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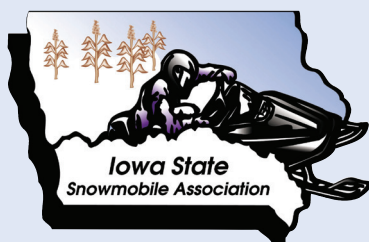
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BRIAN CARMICHAEL

ISSA PRESIDENT

Greetings, Iowa snowmobilers: As I sit here writing this last article for the season, I am thinking about times gone by and how I have gotten to where I am now. Most of you know my family and how much the sport of snowmobiling has meant to us. I have a lifetime of memories I could tell to anyone that has any doubts about snowmobiling. The sport has gave me some of my closest friends and taken me all over the country to events and meetings.

I can remember back in 1979 when my sister, Kim, got a brand new John Deere Spitfire snowmobile for Christmas and birthday, as her birthday is the day after. Fast forward a lifetime, and I still have that sled tucked away in a shed. Sure, it's been moved around a few times, and I've always had the thought of getting it running some day. So this was the year to do it!

My step-son, Banner, who is 11 now, has sparked an interest in riding it. He rode my 1972 400 last year and got hooked, so we took the Spit apart and did a rebuild on the motor and suspension.

I will admit, it did take longer than we thought, but we got it running the night before the Butler County Snow Snoops Third Annual Vintage Ride last month. Banner rode it all afternoon without a hiccup at all. The smile he had all the way home is a reminder to me why I do what I do. All of my kids grew up around snowmobiles, and now I get to share this memory with my step-son and get him to understand why we do what we do. Get the younger kids involved. It makes it fun.



ISSA President Brian Carmichael and his step-son, Banner Knecht, stage their John Deere snowmobiles in front of Outlaw's in Dumont before the start of the Butler County Snow Snoops' Third Annual Vintage Ride Feb. 15.

ISSA Officers Spend an Afternoon Riding Old Iron in Butler County

by Chris Willey

Past ISSA President

With the busy schedules we all lead, I don't always get a chance to ride with some of my closest snowmobile friends: ISSA President Brian Carmichael and ISSA Vice President Scott Nauman. The three of us all share a love for vintage sleds, so when we get an opportunity to get together and ride some old sleds, we jump at the chance.

Not everyone understands why we give up our independent suspension, 800cc EFI and hand warmers to ride unreliable 40-plus-year-old sleds. But as sons of some pretty diehard snowmobilers, these old sleds are what we started on.

All snowmobilers have a first sled that we think back to and remember the excitement of getting on that sled. For some, it wasn't that long ago, and for others, it was several decades ago. For anyone who started riding in the last 20 years, you've had some pretty awesome equipment to start with.

But it's the sleds built in the 1970s that are what made the way for the sleds of today. That's what's so great about events like the Butler County Snow Snoops' Third Annual Vintage Ride Feb. 15 and others like it. For guys like us who started riding on leaf springs and bogie wheels, getting back on an old sled and riding across corn-

fields and ditches brings back memories of a simpler time.

I didn't have my sled ready to go for the ride in Region 4, but my dad's 1979 Arctic Cat Jag 340 never fails to start and is probably the most reliable sled ever built. So when Brian called and said, "Hey, man, get over here," I threw the old Jag on the truck and met the guys for a great day of riding and made some new memories.

I encourage everyone to go to one of the vintage events and see the cool old sleds from days gone by. I'm already making plans to have a couple sleds ready for next year's event and hope to make a few more.



Look, ma, no gloves!



SCOTT NAUMAN

ISSA VICE PRESIDENT

Greetings, fellow snowmobilers. Hopefully when this article is printed, there is still abundant snow across the state for riding and grooming of trails to continue. The past month or so did turn out to be adequate to get some riding in, despite the rapid ups and severe downs of the temperatures at the end of January and the beginning of February.

I would like to acknowledge all of the work the clubs across the state put in planning and hosting events, never knowing if they will be able to actually have the conditions required to hold it. At times, having to make the call to cancel an event can be a hard one knowing all of the planning and work that has gone into it. However, time and time again, we as snowmobilers make the best of what Mother Nature deals us to enjoy a season that many others around us would really rather do without.

One such notable event from the beginning of last month was the annual day of snowmobile rides for kids with spina bifida that takes place in Huxley each year. The volunteers who bring their snowmobiles and tow-behind sleighs had just enough snow to be able to give rides again this year, while the temperature outside was warm enough to actually do some other activities outside as well. This year, a number of the kids, with help from some adult volunteers, built several snowmen in the front lawn of the community center where we hold the event. After that, we were all treated to have a medical helicopter landing demonstration as well as a tour of the helicopter itself. It is always fun to see the kids and their families each year and to see how much fun they have riding on the snowmobiles and in the cutters, along with just enjoying the other events of the day.

I would again like to thank all of the people that help each year to make this event possible with or without snow. And a very special thank you to Bruno Andreini, Past ISSA President for putting all of the plans together each year to make the day run smoothly.



