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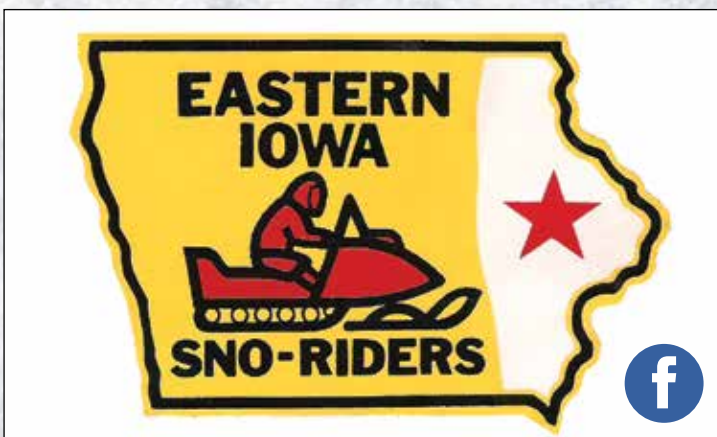
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BRIAN CARMICHAEL ISSA PRESIDENT

Greetings, Iowa snowmobilers. Here I sit thinking this will be my last column as your president. I look back over the last couple years at what we have done and where we have come up short.

It has been a pleasure working hands-on with so many other people all around the state, doing what we can for our sport of snowmobiling. I have traveled all around and made some great friends doing such. I do plan on staying close and helping out where I can. These are difficult times right now, and it's getting harder to get people involved, so if you are not helping out by getting involved, I encourage you to do so.

It can be very rewarding by the friendships you will make along the way. I would like to thank all of you for supporting me as president of the ISSA and hope to see you all on the trails.

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IDNR Clarifies Special Event Permit Guidelines

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) receives applications for special events which do not meet the criteria for needing a permit. The best advice I can give someone regarding a special event is to talk to their local Conservation Officer. Your local Conservation Officer will help you make the determination of when a permit is needed, as well as discuss any stipulations which will be part of your permit if approved.

Here is what you need to know about snowmobile special events:

- The only vehicle type which can be part of your event is a snowmobile as defined in Iowa Code Section 321G.1. Any modification to a snowmobile must comply with the definition.

- The IDNR processes applications for events which take place on land, water and frozen water which is under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resource Commission (NRC). If you are unsure if your event is located in an area covered by this provision, your local Conservation Officer will help to identify this for you.

- The permit issued for your event will specify registration requirements for participants.

- If your event is on public land, water or frozen water, but not under the jurisdiction of the NRC, you should still contact your local Conservation Officer to discuss the details of your event.

- If your local Conservation Officer instructs you to submit an application for your event, it must be submitted at least 30 days out. Any applicant gets one pass on this. The IDNR is under no obligation to accommodate a late submittal.

- Snowmobile event applications can include alternate dates for the event as snow cover can vary. Discuss your plan with your local Conservation Officer before submitting the application.

- The \$25 administrative fee for processing the application is non-refundable, even if your application is denied or not needed.

Your local Conservation Officer is a great resource to advise you as you plan and execute successful events. To find the office nearest you, visit iowadnr.gov/About-DNR/DNR-Staff-Offices/Conservation-Law-Enforcement. The permit application can be found here: programs.iowadnr.gov/specialevents. A map with contact information is also printed on the inside back cover of this month's issue.



GUEST COLUMN
Capt. Eric Johnston
IDNR Law Enf.

from the web

Special Event definition at iowadnr.gov

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is authorized to approve a club or individual to hold an organized special event (an organized race, exhibition or demonstration of limited duration which is conducted according to a prearranged schedule and in which general public interest is manifested) within the state if the event is scheduled to be held on public land or public ice under the jurisdiction of the Natural Resource Commission. The IDNR shall designate the equipment and facilities necessary for the safe operation of vehicles and for the safety of operators, participants and observers.

Residents participating in a special event must display a current registration and user permit decal on their vehicles. Non-residents must display a valid, Iowa non-resident user permit on their vehicles. If permitted by the IDNR, registration requirements can be waived for participants if they are operating within the boundaries of the event and register with the sponsor.

