

# IOWA SNOWMOBILER

January 2010 • Volume 31, Issue 5

## Near-Record Snowfall for December In Iowa

**Groomer Workshop  
Planned This Month**

**Take a Friend Snowmobiling  
Set for February**



Last February, Past ISSA President Bruno Andreini of Dallas Center became the sixth Iowan inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame. See page 7 for more on this prestigious honor.

# THE JACK

## Iowa Vintage LeMans Championship Jack Helgren Memorial Race

- \$5,000 PURSE
- CLASSES FOR 1995 AND OLDER SLEDS
- PLUS A CURRENT PRODUCTION STOCK 600 CLASS
- VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE SHOW AND SWAP MEET

**Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010**

**McIntosh State Park, Clear Lake, Iowa**

### RULES & CLASSES FOR RACING

1. 1973 and older sleds (0 thru 340s and 341 thru 440s) will race together with a race length of 30 minutes
2. 1985 and older sleds (0 thru 340 and 341 thru 440s) will race together with a race length of 45 minutes
3. 1986-1995 sleds (0 thru 440s and 441 thru 600S) will race together with a race length of 60 minutes.

Win this restored

**1974 Ski-Doo  
TNT 440FA**

Donated by Christian Clem



Raffle tickets cost \$5 apiece or five for \$20 and are available day of race or by calling Gary at (641) 425-1375.

4. Current 600 sleds will race in their own class for a length of 60 minutes.
5. All classes are to be stock.

Entry fees: \$30 to enter per class plus \$10 (refundable) for # bib.

Race course will be laid out on the lake surface.

Length will be determined closer to race day.

### VINTAGE SNOWMOBILE SHOW AND SWAP MEET

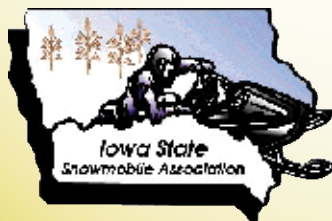
1. No entry fee for snowmobile display.
2. Trophies for Best of Show, Best Survivor (unrestored) and Best Restored.
3. Small fee for swap meet spaces.

For more information, contact Gary at (641) 425-1375, Rob at (641) 420-1497 or Terry at (641) 903-9294 or visit [www.iowasnowmobiler.com](http://www.iowasnowmobiler.com).

Host Hotel: Best Western Holiday Lodge,  
Clear Lake: (641) 357-5253.



The Jack  
Buttons for Sale.  
\$5 day of race.



Brought to you by the North Iowa Snow Seekers...with support from the North Iowa Sno-Jammers, Iowa River Riders and Hancock County Snowmobile Association...plus assistance from the ISSA, ISC 2010 and the Iowa Department of Economic Development.

**IOWA** life | changing®

**Iowa Snowmobiler**  
The Official Magazine of the Iowa  
State Snowmobile Association



www.iowasnowmobiler.com  
709 Buchanan Street  
Manchester, IA 52057

**ISSA Magazine Committee**

Merv Hoermann, Chair  
P.O. Box 22, Sutherland, IA 51058  
(712) 260-4810  
mebeefeater@hotmail.com

Karen McVicker  
1120 110th Street, Hampton, IA 50441  
(641) 456-3916  
karencvicker@yahoo.com

Diane Childs  
311 East Prospect St.  
Manchester, IA 52057  
(563) 927-5934  
issasnow@mchsi.com

**Managing Editor**  
Cameron Hanson  
2552 Woodland Place  
Charles City, IA 50616  
(641) 330-5565 Fax: (270) 747-9321  
editor@iowasnowmobiler.com

