



Winter 2014

An honorary society dedicated to the fun of snowmobiling



Happy Holidays!!



Save The Dates!!!

January 15-18th – 25th Annual Iron Dog Winter Get Together

Info: call Yellowstone Tour & Travel @ 800-221-1151 – ask for Tracie

February 1st-4th – MidWest Ride

Hayward, WI at the Chief Lake Lodge. Cost is \$35.00 per person, per night

February 28th – March 3rd – Eastern Ride

Info: call Jim Holbrook @ 802-785-2214 or email: rtcatman@yahoo.com

June 10th-13th – 47th International Snowmobile Congress

Niagara Falls Conference Center, 101 Old Falls Street, Niagara Falls, NY

For more information: www.isc2015.com



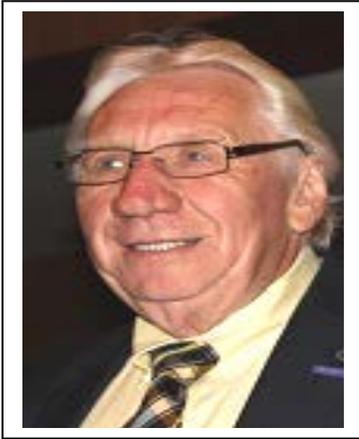
Do you have any news that you would like to share?

Send your article to

(Gail Hanson) pyroboss@metrocast.net

For up to date news . . . Check out the Iron Dog website @ www.irondogbrigade.com

President's Report



Ed Skomoroh, President

As I write this, it is the afternoon of November 9th and the weather forecasters are telling us to get prepared for our first major snowfall of the season. They are estimating close to a foot of snow over Monday and Tuesday. Hopefully it will dump snow where we live. Gosh it seems like it was a short time ago and we were looking forward to spring. My greatest passion outside of snowmobiling is driving my classic Studebakers. I promised myself I would drive them more often this summer than last year and here I am getting prepared for winter. At least this year I can ride again. Last winter I had knee surgery so I could only look outside and watch others enjoy this great winter sport. It made me envious since the trail system crosses the lake in front of our home.

I am looking anxiously to February for the Midwest Ride. Dale Vogt from Iowa's is hosting the ride in Hayward Wisconsin

about a 31/2 hour trip from our home. I have already booked the accommodations and they certainly look inviting.

As usual I expect a large Dog attendance. The Midwest Ride seems to attract the spouses and guests. Hayward is known for its abundance of snow and great trails. I am embarrassed to say I have never snowmobiled in this area, close but not in Hayward. So you Midwest Dogs, get your rooms reserved, you know Dale will make this a class ride.

Bonnie for years has unsuccessfully offered to host the Eastern Ride but unfortunately she hasn't had much success. I keep telling myself; Jean and I need to get out there since it is another place we haven't been sledding. Come on Dogs give Bonnie a call and support this ride.

In this issue you will read about the West Yellowstone Ride and what can I say. If you haven't ridden in that area does it before you get too old. Yes the mountain riding is hard work, but the Howell's will take you on some of the most scenic trails in the country and it will be exhilarating but not a work out.

When I accepted the position as your Iron Dog president I felt we were someone short on communications and I am hopeful that I can improve on this. I have asked all board members to submit a bio of them. It seems the

same Dogs attend congress each year but that is a small number compared to the total membership. Yes this group gets to know each other almost intimately. However the rest of you out there know very little of your board members let alone what they look like. So I am hoping the board members will make their submissions to Gail.

Also in this issue you will see a budget and how we financially stand for the 1st. quarter. I realize we are not a big going concern but getting a financial report after Congress on the whole year is somewhat after the fact. John Mitchell is providing the numbers for Bob King who volunteered to provide this for the membership. Our second quarter will again show very little activity, it is the 3rd quarter were we start to see some revenue from the membership dues.

Hopefully this transparency will allow those members who are not active to feel a little more part of this great organization. Please write myself Ed Skomoroh, (jeaned@lakedalelink.net) or your editor Gail (execdir@nhsa.com) if there is something you would like us to write about or inform you.

Hopefully the Stabile in your ethanol fuel works and you get your sleds running without a lot of hassle.