Close to 70 throwback snowmobile enthusiasts participated in the Butler County Snow Snoops' Third Annual Vintage Ride Feb. 15 in Region 4. Among them were several ISSA board members, including past president Chris Willey and vice president Scott Nauman, above, on past president Jim Willey's 1979 Arctic Cat Jag 340. At left, past president Dennis Nauman pilots his twin-track 1985 Manta powered by a 570cc Yamaha motor.

52nd ISC Planned for June in Regina

The 52nd Annual International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) is scheduled for June 10-13 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Regina, Saskatchewan. To register or for more information, visit snowmobilers.org/isc.

Representatives from the national snowmobile organizations and representatives from the state and provincial snowmobile organizations form the International Snowmobile Council (ISC), which meets annually at ISC. The International Snowmobile Council is dedicated to promoting safe and responsible snowmobiling. It provides a communication forum and a means of addressing issues that are common among all snowmobilers.



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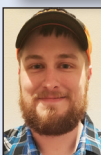
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No Movement on Single-Sticker Legislation at Statehouse

by Cameron Hanson

Another legislative attempt to merge the snowmobile registration fee with the trail user permit fee in Iowa appears to be stalled once again in the Senate Ways and Means Committee. As of Feb. 17, the bill (HF 749) had not made it out of subcommittee.

ISSA Lobbyists Mike Heller and Paula Feltner are urging snowmobilers to reach out to their legislators and especially for those in central Iowa to contact Sen. Jake Chapman, R-Adel, chair of the Ways and Means Committee, to push this legislation forward.

"We are over one third of the session completed, and it is critical that we get our bill assigned to a subcommittee and moving in the Senate," Heller said. "(Chapman) has indicated that he has heard from more opponents than supporters. We are not getting the message to legislators."

Earlier in the session, Heller said they met with Chapman and former chair, Sen. Randy Feenstra, R-Hull, and "had encouraging conversations." However, the Ways and Means Committee "has not had any meetings since the organizational meeting the first week of this session."

Past ISSA President Jim Willey, chair of the ISSA's Legislative Committee, is asking all Iowa snowmobilers to contact their representatives to support this "important" legislation. He recognized that several clubs and individuals have already made calls and contacts, but more work needs to be done.

Willey said the proposed legislation will "simplify" Iowa snowmobile registration requirements. To legally ride on Iowa trails, in rights-of-way and on frozen bodies of water, snowmobilers need to display



Conservation Officer Dustin Eighmy with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources performs a compliance check Feb. 1 at Big Creek State Park near Polk City.

a current registration sticker and a trail pass sticker, each currently set at \$15 plus writing costs. If passed, the bill will combine those two stickers into one \$30 decal plus writing costs.

"The combination registration and trail pass does not cost Iowa snowmobilers any more money than the current separate registration and trail pass. Plus, it makes it

ISSA Opposes Multi-Year Registration Bill for Off-Highway Recreational Vehicles

According to the ISSA Legislation Committee, a bill—not supported by the ISSA—has been introduced at the Statehouse in Des Moines to revert back to a multi-year snowmobile registration period. The state snowmobile program changed registration from a two-year \$25 fee to a one-year \$15 annual fee a dozen years ago.

"Someone who does not represent Iowa snowmobilers has introduced a bill to change snowmobile registration to a multi-year registration period, which would require Iowa snowmobilers to pay for their registrations two and possibly three years in advance," Committee Chair and Past ISSA President Jim Willey reported.

"Please do not support any legislation that would require multi-year registrations for Iowa snowmobiles," he continued. "History has shown us that when registration dollars are held in advance, they can easily be diverted to other uses. Then, when they are needed for our program, they are not available. Iowa snowmobilers fought for and were successful in getting the annual registration a number of years ago, and we need to ensure our legislators do not change this."

easier for law enforcement who will have to check for only one registration instead of the current situation where they have to check for two decals,” Willey explained.

The fine for failing to display either sticker is \$127.50 for each infraction. The trail pass is currently considered optional, and operators ride at their own risk when not displaying one. By combining the two stickers, the user permit will no longer be optional, and the ISSA hopes to generate an additional \$75,000 in revenue for the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program.

The legislation has twice passed the Iowa House unanimously but has bogged down in the Senate Ways and Means Committee the last three sessions. As the cost of fuel and snow grooming equipment continues to rise, Willey said the single-sticker measure will help keep the sport of snowmobiling financially viable in Iowa for years to come.

“The only opponents to the legislation... are snowmobilers who register their snowmobiles in Iowa due to the low registration costs but then take their snowmobiles and tourism dollars to other states to ride,” Willey explained in an email to the ISSA membership. “To continue to keep the Iowa snowmobile recreational programs healthy and support Iowa snowmobile dealers, restaurants, gas stations and others who benefit from the program, we need your support.

“There is no downside to this for Iowa,” Willey continued. “The Iowa snowmobile



ISSA President Brian Carmichael proudly displays his registration, trail pass and ISSA designation stickers.

program does not receive any tax dollars. We are fully funded by Iowa snowmobile registrations. Iowa snowmobilers have overwhelmingly indicated they want this legislation. Now is the time to contact the legislators to make it happen. We have to get this moving now.”