For clarification on when a Special Event Permit is needed and how vehicle registration requirements are applicable, applicants are encouraged to speak with their local Conservation Officer prior to submitting their application.

At least 30 days before the scheduled date of a special event, an application must be filed with the DNR using the Special Events web-based application found at programs.iowadnr.gov/specialevents/. The application fee is \$25 and is non-refundable.

Four Groomer Training Courses Planned



Club members interested in operating state-owned grooming equipment this winter need to be certified by the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program, as administered by the ISSA's Review and Selection Committee (RSC).

Following a two-year push by the RSC, most operators should have been certified or re-certified by Jan. 1 earlier this year. If anyone failed to meet that deadline, at least four training courses are currently planned this pre-season:

- **Region 7: Nov. 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Quality Inn and Suites, Ames**
- **Region 5: Nov. 19, hosted by Clayton County Snowbirds. Location TBD.**
- **Region 3: Dec. 2 at 6:15 p.m. at the Coulter Community Center, Coulter**
- **Region 5/9: Dec. 3 along Highway 20 corridor. Location TBD.**

For more information on the classes, contact the RSC by email at ISSA.RSC@gmail.com. Clubs in western Iowa interested in hosting a class should reach out to instructor Randy Magg at (712) 320-6244.

Past ISSA President Chris Willey, co-administrator of the RSC and the state's groomer training coordinator, is currently

updating each club's roster of certified operators and will distribute that list to clubs prior to the start of the season.

Certification now lasts five years. Operators no longer receive groomer training cards. Instead, a list of certified operators should be kept in the cab of the groomer and made available upon request. In addition to classroom training, a new operator needs to complete hands-on skills testing with a certified operator from his or her club prior to operating equipment on his or her own.

The purpose behind the training is to minimize downtime and reduce unnecessary damage to grooming equipment caused by operator error. Counting the drag, new groomers can cost upwards of \$200,000 and repairs can be very costly. Having the right people running the equipment is just as important as preventative maintenance during the off-season.

Training courses normally last a couple of hours. Once club members have received the training and have completed their ride-along, they are eligible to operate state-owned grooming equipment. If a club is found to have non-certified members operating their groomer, they run the risk of losing that piece of equipment.

"If you're not on your club's roster, you will need to show up to a class and get certified," Willey said. "We're not going to keep chasing people down. What I send out will be the end-all list for operators. We understand there will not always be a class close by where you live, but if you really want to be an operator, you will need to find a way to get to a class."



SCOTT NAUMAN

ISSA VICE PRESIDENT

Hello, again, fellow snowmobilers. As this weird year grinds on, our sights continue to turn towards the upcoming snow season, with hopes for a possible good year of snowfall across the entire state.

That being said, it is approaching that time of year again that many clubs across the state begin to pull the trail signs out of the back of the sheds, and as the crops come out of the field, the very committed crew of volunteers start to set up the vast miles of trails across these fields and down the ditches across the state.

I would like to extend a thank you to each one of these dedicated people. Also along with trail prep and any maintenance, another group of people turn their attention to soon finishing up last-minute services and fueling up the grooming equipment. This group also needs to be thanked for the sometimes late nights in the shop.

Please take the time—if you haven't already—to mark your calendars for another event coming up this month. The annual ISSA convention this year is to be held in Ames. Hoping to see many familiar faces and maybe some new ones attend again this year. I would like to invite everyone to attend. With any luck, maybe snow will already be on the ground. After all, it has been a crazy year so far.

Think snow, and we will see you on the trail.

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- Chris Willey, Past ISSA President
- Terry Durby, Past ISSA President

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- Brian Carmichael, ISSA President
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- John Kahler (Central representative)
- Todd Sieverding (Eastern representative)

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- Rhonda Fowler

Iowa Recreational Trails Advisory Committee Representative

- John Kahler (by appointment)

Please communicate with the committee via email at ISSA.RSC@gmail.com.

Notice:

Election for Eastern Representative Nov. 14 at noon at the Quality Inn and Suites in Ames. Three-year term. Seat is open to any registered snowmobiler in Iowa.

