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Busy Summer Keeping Up with Club Events

Greetings, fellow snowmobilers. Well, it is that time of the year already. Summer is winding down, fall is around the corner and winter will soon follow. After the summer we have had so far, I believe most of us would like to see a cooling trend. I know I am ready, and so is my kitty, clawing at the garage door wanting out.

With fall coming, many clubs will be having club meetings starting up again. Be sure to get involved and help out. Trails need to be mowed, and trail signs need to be put up. Make sure groomers are serviced and ready to go. One always needs to be prepared for the first snow fall.

The ISSA campout in July I heard was well attended, and fun was had by all. A big thanks to the Trail Blaz-ers for hosting the annual event. Also, the ISSA is looking for a club, or clubs, to host next year's campout. If interested, contact your region director soon.

The last weekend in July, the Sioux County Snowmobile Club hosted the Second Annual River Bend Shootout watercross race. It was very well attended, and we had great weather for it.

In August, the Iowa Snowdrifters hosted

the second annual "Big Town Truck and Tractor Pull" in Cedar Rapids. It's good to see snowmobile clubs thinking outside the box with events to keep active during the summer.



Merv Hoermann
ISSA President

Iowa. Stop in and say "Hi."

The annual ISSA Convention will be Nov. 18-20 in Waterloo. Save the date and make plans to attend. There will be more details in upcoming issues of this magazine.

In closing, we are continuing to work with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in coming up with solutions in the transition of the snowmobile program. As we progress, you all will be notified.

Vice President's Message

Looking Forward to Becoming Your Next President

Well, here we are at the beginning of another season. I look forward to getting out on more trails this year.

In November, I will be taking over as president of the ISSA and look forward to working with all the clubs and trying some new ideas. The forecasts are starting to roll in, and they look promising. We need a good snow year to help clubs and the industry as a whole get back on track.

Hay Days is just a couple weeks away, and we will be officially kicking off the season. Make sure to get your club events in to Cameron so you can share your event with everyone. There are always snowmobilers looking for events to come to.

There are also some new opportunities to promote your club and local businesses in the pages of *Iowa Snowmobiler*. We do need more sponsors or advertisers to support the magazine. Most of the snowmobile manufacturers have stopped supporting the magazine through advertising. We are working on options to keep it going but

need the snowmobilers of Iowa to help us. Email the editor for more details on ways to help.

There have been some changes since last spring with the state snowmobile program at



Chris Willey
ISSA Vice President

the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Program Manager David Downing took a different position with the IDNR. This has led to changes that we are still working with the DNR to get figured out. The one your club contacts will have noticed is that we had fewer funds to work with for this year's grants. This is due to us now awarding grants with current funds available rather than projected funds for the coming season. If you have questions, feel free to give me a call or send me an email.

HENRY A. WALLACE BUILDING

Snowmobile Program Overhauled; New Department Head Named

by Cameron Hanson

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has overhauled the state snowmobile program by moving it away from the off-highway vehicle user group, changing its accounting practice and naming a new department head.

The department "has undergone changes in the past 12 months to make both programs more efficient and customer-focused," an Aug. 12 press release from the IDNR stated in response to inquiries from this publication. The two programs were separated "to allow the IDNR to plan strategically for the long-term health of each."

David Downing, who oversaw the joint program since 2002 and whose father Roy helped developed the snowmobile registration system 40 years ago, is no longer in charge and has moved on to the IDNR's parks division. On the snowmobile side, he has been replaced by Randy Schnoebelen, district law enforcement supervisor for north central and northeast Iowa.

"Schnoebelen will be assisted by staff in Des Moines to help with the day-to-day activities as well as with needs specific to working with the Iowa Legislature and budgeting assistance," the press release continued.

Downing's departure was first announced in late February, and the ISSA and its lobbyist, Mike Heller, were in close communication with the IDNR regarding his replacement. The leadership change came at a time when the IDNR began managing the snowmobile program on a cash-only basis versus revenue anticipation, as it had under Downing's watch.

As a result of this new accounting method, local trail grants funded by the registration fee system will no longer be

awarded to snowmobile clubs based on the income expected to come in during the season but will instead be allocated based on the amount of money on hand when the requests come in each summer.

"What the new rules require is that the entire season's grant dollars stay in the IDNR bank account for a full year before they can be disbursed," explained Past ISSA President Jim Willey, a former member of the Review and Selection Committee which grades the trail grant requests from clubs each June.

"The past practice has been to allow the anticipated income from snowmobile registrations and trail passes collected by the IDNR during the fall and winter season to be obligated to Iowa clubs in their grant approvals for those months," he continued.

The effect of this new accounting practice will already be felt this winter. The change resulted in a decline of \$80,000 awarded to clubs year over year. Based on funds available, close to \$183,000 was awarded for the upcoming season, opposed to \$263,000 in 2015-16.

"The 2016-17 grant awards to our clubs do not reflect any of the money that will be coming in this fall with snowmobile registrations or with trail passes as the season progresses," Willey emphasized.

"We had some clubs whose grant requests were almost cut in half as a result," added ISSA Vice President Chris Willey, a current member of the Review and Selection Committee who manages the groomer



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education program for the ISSA.

Another grant change impacting the state snowmobile program going forward stems from the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), a federal grant program administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and funded by the federal fuel taxes collected on off-road user groups, including snowmobiles.