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2014 – 2015 Iron Dog Budget

2014-2015 Iron Dog Budget						
		Budget 2015	1st Qt. Budget	1st Qt. Actual	2nd Qt. Budget	2nd Qt. Actual
Beginning Balance		\$18,656.21				
Income						
Interest		\$1.50	\$0.40	\$0.38	\$0.40	
Pin & Patch Sales		\$90.00	\$60.00	\$442.00	\$0.00	
Banquet						
	Guests	11 x \$40	\$440.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Press	2	free	\$0.00		\$0.00
Dues						
	Members	100 x \$60	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
	Assoc.	21 x \$10	\$210.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
	Honorary	2	free			
Fund Raising			0			
Clothing			\$200.00	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Total			\$6,941.50	\$160.40	\$802.38	\$0.40
Total Income						
Expenses						
Banquet			\$3,954.73	\$3,954.73	\$3,954.73	
	Spouses	15 x \$63	\$945.00	\$945.00		
	CO guests	2 x \$63	\$126.00	\$126.00		
	Press	0	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Banquet deposit for 2015			\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	
ISC Planning Com. Expense			\$600.00			\$600.00
Office supplies & Sec. Travel			\$1,000.00	\$948.55	\$1,019.83	
George Eisenhuth Award			\$400.00	\$200.00	\$213.22	
Midwest Ride			\$250.00			
Western Chapter Ride			\$250.00			
Northeast Ride			\$250.00			
Memorials	6 x \$100		\$600.00	\$150.00		\$150.00
Donations to other org.			\$1,000.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$100.00
Web Page			\$600.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Pin & Patch costs					\$183.08	
Total Expense			\$10,275.73	\$7,274.28	\$6,420.86	\$1,000.00
Net Income			\$15,321.98			

2014-2015 Iron Dog Budget con't:	Budget	3rd Qt. Budget	3rd Qt. Actual	4th Qt. Budget	4th Qt. Actual
Beginning Balance	\$18,656.21				
Income	\$1.50	\$0.40		\$0.30	
Interest	\$90.00	\$0.00		\$30.00	
Pin & Patch Sales					
Banquet					
Guests	\$440.00	\$0.00		\$440.00	
Press	free	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Dues					
Members	\$6,000.00	\$0.00		\$6,000.00	
Assoc.	\$210.00	\$0.00		\$210.00	
Honorary	free			\$0.00	
Fund Raising		\$0.00		\$100.00	
Clothing	0				
	\$200.00	\$0.40		\$6,780.30	
Total					
	\$6,941.50				
Total Income					
Expenses					
Banquet					
Spouses	\$3,954.73				
CO guests	\$945.00				
Press	\$126.00				
Banquet deposit for 2015	\$0.00				
ISC Planning Com. Expense	\$300.00			\$51.45	
Office supplies & Sec. Travel	\$600.00			\$200.00	
George Eisenhuth Award	\$1,000.00	\$250.00			
Midwest Ride	\$400.00	\$250.00			
Western Chapter Ride	\$250.00	\$250.00			
Northeast Ride	\$250.00	\$150.00		\$150.00	
Memorials	\$250.00	\$100.00		\$300.00	
Donations to other org.	\$600.00	\$150.00		\$150.00	
Web Page	\$1,000.00				
Pin & Patch costs	\$600.00				
Total Expense	\$10,275.73	\$1,150.00		\$851.45	
Net Income	\$15,321.98				



Report of the Secretary



John Mitchell
Secretary / Treasurer

November 2014

Winter is coming on fast here in the West with snow being predicted and this time it will probably stay around for a while. Cathy and I did get to make a trip to Vermont and New Hampshire this fall and enjoyed a week of rain free weather enjoying the beautiful turning of the leaves. We also had the pleasure of spending an evening with Jim & Bonnie Holbrook eating some very good New England Seafood.

The Iron Dogs have some inventory left and would like to make it available to the members at close out prices. We have one XL Ladies Yellow Shirt available, one Men's Large Yellow shirt, and four XL Yellow Men's shirts and have them priced at \$25.00

each, which includes shipping. We also have four Black & White Iron Dog Flags available and those are also priced at \$25.00 including shipping. Just give me a call at 307-672-5760, or e-mail jmitchel@fiberpipe.net and I will get them shipped right out. Iron Dog Hats are also available for \$5.00. Bill Schumann has Bolo Ties and you may order them by contacting him at 715-543-8152.