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ISSA RSC Skips 2020 Round of RTP Grant Funding

The Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program did not submit an application to the federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) this fall, citing a backlog of unobligated funding from the three previous grant cycles.

"We did not put in a grant application this year because we have three active grants that we need to use up," explained program co-administrator Chris Willey, a past ISSA president, at the time. "Until we get this ironed out and figure out where we can spend the money on, we are going to hold off on any more grant requests."

Since that decision, the program has agreed to purchase a used 2018 Tucker 2000 groomer. Up until then, the program had been working with three outstanding grant awards totaling close to \$800,000. Purchases with RTP money must comply with the Buy American Act, and presently, only Tuckers produced after 2018 qualify.

Expected to be delivered at this month's convention in Ames, the used Tucker is heading to the Iowa River Riders in Region 3. That club worked with the Franklin County Board of Supervisors to apply for an RTP grant on behalf of the ISSA's Review and Selection Committee (RSC) three years ago.

Managed by the RSC since 2017, the state snowmobile program has relied on RTP funding for groomer purchases for 20 years now. The total amount of federal trail money appropriated to Iowa each year is in

the neighborhood of \$1.2-\$1.4 million. By rule, those funds are divided among three trail user groups: motorized (30 percent), non-motorized (30 percent) and diversified (40 percent).

Through a cost-share grant application process, the snowmobile program in Iowa has typically received between \$200,000 and \$240,000 annually to purchase snowmobile trail grooming equipment. Using snowmobile registration receipts, the program pays for the equipment up front and then receives 80 percent of the funding back through RTP reimbursement.

RTP grant applications are graded by the Iowa Recreational Trails Advisory Board each fall. RSC member and ISSA Region 7 Director John Kahler represents snowmobiling interests on that board. That volunteer committee is expected to meet Nov. 16 to determine awards for the 21 grant applications received this year.

Historically, only snowmobilers and OHV groups apply for the motorized portion of the RTP funding. When the latter learned the ISSA was not planning to submit an application this year, the Iowa OHV program submitted a second grant request, according to Kahler.

"We gave up part of our share of the grant money this year so we can hopefully ask for more next year," noted snowmobile program co-administrator Terry Durby, another past ISSA president.

ISC 2022 Fundraising Raffle set for New Year's Day

The ISSA will be hosting the 2022 International Snowmobile Congress in June of 2022 at the Grand River Conference Center in Dubuque, host site of the 2014 ISSA Convention. This four-day event will serve as the 54th annual gathering of snowmobile leaders from North America, Scandinavia and Russia.

Andrea Willey, chair of the 2014 ISSA Convention Planning Committee, is heading the 2022 ISC Planning Committee. The committee has been meeting bi-monthly since January, when the ISSA Board of Directors approved the ISSA's hosting of this prestigious event.

"We are excited about this opportunity to bring snowmobilers back to Iowa, but we also know we have a lot of work to do to get to that point," Andrea Willey said of Iowa's third time serving as ISC host.

Following the 2021 ISC in Nebraska next June, the committee will begin meeting monthly and eventually weekly as the

date gets closer.

Their work right

now focuses on

raising money to help

promote the international event, including hosting the hospitality room in Omaha at the 53rd ISC.

Some seed money remains from the last time the ISSA hosted Congress at Coralville in 2010. The committee also plans to apply for an administrative grant from the federal Recreational Trails Program next year to help offset expenses.

In October, the committee announced a fundraising raffle set for New Year's Day. The Jan. 1 drawing is for the winner's choice of a \$3,500 travel voucher or \$3,000 in cash. Only 400 tickets are being printed, and tickets cost \$25 each.

For more information on the drawing or if you are interested in helping out with ISC 2022, contact Andrea Willey at (563) 920-4398 or morningstar.willey@gmail.com.