For the past 15 seasons, the IDNR has relied on RTP funding to purchase groomers via an 80-20 match. Up until last year, the FHWA allowed grant recipients to "use more than one grant allocation on any project purpose," explained Past ISSA President Terry Durby. "This allowed us to clean up one grant while starting another, all on one project.

"But when we had purchased two new groomers in the winter of 2015, we were told we could only use the remainder of the open grant on these purchases," continued Durby, who worked closely with RTP dollars while serving as president of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations. "In reality, those two groomers cost the program a 92 percent match versus the 20 percent we had been paying."

New groomer purchases for Iowa are now on hold for the upcoming season due to this change. The IDNR will instead focus on paying off the existing four groomer leases, and "nothing beyond that," Chris Willey reported at the ISSA's Aug. 14 board meeting.

"The program is only going to spend what they have available," he continued.

"Cash on hand versus projected income coming in."

The IDNR's transition to a cash basis accounting method has some within the ISSA concerned that history could repeat itself, as registration dollars will carry over during the off-season. In May of 2002, the Iowa Legislature de-appropriated nearly \$1 million in snowmobile program coffers that were not obligated. That money was eventually restored, but the lesson was learned.

"That's why we've always obligated our funds in the past so the Legislature could not sweep our fund again," Chris Willey said. "If we have a good year in terms of collecting registration dollars and income from trail passes, that money will sit there for another six months before we can obligate it again. That scares me."

The IDNR described this transition as a three-year plan to make the program "more efficient, fiscally-sound and customer focused." "We feel the program is now operating the way the law intended and look forward to working with association members and snowmobilers on mutually beneficial projects," the press release said.

Despite its concerns with registration dollars sitting on account unprotected during the off-season, the ISSA does recognize the program's bank account could fill back up quickly under this new accounting system.

"Theoretically, we should have a lot more cash available next year," Chris Willey said.

2016-17 EMR Program

**Join the ISSA
Early & You Could
Win a Trip to the U.P.**

The Timbers Resort
On Beautiful Lake Gogebic

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 five-night, two-person vacation package to The Timbers Resort on Lake Gogebic in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Valued at \$800, 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 the drawing. An ISSA membership application is available on page 21 of this month's issue or online at www.iowasnowmobiler.com/issa/2017memapp.jpg.

News Briefs

McVicker to Step Down as Raffle Committee Chair

After awarding five snowmobiles, four enclosed trailers and an ATV over the past 10 years, the ISSA's Grand Raffle program is scaling back this fall with just a 50-50 cash drawing for its 11th installment.

According to Raffle Committee Chair Gary McVicker, last year's 'Win the Sled of Your Dreams' drawing suffered a \$3,000 loss after posting a profit the previous four years. ISSA officials quickly recognized a change was needed this year to help minimize risk and improve ticket sales.

"We just can't rely on only a handful of clubs selling these tickets. We need more clubs participating in this fundraising program for the ISSA," McVicker said. "We definitely lost money last year and needed to shake things up a bit this year."

Tickets for this year's 50-50 drawing cost \$5 each and are available through McVicker and the ISSA's Region Directors. There will be no volume discount and no Early Bird drawing this year. The Grand Raffle drawing will be Saturday, Nov. 19, at the 43rd Annual Convention in Waterloo.

McVicker, who can be reached at (641) 425-1375 or gmcvic@yahoo.com, also announced he will be stepping down as committee chair after this year's drawing.

"We appreciate everyone's participation in the Grand Raffle over the last decade and invite anyone interested in taking the program over to please step forward," he said.

ISSA to Begin Search for New Treasurer, Paulus to Collect Membership Dues

The ISSA's Nominations Committee is expected to launch a search for a new treasurer this fall following the August announcement from current Treasurer Kim Herman that she will not be seeking re-appointment at the General Membership Meeting Nov. 19 in Waterloo.

Herman, who was named to the post at the 2010 ISSA Convention in Storm Lake, said she no longer has the time to commit to the position, primarily due to her new venture in the restaurant business.

"At this time, I would like to apologize for not being able to make it to meetings or many other functions," Herman wrote in an email to the board. "I would also like to let you know that due to the fact that my life has changed, I need to step down as treasurer. I will stay on until you find someone to replace me, and I will help in any way I can make the transition easy."

Last year, Herman relinquished her joint membership duties to new Membership Committee Chair Brittany Paulus. During this latest transition period, ISSA clubs are being asked to submit their membership forms and dues to Paulus, c/o ISSA Membership, 1924 270th Street, Marble Rock, IA 50653. For assistance, Paulus can be reached by email at bepaulus@outlook.com.

In other membership news, the ISSA has decided to sever its service agreement with Memberclicks, an online member-management system that included databases and an updated website for the ISSA.

The annual fee for this service approached \$5,000, and while the organization was able to secure some grant funding to offset that expense for two years, its budget could not sustain the cost long-term.

The ISSA's official website will remain at www.iowasnowmobiler.com.

Magazine Loses Significant Ad Revenue, Alternatives Sought

In August, *Iowa Snowmobiler* magazine editor and publisher Cameron Hanson informed the ISSA Board of Directors another major advertiser had dropped its commitment to the publication, significantly impacting his plan to keep all seven issues in print this year.

Since taking over as publisher in 2010, Hanson reported financial support in the form of advertising dollars from the four OEM snowmobile manufacturers has dropped nearly 90 percent. "That downward trend continued this year, so it's going to be hard to continue to produce a quality publication for the ISSA given those losses," he said.

