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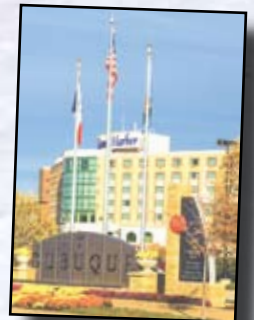
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President's Message

Winding Down as President, Crossing Skis Along the Way

This past spring, there were 25,995 snowmobile registrations in Iowa compared with 25,917 the same time last year. There were 6,516 snowmobile titles issued (new and used) compared with 6,172 the same time last year. There were 19,300 resident user permits sold compared to 19,192 the same time last year, and there were 199 non-resident user permits sold compared to 192 last year.

Making Tracks

These are admittedly modest gains, but gains none-the-less from a season which a large area of our state had little or no snow most of the season. Even more, there have been times when we lost numbers even when the snow was better. As a result of the good numbers, the revenue generated by the registration fees as well as from the trail pass (I know, user permits) sales allowed the IDNR and ISSA Review and Selection Committee to award \$371,135 in trail grant funding to 52 clubs for the coming season.

You will see these numbers again in Cameron's legislative update story on page 8, and we will once again focus on the allocation of your registration and trail pass dollars in later issues. But I want you to note that this is all being accomplished by a state where it costs less to register and ride your machine than almost anywhere else in North America.

We also celebrate our state whose dedicated club members and volunteer groomer operators work diligently to provide 8,800 miles of superbly signed and groomed snowmobile trails and whose local hospitality and scenic routes are as good as anywhere you can ride. We may not have the high mountains, geysers or deep powder, but the bluffs and forests giving way to open hills and fields and even the challenge of some ditch banging provide the most diverse and enjoyable riding of anywhere I have ridden. Also, anyone who tells you we do not have deep snow in Iowa has never tried to get their sled out of an Iowa snowbank in January.

No Place Like Home

I love Iowa, and I love Iowa snowmobiling. I will go other places to ride, further north, out west and out east, but most of my miles will be on these Iowa trails—made possible by the pure passion of Iowa Stub-born snowmobilers who get itchy this time of year, wanting to see the crops get out and

the trails go in.

I am looking forward to those first flakes giving way to swirling white, and the first miles of the season on a perfect white and blue day or a star-studded moonlit night of white. This is Iowa Snowmobiling. It is what we do. It is winter in Iowa.

As I look towards the start of the season in the final months of my last year as your ISSA president, I look back over the tracks I have made over the last four years as your



Jim Willey
ISSA President

vice president and president. I see very little smooth trail in my tracks, some of it was downright rough, needing to see the groomer soon. It was predictable, however, as I have always been a bit of a rabble rouser, always willing to challenge the status quo and the good ol' boy

system where I see it maybe needs some shaking up.

I have crossed skis with a couple of past presidents, pushed hard on some board members and probably made a few people unhappy with me is Des Moines. But we made PROGRESS in some key areas, and I like to think when my time in November is up, that I will leave the ISSA, and the national boards and committees I have participated on, better than I found them.

I am proud of the things we have accomplished in improving the funding for the state snowmobile program in a very fair way in the trail pass program, in the soon-to-be implemented improvements for vintage sled registration requirements, and that families can look forward to riding this season with younger snowmobilers able to ride trails under the watchful eyes of adults while they are still willing to listen to Mom and Dad's instructions.

Pleased with Accomplishments

I am encouraged by the increased participation of region directors and clubs in the grant and groomer selection processes, and the fact that there are more groomers on the trails and more money is going out to clubs to maintain trails than ever before. I am pleased that we have taken on some very difficult issues, and provided data and information to help make informed local decisions. I am most proud that none

of these are my accomplishments, but they are OUR accomplishments, as we have all worked together to make them happen.

I am looking forward to the next several months, to seeing you at your club meetings, Hay Days, grass drags and swap meets, and especially at the ISSA convention in November at Dubuque. I am so pleased with the efforts of the Region 5 clubs which are all actively supporting the convention efforts, and of Chris and Andrea, who have organized a large convention committee that is working together from all over Re-

gion 5, having fun and planning the best ISSA Convention and Snow Show that this state has ever seen.

Look for the ISSA Convention registration details in this issue of *Iowa Snowmobiler* and make your plans to be at the convention in November; you will be happy that you were a part of the events planned by Region 5. I am looking forward to visiting as many clubs as possible this fall, so please send me your club meeting dates and locations, and I will get to every club meeting that I can.

ISSA Grand Raffle Enters Fourth Year; Early Bird Winners Drawn

Now in its fourth year, the "Win the Sled of Your Dreams" ISSA Grand Raffle is looking to give \$10,000 away this fall to one lucky winner to apply toward the purchase of a new snowmobile from any ISSA-member dealer (taxes and fees not included).

The raffle tickets are \$20 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$100. The winner will be drawn at the 2014 ISSA Convention at Grand Harbor Resort in Dubuque in November. "You do not have to be present to win, but you don't want to miss a great convention, and wouldn't it be great to be there when your name is called?" said ISSA President Jim Willey.

"The raffle is the ISSA's biggest fundraiser each year, and the success of the raffle enables the ISSA to continue many of the things we do for Iowa snowmobiling," Willey continued. "Successful raffles mean that we do not have to increase ISSA dues for members or charge fees for other services."