New Trail Grant Coordinator Named at Iowa DOT

Scott Flagg was hired Dec. 27 to manage the Federal and State Recreational Trails grant programs for the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT). Officials with the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program hope this appointment will accelerate the process on three open grants for trail grooming equipment.

Totaling close to \$750,000, the federal grants were awarded through the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), but funds have not been released until a determination can be made if those equipment purchases satisfy the Buy American Act under the Trump Administration.

Also delaying the process was the retirement of former state grant administrator Yvonne Diller nearly a year ago. With Flagg now filling that role with the IDOT's Office of Systems Planning, the ISSA hopes the three groomer grants will finally gain some traction.

“I feel we are a priority at the IDOT because we have outstanding grants that

stalled because there wasn't a program administrator,” explained Past ISSA President Terry Durby, a co-administrator of the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program, at the Jan. 12 ISSA Board of Directors meeting. “We look forward to working with (Flagg) in the very near future.”

As a potential workaround to the Buy American requirement, Durby said the Review and Selection Committee of the state snowmobile trail grant program is also investigating other means to apply this grant funding and has been in contact with Kim Raap with Trails Work Consulting in Sioux Falls for guidance.

“We are looking at different ways to apply this money,” Durby said. “These RTP grants are really meant for trail development. They are not intended to buy equipment so we are already at a disadvantage. That is one thing we are going to explain to the new administrator of the program. We would like to find a different and simpler way to utilize these funds.”



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RTP Absent from Initial Transportation Budget

The federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) has been around for over two decades. The program is funded by federal fuel taxes paid with each tankful in a snowmobile or other off-road vehicle. A portion of the taxes come back to the user groups because it is not spent on federal highways.

When the program was first started, a use study was completed, which resulted in averages being determined on the amount of gas taxes paid. Those averages--in addition to miles driven, number of registered off-highway vehicles and other factors--determined a formula for those dollars being returned to each state.

According to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), about a third of the money that was paid in was being returned to the trails programs each year. "There has been an effort to recover more than the 30 percent of our money as well as update the use study," ACSA's E-Newsletter announced Feb. 14. "The legislation requesting 100 percent of the funds was formally introduced last week."

"This week, however, when the President's budget was released, the RTP program was not included," ACSA Executive Director Christine Jourdain reported. "The legislative process, which includes the budget process, is fluid. This is not the first time the RTP program has been eliminated. Just another battle that is now before us."



Ed Klim, president of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association, waits patiently in the halls of Congress.

ACSA has been an active participant in the Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) for more than 20 years. The CRT is made up of motorized and non-motorized user groups with its focus being RTP.

"RTP is very important to the snowmobile community," Jourdain said. "We will work with the other user groups and put together a plan. We may need assistance from you, and we will let you know exactly what we need once the plan is finalized."

In Iowa, RTP grants have been financing groomer purchases since 2001. The CRT meets regularly, and the topic will likely be taken to Capitol Hill when snowmobilers attend ACSA's D.C. Fly-In April 25-28.

"The Fly-In allows the Congressmen and Senators from the snowmobile states to meet with their constituents," Jourdain explained. "It's the best opportunity for them to hear about issues in their district directly from snowmobilers."

ISSA Deadlines Approaching; Forms Available Online

Trail grant reimbursement requests from the 2019-20 grooming season are due to the Review and Selection Committee (RSC) of the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program May 1. Forms will be emailed directly to club contacts and posted online at iowasnowmobiler.com/trailgrantprogram later this spring. For questions, contact the RSC at ISSA.RSC@gmail.com.

Trail sign orders for next season are also due May 1. Download the form at iowasnowmobiler.com/trailgrantprogram and email the completed order to ISSA Trail Sign Committee Chair Matt Miner at mmmfarms@hotmail.com.

Extended this year is the deadline for the 2020-21 trail grant requests. This form is now due by June 1 and should be sent in a separate email from the 2019-20 reimbursement requests if submitted earlier than that. As with the reimbursements,

these forms will also be emailed directly to club contacts and posted online at iowasnowmobiler.com/trailgrantprogram later this spring. For questions, contact the RSC at ISSA.RSC@gmail.com.

Scholarship applications are due April 15. Any graduating high school senior or second- or third-year returning college student whose family is in good standing with the ISSA is eligible to apply. Application materials can be downloaded at iowasnowmobiler.com/issa/scholarship.

Nominations for the 2020 ISSA Awards program are due back to the Awards Committee by July 1. The ISSA recognizes the following club-level awards: Snowmobiler of the Year, Young Snowmobiler of the Year, Snowmobile Family of the Year, Groomer Operator of the Year, Dealer of the Year and Club of the Year. Nomination forms can be downloaded at iowasnowmobiler.com/issa/awards.

Swapping Out Wheels for Tracks

ISSA's 2020 Winter Kids
Day with the Spina Bifida
Association of Iowa
at Huxley Feb. 2



ISSA Vice President Scott Nauman helps 15-year-old Max Stancel-Hess into a cutter at the ISSA's Winter Kids Day in Huxley Feb. 2. Also available to help if needed were Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club members John Kahler and Craig Krapfl.