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MSPN, publisher of the Minnesota and Wisconsin state snowmobile publications, to help increase revenue, but it remains to be seen how that new partnership will play out this year.

"Our goal is to keep everything in print, but we may have to revert to two digital issues, as we have the past three seasons," Hanson said.

To help offset this unexpected revenue shortfall, the communications team is asking region directors and snowmobile clubs to help promote the ISSA's Platinum Sponsorship program, as outlined on the application printed on page 23 of this month's issue.

"If we could just get every region to come up with two additional sponsorships, that would help tremendously," committee chair Jim Willey said.

Snowmobile clubs themselves are also invited to become Platinum Sponsors, and special advertising rates exist for them to promote their events. Another idea being tossed around is to print trail maps on the center spread of each issue.

"Clubs could sell ads to their local sponsors to be printed alongside the maps to help pay for the spot," Hanson said, indicating the maps would need to be submitted camera-ready.

For more information or for rates on club ads and maps, please contact Hanson at (641) 330-5565 or email him at editor@iowasnowmobiler.com.

Annual Convention Returns to Waterloo in November

The 43rd Annual ISSA Convention will return to the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo this fall as the rotation for hosting the three-day event moves east Nov. 18-20.

Registration and agenda details will follow in the October and November issues of this magazine. The adjoining Ramada Inn will serve as the host hotel. Reservations there can be made by dialing (319) 233-7560.

The ISSA Convention Planning Committee announced a Snow Show will be held in conjunction with the convention. Details will also appear in later issues. If you have questions, please contact committee chair Scott Nauman at (641) 425-9898.

During the General Membership Assembly Saturday morning, a new president will be elected as Merv Hoermann ends his second two-year term at the helm of the ISSA. He previously served from 2007-08 and is the only president to lead the organization twice.

History will also be made Saturday morning once Vice President Chris Willey is elected to succeed Hoermann. Willey and his father Jim will become the first father-son tandem elected to oversee the ISSA. The elder Willey served from 2013-14.

As it is an even-numbered year, elections will be in the even-numbered regions. Vacancies still exist in the bottom tier of the state so the board will be looking to fill spots in regions 10-12 at convention as well.

Bids to host the 2017 convention are due at the October ISSA Board of Directors meeting.

Hay Days to Celebrate Golden Anniversary this Month

Established in 1966, the Sno Barons Snowmobile Club of Blaine, Minn., is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Hay Days Grass Drags at its grounds north of Minneapolis Sept. 10-11.

Billed affectionately as the Official Start of Winter, the event began in November of 1967 as a grass drag snowmobile race. A swap meet was added in 1980, and 10 years later, the attraction was lengthened to two days.

"In the early years, the race was held in October and early November but only drew local racers," the Sno Barons' website reads. "October and November are very unpredictable for snow here in Minnesota and so alfalfa hay was used to build the race surface—and that's how the name 'Hay Days' originated."

Fast forward to today, the popular event—always held the weekend after Labor Day—features racing and swap meets as well as factory promotions and special attractions. This year, famed snocross racer Levi LaVallee will perform a stunt jump as the centerpiece of the weekend.

Additional information can be found on the flyer on the back page of this month's issue. As they have in the past, ISSA officials are planning to staff a booth in the club section of the swap meet. Be sure to look them up if you are going and help spread the word about snowmobiling in Iowa.

Trail Blaz-zers Earn National Recognition



2016 ISSA Campout Host Named ACSA Club of the Year

by Cameron Hanson

The banner year which began last fall at the 2015 ISSA Convention in Storm Lake continued into 2016 as the Trail Blaz-zers, Inc., of Region 5 followed up their state award as Club of the Year with national recognition at the 2016 International Snowmobile Congress in Rapid City in early June.

Club president Randy Kaune, Sr., and his wife, Chris, attended the June 9-11 event hosted by the South Dakota Snowmobile Association and accepted the honor on behalf of the 46 family members of the Trail Blaz-zers as the American Council of Snowmobile Associations' (ACSA) 2016 Club of the Year.

"We were jumping out of our skin when we learned we had won the national award," said Randy Kaune, who recently joined the ISSA Board of Directors as a Region 5 assistant director. "Receiving this honor definitely makes all of the hard work we put into our club and into our trails all seem worthwhile."

The Eastern Iowa Sledheads of Region 12 was the last Iowa club to be recognized as the ACSA Club of Year. They received the honor in 2014 and later that fall were inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River, Wis., as well.

Similar to the Sledheads, the Trail Blaz-zers are very active in the ISSA. Members pay annual dues of \$30 and are automatically enrolled

in the state association. They volunteered on the 2014 ISSA Convention Planning Committee, and earlier this summer, the club hosted the ISSA's annual campout.



Featuring 46 family members, the Trail Blaz-zers, Inc., are a 100-percent dues-paying member of the ISSA.