At this summer's ISSA campout, the Early Bird Drawing for the raffle netted the following winners:

- First prize: Stanley Wolf of the Cedar Falls Sno Hawks won \$500 in merchandise he chose from member-dealer Leer's Cycle Center at Waterloo.
- Second: Todd White of the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club won \$300 in merchandise he chose from member-dealer Mason City Powersports.
- Third: Gene Gerdes of the Sac County Sno Lovers won \$200 in merchandise he chose from member-dealer Blackhawk Marine Sales and Service.

"If you have not purchased raffle tickets yet, ask any ISSA Region Director or assistant director, ISSA officer or past president, and they will be happy to sell you all the tickets you would like," Willey said.

For more information, contact ISSA Grand Raffle Chair Gary McVicker at (641) 425-1375 or gmcvic@yahoo.com.

Poock Named National Youth Snowmobiler of the Year

Cody Poock of Spirit Lake followed up his ISSA award in 2013 as Youth Snowmobiler of the Year by being named the national Youth Snowmobiler of the Year by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations in 2014.

The announcement came at the International Snowmobile Congress in June in Keystone, Colo. Poock is a member of Dickinson County SnowHawks of Region 1 and plays inside linebacker for the University of Minnesota. He was unable to attend the ceremony due to recent knee surgery.

The high school football standout has been riding snowmobiles since he was a toddler, and he has used his athletic status to recruit new members to his home club and get more snowmobilers involved in the Lake Okoboji community.

"Snowmobiling is something I have loved since I was a little kid. It just feels good to get out and ride, and if I can help other kids learn, that's a bonus," Poock said. "Thank you for this award."



Poock

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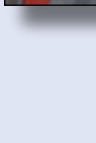
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Banner Year Continues for Eastern Iowa Sledheads

The Eastern Iowa Sledheads' banner year continues this month as the Region 12 club becomes enshrined in the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame (ISHOF) in Eagle River, Wis.

Named the ISHOF's 2014 Snowmobile Club of the Year, the Sledheads are being recognized for their social and civic activism, for their positive impact on snowmobiling as a sport locally and as role models for what dedicated snowmobilers can accomplish in their communities.

"The club's dominant civic activism best represents the traditional ideals and efforts that historically have led to the creation of strong alliances within communities to support the concepts of multi-use trails, fair use and self-funding projects to better snowmobiling for more people," explained ISHOF Selection Chair Larry Koch. "Through their activities, the club has created positive recognition of the snowmobile community as a whole."

The ISHOF award follows up the club's national Snowmobile Club of the Year honor at the 2014 International Snowmobile Congress in Keystone, Colo., in June and as the state's Snowmobile Club of the Year last November at the ISSA convention in Altoona.

"We're not sure where all this is coming from but we are definitely honored by it," said charter member Bob Scott, the ISSA's Region 12 director. "We're not even sure who nominated us for the Hall of Fame,

but we'll take it."

Founded in 2000, the Sledheads maintain roughly 200 miles of trail in Muscatine, Johnson, Iowa, Washington, Keokuk and Louisa counties. Approximately 80 percent of their system is located in road ditches with some cross-country routes around the Kolona area.

As one of only a handful of clubs in the state without a groomer, the Lone Tree-based organization mows their ditches in the fall in preparation of the upcoming winter. The lack of a groomer was not lost on the ISHOF nominating committee.

"They may not groom trails, but they most assuredly groom support for snowmobiling and snowmobilers by their selfless actions, and that is why the selection committee chose (them)," Koch said.

Membership in the Sledheads has been as high as 100 and dropped to as low as 45 in the marginal snow years. According to Scott, the numbers are slowly climbing back up and stand currently at the mid-50 mark.

The club also remains active at the state level. Scott and club President Greg Martin and his wife Stephanie serve on the ISSA Board of Directors, and past club President and Bob's wife Mindy Scott currently chairs the ISSA's Awards Committee.

The club has twice hosted the ISSA's Summer Campout (co-hosting earlier this year) and played a key role in the ISSA's hosting of the International Snowmobile Congress in Coralville in June of 2010.



American Council of Snowmobile Associations President Duane Sutton of South Dakota presents the Eastern Iowa Sledheads with the national Snowmobile Club of the Year Award. Accepting the plaque are, from left, club Vice President Angie Zook, President Greg Martin and Past President Mindy Scott.

Willey named International Groomer Operator of the Year

Following a string of awards at the state level, ISSA Region 5 Director Chris Willey earned international recognition this summer when he was named by the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame (ISHOF) as its 2014 International Groomer Operator of the Year.

Willey of Manchester belongs to the Snow Pioneers of Region 5 and becomes the third Iowan to receive this prestigious award since 2000. He follows last year's recipient, Stanley Wolf of Waterloo, and the late Dave Carmichael of Tripoli in 2009.



Chris Willey

He will be honored during the induction ceremony weekend Sept. 11-13 at the ISHOF in Eagle River, Wis. The ISHOF coordinates the groomer award with corporate sponsor Arctic Cat, and as part of his award, Willey receives a coat and the free use of a 2015 Arctic Cat snowmobile this season.

"The International Groomer of the Year program was developed...to give credit to a groomer operator who has put so much of his time, energy and devotion to the providing smooth trails for the rest of us enjoy," reads the ISHOF website. "They are seldom recognized for all they do for snowmobiling."

Willey, who serves as trails coordinator for his home club, has volunteered as the groomer education coordinator for the ISSA and IDNR since 2011. He currently oversees eight groomer operator trainers across the state, coordinates the training

schedule and maintains a database of certified operators statewide.