CALENDAR

November

- 47th Annual ISSA Convention Nov. 13-15 at the Quality Inn and Suites in Ames. See page 12 for registration and hotel information.
- Groomer Operator Certification Training Nov. 14 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Quality Inn and Suites, Ames.
- ISSA Board of Directors meeting Sunday, Nov. 15, at 9 a.m. at the Quality Inn and Suites in Ames.
- Groomer Operator Certification Training Nov. 19 hosted by Clayton County Snowbirds in Region 5. Location TBD.
- Iowa River Riders Youth Snowmobile Safety Course Sunday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Garage Tavern on Main Street in Coulter. For more information or to reserve a space, contact instructors Chad and Stephanie Mulford at (641) 430-6855. The club will provide snacks and a noon meal. A \$10 state registration fee is required. Persons 12 through 17 must possess a valid snowmobile education certificate when operating on public trails, and anyone under the age of 16 must be under the supervision of a responsible adult.
- Driftrunners' Toys for Tots drive-thru drop-off Nov. 27 in Cresco.

December

- Groomer Operator Certification Training Dec. 2 at 6:15 p.m. hosted by the Iowa River Riders at the Coulter Community Center in Coulter. For more information, contact instructor Gary McVicker at (641) 425-1375.
- Groomer Operator Certification Training Dec. 3 along the Highway 20 corridor for regions 5 and 9. Location TBD.

January

- Theisen's Snocross National Jan. 15-16 at Dubuque. For race details, visit snocross.com.
- International Snowmobile Safety Week Jan. 16-24.
- Driftrunners 50th Annual SnowFest Jan. 21-24 at Cresco. Follow the club on Facebook for up-to-date information.
- University of Okoboji Winter Games Jan. 28-31. For more information, visit www.uofowintergames.com.

February

- Trail Blaz-zers' Jed's Ride Feb. 6. Club meeting to follow at Oran Fire Department.
- Trail Blaz-zers' Vintage Ride Feb. 7. More details to follow.
- Midwest Sledfest Feb. 13 at Clear Lake featuring vintage LeMans racing. For the latest information, visit midwestsledfest.com or follow on Facebook.
- Butler County Snow Snoops Vintage Ride Feb. 13.

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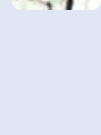
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Region 5**Trails Unlimited**

by Bud Winter, President

Greetings from Trails Unlimited! Everyone agrees that we need to get 2020 behind us, so hopefully when 2021 rolls around, it's to the start of a lot of snow!

Our club year ended with us cancelling our end-of-year Landowner's Appreciation Breakfast due to Covid. Moving forward into summer, we didn't have any activities planned so we didn't have any further issues to deal with fortunately. Mid-summer, we decided to host a couple of Ranger Rides. The first one went well with almost 50 participants so we decided to have a second one.

Looking ahead to the actual work that needs to be done, we're still planning on putting a cutting edge on the front of the roller we made last year, but beyond that, it's just basic sign prep. I think everyone would agree we had some favorable weather for harvest this year, so let's get ready for the switch over to snow fall!

Be safe everyone. Take care.



*Trails Unlimited Ranger Ride fundraiser July 18
Photo courtesy club Facebook page*

Driftrunners, Inc.

by Bob Martinek, Treasurer

Well, a lot of trail work has been done around Cresco already (Oct. 15). Most of the farmers call it harvest. Some of us think of it as both!

First, to report at our annual meeting in September, Lee P. moved up from V.P. to President. Brandon P. has completed his term but will remain on the board as past president. Also finishing terms on the board were Matt L. and A.J. All three are stepping back (slightly) from their positions but are still going to be very active in the club. Brandon is assisting Lee with Snow Fest #50 preparations. A.J. has been on the board a very long time and everybody knows A.J. will always have raffle tickets to sell. Matt L. is very active in trail work and preparations in Lime Springs/Granger area with lots of enthusiasm. A big "Thank You" to all three. Now I would like to welcome Austin H. and Logan T. onto the board. Both seem very eager to help wherever needed. The club is still in search of a Vice President. He/She could come from the board or from outside the board (pending board approval). So, if you or someone you know is interested, please contact me or any board member.