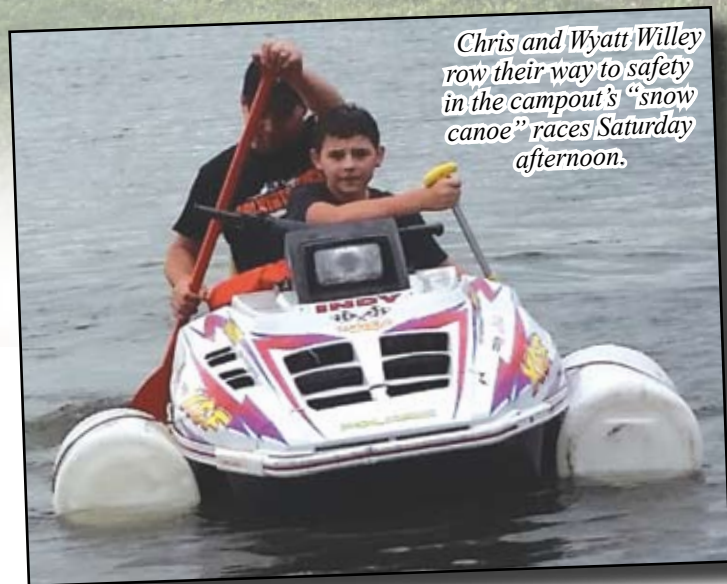
ACSA President Bob Kirchner presents Trail Blaz-zers Club President Randy Kaune, Sr., and his wife, Chris, with the national Club of the Year plaque for 2016.

Pond Racing

After no other club submitted a bid last October to host the event, the Trail Blaz-zers stepped forward in April and agreed to sponsor the gathering at Split Rock Campground near Fredericksburg in northeast Iowa. ISSA members filled 13 campsites and an estimated 45 members participated in the July 22-24 event.

In addition to group meals, games and fellowship around the campfire, ISSA members were offered tours of a nearby buffalo ranch Saturday morning and of a local winery later that afternoon. Rain showers throughout the day kept most campers indoors until the sun broke through in the late afternoon.

This welcomed break in the weather



Chris and Wyatt Willey row their way to safety in the campout's "snow canoe" races Saturday afternoon.

allowed for some light-hearted pond racing in the club's new "snow canoes," mid-1990s snowmobile shells mounted on empty plastic drums for buoyancy. Those brave enough to mount the homemade watercraft provided ample entertainment for those campers clinging to the shoreline.

As evening approached, campers followed the Halloween theme of the weekend by decorating their campsites in the tradition of the approaching October holiday. The graveyard at Chris and Andrea Willey's trailer took home the top prize.

"Given the adverse weather conditions, I thought the club really pulled it off and put on a great campout this year," Past ISSA President Dick Melick said. "They did a terrific job."

Keeping Busy

In addition to supporting ISSA functions, the club locally offers landowner appreciation dinners, sponsors youth snowmobile safety education classes, raises funds for local and state charities, helps with neighboring club activities and enters floats in the community parades.

"We like to stay busy throughout the year," Kaune said.

"We may be small, but we're mighty" Chris Kaune added. "Like everyone else, we have a core group of members that we rely on to get things done."

Twenty-five certified groomer operators maintain the club's 186 miles of trail in Fayette, Chickasaw, Buchanan and Bremer counties. The Trail Blaz-zers' trail system meets up with five other club trails, and Kaune estimates 80 percent of their trails are cross-country on private land.

"We love the cross country trails so much more than the ditches," he said. "Our groomer handles them so much better and they are a lot safer for our users, especially when you have a lot of kids riding with your group. You don't have a lot of conflict with traffic this way."

The Kaunes point to the youth movement in the club for keeping their club active and involved. They have a number of members in their 20s and 30s, and in addition to trail marking and maintenance, they are helping to recruit the next generation of volunteers to the Trail Blaz-zers.



Past ISSA Presidents Jim Willey and Gary McVicker grill up burgers and hot dogs at the ISSA's Trail Break Trailer while Trail Blaz-zers club member Mark Kuennen waits to take the finished product to the serving line at the Saturday noon lunch.





Iowa Award Winners Recognized at ISC

by Cameron Hanson

Three award winners from the ISSA's Annual Convention last November at Storm Lake were honored by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) at the 2016 International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) this past June.

As featured on page 9 in this issue, the Trail Blazers snowmobile club of Region 5 took home ACSA's Club of the Year Award during ceremonies in Rapid City, S.D., while the family and dealer winners from Iowa were also recognized.

Snowmobiling Heritage

Including daughters Kaela, Kelsey and Kourtney, the Dan and Kolette Delperdang family said they were "honored and humbled" to win ACSA's Family of the Year Award. The Spirit Lake family was unable to attend the ceremony but let everyone there know how important the sport of snowmobiling is to them.

"Snowmobiling is and has been an important activity for our family so we regret not being able to attend," Dan said. "Not only is the sport important to us but also the countless hours of volunteerism that our family does as well as all that ACSA does for the local clubs, state associations and national associates."

The Delperdangs are members of the Dickinson County Snowhawks of Region 1 and can trace their family's snowmobile roots to their hometown of Granville in northwest Iowa, where their interest in the sport began on Massey Ferguson and Ariens snowmobiles.

They have passed down the tradition to their daughters, and as a family, they are very active in organized snowmobiling, both locally and on the state level. Dan currently serves

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From left, Iowans Jim Willey and Bob King were elected Vice Chair and Chair, respectively, of ACSA's Midwest Chapter, while Wisconsin's Brenda Newman was named Secretary/Treasurer at this year's ISC.

ISSA Members Serve on ACSA's Midwest Chapter

by Jim Willey

Snowmobilers from all across the country, including 27 from Iowa, gathered in the Black Hills at Rapid City, S.D., June 9-11 for the 48th Annual International Snowmobile Congress (ISC).

Held each June, this annual gathering celebrates the sport of snowmobiling and conducts the business of snowmobile organizations from around the world.