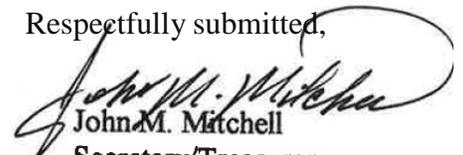
Dues notices will be coming out during January and the reservations letter for our Annual Banquet will be in the mail around the 1st of March. Registration for the 47th International Snowmobile Congress may be made online at www.isc2015.com. Reservations at the Sheraton at the Falls, Niagara Falls, NY can be made by calling 716-285-3361. Bonnie Holbrook attended the Fall Planning meeting at the facility and reports that it is a very nice facility and the New York Snowmobile Association has been busy to make everyone feel welcome and to provide a great experience in 2015.

Before Congress there are other activities that will be taking place such as the three Iron Dog rides

planned this winter. The West ride will be in West Yellowstone, MT, January 15, 16, 17, 18th, 2015 and information is available from either Bill Howell or Roger Lampitt. The Mid-West ride will be in Hayward, Wisconsin on February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, 2015 and further information is available from Dale Vagts. The East ride is scheduled for February 28th to March 1st, 2015 in Pittsburg, NH and Jim Holbrook has more information on that ride. The rides are a good time to get together with fellow Iron Dogs and just relax and have a good time.

Applications for new pups for 2015 are due to me by March 1st. Just give me a call or e-mail and I will get an application in the mail right away as it does take some time to get all the required information together and mailed back. We will have at least four openings this year and it would be nice to fill them up.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer



Shopping Mall



The Dog Store
for clothing and apparel
<http://irondogbrigade.qbstores.com>

Iron Dog Hats,
Iron Dog Bolo Ties,
Iron Dog tie tacks.
There are also a few
Iron Dog Flags and polo
shirts left from a
previous order.

Contact John Mitchell
for more info.
307-672-5760
jmitchel@fiberpipe.net



Approx. size 2 1/2" high X 4 1/4" length

Personalized Iron Dog Decals Order Form

These decals will be printed on clear vinyl and all white areas would be "clear". The red outer line represents the die-cut and will not be on the actual print. These are great to put on your sleds, pick-up trucks and cars. Use them to personalize notebooks and other items as well!

Decals are \$6.50 each with a portion going to the Iron Dog Brigade.

_____ (#) Decals Ordered at \$6.50* each = \$_____ total
*Small orders placed after May 2014 may reflect a different cost.

Name: _____
Please print clearly - this will be how it will be written on the decal, where Bruno's name is

Mailing Address: _____

Please make checks payable to: **IRON DOG BRIGADE**
Mail Order form and check to: Bruno Andreini
2306 230th St.
Dallas Center, IA 50063

****Please note that merchandise with the Iron Dog logo is for Iron Dogs ONLY...not family members and others.****

The Dog Store. . . .

The variety of apparel is outstanding, prices are very competitive and freight is reasonable. This really makes it great for a member to go to our web site, view the merchandise and place an order. It never has been so easy. No computer, call a friend who has one and they can print and mail you the Dog Store catalog. The beauty is that we do not have to carry any merchandise, so there is no investment to the Dogs and no obsolescence. It is a real win, win. Please remember this merchandise is only for an official Dog, sorry not merchandise for your spouse or grandchildren. Happy shopping!

Ed



Yellowstone Tour & Travel

P.O. Box 410 • West Yellowstone, MT 59758-0410 • 406-646-9310

ytt@yellowstone-travel.com

Dear Iron Dog Members:

June 7, 2014

Winter will be here before you know it! We are taking this opportunity to get a head start on our 25th annual "Iron Dog Winter Get Together" at the Three Bear Lodge in West Yellowstone.

Most of the events this year will be held at the Three Bear Lodge, Grizzly Lounge, Three Bear Lodge Restaurant and Three Bear Conference Room. Please note these changes in your itinerary.

Yellowstone Tour and Travel will be handling reservations again this year. This seems to eliminate some of the confusion at the time of check in at the hotel. We have included a reservation form for you to fill out and return. Please note the payments and the cancellations on this form. The phone number is 1-800-221-1151 if you have any questions please contact Tracie.

