wolf at (319) 240-2188.

Region 5

Cresco Driftrunners

by Bob Martinek, Treasurer

Hello from Cresco. I will be honest. It has been a good winter so far here, that is unless you own a snowmobile, in which case not so much. Our 44th annual Snow Fest has come and gone. Many thanks to all who donated, participated or helped in any way.

Now on to Charlie's Chili Feed on Saturday, Feb. 14. It will be held (snow permitting) on the trail to Cresco just south of Granger. Starts at 11 a.m. with pots of chili, brats and beverages. All for a free will donation. Always plenty of reindeer games and a good time. All are welcome.

Normally that would be it, but this year, since Valentine's Day falls on Charlie's Chili Day, we are going to continue the party that night at the Expo in Cresco with the "Madd Hoss Jackson" band. Yep, that's right, Madd Hoss is playing for Charlie's. The dance and party will be from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Expo. I can see the big grin on Charlie's face and the twinkle in his eye now! Please check our page on Facebook for updates and more details as we get closer to the 14th. Thanks and see everyone on the trails!

Allamakee Sno-Blazers

by Brandon Fahey

The Allamakee Sno-Blazers recently held a fundraising event complete with raffle prizes, silent auction and live music. Our members all pitched in, and with a lot of hard work and dedication, we had a very successful event and we will surely make this an annual outing. We had over 100 people attending our fundraiser, and our club feels we could have increased our attendance if Mother Nature would have provided the snow we needed for the club ride that was planned for the daytime.

We want to thank all of our local businesses and sponsors for their generous donations as we couldn't have done it without them. Seeing the success of our event has our board members anxious to plan a summer event along with some charity drives in our county.

We held our annual elections in January and had some changes on the board. Along



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with adding some additional secretary positions, we also added a co-president and co-vice president to help get our younger members more involved in our monthly meetings. This idea came from the guest speaker at the ISSA convention in Dubuque, and our club feels it will help strengthen our memberships and participation.

Still wishing for measurable snow in Allamakee County as our trails have not been open all season and spring seems to be approaching too fast!

Region 7

Highbridge Trailblazers

by Bob Reutter, Trail Boss

I sold 60 pizzas for a fundraiser for the Highbridge Trailblazers. We have a meeting coming up, and we will make pizzas at the meeting. Don't know many the other people sold, but we will maybe make a \$100 or so.

I just got back from Colorado as I went out there to have Christmas with my girlfriend in Frazer, Colo. While there, we went on a dogsled ride and then rented snowmobiles for a day, returning Jan. 8.

I go back out on Jan. 29 and will meet up with members of the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club in the Snowy Range west of Laramie, Wyo. for five days of mountain riding. We are staying at Ten Mile Resort on the western side of the mountain.

Region 12

Snowdrifters, Inc.

by Ron Roe

Well, for some of us this could be easily the best month of the year. I am sure there are some that would argue that. First, not as much work has to be done and then the best part should be lots of SNOW (the only good reason for January).

I am plenty ready to ride. We had a little snow but not good riding. We are ready to head north for a week. Hopefully, they have more snow. Of the ones that have been up north, they make it sound like there's good riding.

I believe our club is ready for snow. We received our new maps, and they are getting put in the boxes at our sponsor's businesses.

The new groomer we received from the state has had our new groomer operators out testing and learning how to operate a nice new machine. I am included in this group. Without much snow to groom, we have taken it to the fields where the snow has drifted along a fence line. This has been a good place to practice. After we go a ways, then we can turn around and go backover our trail and see where we did good or where we need to operate a little different. That works out good for training and gives us a chance to see what we can accomplish and what we need to do different. Plus it gives us chance to cover up our mistakes and smooth out where we might have dumped the whole drag in one place. When we get good at this, our machine will really make us look good. This is going to be a good grooming machine.

My wife was telling me that we have broken the century mark on paid memberships for this year. Hopefully, we will receive a few more in January if we could get snow and have some fun runs. That usually helps sell memberships. It appears we have a lot of younger members signing up that haven't been members before. It seems like we are having a new generation starting to show interest in what being in a club is all about. This should help take the load off some of the long-time members.

Well, this is about it for now. Hope we can get a bunch of snow dumped on us. ENJOY THE SNOW!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

- Emmet County Driftbusters Cross Country Race Feb. 7.
- Jake's Weenie Roast Feb. 7 Winneshiek Trail Twister clubhouse, 2005 Centennial Road, Decorah.
- Driftrunners Charlie's Chili Feed Saturday, Feb. 14.
- David Carmichael Memorial Ride Feb. 26-28. For more information, contact Brian Carmichael at (319) 215-5006 or Dennis Nauman at (641) 425-4141. Ride will begin in Spencer and end in Cresco. Proceeds benefit the Iowa chapter of ALS.

March

- ISSA Board of Directors meeting Sunday, March 15, at 9 a.m. at Farm Bureau office, Hampton.
- ISSA snowmobile club retreat to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan March 2-6.





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