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), including state associations, snowmobile-related organizations, businesses and individual snowmobile members; the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Association (CCSA), including the same groups of Canadian provinces and entities; and delegations from additional countries and the snowmobile industry all meet for the three-day convention.

This year's Congress was hosted by the South Dakota Snowmobile Association. After more than two years of planning and countless hours of committee meetings, event negotiations and just plain hard work by ISC chair Diane Hiles and her ISC 2016 team, the event came off very successfully.

Pleasure Before Business

Many of those coming to the ISC arrived in South Dakota early to participate in the ISC Motorcycle Tour through the Black Hills, Sturgis and Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming. Others took a tour of the Black Hills Mt. Rushmore Gold Factory, the Black Hills Winery and Microbrew Tour, or made their own visits to Sturgis, Ft. Meade, Spearfish, Lead and Deadwood.

"Every ISC is different. The South Dakota team did a great job planning a fun event, reflecting the great personality of the South Dakota Snowmobile Association and the committee members," stated Becky Willey, ISSA Tourism Chair

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The Dan and Kolette Delperdang family includes daughters Kaela, Kelsey and Kourtney.

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for Eastern Iowa and a participant in the seminars and events at the South Dakota ISC. "We knew from the previews the South Dakota Committee provided at the ISC in New York in 2015 that this was an ISC not to be missed."

The 2016 ISC was attended by more than 400 snowmobilers from all over the United States and Canada, an event total that was among the best attendance for recent ISC gatherings. The usual delegations from Russia, Finland and Switzerland were not able to attend the 2016 event, each for different reasons. The delegation from Iowa included 27 ISSA officers, region directors, assistant directors, past presidents, youth and club members.

One of the first activities of the ISC was the FOSPAC SNODEO on Wednesday in the Courtyard of the Ramkota host hotel. FOSPAC is the Friends of Snowmobiling Political Action Committee, and their event raised funds that will be used to contribute to the campaigns of federal legislators who support snowmobiling and snowmobiling access. Following the FOSPAC event, a Wild West Cookout provided vittles for the hungry cowpokes at the convention.

Thursday began with the official opening ceremonies after the Breakfast Buffet. Dee Dee Raap, motivational speaker, South Dakota Native and SDSA member, provided the Keynote Address for the morning session and set the tone for the ISC. Meetings of the regional chapters, committees and educational sessions rounded out the schedule for Thursday.

ACSA's VIP Reception started the evening on Thursday. Later the ISC participants were transported to the ISC off-site, greeted and treated at the Watering Hole by the members of the Trailbusters Snowmobile Club, the Watering Hole Sponsor. After visiting the interesting displays where you could make a brick at the Brick Factory, stamp a plate at the Tin Shop, braid a rope at the Rope Shop or



Twenty-seven ISSA members attended the 2016 ISC in South Dakota in early June.

buy a knife at the Blacksmith Shop at the location of the off-site, Fort Hayes, the film set of the Oscar Award-winning movie, *Dances with Wolves*, the group enjoyed a Chuckwagon Supper and Cowboy Entertainment including all the rowdiness and fun you would expect when a bunch of cowboys get together to show off.

Following the entertainment and supper, the group was back on buses to take them to Mt. Rushmore for the lighting ceremony of the Great Faces of South Dakota. Mother Nature provided a fantastic lightning show of her own, but the incoming thunderstorms caused the planned lighting show to be cancelled, to get the visitors off of the mountain before the powerful thunderstorm hit with its full strength.

Manitoba Up Next

The Snowmobilers of Manitoba provided a preview of ISC 2017 at the Friday morning breakfast, followed by the 'State of Snowmobiling' address by Ed Klim, President of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA).

Friday continued with more meetings conducting the business of organized snowmobiling, additional educational

sessions and special activities for those not obligated to be in meetings. Iowa snowmobilers Bob King of Council Bluffs and Jim Willey, past president of ISSA from Lake Delhi, were elected Chair and Vice Chair of the Midwest Chapter of ACSA respectively.

At the Groomer Reception on Friday evening ISC goers took the time to visit with the groomer and drag manufacturers who provided the drinks and food. The evening was completed by the Snoman of Manitoba group hosting folks to entice them into coming to ISC 2017 in Winnipeg.

Before we knew it, it was Saturday morning. The excellent breakfast buffet, which, by the way, included oink and cluck each morning, for those who understand what that means, was complimented by a great Endnote presentation with Dee Dee Raap pulling together the leadership journey we had been on for the event and sending us home to create a great future for snowmobiling.

After three full days of meetings, breakout sessions and building relationships, we gathered one last time for a social hour, final bidding on the Silent Auction and on to the ACSA and CCSA Awards Banquet Saturday night.

Of course, the Thirsty Dogs, a dedicated group of snowmobilers with a thirst for snowmobiling knowledge that originated at the 1985 ISC, also held in Rapid City, wound up the event later that evening.

People come back to the ISC year after year to enhance what they already know, learn things that they didn't know and to embrace all of the relationships that bring the sport of snowmobiling into the best it can be for the future generations of snowmobilers to come. The next ISC will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, in June of 2017. I hope to see you there.

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).

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 Director Matt Trunkhill at (515) 320-0737 or mtrunk@wctatel.com.

The winner will be drawn at the November ISSA convention.



ISU Improves at SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge

Photos courtesy Michigan Tech University



Sporting new graphics to show off their school colors, Team Cy-Clean collects data on their machine's emissions at Michigan Tech University last March.