The trip this year is planned for January 15, 16, 17, and 18, 2015. The length of your stay can vary, however the dates above have been set-aside in our reservation system. When making your reservation please let Tracie know if you will be staying more or less than the dates we are offering as well as your arrival date. There are a variety of packages available, including rental machines, bring your own machine and a special package for the spouses who prefer not to ride and don't want to pay the extra fees associated with riding. These packages all include room, meals and all taxes and gratuities. And as usual, we have the meal package only for those who have their own lodging.

All snowmobile rides outside of Yellowstone National Park will be on the Gallatin, Targhee and Beaverhead National Forest. For those who prefer not to snowmobile, we will have a snowcoach going to Old Faithful and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Please contact Yellowstone Tour and Travel for those prices.

Helen and Carole will host a "Lazy Day About Town". If anyone is interested, a leisurely lunch at one of the local restaurants, no host, possibly a film at the Imax, a walking tour of the Grizzly Discovery Center viewing the bears and wolf enclosures, or just an afternoon on your own shopping for gifts and souvenirs to take home. The afternoon is yours! Suggestions are always welcome. If you come up with anything please let Helen or Carole know.

This is the itinerary for your events:

+ Thursday, January 15:

Arrival at the Three Bear Lodge. Dinner is on your own tonight!

7:00pm Informal gathering and registration in the Three Bear Lodge's Big Bear Conference Room.

+ Friday, January 16:

9:00am Depart from Three Bear's back parking area behind the Bear's Den and hotel for a full day ride. Lunch at a restaurant on a trail. Return to the hotel approximately 4:30pm.

6:00pm Cocktail Party located in the Grizzly Lounge at the Three Bear Lodge Restaurant.

6:30pm Burger Buffet and details for the following day's itinerary will be announced. The Burger Buffet will be at the Three Bear Lodge Restaurant.

+ Saturday January 17:

9:00am Depart from the parking area behind Three Bear Lodge for another full day ride. Lunch at a restaurant on the trail. Return to the hotel approximately 4:30pm.

7:00pm Iron Dog gathering and Banquet at The Three Bear Lodge Restaurant.

+ Sunday January 18:

9:00 am Repeat of Saturday's itinerary, except you are on your own for dinner and future meals.

The packages include a standard two queen room or a king room based upon availability. ALL rooms have mini-refrigerators, microwave, hair dryers, coffee makers and remote control cable televisions in them. There are also a number of king-spa rooms available. If you would like to upgrade, please be advised that there is a \$20.00 per night upgrade charge per room. These rooms are based on an "as available" basis.

Carole and I look forward to hosting you this 2015 year in West Yellowstone at the Three Bear Lodge for the 25th annual "Iron Dog Winter Get Together"! If you have any questions about the package rates or Yellowstone Park tours please call Yellowstone Tour and Travel at 1-800-221-1151.

Sincerely,

Bill and Carole Howell

**IRON DOG YELLOWSTONE ADVENTURE
JANUARY 15-18,2015**

PACKAGE A- Includes Rental Machines

PACKAGE A: 4 Nights Lodging, 3 Day Snowmobile Rental, Cocktail Party, Burger Buffet, 2 Drink Coupons, Banquet (including dessert and gratuity), and ALL taxes. Per person rates:

Single- 1 person 1 bed: \$747.00
Double- 2 people 1 or 2 beds: \$595.00
Triple- 3 people 2 beds: \$545.00
Quad-4 people 2 beds: \$519.00

PACKAGE B- Bring Your Own Machines

PACKAGE B: 4 Nights lodging, Cocktail Party, Burger Buffet, 2 Drink Coupons, Banquet (including dessert and gratuity), and ALL taxes. Note: This is also for the Spouses that do not care to partake of the snowmobiling.

Per Person rates:

Single- 1 person 1 bed: \$423.00	Spouses Package A & B-Per Person No Riding
Double- 2 people 1 or 2 beds: \$271 .00	Double \$251 .00
Triple-3 people 2 beds: \$220.00	Triple \$200.00
Quad-4 people 2 beds:\$ 195.00	Quad \$175.00

PACKAGE C-Includes Snowmobile Rental

PACKAGE C: 3 Nights Lodging, 2 Day Snowmobile Rental, Cocktail Party, Burger Buffet, 2 Drink Coupons, Banquet (including dessert and gratuity), and ALL taxes. Per person rates:

Single- 1 person 1 bed: \$576.00
Double-2 people 1 or 2 beds: \$463.00
Triple-3 people 2 beds: \$425.00
Quad -4 people 2 beds: \$406.00

PACKAGED- Bring Your Own Machines

PACKAGE D: 3 Nights Lodging, Cocktail Party, Burger Buffet, 2 Drink Coupons, Banquet (including dessert and gratuity), ALL taxes. Note: This is also for the Spouses that do not care to partake of the snowmobiling.