Tentative plans as of now are to have a drive thru Toys for Tots drop off at Driftrunner clubhouse on Nov. 27 in place of our annual Kick-Off Dance. Please watch our Facebook page for updates and details as they get finalized. Otherwise plans are continuing for Snow Fest's 50th Anniversary Jan. 21-24. Would you like a chance to win a new 2020 Ski-Doo 600 sled and trailer? More details as they become available. Thanks for now.

Region 7**Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club**

by Barry Starmer, President

We had our first club meeting of the season and had a good turnout!

Our trail around Big Creek State Park is marked with thanks to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for removing the many large trees blocking the trail from the storm derecho. The Heart of Iowa trail is marked. We have approximately 30 miles marked of our 120-mile trail system.

We have also been finalizing plans for the state convention. Looks like another fun convention and hope to see you there.

On a sad note, we will not be hosting our grass drags this fall for the first time in 31 years. We have lost our site in Ankeny due to urban sprawl but are planning to help out with the youth classes at the Central Iowa grass drags in late October at Grundy Center.

Until next month, be safe and get INVOLVED!

State Convention Moving Forward as Planned

by **Cameron Hanson**

The ISSA Board of Directors gave Organizers for this fall's state convention a boost of confidence when they decided ahead of schedule to move forward with the 47th annual gathering Nov. 13-15 at the Quality Inn and Suites in Ames.

The board had set a Nov. 1 go/no-go date for convention weekend but ended up making the decision two weeks earlier at its Oct. 18 meeting. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic had been the source of the uncertainty, but with convention less than a month away, board members felt the need to make a commitment.

"My opinion is we just have to go for it," Past ISSA President Terry Durby said. "We're going to move forward and take any measures we need to take when the time comes."

This year's convention is hosted by clubs in Region 7 with Region 7 Director John Kahler serving as chair of the planning committee. The week leading up to the board meeting, Kahler had voiced concerns to the board about the lack of convention registrations and hotel reservations caused by contingency planning.

"We need to discuss whether or not we are proceeding with the convention as planned, and if so, what will be the minimum registrations required to pull this thing off?" Kahler asked in an email to the board.

With a number of board members turning in registrations at the meeting, the board's decision will hopefully give ISSA members



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the confidence to send in their registrations and to make hotel reservations as well. A host fee had already been paid to the hotel, and seminars and entertainment have since been finalized.

Safety precautions

As he has said since the beginning planning stages, Kahler said convention-goers will be expected to comply with social distancing guidelines and to follow any and all recommendations from the state and the Center for Disease Control. He said disposable masks and hand sanitizers will be available at stations throughout the conference center.

With safety precautions in place, Kahler said moving forward with convention is significant and allows the ISSA to conduct its business, including electing new officers and directors. At convention, President Brian Carmichael will fulfill his two-year term, and Vice President Scott Nauman is expected to assume that leadership role.

During the Saturday morning General Assembly, ISSA membership will be asked



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Snowmobile Iowa display at the 2019 ISSA Convention in Burlington

to elect a new vice president and a new secretary as Sue Paulus will be stepping down from her position that weekend. Directors will also be elected in even-numbered regions as 2020 is an even-numbered year.

The ISSA's Review and Selection Committee will also be electing its Eastern Representative for the Iowa State Snowmobile Trail Grant Program. This seat is for a three-year term and is open to any registered snowmobiler in Iowa. The Eastern Region on the RSC basically covers the eastern third of Iowa from Highway 63 to the Mississippi River.

Seminars and speakers

Following the General Membership Assembly and Elections, a trail insurance update will be provided by V&V Insurance of Cresco, and the ISSA Education and Scholarship Foundation is expected to make its presentations. After brunch, the RSC will provide a financial update on the state snowmobile program at noon, and groomer operator recertification training will begin at 1 p.m.

Opposite the groomer class will be a special painting class by Kym Hefler from Chalk Couture Make & Take by Kym. Participants will be designing holiday-themed crafts, and depending on the size of the canvas, the cost for this class ranges from \$28 to \$42.