Iowa Students Finish Sixth at Annual Competition, Up Two Spots from Rookie Year

by **Cameron Hanson**

College rivalries may feel right at home on the gridiron each fall, but when engineering students from across the Snow Belt compete in a scientific contest to improve snowmobile technology each March, school colors seem to fade a bit as teams work toward a common goal.

As evidenced by the distinctive decals and wrap graphics on their project sleds, school pride still exists at the SAE's Clean Snowmobile Challenge (CSC), but the student-led teams are eager to share information with each other and assist their fellow competitors at the Keweenaw Research Center (KRC) north of Houghton, Mich.

"You really can't look at this contest like you do with athletic teams," explained ISSA President Merv Hoermann, who has volunteered at the event for the past 11 seasons. "The students are all working to support us, the snowmobile community and the industry."

As they entered their second year in the competition, the team from Iowa State University witnessed this comradery firsthand as they discovered a busted motor mount during emissions testing on the third day of the March 7-12 event. They were able to lean on other teams for parts, make the repair and continue on.

"This broken piece caused a rather loud rattling and vibration," explained Jesse Rhodes, who now serves as the project director for next year's entry. "Luckily we had plenty of help from other teams, especially Northern Illinois University, for lending us a spare motor mount, and we were able to remove the motor, replace the mount and keep going."

Hoermann said he was not surprised to see this support.

"Yes, this is a competition, but one thing I have noticed is the students are not afraid to ask for help, and they are also willing to

help out another team," he observed. "The teams may not always share all of their secrets, but they are willing to lend out tools if needed or an engine part. It's good to see that. Our team from Iowa did need some help, and they were not afraid to ask for it."

Promoting Ingenuity

Founded in 1999 at West Yellowstone, the snowmobile challenge has spent the last 14 seasons at Michigan Tech University (MTU) in the Upper Peninsula. The contest, according to KRC Director and CSC organizer Jay Meldrum, is designed to promote ingenuity, improve snowmobile technology and reduce the sport's environmental footprint. Past results from the competition can be seen in today's production sleds, he said at the 2015 event.

Tasked with designing and building cleaner, quieter snowmobiles,



Along with the rest of the teams, engineering students from ISU participated in a CSC Open House in downtown Houghton to showcase their project to interested community members. Seated is last year's project director Cameron Pomeroy and to his left is this year's manager, Jesse Rhodes.





After successfully completing the ride in 2015, the ISU CSC team was unable to finish the endurance trail ride to Copper Harbor earlier this year. Shortly after departing the MTU campus, a fuel delivery problem caused them to stall out and miss the rest of the trip.

the students compete in three categories: internal combustion engines, diesel utility engines and electric engines. The rules are strict, and during the week-long marathon, snowmobiles are judged on, among other measures, emissions, fuel economy, acceleration, cold-starting and endurance.

Teams are expected to arrive to the competition ready for the testing and riding. Their projects must pass inspection, after which the hoods are sealed to prevent further tinkering and tampering. According to Meldrum, the students need to show up at the competition ready to “compete with and not complete” their project.

Leading up to the event, the Iowa contingent worked on their project sled at their shop in Ames after class and on weekends. While only a dozen or so students made the trip up to the U.P., as many as 40 students contributed to the project back on campus. Hoermann recognized some of the challenges they have in preparing for the competition.

“Iowa is not really known as a huge snow state, so it’s nice to see this team from ISU take it upon themselves to participate in this competition, especially considering the fact they don’t get a lot of snow in Ames to test their theories out on,” he said. “It’s encouraging to see them think outside the box, and it’s good to see the students working together.”

No Longer Rookies

For 2016, 21 teams participated in the challenge overall, and the ISU faction once again entered their 2014 Polaris in the internal combustion category. Out of the 13 teams in their design class, they finished sixth, improving two spots over last year’s eighth-place finish. According to Rhodes,

they scored third for emissions, third for acceleration and fourth for presentation.

A few mechanical issues prevented them from placing higher overall. Besides the motor mount issue during emissions testing, the ISU team experienced a breakdown during the endurance ride from the MTU campus up to Copper Harbor. Shortly after the ride began, the team uncovered a fuel delivery problem. As a result, they missed out on 200 points for fuel economy.

“Our sled stalled out at the top of a hill about a half mile away due to fuel restriction issues,” Rhodes said. “After we brought it back to the shop, we fixed the issue and went on to finish all of the

other events. We were very happy with our results and actually had one of the cleanest sleds in the competition, even using a two-stroke motor.”

Hoermann noted the late-winter weather did not cooperate for the competition as warm temperatures turned trail and track conditions to mush. “That made it a little tough on the teams,” noted Hoermann, who has helped mentor the team from Ames the past two years.

While using the same sled as last year, the team from ISU did improve its looks with a new sled wrap in ISU colors. The remake also included sponsor decals to show their appreciation

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On Saturday, students were able to test the handling of their sleds on an obstacle course. Season-ending warm temperatures made for some greasy corners on this final day of competition.

Club News

Region 1

O'Brien County Snowtrackers

by Zelda Buse Christensen, Reporter

When it's time to be thinking about a new snowmobiling season arriving, it's time to be checking sleds, possibly trading for something newer, checking over the groomer, putting up signs—in short, it's time to be looking ahead and planning.

But it's also a time to be reflecting back on the past season, maybe chuckling, maybe groaning a little, maybe hoping for more good memories.