Per person rate:

Single- 1 person 1 bed: \$340.00	Spouses Package C & D-Per person No Riding
Double -2 people 1 or 2 beds: \$226.00	Double \$206.00
Triple-3 people 2 beds: \$188.00	Triple \$168.00
Quad -4 people 2 beds: \$169.00	Quad \$149.00

PACKAGE E- Meal Package Only

PACKAGE E: Friday night Burger Buffet (including gratuity) and Cocktail Party at the Three Bear Restaurant; Saturday night Banquet (including dessert and gratuity) at the Three Bear Lodge Restaurant.

\$67.00 per person

Registration Form

Please return this page with your deposit to YELLOWSTONE TOUR & TRAVEL PO BOX 410 WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT 59758 or Fax 406-646-9490. If you have any questions please call Tracie at 1-800-221-1151. A block of rooms is being held until December 15,2014. After that date packages will be on an "as available" basis.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax#: _____

Check or Credit Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Total amount included or to be charged: _____

— — Package choice: _____ Number of Dogs: _____ Number of guests: _____

Names of Guests: _____

Room Requests: 1 person 1 bed ___ 2 people 1 bed ___ 2 people 2 beds ___ 3 people 2 beds ___ 4 people 2 beds ___

King Spa (additional cost) Family Suite (additional cost)

Smoking ___ Non-Smoking ___ Special Requests _____

Sled Request: Standard (included in package)# _____

Upgrade (additional charge depending on upgrade) # _____

Will you need clothing? _____ Additional \$15.00 per day+ 3% tax

Will you want to ride one day inside Yellowstone National Park? _____ if so, how many sleds? _____

A \$50.00 per person deposit is required when making reservations. The deposit is 50% refundable until 30 days prior to arrival.

Final Payment is due 30 days prior to arrival. The package is then 50% refundable until 72 hours prior to arrival. No refunds upon arrival.

DISCOUNTED AIRFARE No Saturday night stay required

Will you need airline reservations? _____ Flying From : _____

Additional deposits and cancel fees apply when booking our discounted airfare. Please call for rates and availability.

MIDWEST IRON DOG SNOWMOBILE RIDE

The 2015 Midwest Iron Dog ride will be held at Hayward, Wisconsin on February 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, arriving on Sunday February 1st. Our gathering place will be Chief Lake Lodge located on the Chippewa Flowage. This will be our meeting place, they have an excellent restaurant and we will be having some meals there. Chief Lake Lodge has cabins available at \$35 per person per night. These cabins have full size beds; some have one bathroom, some have two. Satellite TV is available. Minimum of four people per cabin so, if this is your choice, I hope you have friends.

Option number two is located approximately 200 yards down the lake shore called Pat's Landing. Pat's Landing has a hamburger, chicken wings, beer type restaurant [also very good] should you want something like this when on your own time. Pat's Landing has condos [two bedrooms, two baths] with queen size beds. These are available for \$42.50 per person per night, minimum of four people per condo. The condos are quite nice.

When reserving a cabin or a condo, I recommend you have cabin partners in mind and make these wishes known at time of reservation. Also, be sure to tell them you are with the Iron Dog Brigade, Dale Vagts group.

All rides will originate at Chief Lake Lodge, although as I mentioned, Pat's Landing is only a stone throw away.

Reservations for Chief Lake Lodge can be made at 715-945-3248 or you can check them out at www.chieflakelodge.com

Reservations for Pat's Landing can be made at 715-945-2511 or you can check them out at www.treelandresorts.com go to the home page and hit Pat's Landing.

In the event you don't get an answer, leave a voice mail and they will return the call. They are going into their off season and are sometimes outside doing resort duties.

Looking forward to a wonderful, snow filled winter and a great Wisconsin Iron Dog Ride.