Passionate Snowmobilers Show Compassion for Spina Bifida Kids

by **Cameron Hanson**

Ryan Stancel of Marion is always on the lookout for new activities for his special-needs son to experience. An event planned for the first Sunday of February caught his eye, so the pair made the two-hour trip west along Highway 30 for the ISSA's annual Winter Kids Day with families from the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa (SBAIA).

Stancel's son, Max Stancel-Hess, 15, suffers from spina bifida and needs a wheelchair to get around. He's well adjusted at school but prefers to stay inside and play video games at home, like any typical teenager during the winter months. His dad said he wanted to shake up that routine with an afternoon of outdoor fun at the community center in Huxley Feb. 2.

"We want Max to get out and meet new people," Stancel said from the Huxley Safe Room, located 10 miles south of Ames. "We

want him to get him involved in new things and socialize with others outside of school. We're trying new things all the time."

Stancel said he has been following the SBAIA on social media for more than a year now and learned of the central Iowa event through a post on Facebook. Besides helping his son expand his horizons, he said the event helps his family's situation as well by networking with other families coping with the same disability. "It's been good for all of us," he said.

40-year partnership

Spina bifida is a birth defect where the spinal cord does not close properly. The condition leads to mobility issues and incontinence, to name a few physical challenges. Nationally, eight babies are born each day with spina bifida, and the condition is the number one birth defect which leaves the person permanently disabled for life.

The SBAIA was created in 1972 and has served as the ISSA's of-



Camden, left, and Brecken Underwood with the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa wait patiently for the ride to begin Feb. 2.



Five-year-old Ali Larson of Webster City is all smiles inside the Huxley Safe Room Feb. 2. Her older brother, Reed, also donated a helmet to the ISSA for use at the Winter Kids Day.

ficial charity since 1982. Over the past four decades, snowmobile clubs in Iowa have donated close to \$300,000 to the organization to help support families with medical and equipment expenses related to their care. As listed on page 17, this year's donations have exceeded \$10,000.

Organized by Past ISSA President Bruno Andreini, the Winter Kids Day is now in its 14th year at Huxley and is designed to bring the two organizations closer together by "putting a face to the name." The cornerstone of the event is a snowmobile ride on the nearby Heart of Iowa Nature Trail, coordinated by the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club of Region 7.

Andreini and other club members work closely with the City of Huxley to build a temporary trail from the Safe Room to the multi-purpose trail, which runs along the south edge of town. Weather and conditions permitting, rides are given on either two-up sleds or in pull-behind cutters. Last month, despite temperatures climbing above 40 degrees, enough snow remained for multiple laps.

"I believe our day this year was a great success," said Andreini, a Saylorville club member and the ISSA's liaison on the SBAIA board. "The weather was warm, making it perfect for families to get outside and enjoy the activities. We had adequate snow for our snow-coach rides, and the snow was in perfect condition to even build two snowmen out front."

For Stancl-Hess, the ride was his first experience on a snowmobile trail. His dad and ride volunteers helped him out of his wheelchair and into a cutter, and ISSA President Brian Carmichael pulled him along on the mile-long route. "It was actually pretty fun," Stancl-Hess said afterwards. "I really didn't know what to expect, but it was really a good time."

Helicopter landing

In addition to snowmobile rides, Spina Bifida kids and their families were treated to a meal, crafts and entertainment from a pair of clowns. New to the schedule this year was a special landing by Unity Point Health's LifeFlight helicopter from Des Moines. Not only did the aircraft's appearance create a stir for the spina bifida families on hand but also drew the interest of community members and local EMTs as well.

"This was our first successful year for the helicopter landing," Andreini noted. "I scheduled it last year, but the flight controller canceled it because of unfavorable crosswinds. Today was perfect for the landing. The tour of the craft afterward was a great experience for everyone. We were able to visit with the crew and view the interior of the craft. We received so many positive remarks about it."

Attracting more than 50 people, the Winter Kids Day lasted close to four hours and opened with guest speakers around noon. Huxley Mayor Kevin Deaton welcomed everybody to his community, saying city leaders were "honored" to host the event again. "We are absolutely happy to help you folks," he said. "I hope everybody has a great time."

"I'm always amazed with all of the cooperation we get from the City of Huxley, providing us with a beautiful facility to work out of at no charge," Andreini said. "They do so much for us behind the scenes. This year, they moved snow to make a trail for us to ride west out of here to get to the trail. No matter what I ask for, they take care of it."

SBAIA Executive Director Carlyn Crowe, echoing her comments at the ISSA Annual Convention in Burlington last November, also recognized snowmobilers for their hospitality and generosity. "We really want to thank you for the year long and years



Christian Davis, 11, with the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa, puts the finishing touches on a snowman outside the Huxley Safe Room Feb. 2.



Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club members Zac Parry, Barry Starmer and Craig Krapfl provide rides on the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail at Huxley Feb. 2.

long support you have given us,” she said at Huxley. “None of our programs would be possible without your donations.”

Improving the quality of life

In addition to helping cover travel and lodging expenses related to medical care, Crowe said her organization relies on ISSA dollars to support education, to increase networking and to improve the lives of its members. At convention, she said the SBAIA would eventually like to create a summer camp for kids and to help teenagers transition into adulthood. “That is such a pivotal point in their lives,” she said.