"Chris has perfected the art of snow grooming and shared his skill with hundreds of others," his ISHOF profile reads. "He dedicates his time and skills to his passion for the sport of snowmobiling and grooming."

For his efforts in Iowa, Willey was named the ISSA Groomer Operator of the Year in 2012 and, at last year's convention, received the Region Director of the Year Award. He said the international honor is icing on the cake.

"It's humbling to think that on this large platform, I was the guy they chose to recognize. I have never done this for any kind of glory. The real heroes are the operators who take the time to come to our classes so they can go out and groom the trails for the rest of us," Willey said.

Willey first earned his groomer operator certificate in 2006, and as trails coordinator for the Snow Pioneers, he manages 250 miles of trail, personally marking 45 miles.

"Chris is a vital part of our annual trail preparation work," Snow Pioneers President Steve Vorwald noted in 2012. "He does the work each year to be sure every mile of trail has been marked and is ready for the upcoming season."

"When most people are not even thinking about winter and riding, he has already worked more hours than most do an entire season," Vorwald said.

"This international award has been an honor and the Hall of Fame is a goal we should all aim for, but I do this because I love snowmobiling," Willey said. "I'm not involved for any kind of prize in the end. But having said that, I'm not going to turn down a free sled to use either."

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Fuel Tax Reimbursement Stalls, Clean-Up Bill Passes

by Cameron Hanson

Another legislative session came and went earlier this year, and hardly any progress was made on the ISSA's push to recapture the motor fuel taxes paid by snowmobilers in their off-road machines.

This news probably comes as no surprise to most snowmobilers in Iowa. The ISSA membership has supported this legislative agenda the last four years at convention, and the proposal, which has been bandied about since 2000, has made very few inroads.

The present strategy, according to ISSA lobbyists Mike Heller and Paula Feltner, is to coattail the reimbursement language to any proposed legislation calling for an increase in Iowa's motor fuel tax. This is usually where it stalls out.

According to Heller, Rep. Josh Byrnes, R-Osage, chair of the House Transportation Committee, supports a 10-cent tax hike over the next three years and introduced a House Study Bill in January to move his proposal forward.

Later that month, the bill made it out of subcommittee but immediately faced "an uncertain future," Heller noted. Gov. Branstad did not mention it in his State of the State Address, and with 2014 an election year, a fuel tax increase was considered an unpopular move by those seeking another term in office.

"There were a number of obstacles this session," Heller explained in his weekly legislative update to the ISSA board. "Legislative leaders are reluctant to move forward with the bill in an election year, and the Governor has not been vocal in support of it."

By the end of January, the writing was on the wall. The bill lost momentum, and in turn, so went any chance of tacking on the vital language needed to collect the fuel taxes on fuel consumed by snowmobiles each winter.

Enjoyed by several neighboring states in the Snowbelt, the gas-tax reimbursement in Iowa could conservatively generate \$300,000 for the state snowmobile trail program. As a result, the ISSA won't be backing down so plan on hearing about it again in 2015.

"Anything can happen in the Legislature, and it is crucial the legislators continue to hear about the need to return (this money)," Heller said.

Housekeeping

Lacking a vehicle to move the fuel tax initiative forward, the ISSA, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), turned its attention in February to a "clean up bill" pertaining to the code section pertaining snowmobile use in Iowa.

Eventually signed by Gov. Branstad this summer, the legislation makes it easier for non-residents to obtain trail passes, outlines the qualifications for vintage snowmobile registration and parallels the ATV language for minors riding snowmobiles.

According to ISSA President Jim Willey, the new law allows youth under the age of 16 to operate their own snowmobile on state snowmobile trails and public property when under the supervision of an adult.

"Families will be able to ride snowmobiles together on Iowa trails legally for the first time with everyone driving their own sled," Willey noted.

The law remains unchanged for youths aged 12 to 17 years who need to have completed the IDNR's youth safety course to operate their sled on state trails and public property, clarified IDNR Snowmobile Program Manager David Downing.

"Operators under 12 years of age do not have to have an education certificate. This is similar to how we treat youth hunters under the age of 12, hunting under the supervision of a responsible licensed adult," Downing further explained. "Choosing the size of the snowmobile for a minor operator is the decision of the parent or guardian. There is no legal requirement."

Also part of the clean-up bill was language defining an antique snowmobile as any model with a "manufactured after date" of 1984. "You can now register and title a qualifying antique snowmobile with only a signed bill of sale," Downing said, noting registration begins this month at the county recorder's office.

User Permit Not Going Away

The last major change to the snowmobile program this legislative session concerns non-resident registration and trail passes. Current code language which allowed non-residents to register their machines in Iowa, has been removed. "We do not want non-residents registering in Iowa due to registration, title and ownership concerns," Downing said.

Otherwise known as a trail pass, the snowmobile user permit remains in-tact this year, but a section was added to keep the non-resident and resident registration/permit requirements separate.

"The new language requires that non-residents display a current registration decal from their state of residence and purchase and display a IDNR user permit," Downing said. "If a non-resident comes from a state that does not offer snowmobile registration, then the machine must only display an IDNR user permit."

In 2013-14, 199 non-resident user permits were sold by IDNR vendors compared to 192 the prior winter. Also for last season, in-state residents purchased 19,300 of the \$15 user fees, which was up slightly from the 19,192 sold the previous year.

Snowmobile registrations in Iowa also climbed slightly, from 25,917 in 2012-13 to 25,995 in 2013-14.