To reserve a spot, please contact Hefler at (515) 230-0910 or email her at thepurplemoosecraftsandmore@gmail.com. Payment can be made at the time of class. No checks please. Cash, Venmo, PayPal or Square will be accepted. This craft class lasts from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

At 2 p.m., the Clean Snowmobile Challenge team from Iowa State University will recap their 2020 campaign as well as look ahead to the 2021 competition. A sneak peak of last season's performance appears on page 13 of this month's issue.

At 3 p.m., interested clubs will meet to determine the Snowmobile Iowa ride dates for this winter. Clubs are also invited to set up booths for the Snowmobile Iowa showcase at convention. There is no charge for this display, and clubs can reserve space by filling out the form on page 12.

"Whether it's a booth at convention or an organized ride this winter, Snowmobile Iowa is a great way for clubs to brag about their activities and show off their trails," Kahler said. "Bring your banners and maps to convention and then put together a ride this winter."

Evening banquet

Following the seminars, the evening



Danny Grause

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Final Agenda

Friday, Nov. 13

4 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Convention Registration Snowmobile Iowa Set Up
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Hospitality Meet & Greet
7 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Entertainment (Royce Johns)

Saturday, Nov. 14

8:00 a.m. to.	Convention Registration
10:30 a.m.	Snowmobile Iowa Set Up
8:30 a.m.	Welcom & Opening Remarks
	Presentation of Colors
8:45 a.m.	Region Meetings & Elections
8:55 a.m.	General Membership Meeting
	V&V Insurance Update
	ISSA Scholarsip Presentation
10:30 a.m.	Brunch. Silent Auction Opens
Noon	RSC Update/RSC Election
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Ladies Chalk Couture Crafts
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Groomer Certification Class
2 p.m.	Clean Snowmobile Challenge
3 p.m.	Snowmobile Iowa meeting
6 p.m.	Dinner
7 p.m.	Awards Ceremony.
	Donation Presentations
	Drawings & Raffle
9 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Entertainment (Danny Grause)

Sunday, Nov. 15

9 a.m.	ISSA Board Meeting
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banquet begins with dinner at 6 p.m. followed by the awards ceremony, donations, raffles and silent auction. The ISSA Grand Raffle drawing for \$500 cash will also be held then. The evening concludes with singer Denny Grause.

Kahler is once again encouraging ISSA clubs to step up as convention sponsors. Those opportunities appear on page 12 of this month's issue. He is also asking for members to bring donations to the silent auction and ISSA raffles. Proceeds from those drawings benefit ISSA programs like charity, scholarship and communication efforts.

Clubs are also reminded to bring their contributions to the Club

Challenge, a special fundraising drive which helps offset costs associated with the ISSA's legislative and lobbying efforts. Last year, 17 clubs raised \$4,504 for this special fundraising arm of the ISSA Legislative Committee.

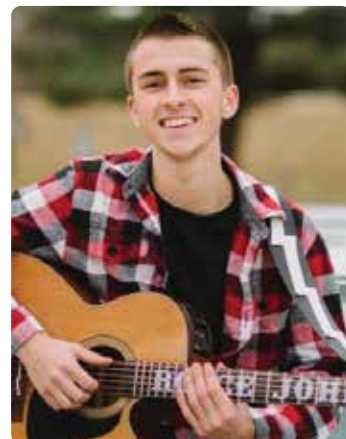
Donations will also be accepted convention weekend for the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa--the ISSA's official charity--and the ISSA's Scholarship and Education Foundation. A list of all charitable causes recognized by the ISSA appears on page 17.

Three-day event

Covering the banquet, hospitality and meals, full convention registration costs \$75 per person. Ala carte registration is also available. See the registration form on page 12 for complete details. Hotel reservations are the responsibility of the attendee and can be made by contacting the Quality Inn and Suites directly at (515) 232-9260.

Convention opens Friday evening with entertainment from singer/songwriter Royce Johns and ends Sunday morning with a board of directors meeting. A complete agenda appears at left. For questions regarding convention or for more information, contact Kahler at (515) 202-4061 or jfkahler@hotmail.com.

"We hope you make plans to attend our convention this year," Kahler said. "We have put together a great lineup, and rest assured, we will have measures in place to make sure you stay healthy and have a great time. See you then."