“We are always looking at the best ways to invest our money and to help our people who are living with spina bifida,” Crowe said. “While prevention is still key—because there are so many unknowns and so much money that needs to go into research—the work that we are doing locally really focuses on helping folks live with their condition.

“The work we do is hard because less people know about the defect, and that makes it difficult for fundraising,” she continued. “More people are living longer with spina bifida. The bad news is

there aren’t enough medical professionals out there to help them. Because of all the conditions that spina bifida perpetuates, people need to see a lot of specialists.”

Crowe said her organization is planning to “celebrate its knowledgeable partnership” with the ISSA by dedicating a page to it on their website at sbaia.org. At convention, the SBAIA also presented Andreini with a plaque of appreciation for his efforts on the SBAIA board. “We would like to give a very special thanks to Bruno, who has done so much for us,” she said last fall.

For more information on spina bifida, visit www.sbaia.org. To make a donation, contact your Region Director.



Past ISSA President Bruno Andreini was recognized by the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa (SBAIA) at the 2019 ISSA Annual Convention in Burlington in November. Making the presentation were, from left, SBAIA members Dan Biller, Mary Helen Biller and Carlyn Crowe

CALENDAR

March

- ISSA Board of Directors meeting Sunday, March 8, at 9 a.m. at the AmericInn, Hampton.
- SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge March 9-14 at Michigan Tech University, Houghton, Mich.

April

- ACSA D.C. Fly-In April 25-28.
- ISSA scholarship applications due April 15. Download materials at www.iowasnowmobiler.com.

May

- 2019-20 Snowmobile Trail Grant Reimbursement Requests due to the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program May 1. For more information, email ISSA.RSC@gmail.com.
- Trail sign orders due May 1. For more information, email ISSA Trail Sign Committee Chair Matt Miner at mmmfarms@hotmail.com.
- ISSA Board of Directors meeting TBD.

June

- 2020-21 applications due to the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program June 1. For more information, email ISSA.RSC@gmail.com.
- 52nd Annual International Snowmobile Congress at Regina, Saskatchewan, June 10-13. Visit snowmobilers.org/isc/index for more information.

July

- ISSA Summer Campout TBD.
- Award nominations due July 1.



Ashley Larson of Webster City snaps a photo of her kids, Ali and Reed, in front of the UnityPoint Health LifeFlight helicopter at the ISSA’s Winter Kids Day with the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa in Huxley Feb. 2.



Among those downhill skiing with Adaptive Sports Iowa near Boone Feb. 5 was a 97-year-old World War II veteran.

Saylorville Club Members Assist at Adaptive Sports Iowa Event

Members of the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club have been feeling generous with their time lately. Just days after helping the ISSA host the annual Winter Kids Day with the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa at Huxley, the Region 7 club spent three days assisting Adaptive Sports Iowa with its Winter Ski Experience at Seven Oaks Recreation near Boone Feb. 5-7.

The event is open to anyone with physical and vision impairments who wish to try downhill skiing at the central Iowa park. Participants are provided adaptive ski equipment for the event, and club volunteers provide snowmobiles to pull them to the top of the ski run. Saylorville President Barry Starmer said the club has volunteered at this event the past few years and is "honored" to help out.

"Until recently, the thrills and excitement of downhill skiing have been largely inaccessible for the physically disabled," reads the Adaptive Sports Iowa website. "However, this event will help educate instructors and participants alike about adaptive skiing equipment and proper technique. All of this adds up to a great opportunity to learn how to downhill ski in a safe and relaxed atmosphere."



With tow ropes tied to their snowmobiles' rear bumpers, Saylorville club members Barry Starmer and Justin Bjerke are ready to pull participants up the bunny slope at Adaptive Sports Iowa's Winter Ski Experience at Seven Oaks Recreation near Boone.

Groomer Operators Should be Certified

More than 125 groomer operators in Iowa were certified this season to operate grooming equipment under guidelines established by the Review and Selection Committee of the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Program, a program administered by the ISSA since 2017.

Following a two-year training period, anyone operating a groomer in Iowa should have been certified or recertified by Jan. 1. Each club should keep a record of its certified operators in the cab of the groomer. No cards will be issued, and certification is valid for five years.

With a statewide average snowfall of nearly one foot in January, new operators should have been able to complete their checklist with a seasoned operator to earn their full certification this winter. However, program co-administrator Chris Willey pointed out there is no "sunset date" to complete this mandate.

"We are at the mercy of Mother Nature to get that done," Willey said at the Jan. 12 ISSA Board of Directors meeting. "We just don't want clubs to pencil-whip this process. We want to make sure we have qualified operators running this equipment, and the clubs should know who these people are."

Willey said individual clubs have full control on whom they allow to run the machines, including non-club members if they don't ride a snowmobile.

"We're not going to micromanage a club on who's running their machine," Willey said. "It's hard enough to get guys in a groomer. If you have someone who is willing to get in a machine and run it, it might be worth it to pay that operator's membership as a token of appreciation."

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Pro Lite racer Nickolas Lorenz won a heat race Saturday and finished fourth in Saturday's Pro Lite final.