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41st Annual Convention Set for Dubuque

Grand Harbor Resort to Host Nov. 21-23 Event; Rasmussen, Chapman Among Special Guests

by Cameron Hanson

Fulfilling a pledge to bring the show closer to its members, the ISSA is rotating its annual convention to the eastern third of Iowa this fall. Clubs in Region 5 are hosting the event at the Grand Harbor Resort and Riverview Center in Dubuque Nov. 21-23.

Last year, the convention was held in the central part of the state at Prairie Meadows Casino in Altoona, and in 2012, the Arrowood Resort and Convention Center hosted the event in the Iowa Great Lakes Region in western Iowa.

The west-to-east circuit continues this year, and clubs generally situated east of Highway 63 were responsible for finding a convention site. Bids for 2015 are due to the ISSA by its October board meeting, and clubs along Highway 71 will be asked to submit their proposals.

The state convention hosting format mirrors that of the International Snowmobile Congress where member states and provinces are divided into three chapters: West, Midwest and East. Similarly, the ISSA has divided itself into three pseudo chapters. Regions 1, 2, 6 and 10 make up the West; Regions 3, 7, 8 and 11 comprise the Central; and 4, 5, 9 and 12 represent the East.

"I think dividing the state up into three areas will help us secure convention hosts more easily," said ISSA Vice President Merv Hoermann, who initiated the idea at the August 2013 board meeting. "This way, each region will know whose responsibility it is to host, and they will have plenty of notice to get it ready."

Hoermann also feels the rotation will help boost attendance by shortening the travel and time for a certain segment of the population

momentum by luring snowmobilers east with the return of a snow show after a multi-year absence.

"We invite you to spend three days with us at the Grand Harbor Resort and meet new friends from all across the state who enjoy the sport of snowmobiling," said Andrea Willey, chair of the ISSA's Convention Planning Committee. "Also make plans to visit our snow show, featuring vendors from all aspects of the sport."

A convention agenda is still being finalized but will include Friday night hospitality and entertainment; the Saturday morning annual ISSA meeting and election of officers and directors; the Saturday afternoon seminars; and the Saturday evening banquet.

"At our convention, you will be able to learn from professionals on restoring and repairing vintage snowmobiles, cold weather survival, video editing, trail marking and writing award nominations," Willey said. "We will also have several guest speakers and entertainers."

Julie-Ann Chapman, an extreme mountain rider from British Columbia, will return to this year's convention for a Women in Snowmobiling presentation. Published in 15 snowmobile magazines, Chapman was featured at the 2013 ISSA convention.

"Snowmobiling has always been a passion of mine since I was a little girl growing up on the east coast of Canada," she explains in her online profile. "I moved to the mountains of British Columbia 10 years ago, and since then, my passion has boomed."

Four years ago, Chapman started She Shreds Mountain Adventures and regularly holds riding clinics for women interested in pursuing this segment of the sport. She said she finds the experience very rewarding.

"Teaching women how to progress in the sport has been beyond fun," Chapman said. "In general, bringing people out on fun ad-

A guest speaker at the 2013 convention, Julie-Ann Chapman will return to this year's event.

Photo courtesy Tyler Blair.

each fall. "At least once every three years, the convention will be reasonably close to your home," he said.

Keeping the Momentum Going

Attendance at convention each year normally hovers around the 150 mark. Last year's event commemorated the 40th Anniversary of the ISSA, and as a result, attendance jumped to roughly 220 members. Convention planners this year hope to capitalize on that





Snowmobile Iowa

Brag About Your Club at the
2014 Convention Snow Show

ventures in the backcountry has brought me to some of the most beautiful pristine places on this earth.”

Rasmussen Returns to Iowa

Saturday evening’s guest speaker has a similar riding background to Chapman and is no stranger to Iowa as well. Previously featured in 2010 at the Osceola County High Point Riders ‘Meet and Greet’ event in Sibley in Region 1, Idaho’s Bret Rasmussen will address the 2014 state convention banquet and explain what it’s like to “Ride Rasmussen Style.”

“Rasmussen Style is a technique that allows riders to get into the backcountry and do things and go places ‘with control’ that most riders have been unable to do before,” he explains on his website. “This includes techniques for a controlled descent, side-hill balance and control, down hill u-turn and more. These techniques will help you get the most out of your sled and into the backcountry.”

A snowmobile dealer for the last 25 years and currently backed by Ski-Doo, Rasmussen holds numerous King of the Hill and

World Championship snowmobile hill climb titles. In addition to developing mountain sled programs, he also has two snowmobile track designs to his credit and operates his own consulting firm, Snowmobile Research Services.

“You won’t want to miss either Bret or Julie-Ann talk about their experiences mountain riding out west,” Willey said. “We also plan to have other presentations by High Country Octane and the Antique Snowmobile Club of America.”

Non-snowmobile-related entertainment comes by the way of the Brown Bottle Bandits Friday and hypnotist Brian Imbus Saturday night, and for the family, an indoor waterpark is available on site at Grand Harbor.

“All the details are still coming together, but we hope there’s something for everyone this year,” she said.

Convention drawings

To register, complete the form on page 11. Full registration runs \$55 per person up to Oct. 15 and \$60 per person thereafter. ISSA members who meet the Early Bird deadline will be entered into a drawing for a two-night stay and organic feral hog hunt at the Big Oak Elk Ranch near West Union.

Youth registration for those under 16 years of age is \$30 per person. Friday-only registration is \$15. Saturday-only registration is \$45. Lodging is not included in the registration fee. To reserve a room, please contact Grand Harbor directly at (866) 690-4006 and ask for the ISSA rate of \$109 per night.