Dale Vagts

dvagts@hotmail.com

cell 507-250-5010

office 563-547-2161

home 563-547 3146





2015 Northeast Iron Dog Ride
February 28 - March 4, 2015
Pittsburg, NH

Travel Days: February 28th and March 4th.
Ride Days: Sunday-Tuesday, March 1st-3rd

Lodging

Ramblewood Cabins & Campground

\$100 per night for two people a cabin

Registration and \$100 Deposit required by January 1, 2015

<http://ramblewoodcabins.com/> Call: 1-877-726-2539 or 1-603-538-6948

Snowmobile Rentals

\$165 per day for snowmobile and gear per person

Snowmobile Registrations - bring your snowmobile

New Hampshire Snowmobile Association may obtain special complimentary trail permits for the three days of the Iron Dog Ride. If you desire to stay and ride longer - non-resident registrations are \$84 for club member and \$114 for non-club members.

Stay longer and attend the 23rd [New Hampshire SnoDec \(nhsnodeo.com\)](http://nhsnodeo.com)
March 6th-8th in Stewartstown, NH
"One of the Top 10 Must Experience Snowmobile Events" -SnowGoer Magazine

For more information

Contact Jim Holbrook
Phone: (802) 785-2214

E-MAIL: rtcatman@yahoo.com or snomo@dartmouth.edu

To register for the ride, please complete the following and email to Jim Holbrook by January 1, 2015

Iron Dog Name: _____ Number of Guests: _____

Name(s) of guest(s): _____

Will you bring your own snowmobile? _____

Will you request complimentary NH Reg pass for 3 days? _____

Will you want to rent a snowmobile? _____

Do You Know These Iron Dogs?



*Kathleen (Kay) Lloyd
2014 Vice President of the
Iron Dog Brigade*

My Interests are:

Snowmobiling, jeeping, going to the ocean. traveling in my 5th Wheel, going on Cruises, watching professional football (Seahawks) and baseball (Mariners) games, movies, attending concerts, watching a sunset, enjoying a sunrise, traveling and just living life as an Adventure. Gardening, travel, & grandkids!

My Snowmobiling Life:

2014-2015 (May 17-21) - Chair of Committee to have a Winter Scene at the American Trails International Trails Symposium in Portland, OR including snowmobiles, mushers, xctry skiers, etc. Signed up as Volunteer Coordinator of the Cle Elum Rodeo (Aug 1 & 2) Committee.

2010-2016 – Elected onto the BlueRibbon Coalition Board of Directors.

2002-2015 – Past and ongoing activities: Board Member of the Upper Kittitas County Senior Center; Secretary of the Kittitas Grooming Council, Secretary /

Treasurer of the Nimpo Lake Homeowners (B.C., Canada), Secretary of the Summerside Homeowners, and Secretary / Volunteer Coordinator of the 2010, 2011 and 2012 Rails to Ales Brewfest in South Cle Elum.

2007-2014 Secretary of the Yellowstone Task Force working to keep Yellowstone Nat'l Park open for snowmobiling. And it has been successful.

1999 – Inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame

1997-2002 – Chair of American Trails (1998-2000, appointed by President & Mrs Clinton to the Millennium Trail Committee). Put a snowmobile ride together from the Canadian Border to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon.

1998-2000 – Elected the 1st President of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations

1995-1997 – Working with a committee formed the American Council of Snowmobile Associations.

1994-1996 – Chair of the International Snowmobile Council (ISC)

1994 - As ISC Chair, put a snowmobile ride together, working with the manufactures, on the Iditarod Trail. There were 19 of us from the US and Canada (including our ride leader), 1049

miles with no groomed trails, 45 below, wore 'bunny boots' (Airforce style), helped produce an Activity Book to teach children safe snowmobiling habits. Visited with schools along the route and had dropped shipped the books... Was thrown off my snowmobile while riding on the Yukon River, broke 2 ribs, wore two kidney belts and finished the ride! Then went to the hospital in Anchorage... I am working with the 2014 ISC in Colorado to honor those who rode...20 year Celebration!

1992-1994 – Vice Chair of the ISC

1990-1992 – Chair of the Western Chapter of ISC

1988-1990 – Vice Chair of Western Chapter of ISC

1987 – Helped start the BlueRibbon Coalition at the Harris Cabin in Island Park, Idaho. Sat on the first Board of Directors.