Snocross Returns to Dubuque for Fourth Straight Season

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Gary Walton, Action Graphics*

Race Officials: New Venue at Fairgrounds Enhances Spectator Experience

by Cameron Hanson

The Amsoil Championship Snocross circuit returned to Dubuque for the fourth straight season Jan. 31-Feb. 1 for the Theisen's Snocross National presented by Kwik Star. After spending the first three years at Sundown Mountain Resort, the event relocated a little closer to town at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds.

Besides location, this year's event had also moved up earlier on the snocross schedule from its previous slot in early March. Making up Rounds 9 and 10 for the 2019-20 campaign, the weekend's action in eastern Iowa featured two full days of snowmobile racing inside the Dubuque Speedway racetrack. Riders competed in 20 classes ranging from top-level Pro to entry-level Youth.

In the weeks leading up to the event, snow was hauled in and made artificially to create a snocross track around the 3/8-mile oval. Media reports described the new track as "really challenging for racers, mixing a fast start, big rhythm sections and multiple



Defending Series Champion Elias Ishoel finished second and first in the weekend's Pro finals, respectively.

passing options." Miranda Hopp, social media coordinator for the series, said the new setting enhanced the spectator experience as well.

"Mother Nature was definitely in our favor, and we were able to create a pretty big track," Hopp said. "The racers, teams and crowds were ecstatic about the size of the track as well as all of the benefits the venue featured, such as great track visibility, on-site parking, several warming areas, vendors and all of the after-parties."

While appealing to the grandstand crowd, unseasonably warm weather made track conditions a little mushy as competitors snaked their way around the infield. Temperatures crept into the low 40s at race time on Saturday, and "the warm air the team saw last weekend in South Dakota was still present in Iowa," Hentges Racing said in a Feb. 3 press release.

"This meant riders battled the same sloppy mess of a track and the visibility problems that come with it. It was just one factor in the weekend's racing the team worked to conquer," Hentges noted.

For Hentges racer Emil Harr, the Iowa venue was just his second



Snow was hauled in as well as made artificially to create the snocross track at the 3/8-mile oval Dubuque Speedway.



Pro class racers Trent Wittwer (left) and Aki Pihlaja sign autographs during the Saturday afternoon fan session.

event filling in for injured snocross star Kody Kamm, the 2017 series champion and runner-up the last two seasons. The 19-year-old Harr finished fourth in Friday night's Pro final and fifth in Saturday night's Pro final for a solid showing for the weekend.

"Iowa was a big track, but it worked good for me," the Swedish teen said. "Once again, the team gave me a fast sled. It was a good weekend for us. With two Top 5 finishes, I'm definitely feeling more comfortable now, so I'm looking forward to New York and getting some top finishes."

Podium finishers in both Pro finals at Theisen's Snocross National didn't change between the two races, just their places on the stand. Boss Racing's Aki Pihlaja won Friday night's final, and teammate and defending series champion Elias Ishoel claimed Saturday night's top spot.

Pihlaja finished third on Saturday, and Ishoel placed second on Friday. Meanwhile, Daniel Benham, Jr., finished third and second, respectively. Ishoel left Dubuque with the points lead and has been in the driver's seat most of the season, winning five finals before Iowa and only missing the podium twice.



Pro Lite racers Francis Pelletier (220) and Anson Scheele (44) battle for position at Dubuque. Pelletier finished the weekend with the points lead, overtaking Hunter Patenaude.

At press time, three races remained on the professional snocross circuit: New York, Michigan and the finale in Lake Geneva, Wis. For complete results and schedule, visit snocross.com. For dates and times for the event rebroadcast, visit cbssportsnetwork.com.



Mild temperatures left the pit area without snow race weekend.

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Snowmobiling in the Fast Lane

Saylorville Club Member Casler Races into the Recordbooks

by Zac Parry

Vice President, Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club

For many of us, we got started in snowmobiling through the influence of a friend or family member or even just because there was a sled around that no one was using. This is also true for SDSC member, Aaron Casler, whose dad did a little bit of riding.

Aaron, 45, started riding at the age of 12 as a way to deliver the *Des Moines Register* and *Globe-Gazette* in his home town of Leland. Each morning, he would have to have his dad, Richard Casler, start the snowmobile (either a 400 Scorpion Super Stinger or a 340 Eskimo), and then he would ride on the bags of papers to make the ride a bit more comfortable. When he wasn't delivering papers, Aaron was just riding around town enjoying the fun that we all know snowmobiling is.

Eventually, Aaron purchased a 1995 ZRT 800 and started racing his friends. The desire to win was kindled. He wrecked that sled in 2001 while trail riding and upgraded to a newer 2000 ZRT 800.

Then in 2001, Aaron was invited to join a group of guys (Terrel Brock, Brian Hanson and Larry Folkerts) on a trip to the Houghton area of the UP. These guys were a little older, and like many of the more seasoned members of our sport, they were glad to take a younger rider along to help spread snowmobiling to another generation. This invitation is something that Aaron is grateful for and something he thinks we need to foster more of in snowmobiling to increase participation and avoid exclusion of potential club members.