A complete agenda will appear in the October and November issues of this magazine as well as online at www.iowasnowmobiler.com. Additional information on the Saturday and Sunday seminars will be available then as well.

Don’t forget the ISSA’s Grand Raffle drawing will be held during the Saturday evening banquet. For just \$20, you can enter to win \$10,000 toward the purchase of a new sled from an ISSA-

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ISSA Charity Fundraiser

The ISSA is once again teaming up with Pat’s Landing in Hayward, Wis., to sponsor a charity fundraiser to benefit the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa (SBAI).

Similar to its support of the Early Membership and Renewal Program, the Chippewa Flowage resort is working with the ISSA on its charity raffle prize of a three-night, six-person vacation package valued at \$990.

Tickets cost \$5 each and all proceeds benefit the SBAI, the ISSA’s official charity. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Region 3 Assistant Director Matt Trunkhill at (515) 320-0737 or mtrunk@wctatel.com.

The winner will be drawn at the November ISSA convention.

member dealer.

The ISSA will also be drawing the winner in its annual charity raffle as well as selling raffle tickets for the scholarship program. See page 10 for more on the charity raffle.

And lastly, snowmobile clubs from around Iowa are invited to showcase their trails and generate memberships as part of the Snowmobile Iowa display at the snow show. This 10-year-old attraction is a way for clubs to brag about themselves and to invite other snowmobilers to their area to ride. There is no charge for this, but clubs are asked to pre-register by filling out the form on page 10.



Bret Rasmussen

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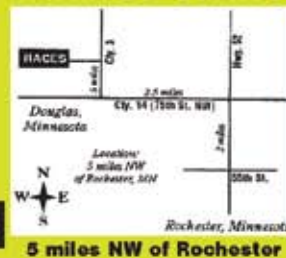
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Riding Along the Rivers of Region 4

160-mile loop in late February included the Shell Rock River bottom between Greene and Clarksville.



Weekday Trip Spans the Cedar, Shell Rock and Wapsipinicon

by Cameron Hanson

When I was still in the newspaper business, I had the opportunity to interview best-selling author Robert James Waller at the time his book, the *Bridges of Madison County*, was released as a movie in 1995. He fondly recalled his youth and how influential the rivers near his native Rockford had been to him.

An avid fly fisherman and self-described “river rat,” the retired professor said he found solace and humility along the banks of the Shell Rock and Winnebago rivers. Growing up there with a fishing pole in hand, he said, helped him bring his life into focus.

Fifteen years later, I read another interview with the Texas-based author when he was back in Cedar Falls, and there he was, still hooked to the analogy of life as it relates to the river. “I enjoy the time spent with my flies and bamboo rods. It cleans out the mind a bit,” he said. “I learned some major life lessons along Iowa’s rivers.”

A lifelong companion to the Cedar River in north central Iowa, I definitely subscribe to Waller’s philosophy, and one could even argue I hold a subconscious attachment to the Cedar: I grew up in St. Ansgar, went to college in Waverly and have now lived in the Charles City area half my life. The only differences are my tool of choice and the season of the year.

While I don’t mind a summer afternoon donating a few worms from the river’s edge, I am much more comfortable on my snowmobile, pinching the throttle on the frozen Cedar in the winter. In fact, my first ride of the season is usually to see how far upstream I can get from Floyd before running out of ice.

Waller’s right. Meandering along the

river helps clear the mind, particularly in the morning after a fresh snowfall. Perched atop my sled with no other tracks in front of me, I feel like I’m floating along, with eagles soaring overhead and small animals scurrying across from one tree-lined bank to the other.

Utilitarian Purpose

But to an avid snowmobiler, the river can also serve a much more utilitarian purpose. An artery connecting to a vast trail system, the frozen waterway is able to give me the freedom to travel in any direction from my backyard. A quick shortcut through my neighbor’s woods, and I’m out on the ice.

Such was the case this past February when a weekday off from work turned into a 160-mile loop through much of Region 4. Hooking up with fellow club member Steve King the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 25, we ended up snaking along several rivers and

woods in the area.

The morning was unusually cold, as most of the month had been, and the thermometer read below zero for the better part of the day. Not what you expect would for the last week of February, but we weren’t going to wait around for it to warm up.

From Marble Rock, we followed the Shell Rock River south to Clarksville. In place for as long as I’ve been riding, this riverbottom trail is a beautiful ride and well maintained by the Butler County Snow Snoops. In fact, we came across the club’s groomer within the first hour of our ride. Quite refreshing.

After taking advantage of the noon lunch special at Pete and Shorty’s in Clarksville, we decided to cut over to Horton and pick up the Five Star trail system. This portion of trail was the only time we had to ride in the road ditch, and even that short four-mile stretch was nicely groomed.



Entering the woods along the Wapsipinicon River in Chickasaw County.



A quick warm-up at Cliff's Place in Horton, and we were back in the saddle. From there, we continued east to Frederika and fueled up at the local elevator before switching over to the Chickasaw Sno-Riders' trail system. Making up the eastern leg of the trip, we continued north to the intersection of Highways 18/346/63, crossing over back west just before the interchange.

Here, the trail began to follow the Wapsipinicon River, and our unintended river tour continued for the day. Not unexpectedly, this riverbottom turned out to be just as scenic as our western segment along the Shell Rock.

The Chickasaw County trail system included plenty of spur trails to the communities which support the club, and the Hide-A-Way Lounge in Ionia seemed to be a pretty good place to warm up for a mid-afternoon break. From here, we crossed Highway 18 and continued north toward North Washington and Alta Vista.