1986-1988 – President of Washington State Snowmobile Association (WSSA)

1984-1986 – WSSA Membership Secretary





*Ed Skomoroh,
Iron Dog President*

My first ride on a sled was 1966 on an Alpine twin track Ski Doo in Northwest Ontario. In 1967, my father took on the first Arctic Cat dealership in Canada and I worked for him until the fall of 1969 and joined Arctic Enterprises to be the General Manager of Arctic Sports Products of Canada. A year later I was VP of the Canadian operations and in 1981 when Arctic went into Chapter 11, I was hired by Polaris Industries as President of the Canadian operations. In 1985 I was made corporate VP and transferred in 1989 to Minneapolis as VP of Global Sales and Marketing until my retirement in summer of 2000. During this time I was always focused on the family fun of snowmobiling and our company always had available entry level snowmobiles. I was an advocate of clubs and safe snowmobiling.



*Bob King
Serves on the Budget and
Bylaws Committee's*

After graduating from Dana College in 1971, I began work with Griffin Pipe Products headquartered in Council Bluffs, Iowa. I was transferred to Minnesota in 1974. I retired from Griffin Pipe in 2006 after 35 years of service.

My snowmobile career began in 1974 with the purchase of my first sled (Scorpion Stinger). From that one little decision I became involved with the local club, The Dells Snow Rovers. I then became involved in the NorthWest Trails Association which maintained 150 miles of trails in northwest Hennepin County. This is the part of the Minneapolis metropolitan area. After a very short time I became the Trail Coordinator for the club and that lasted many, many years.

During this time, I was also involved in the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association, holding positions on nearly all of the committees. In 1996 I served as President of the Association.

My wife Judy & I co-chaired two successful International Snowmobile Congress' held in 1989 & 2007.

I was inducted into the Iron Dog Brigade in 1992 in Wisconsin and have attended most of their annual meetings since that time. We are still snowmobiling and enjoying the Midwest rides that have been held in Wisconsin, South Dakota and in Minnesota this last year. I was appointed to serve on the Budget and Bylaws Committee's this year.

We moved back to Iowa in 2008 and are not involved in a local club but belong to three state associations, Iowa, Minnesota & South Dakota and try to attend at least one of their state meetings each year.

Since moving to Iowa, our snowmobiling has been cut back drastically, but still try to ride for 2 weeks in Feb. after the Iron Dog Ride.

One of my most memorable snowmobile trips was one that three of us took from Rogers, MN. to International Falls, MN. It took us 3 days to ride and covered 600 miles going to International Falls and then rode another 600 miles while at International Falls.

Because Judy is the Secretary Treasurer of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, we continue to do snow shows, attend conventions, and sell ACSA Cash Calendars. I organize and head up the Silent Auction held each year at the International Snowmobile Congress.

I continue to keep very active with snowmobile activities but on different levels than previously.

A Barrel of Fun to be had at ISC 2015!

I was honored to represent the Iron Dogs at the ISC Planning Meeting in Niagara Falls, NY in October. The New York association (NYSSA) is doing a fabulous job planning a barrel of fun for us in June! They are taking great care of us! They have selected a lovely room for us (the Cataract Room) to have all day Friday. We will have our meeting in it during the day and then they will transition it into a banquet room in the evening. It has a bar set up in the corner with a lovely area for socializing prior to our dinner. The room is adjustable in size so it will be very accommodating for us. The NYSSA Congress Team and the staff at the Convention Center are fantastic to work with. I'm especially excited to report that it is very easily accessible for folks with mobility challenges! The Hotel is right across the street from the Convention Center. The meeting rooms at the Convention Center are all close together which is very helpful. The schedule is packed with meetings as we do every year. However, New York is planning lots of fun alternatives for those that are not attending meetings. I can't tell you what the Off-Site event will be but I'm looking forward to it. So bring your families and have a barrel of fun!

There is much to do in Niagara too! If the meetings get to be too much, too boring or are not your thing anymore... there are plenty of places to sneak away too! Right across the street is

the Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino and others close by in Canada. There are wine tours, history galore to explore, beautiful sights to see, Canada across the river, peaceful hideaways, water to sit by and relax and more! And of course, seeing old friends and meeting new friends is the best!

The beautiful world renowned Niagara Falls is just a couple of blocks down the street from our host hotel! During periods of peak flow in the summer and fall, more than 700,000 gallons of water per second pour over Niagara Falls. Watch the fireworks on Friday night! Did you know the first person to go over the Falls in a barrel was 63-year-old school teacher Annie Edson Taylor? Feeling more adventurous? There are things for you to do too!