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ISU Team Overcomes Trailblocks

Editor's Note: For the sixth straight winter, the CyClean snowmobile team at Iowa State University participated in the SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge at Michigan Tech University in Houghton, Mich., March 9-14.

With the ISSA convention so close to campus this year, the team of engineering students is slated to give a presentation at the Ames event Nov. 14. What follows here is the team's recap of their 2020 campaign.



Endurance ride in the U.P. of Michigan

ISU CSC Team Report

The 2019-20 season was one like no other for Cyclone Snowmobile Engineering. Despite unexpected roadblocks and less-than-ideal snowcover, the team persevered and was determined to compete for their sixth year at the SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge in Houghton, Mich.

The first large event the team attended was the grass drags hosted by the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club in Region 7. The team enjoyed the opportunity to watch other snowmobilers race their creations, as well as getting the opportunity to compete with their own! The event was a success.

Last season was not without its challenges, however. Over the course of the year, the team faced issues involving a stuck dynamometer as well as a blown engine. The dynamometer failure resulted in the team having to cancel aggressive testing plans for early February, and the engine loss left the team questioning their ability to compete in Michigan, which was just a few weeks away.

However, thanks to the generosity of Arctic Cat, the team was able to secure a new engine and had the swap completed in under 48 hours. They immediately got to work integrating the new tech-

nology and were able to attend the competition as if nothing had happened.

Innovations

For the 2019-20 season, Cyclone Snowmobile Engineering focused on reducing noise and emissions pollutants while increasing the fuel efficiency and rideability through various innovations. Key projects included an exhaust system redesign, a custom air intake, fine-tuning with a Link Engine Management ECU and chassis innovations.

Exhaust. The stock resonator was replaced with a custom muffler designed to focus on sound reduction and emission cleanliness. Three catalytic converters were integrated, and destructive interference from five resonance chambers was utilized to deaden the sound. Air velocity and pressure maps were created using ANSYS software to determine where to place the catalytic converters to optimize performance.



Air Intake. An air intake from a turbo Arctic Cat model was modified to replace the stock air intake on the sled. This allowed the ability to collect mass airflow data to send to the ECU, for which an adapter was fabricated. Injectors from a Yamaha turbo engine were incorporated to allow for tuning with Ethanol. As a result of these innovations, the sled was able to run more efficiently on Ethanol fuel, and the engine bay became significantly easier to service.



ECU and Wiring Harness. A new wiring harness was created in order to more effectively integrate the Link G4+ Fury ECU used previously. Additionally, an ethanol sensor was integrated, and fine-tuning with the ECU and engine allowed for compatibility with 0-100% ethanol. A closed-loop lambda system was utilized in the tuning process to allow the sled to continuously receive and interpret feedback from the ethanol sensor to run efficiently on the type of fuel used.



Navigating the obstacle course



Chassis. The shocks on the sled were adjusted to accommodate the heat shielding and weight distribution. Woody's Dooly 8" Carbides were added to improve handling and were also optimized to work with the weight added by the exhaust. The integration of a studded track improved traction and acceleration, making for a

more powerful and enjoyable riding experience.

Miscellaneous Projects. Along with the main innovations completed to innovate the snowmobile, many projects to aid the team in general were also completed. These included the design, validation and fabrication of a new burnout box as well as sled wheels, allowing for increased testing capabilities and improved mobility of the snowmobile.



Cornering and handling



Competition Recap

The 2020 SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge went extremely well for the Iowa State team. Although the situation regarding COVID-19 resulted in the competition being cut short, the team was able to compete in all events that were not cancelled due to the virus. Despite

facing many obstacles—such as air pockets in the coolant line and suspension bolts coming loose mid-event—the team is extremely proud of how they competed and all that was accomplished this season. They are ready for the challenges next season will bring their way and look forward to competing in the 2021 SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge in March!