While cutting through North Washington, we came across a pair of sledgers from the Cedar Rapids area who had trailered up to Region 4 for the day. They were looking for a shortcut back to Charles City, and the only option we could offer them was the Highway 18 ditch west.

Otherwise, the trail would continue cross-country to the north and west before winding back down to Charles City. This was our preferred route, and as a rule, we only ride club trails to pay tribute to all the hard work volunteers put in to mark and maintain them.

Several Visitors to the Area

Reports of other riders visiting the trail system from outside the area were common last season as they were taking advantage of a Feb. 20-21 storm which brought blizzard-like conditions to north

central and northeast Iowa.

In fact, according to state climatologist Harry Hillaker, these two parts of the state received the most snowfall in Iowa last winter. Northeast garnered the highest total at 57 inches of snow, while north central came in second at 47 inches.

Statewide, Iowa beat its annual average with more than 39 inches of snow for the year. Hard to believe, but the winter of 2013-14 marked the seventh time in the last eight winters that snowfall in Iowa had eclipsed the 32-inch mark.

What really makes that total remarkable is that for the most part, the snowmobile season in Iowa was compressed to about six weeks. Suitable trail conditions did not emerge until mid-January, and in some parts of the state, riding conditions did not even exist for most of the season. In western Iowa, for example, snowfall only averaged 27 inches for the year.

Meanwhile, back where we were riding in late February, the lack of snowfall was not an issue. On the contrary, there may have been too much of it. Drifting snow was plugging up some of the trails, and snowplows were winging the snow back into even some of the field trails.

I guess I shouldn't complain, but having to negotiate some of the steep road crossings was getting annoying by the day's end. At dusk, we reached Alta Vista, and after a quick thaw, we decided to push on to Colwell for supper, crossing the Wapsipinicon again along the way.

By now, we were back in our home turf, and after crossing the Little Cedar River west of Colwell, it was on to Floyd, where Steve and I split up, and I—you guessed it—followed the big Cedar home.



Legislation

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As a result, the revenue generated by the \$15 registration fees as well as from the trail pass sales allowed the IDNR's Review and Selection Committee to award \$371,135 in trail grant funding to 52 clubs for this winter. A full accounting of this allocation will appear in a later issue of this magazine this fall.

Looking Back

Despite not gaining any traction on the fuel tax reimbursement, Heller feels the 2014 legislative session ended successfully for the ISSA.

"It was a good year for snowmobilers," he said.

Willey agreed and hopes everyone who rides here appreciates the lobbying efforts of the ISSA.

"Representing snowmobilers and fighting for legislative change is one of the most important responsibilities of the ISSA and is just one reason that every snowmobiler in the state should be a member," Willey said. "If you know a snowmobiler who is not a member of the ISSA, tell him about these changes made possible by those of us who are members and encourage them to join."

Keeping an eye on the Statehouse in Des Moines is not cheap, Willey added. As approved in December by its board of directors, the ISSA spent \$22,500 on this year's lobbying efforts, which, without outside funding streams, would consume 65 percent of the annual revenue generated by membership fees. As of May, 2,293 snowmobilers belonged to the ISSA, which translates to \$34,395 in dues.

To supplement the cost of doing business in Des Moines, the ISSA has relied on its Club Challenge fundraising mechanism for the past 10 years. In this program, member-clubs are asked to support the lobbying efforts through cash donations.

In 2013, half of the nearly 60 snowmobile clubs in Iowa contributed to this program. So far in 2014, only 18 clubs have participated. See graphic above right for a complete listing of donors to date. Donations are normally made at the ISSA convention each fall, and Willey would like to see that list double this November in Dubuque.

"Our legislative efforts are made possible through snowmobile club support of our Club Challenge," he said. "You can see the

2014 ISSA Club Challenge

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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. Contact information can be found in the front half of this magazine.

results of our professional lobbying efforts; we would not have gotten these important changes without them.

"I am asking every Iowa snowmobile club to donate as much as possible to the fund," he continued. "This work is something that none of us can do alone, but together through our lobbyists, we can make real changes that affect us all in good ways."

Besides at convention, donations can also be made through ISSA Region Directors or to ISSA Treasurer Kim Herman. Their contact information appears in the front half of this magazine.

"Please be a part of the ISSA Club Challenge to continue your support for the always-challenging legislative efforts, and thank you for being ISSA members and a part of what makes Iowa snowmobiling possible through the ISSA partnership with the IDNR," Willey said.

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Club News

Region 1

O'Brien County Snowtrackers

by Zelda Buse Christensen

As I am writing this the middle of August, snowmobiling is not my most prominent thought. However, winter will follow autumn, and autumn is very near: Farmers are looking over their combines, kids are heading back to school next week and dealers are getting in their spring-ordered sleds.

It can be a time to look forward to a snowy winter with anticipation. It can also be a time to remember back to snow-related experiences of last winter.

Iowa snowmobilers can be excited to reach mountains west any winter, but they can be especially anxious to get there when the lack of snow has allowed them to ride in Iowa by mid-February hardly any or none at all. In that frame of mind, seven people in two outfits left Cherokee on a Saturday morning, expecting to use their reservations at a motel in Laramie at a decent time that evening. Unfortunately, the trip was not without delays.

Six items—pickup, 30-foot enclosed trailer, stabilizer bar, 1999 Ford Expedition, two-place open trailer, adapter for light hookup (all six owned by different people and not previously used together)—had to be hooked up and everything loaded. That took a little more time than expected.