You might think back to a winter with finally some snow and some use of the groomer. And you might think of the hours of work applied to the groomer, after which it still failed to run consistently.

You might remember the time when your buddy was frantically, but unsuccessfully, trying to get hold of his helmet straps so he could fasten them and not get left behind. Then a friend pointed to the back of his sled, where the helmet still rested.

At Crooked Creek Guest Ranch near Dubois, Wyo., you might remember being part of a group staying in the big log house gathered around the table in the kitchen eating supper after a day's riding. One person in the middle of telling a story said something like "...and all of a sudden someone saw—" and another voice instantly yelled excitedly, "it's a M___SE!" Some in the group understood the words to be "it's a MOUSE!" and were instantly frightened of a mouse being in the log house. But others in the group understood the words to be "it's a MOOSE!" People grabbed for cameras and ran to a window or stepped out onto the porch.

There were actually two moose: one right next to the corner of the building and another walking about 50 feet away. (Ironically, the very next day, two extra inhabitants did appear in the house, when unfortunately "mouse" was the accurate word.)

You might remember the despair upon arriving at Crooked Creek mid-March and seeing the results of their big thaw: a watery, sloppy mess in the whole parking area that seemed to indicate that snowmobiling would be impossible and the long trip there was a total waste. But, it turned out to be excellent riding in very satisfactory snow after the first couple miles or so. And it snowed more off and on every day.

You might remember using a warming hut on March 15 some time during the day, and then heading for that same destination the next day to eat sandwiches for lunch—only to find a bare spot where the warming hut had been. Apparently the warming huts retire to their summer home before St. Patrick's Day.

It's fun to remember experiences from the past year, but it can also be fun to dream ahead and wonder what experiences the winter of 2016-17 will bring.

THINK SNOW!

Region 5

Cresco Driftrunners

by Bob Martinek, Treasurer

Hello, from Cresco. Do you ever daydream about numbers? I do. For example, today is Aug. 12 and the high temperature was 79 degrees. However if you add 125 days, subtract

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 50th Anniversary Hay Days Sept. 10-11. See flyer on back cover.
- ISSA Board of Directors conference call Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.
- Driftrunners Annual Meeting, Membership Drive and Steak Fry Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds, Cresco.

October

- ISSA Board of Directors meeting Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. Location TBD.
- 2017 ISSA Convention Bids due Oct. 9.

November

- Western Iowa Tourism region meeting Nov. 16 at Oakland.
- 43rd Annual ISSA Convention Nov. 18-20 Waterloo.
- ISSA Grand Raffle drawing Nov. 19.
- Driftrunners Toys for Tots Drive and Kick-off Dan Nov. 26 at 8 p.m. Location TBD.

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75 degrees and leave the moisture dial set the same as July and August, do you know what we have? Dec. 15 and four degrees with lots of riding to do! Always fun to daydream about numbers.

The Driftrunners will start our year with our annual Steak Fry, Membership Drive and Annual Meeting on Sept. 18 at the fairgrounds in Cresco. Social hour starts at 11 a.m. The meeting, including board member elections, starts at noon with steaks on the grill right after. The club has the steaks and beverages for a small donation. Club members bring a potluck dish to pass, and no one leaves hungry. Please bring your own silverware and plates. Everyone is welcome, including the kids. Bean bags and other games are played before and after the meeting.

Also just in case you are blocking off your vacation days for the winter season, we have set our event days. Nov. 26 will be our Toys for Tots Drive and Kick-off Dance starting at 8 p.m. (location to be determined). The 46th annual Snow Fest will be Jan. 26-29 with more details to follow next month. Charlie's Chili Feed will follow two weeks later on Feb. 11.

Until next time, keep daydreaming and see you at Steak Fry. Thanks.

Region 12

Snowdrifters, Inc.

by Ron Roe

Hello, everyone. Here we go again. It is hard to think snow with all the 90 degree temps we had all week. A lot of rain last night but still very humid yet today.

It has been a very busy summer around here, always something we need to get ready to do and places to go. I did not get in all the ATV riding I wanted, but I do have two trips coming up. Hay Days is one in September and the Pumpkin Run in October.

I helped the Sledheads club (of which we are members) host a Tractor Cade. It was a lot of work with a good turnout and a lot of happy people, which made it all very worth it. The memories will last longer than the couple days' work. Then we helped with the Snowdrifters tractor pull Aug. 20 at Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids.

Now the serious stuff. We received a notice that some property where we have a trail that is important for us getting around North Liberty is going to be closed and we could lose the trail. We are not sure what is going to happen for sure. Rumors are it might not be this year but pretty soon. We haven't had a chance or time to find a reroute so right now it is all up in the air. It will be a serious blow to our trails. This makes repairing or resetting bridges minor to replanning and getting permission for a new trail.

At our monthly meeting in August, we put off talking about bridges and trail work until we get the tractor pull behind us.

With school and football starting, we need to get in a different gear. Then it will be time to plan for the cold months, which sounds so far away right now. Yes, I know, time flies when you're having fun. This is all for now so everyone enjoy the last chance at picnics and reunions for the summer. More next month.