2020 Team Results

Internal Combustion Class: 7th Place overall
Endurance Event: Completed all 100 miles for the second time in team history.
Fuel Economy: 6th Place
Subjective Handling: 3rd Place
Objective Handling: N/A
In-Service Emissions: 4th Place
In-Lab Emissions: 6th Place
Sound: 4th Place
Acceleration (1/8th mile): N/A
Cold Start: N/A
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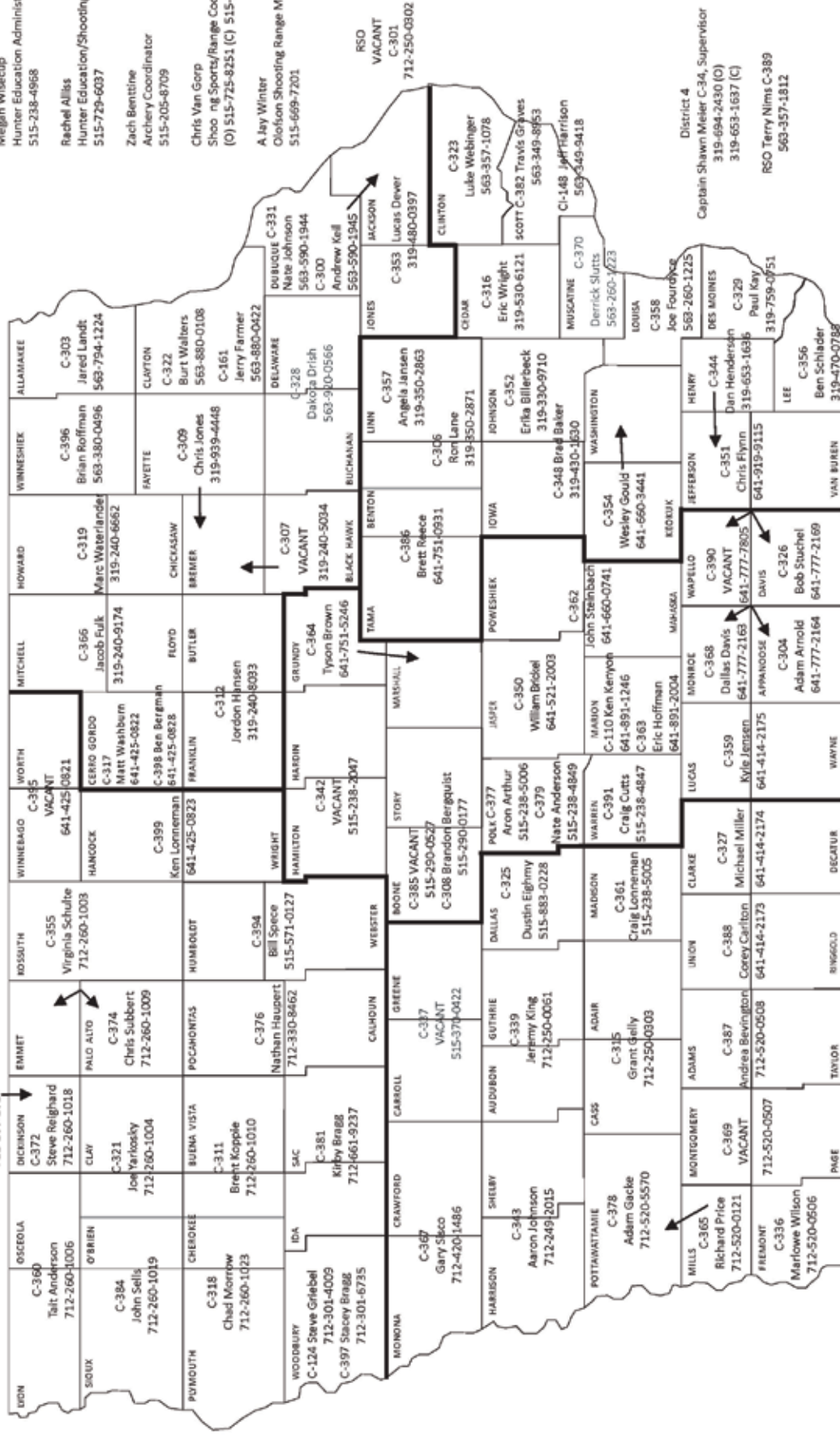
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