A fuel stop at Wayne, Neb., revealed transmission fluid leaking underneath the pickup. It took a while to analyze the problem, but adding some stuff to the threads of the connection seemed to stop the problem—thankfully not too serious.

At Grand Island, a bald tire on the big trailer was a more serious problem, especially with no spare. With help from a smart phone, a place was located only a few miles away with an available new tire and a fast crew to mount it. With food and fuel, the group was on their way again by 3:30 p.m.

By Sydney, the Expedition's lights were fading fast. Trying to find a new alternator on a Saturday night was a major problem! A purchase of jumper cables at Walmart easily allowed the one vehicle to start the other vehicle. However, what was the next step? Even a smart phone wasn't much help finding any auto service place or a Ford dealership available on a Saturday night. The possibility of getting a motel there for the night was of no help with the next day being Sunday.

Of course, there were other brilliant ideas suggested, since an alternator had been located in Cheyenne (maybe 100 miles away). They could hook the battery cables to the two vehicles and drive them side by side down the interstate? They could hook up the cables to charge up the battery, drive a distance (maybe a mile or so?), and repeat the process as many times as necessary. They could stay at a motel till morning, when daylight would allow driving without battery-draining lights on, hopefully allowing for a little more dis-

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Courtesy of the ISSA's Early Membership and Renewal Program (EMR), snowmobilers who join or renew with the ISSA by Dec. 1 are eligible to win a three-night, six-person vacation package to Pat's Landing near Hayward, WI.

Valued at \$990, the trip could be yours for the price of an ISSA membership of \$15. Additionally, members who renew or join by Nov. 1 will be entered into the drawing twice.

If joining through a club, the club also earns two chances at each drawing. An ISSA membership application is printed on page 15 of this month's issue and is also available online at www.iowasnowmobiler.com/issa/2014memapp.jpg.

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tance.

Facing a seemingly hopeless situation, miraculously they reached a guy who came to his business place a few miles away and sold them an alternator. They put it on under Walmart parking lot lights, they returned the core to the business place for a refund on it and they left Sydney about 10 p.m.

When they reached the Comfort Inn in Laramie to claim their rooms about 1:00 a.m., they were hoping that their traveling problems would not continue into snowmobile riding problems.

Other than minor things like a little sleet and some wind and some very limited visibility at times, plus a tumble downhill demolishing a windshield, riding was great. And the trip home was quite uneventful and remarkably swift.

Think SNOW IN IOWA for the coming winter!

Region 4

Cedar Falls Sno Hawks

by Dick Melick, Secretary

Greetings from Cedar Falls. It is hard to believe that it is time to start thinking SNOW!!!!

Early in the summer, we thought the rain would never stop; now we can't seem to get even a sprinkle anymore. Lawns are drying up, gardens not being watered regularly are not producing well, and some of the corn in the area is not too healthy. Hope that the current amount of precipitation is not an indication of this winter's snowfall.

The club had representation at the International Snowmobile Congress in Keystone, Colo., June 11-14. For those who have not attended one of these events, you are missing out on a very informational and fun meeting, and you get to meet a bunch of great snowmobilers and vendors who make these events such a success. This year there was a large delegation from Russia attending. The delegation from Sweden was missing this year.

We set up our funnel cake concession at the Cedar Basin Jazz Festival the last weekend in June. Due to the constant raining and flooding here in late June, the concession did not produce the desired revenue. An additional opportunity came to set up at the Irish Fest held in Waterloo Aug. 1-3. This was a lot less work, the weather was perfect and we had good financial results.

A huge thank you goes to Justin and Melissa Buseman who volunteered to coordinate these two fund raising events. They are fairly new members of the club, and their willingness to step up and do so much to make sure these events happened was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to all of the club members who staffed the booth.

The ISSA/IDNR snowmobile simulator was set up near our funnel cake operation during the Cedar Basin Jazz Festival. That generated a lot of interest from those who patronized our booth.

Again this year, the Sno Hawks worked with the Dewar Snow Chasers to hold a land-owners/renters appreciation dinner on Aug. 24. These are always great events and really appreciated by those whose land we cross. It is a pleasure to visit with these people, many who have attended every year.

The first meeting of the new snow season will be Tuesday, Sept. 2, at our regular meeting place, the Comfort Suites at 7402 Nordic Drive in Cedar Falls. Club meetings are normally held the first Tuesday of the month, September through April, starting at 7 p.m. As usual, all interested snowmobilers and ISSA officers and directors are invited to attend any of our meetings. For more info about our trail, the club and/or meetings, contact club President Brian Carmichael at (319) 215-5006 or Secretary Dick Melick, at (319) 231-0819.

START THINKING SNOW!!!!

Region 5

Driftrunners Inc.

by Bob Martinek, board member

Hello from Cresco. Can anyone help me find summer? I don't have a clue as to where it went. As you read this, fall is starting and our Annual Steak Fry and Membership Drive is almost here. This year, it will be on Sept. 14 at Kessell Park in Cresco. Social hour starts at 11 a.m. Annual meeting at noon with steaks on the grill right after at about 1 p.m. The club provides the steaks and drinks (for a small donation) and everyone brings their own tableware and a dish to pass. Always plenty of food and very casual. Afterwards usually bean bags to play and stories to tell. All members and potential members are welcome. Please bring the kids.