2016 ISSA Club Challenge

Webster County Ice Breakers.....	\$1,100
Wapsipinicon Snowmobile Association	\$1000
Snowmobilers of Jackson County	\$750
Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club.....	\$500
Eastern Iowa Sledheads.....	\$500
Mitchell County E-Z Riders.....	\$500
Tri-County Snowmobile Association	\$376
Central Iowa Snowmobilers.....	\$350
Snow Pioneers	\$350
Floyd County Groomers	\$300
Clay County Sno Broncos	\$301
Bremer County Sno-Knights.....	\$250
Dickinson County Snowhawks	\$250
Chickasaw Sno-Riders	\$250
Humboldt Sno-Skimmers.....	\$250
Cedar Falls Sno Hawks.....	\$250
Palo Alto Rough Riders	\$150
Driftrunners.....	\$200
Snowdrifters.....	\$100
Allamakee Sno-Blazers	\$100

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2016 ISSA Annual Convention in Waterloo Nov. 18-20.



ACSA President Bob Kirchner presents Fast City, Inc., owner Steve Seelman with his national Dealer of the Year Award.

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as the Region 1 Director for the ISSA, and together, they consistently recruit new members through club drives and activities in Dickinson County.

"This family has taken the lead in almost every fundraiser the club has recently undertaken from raising money for the local scholarships at the annual golf outing to raising money for grooming and selling tickets for a 120 Youth Snowmobile Raffle as well as diligently supporting the ISSA and state fundraiser by selling Grand Raffle tickets and ACSA calendars annually," their state nomination form reads.

Residing in one of the more popular resort areas in Iowa, the family regularly promotes the benefits and attractions of snowmobiling in and around Lake Okoboji. They consistently spread the message that Dickinson County can be a winter destination for tourists and snowmobilers, while educating and reminding local businesses about the economic impact that snowmobiling has on the community.

Fast City Earns Dealer Honors

In the opposite corner of the state, Steve Seelman of Fast City, Inc., of Oxford in Region 12, followed up his state award as Dealer of the Year with the ACSA award in the same category this year.

Nominated for the state award by the Eastern Iowa Sledheads, Seelman is a member of two clubs in his area in southeast Iowa and helps promote the ISSA by having membership forms and magazines readily available at his Arctic Cat dealership.

"He often visits with his customers and explains why they should join the club and the ISSA," the club said in nominating him for the state award. "He looks up contact information for other areas of the state as needed and has club maps available for customers, community members and other visitors to the area."

According to his nomination form, Seelman regularly attends club meetings and participates in events hosted locally and at the state level. Each year, the dealership hosts an open house with food and entertainment.

"This event attracts a wide variety of customers and starts a lot of conversations, giving those just looking for a chance to interact with the more enthusiastic riders and enticing those non-motorsport lookers to get involved as well," the Sledheads wrote.

The dealership's staff works with new customers to ensure they understand their newly purchased equipment and the equipment is set up for their riding style. They also work with landowners to gain approval for trails to cross their property as well as help mark trails when time permits.

"Steve also has provided an array of raffle items for club events and fundraisers over the years and is well known for his prime rib dinner when we hosted the ISSA campout in 2014," the Sledheads noted.

By design, winners from the state banquet are automatically forwarded to the national competition at ISC. ISSA nominations for 2016 were due June 1, and winners will be announced at the November convention in Waterloo.

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Challenge

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for financial support to the program. In addition to corporate sponsors, the team has received funding from the ISSA and a few snowmobile clubs from Iowa. Hoermann said they could use more donations as they continue to work toward next year's contest.

"Yes, they have cardinal and gold on their sled, but people need to forget the school colors and help these kids out," he said. "It's nice to know we have people in our own state who are working to make our sport better and build quieter and cleaner machines. Regardless of whether you are a Hawkeye or Cyclone fan, they are representing our sport and our state and need our support."

The ISU students, otherwise known as Team Cy-Clean, are planning to return for their third competition in 2017. They hope to further reduce noise levels and improve their sled's fuel efficiency. Rhodes said they would also like to spend more time shaking down their project at Ames to minimize their downtime on-site at the competition.

"There are still many improvements that can be made for next year, and we already have many ideas floating around," the mechanical engineering major said. "We would like to do more testing and riding of our snowmobile leading up to competition so that if a problem occurs, we can fix it before we get to the competition."

"It's good to see they have a number of volunteers to work with and a number of underclassmen who are learning along the way and growing with the program so they



ISSA President Merv Hoermann checks out some of the entries at the Clean Snowmobile Challenge last March in the U.P. of Michigan. Hoermann has volunteered at the event for the past 11 seasons.

are ready to take it over," Hoermann said. "These students are a pretty enthusiastic bunch of engineers, and hopefully, they can keep improving and continue to learn from their mistakes."

"We have many young members this year, which is very exciting to see, as they will be able to grow in their knowledge of snowmobiles and emission reduction and keep this organization going at ISU for many more years," Rhodes said. "Like always, we had a great experience at the competition last year and look forward to next year."

For more information on the ISU team or to donate, visit their website at www.me.iastate.edu/snowmobile. Rhodes can be reached at (712) 212-4259.

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I hereby apply for membership in the Iowa State Snowmobile Association. Check all that apply:

Single/Family (\$15) _____ Scholarship Donation \$ _____ Spina Bifida Association of Iowa Donation \$ _____ Legislative Action Fund Donation \$ _____

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Children: _____ Snowmobile Club: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ County of Residence _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ # registered snowmobiles _____

Your email address is very important as this will be how we can get information to you in a timely manner.

All family member names are needed as each member is entitled to a complimentary \$3,500 Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Policy from American Income Life.

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Name of Business or Dealership: _____ Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Website: _____

Snowmobile Club/Region _____ Snowmobile Brand(s) (if applicable) _____

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