For you history buffs. Did you know?...

- One of the oldest surviving United States flags is permanently displayed at Fort Niagara. It was captured by the British during the War of 1812.
- Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University features a world-class collection of contemporary art and "Freedom Crossing: The Underground Railroad in Greater Niagara" gallery.
- The historic village of Lewiston was the site of the first battle of the War of 1812 and the last stop for slaves escaping to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

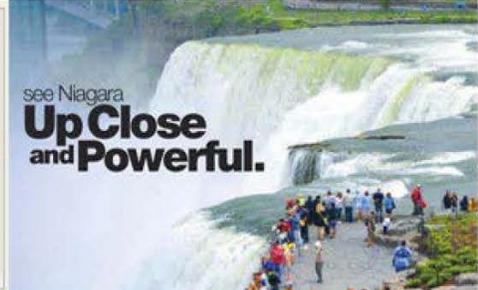
Cataract Room



Hotel/Conference Center



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Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino



Thrilling ride



Still not convinced there is anything to do in Niagara Falls?

Go to http://www.niagara-usa.com/includes/content/docs/MEDIA/niagara_15_reasons.pdf and read about *15 Reasons to Love Niagara USA!*

Hope to see you in Niagara USA in June!

Bonnie Holbrook

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SNOWMOBILE PARADE

The ASA is inviting all snowmobile clubs to help us break the World Record. Make sure your club is represented!

The Alberta Snowmobile Association, Whitecourt Trailblazers Snowmobile Club, Town of Whitecourt and Woodlands County want to break the Guinness World Record of 820 snowmobiles in a row.

When: Thursday, February 12, 2015

Where: Canadian Tire Welcome Centre
Seniors Circle, 5212-50th Street, Downtown Whitecourt

Cost: FREE to participate and attend

Snowmobile Registration: 5pm - 7pm

Parade Starts: 7pm

Post Parade Celebration: 8pm

Spectators are welcome along parade route.
Route to be determined at a later date.

**ALL AGES WELCOME!
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- World Snowmobile Showcase featuring Alan Doyle of Great Big Sea and more
- Ice Sculptures
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For all event details go to www.worldsnowmobileinvasion.com

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association Partners With OPEI and NMMA on the ‘Look Before You

The campaign cautions users of snowmobiles, boats, motorcycles, small engine and outdoor power equipment to use correct fuel.

By Ed Klim

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) has partnered with the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) and the National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) in the ‘Look Before You Pump’ campaign, an ethanol education and consumer protection program. The campaign reminds consumers to always use fuels containing no greater than ten percent ethanol when powering their outdoor power equipment or other non-road product, such as boats, snowmobiles and motorcycles, not designed for higher ethanol fuel blends.

The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association is the leading association representing the manufacturers of snowmobiles, which encourage policies, programs and activities to improve the lifestyle activity of snowmobiling.

The ‘Look Before You Pump’ campaign is most known by its emblematic prominent, red warning hand symbol indicating ‘OK’ for 10 percent ethanol and ‘No’ for mid-level ethanol blends (such as E15, E30, E85). The campaign was launched in October 2013, in

response to higher ethanol blended fuels being made available in the marketplace for ‘flex-fuel’ automobiles, and to warn consumers not to inadvertently mis-fuel their engine products not designed to handle these higher ethanol fuel blends.

The level of support for ‘Look Before You Pump’ continues to grow. No one wants to damage or destroy their equipment. But the changing fuel marketplace demands education, as evidenced by retailers, dealers, and manufacturers—and now major industry organizations — being more proactive in telling American consumers and business owners to be more mindful when selecting the right fuel for their products.

According to Ed Klim, President of ISMA, “It is important our customers know their fuel selection is important.”

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

A summer 2013 Interactive

study shows the vast majority of Americans (71 percent) are “not at all sure” if it is illegal or legal to put high level ethanol gas (i.e., anything greater than 10 percent ethanol) into engines such as those in boats, mowers, chain saws, snowmobiles, generators and other engine products. The US EPA is on record stating that snowmobiles should NOT use fuel with more than 10% ethanol (E-10).

Attached is a ready to use message and emblem you are encouraged to place in your publications and web sites. A continuous, long term campaign will be needed to inform all our outdoor enthusiast friends.

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