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Also we have set our calendar for the upcoming season. The ISSA convention is in Dubuque this year on Nov. 21-23. Our Toys for Tots Drive and Kickoff Dance will be held Nov. 29 (location to be determined yet). The 44th Annual Snow Fest will be Jan. 22-25, and yes, we already have the popular "Madd Hoss Jackson" band booked for the dance on Saturday night. Last but not least will be Charlie's Chili Feed on Feb. 14.

Well, not much else for now so I hope to see everyone at Steak Fry and have a safe fall.

Trails Unlimited

by Bud Winter, president

Hello from Trails Unlimited. Our club decided not to have summer meetings this year due to a lack of attendance the past couple of years. Regardless, many of us have crossed paths at different events throughout the summer, and we always find ourselves talking about snow!

A big thanks this summer to club members Sam and Danielle Wenthold for spearheading a new raffle for our club. They secured sponsors and built a 16-foot single axle trailer which we will raffle off at our fall chicken dinner. So far ticket sales have been average, but we're confident they will pick up as we roll into fall. Thanks also to Chad Wurzer for helping build the trailer.

Many members have been working on clearing some trails in wooded areas and also mowing back some brush along fence lines. Additionally, we have already got some new landowner permission to put in a new trail this year. So, as always, we want to thank our many great landowners for working with us throughout the entire calendar year—not just when we've got snow.

Our entire club continues to take pride in the trail improvements we've been making the past couple of years. We appreciate all the great comments we've been getting, so thank you for riding our trails.

A few of us have been involved with the state snowmobile convention this fall in Dubuque. There is really a good "core" group of people from many different clubs helping out with this. To me it seems like we've done a great job of bumping ideas off one another and keeping things moving in the right direction. A HUGE thanks to Andrea Willey for leading the way.

Region 7

Highbridge Trailblazers

by Robert Reutter, Trail Boss

It had been a pretty nice summer. My central air ran very little. I went out to my girlfriend in Westminster, Colo., the middle of July. We went up into the mountains and went up on Mt. Evans at 14,000 feet. We saw some big horn sheep and some young billy goats. They were running and jumping in the rocks. Very sure-footed. We also saw snow from last winter but no fresh snow.

I signed up to go to the International Snowmobile Congress planned for June 2015. It is to be held in Niagara Falls, N.Y. When that's over, we may go on up into Ontario for a few days. We are also taking a snowmobile trip to the Snowy Range in Wyoming Super Bowl

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- Hay Days Sept. 6-7. See ad on back cover for more information.
- WSA 500 grass drags Sunday, Sept. 21. Visit www.wsaiaowa.com for more information.

October

- ISSA Board of Directors meeting Sunday, Oct. 12, at 9 a.m. at the Farm Bureau office in Hampton.
- Walk-N-Roll for Spina Bifida Saturday, Oct. 18, at Principal Park in Des Moines. For more information, visit www.sbaia.org.

November

- 41st Annual ISSA Convention Nov. 21-23 at the Grand Harbor Resort in Dubuque.
- ISSA Annual Meeting Saturday, Nov. 22, at 8:30 a.m. in Dubuque.
- Driftrunners Toys for Tots and Kickoff Dance Saturday, Nov. 29. Location TBD.

December

- ISSA Board of Directors meeting TBD.

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weekend. As for our club, the Highbridge Trailblazers were pretty quiet this summer. We will have our first meeting this month.

Region 12

Snowdrifters Inc.

By Ron Roe

Hello everyone. I can't believe we are starting to think about trail work and snow already. Although, I have been thinking about Hay Days and looking at the calendar to see how many days before we leave.

As usual, we will take our ATVs and get in some riding in Wisconsin while we are that close. The summer shot away and we haven't been north on the ATVs yet. They are starting to look at me like when do we get out of this garage into fresh Northern air. When no one is around, I assure them they haven't been forgotten.

This past June, our club along with the Sledheads club hosted the ISSA Campout at Sugar Bottom. I think everyone had a great time and participated in the games we had. We did have a good turnout of campers, although my camping was at home come bedtime. Thanks to everyone that came and everyone that helped with the campout.

I haven't checked the trail that I mark to see how many trees might be down. We had some heavy winds in one of the storms this summer, and in that area, there were a lot of trees busted up, and some were uprooted. We have a club meeting on Thursday the 14th. I am sure there will be some reports on bridges that went with the flood waters of the Coralville Reservoir. Hopefully we didn't totally lose bridges which we do at times. If they just moved, it is not so bad as we can reset them, which is way better than building a new bridge.

Well this is all I have for now. We all need to enjoy the rest of summer as we will be into the full swing of trail work again real soon. Have a good month.



2014 ISSA Summer Campout

The Johnson County Snowdrifters and the Eastern Iowa Sledheads hosted the 2014 ISSA Summer Campout at Sugarbottom Campground near Solon June 27-29. More than 50 campers registered for the event, which included four meals, games, an ISSA update and other social events.

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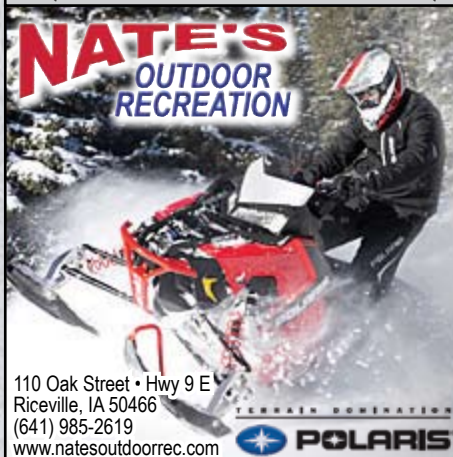


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