His advice is: "If you have a spot on a trailer or trip, invite someone new to help them feel included and make them want to keep snowmobiling."

Scratching that itch

Aaron's itch to race continued to grow as he raced his friends for fun, and he graduated to grass drags. His first grass drag experience was with the SDSC at Expo Airfield in Ankeny. He was humbled in the beginning with some losses, but he took to the sport and started learning as much as he could about sled setup and modification as well as racing in general.

At the start of his racing career, he said he was too poor to pay someone to work on his sleds so he had to learn how to repair and modify them with the help of one of the guys who originally took him to the UP—Terrel Brock. His hard work and practice paid off as he began to get better and started winning.

After winning in the grass drag arena at the local level, Aaron set his sights in 2003 on a new challenge: transitioning to professional racing. To achieve that end, he improved his 2000 ZRT 800 to a 1000 in the hopes of being competitive. Then, he drove five hours to Princeton, Minn., raced once...and lost. Like before, this loss just fueled the drive to win, and he sought out the resources and knowledge to improve his racing skill set.

Through his search to get better at racing, Aaron came across Glen Hall in the racing results of *Snow Week*. Glen was winning a lot and was the person who handed Aaron his first professional loss. Aaron was able to befriend him, gaining a ton of racing knowledge and a mentor. He also bought his first race motor off of Glen—a 1000 triple improved.

As Aaron's racing career continued, so did the need to expand and improve. This required more help in the form of better racing equipment, a race crew, secondary



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drivers, and of course, sponsors. The upgrade in equipment came in the form of a Firecat 700 Improver chassis, which was acquired from Mark Kulenkamp in 2007. Glen helped in the sponsorship department by making the introduction between Aaron and D&D Performance with Midstates Powersports showing support as a sponsor on the local front. The crew also came from more local sources. Randy Claude from Midstates Powersports acted as crew chief, helping to make as much speed as possible. Additional drivers, Todd Drake and Nick Leonard, joined Aaron behind the bars. Todd Bowman headed up the rest of the crew, which consisted of many people lending their time as they could to help the team succeed. Finally, all this could not work without Aaron's wife, Trish, and Todd's wife, Brook, who run the organization behind the scenes as the boys run around going crazy.

Moving up the ranks

With all of the infrastructure of a successful race team in place, Aaron moved up the ranks with a 2nd Place podium finish in 2008 on an improved Firecat 700. His first pro win came in 2009 at Hay Days on Todd Drake's Prostock SnoPro 800, and another win in 2010 in the Prostock class on a Prostock 700.

Aaron's racing career was off to a good start, but in the 2011-12 season, he had a spot of bad luck with a crash at a "Hill Drag" event where they raced up a ski slope. The team showed up with a 2011 Z1 Turbo improved to about 500 horsepower, which proved to have too much speed for the course. Aaron missed a turn at the top and ended up in the woods, slamming into several trees and getting carried out on a stretcher. Fortunately, Aaron was not badly injured and continued racing.

In 2012, the team acquired a Procross Chassis modified by Hypersports, which they covered in a black snake skin wrap and named it Black Mamba after the fastest snake in the world. Additionally, the team decided to change their name from Casler Racing to 515 Racing in an attempt to grow the team and add more drivers.

The Black Mamba carried Aaron to a 2014 Hay Days win in the Lakeracer/King of the Trail Turbo class, setting a world record time of 3.97 seconds to go 500 feet. During this world record run, Aaron experienced an average force of 2 Gs of acceleration over the entire run! The video for this world record run can be found on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ngVILsJuMB0>

The Black Mamba team continued on to win the Outlaw class in



2016 at Hay Days, after which, they changed over to a full Hypersports HRC race chassis and posted up Aaron's fastest time of 3.52 seconds in Seneca Falls, N.Y., in 2018. Aaron's fastest speed on record is 157.4 mph at the former Jack Race in Clear Lake.

Growing the sport

In regard to attracting spectators and participants to snowmobile racing, Aaron would love to see a reality snowmobile racing show like "Street Outlaws" on mainstream TV and to have snowmobile racing at a larger venue like the Iowa State Fairgrounds with fun-to-watch events like the hand-drop with six-wide drag races.

When asked about what snowmobilers can do to improve/preserve the sport, Aaron replies with some great reminders to get involved, go to meetings and help out with trail prep and club activities. He said we should also bring/invite new participants and new members on trips/to events/etc., even if they are stuck riding older sleds or are less experienced riders than the majority of your group. He said we should invite someone new on every trip, especially if you have the space. Most importantly, get your kids involved and start them riding and attending club events. His own children, Ellie and Cole, were racing at five years old.

Aaron and 515 Racing look forward to growing the sport of snowmobile racing and involve as many people as possible throughout the coming years.



Clean Snowmobile Challenge a Gametime Decision for ISU Team

The 2020 SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge (CSC) is scheduled for March 9-14 at the Keweenaw Research Center in Houghton, Mich. Whether a team from Iowa State University participates in its sixth consecutive competition remains tentative at best.

As of Feb. 6, Past Project Manager Ryan Greeley, a mechanical engineering senior at ISU, said the team was planning to “move forward” with another entry, “provided we are able to get our ECU tuned in time. If we are unable to get that done, a decision will be made in the days prior to leaving.”

A funding scare earlier this year also “complicates” matters, Greeley confirmed. The ISU Clean Challenge Team is governed by the SAE Student Chapter at ISU. This body also oversees four other non-snowmobile teams and had purchased a “new trailer that it could not afford,” Greeley explained.

Following an internal audit, the snowmobile team account was eventually “unfrozen,” but now the team is required to maintain a “minimum balance,” Greeley said. “At this point, it appears that we no longer have the funds to cover the remaining parts, materials and travel expenses needed to finish the snowmobile and get to Michigan.”

Greeley said leadership within the CSC team at ISU continues to determine the “state of our funds” and the state of the sled’s standalone ECU. “We do not want to compete without it working,” Greeley said.

Meanwhile, the fundraising drive initiated by the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club in Region 7 last fall remains in effect. To date, only \$250 has been raised for the team through this challenge. The club has committed to match up \$500 in donations for the team at ISU.

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Butler County Snow Snoops	\$150
Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club	\$150
Dickinson County Snowhawks	\$100
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Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club	\$1,550
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CLUB NEWS

Region 1

O'Brien County Snowtrackers

by Zelda Buse Christensen

When the re-vitalized club met Feb. 4, Region Director Jim Skinner joined 15 club members—some new and some from the past. One major accomplishment was to plan a Fun Run for Feb. 22, beginning at Crazy Bob's in Hartley and including stops in Melvin, Sanborn, Sheldon and Primghar before ending back in Hartley. To be successful, more fresh snow is needed before then, however.

The groomer has been used some on Highways 59 and 18 so far this year. New operators who have taken the basic groomer course still must experience riding with licensed operators. Also the groomer needs some work done on it.

Ditches near my home are not good for snowmobiling. The last time I tried it after another hint of snow had arrived, I rode 12 miles. If I totaled all the brief sections of ditches that were barely decent for riding, they might have added up to 2 miles. All the rest varied from horrible to worse!

I might add, though, that my riding out of Spearfish Canyon Lodge for three days last week was excellent; all the natives seemed to agree that the Black Hills this year has more and deeper snow than ever before! It was great!

Dickinson County Snowhawks

by Dan Delperdang

We are having a Sponsorship Fun Run from now until our March meeting to thank the businesses that are on our membership card and our map. Pick up your entry form at Parks Marina or contact one of the officers. Take the form to the sponsors listed and have them date and initial it. The more sponsors you thank, the more chances you have to win.

No charge but we are asking for a donation to the club that you are comfortable with. Half will be given to the winner, and half to the club for grooming costs. Need not be present to win, but the entry form needs to be given to one of the officers or mailed in before the March meeting.

You do not have to be a member of the club, and out-of-towners are welcome. At this time, the pot is at \$50 so the more who participate, the bigger the pot will be.

Please pass this on and hope you can participate with this. Our trails have been very good so get out and ride. Any questions you have, contact Dan Delperdang at (712) 330-2609 or dandelperdang@hotmail.com.



The Driftrunners' Charlie's Chili Feed on the trail near Granger Feb. 15.

Region 5

Driftrunners Inc.

by Bob Martinek, Treasurer

Well, it has been a season of "just in time" here in Cresco. We got snow just before a very successful Snow Fest, lost it, and then got enough snow to do a rescheduled Charlie's Chili Feed. I believe anybody who wanted to get out and ride was able to do so.

Behind the scenes, a person can almost feel the momentum building for next season. Our 50th anniversary edition of Snow Fest will be Jan. 21- 24. I would also add that as of this writing, I have received 139 memberships to the Driftrunners and ISSA. That is the most members in recent memory for us. Thank you to all.

Lastly but not least, our final event of the season is our Landowner Appreciation Dinner, tentatively set for March 29. Location to be determined. The dinner is our chance to say "Thank You," because without our landowners, we would not be able to have our beautiful trail system. We will send postcard invites to the owners with all the details. However, if you see them in day-to-day activities, please tell them how much we appreciate the use of their land.

I guess that's enough for now and until next season. Thanks.

Region 7

Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club

By Barry Starmer, president

What a fun time to be a club member. We had our "Ride Iowa Trails" events. We had 30 riders; about 10 belonged to our club. The other riders were from other clubs in Iowa. We had several riders join our club!

Also, we helped with the Spina Bifida Ride at Huxley. Thanks to the city officials, we had Life Flight land; also they had their fire trucks, rescue units and police cars on display for the children.

Our club assisted Adaptive Sports of Iowa at 7 Oaks Ski Resort in Boone Feb. 5-7. We towed the participants up the bunny slope, and then the instructors helped them ski down. Wednesday is always reserved for veterans with disabilities. Thursday and Friday was reserved for children with disabilities.

Until next year, get involved!



The Central Iowa Snowmobilers of Region 8 hosted a vintage show and ride Saturday, Feb. 15, at Garwin.

Campout Host Needed for this Summer

The ISSA is soliciting bids from its member clubs to host the 2020 Summer Campout, normally held in July.

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