**Publisher**  
Jim Slife

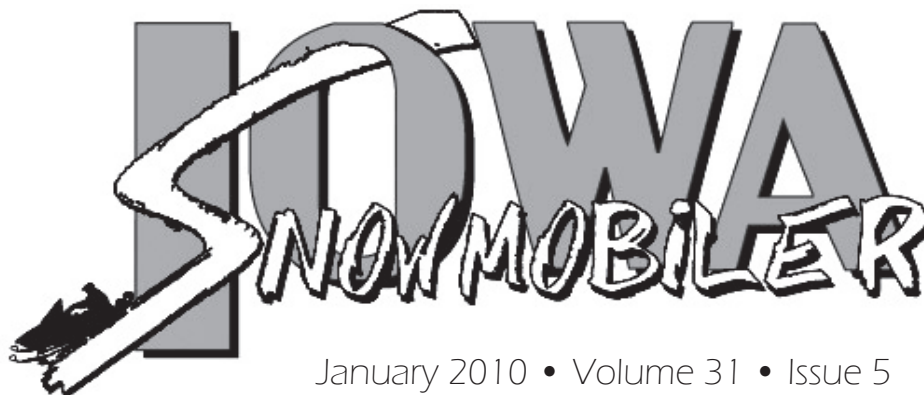
**Graphic Design**  
Cameron Hanson  
Ev Boevers

**Proofreaders**  
Karen McVicker  
Merv Hoermann  
Diane Childs

**Advertising Sales**  
Rick Thomas  
rthomas@pionermagazines.com  
Cameron Hanson  
editor@iowasnowmobiler.com



316 W. 5th Street  
Waterloo, IA 50701  
(319) 234-8969 local  
(800) 765-1690 toll free  
(319) 234-8518 fax



January 2010 • Volume 31 • Issue 5



**Second Annual Campaign  
Starts Next Month**

6

ISSA gets a head start on Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week with legislative rides already taking place across state.



**Andreini Inducted into  
Snowmobile Hall of Fame**

7

Past ISSA president becomes sixth Iowan to receive prestigious honor; hall moves from northern Minnesota to Eagle River.



**Near-Record Snowfall  
for December in Iowa**

9

Grooming operations in full swing as more than 20 inches of snow blanket much of the state, especially the western half.

**More Inside...**

- President Column
- Vice President Column
- Club Challenge
- Calendar of Events
- Club News
- Directory Listings

**2009-10 Magazine Deadlines**

September .....	August 5
October .....	September 8
November .....	October 1
December .....	November 3
January .....	December 1
February .....	January 4
March .....	February 4

COVER: The multi-purpose Heart of Iowa Nature Trail at Huxley saw plenty of snowmobile action the second weekend in January. Like most of Iowa, the riding conditions were excellent thanks to bountiful snow in December.

CONTRIBUTORS: We welcome unsolicited materials and letters for possible publication. Iowa Snowmobiler accepts no responsibility for returns, losses or damage of unsolicited materials. Iowa Snowmobiler is the official publication of the Iowa State Snowmobile Association under the direction of the ISSA Magazine Committee. It is published seasonally seven times a year in September, October, November, December, January, February and March and is published by Pioneer Communications.

2009©Copyright: All rights reserved. Reproduction in whole or part is prohibited without the written permission of the publisher.

# Join the ISSA Today!

If you enjoy the sport of snowmobiling in Iowa, you are not alone. There are an estimated 28,000 sleds registered with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and more than 50 clubs around the state which work to preserve a 5,000-mile trail system.

The glue that bonds us together is the Iowa State Snowmobile Association and its network of 2,443 dedicated family members and associates. Since 1973, our organization has helped to maintain an expansive fleet of groomers and lobbied on behalf of snowmobile-friendly legislation.

Without the ISSA over the past 30 years, snowmobiles—for

example—would have been held to a 15 mph speed limit, and there would not have been any night riding, ditch riding nor access to state parks. Our efforts continue, and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Fill out the form below and join the ISSA today.

With your paid, annual membership, you will receive a free subscription to the *Iowa Snowmobiler* magazine (our official publication) as well as a complimentary accidental death and dismemberment insurance policy. In order for husband and wife to receive the full \$2,500 benefit, though, please list each member in the space provided.

## Please remit with payment.

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

Single/Family (\$15)  Associate/Business (\$25)  Associate/Business w/website link (\$50)  Three-year family membership (\$40)  
Decals at \$2.35 each #  Scholarship Donation \$  Charity Donation \$  Legislative Action Fund Donation \$

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ County of Residence \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Snowmobile club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership year runs from Jan. 1 thru Dec. 31. Included in membership is a subscription to this magazine.  
A three-year membership represents a \$5 savings.

Send your membership form and dues today to:  
ISSA Membership c/o Diane Childs  
709 Buchanan St.  
Manchester, IA 52057, e-mail: [issasnow@mchsi.com](mailto:issasnow@mchsi.com)



*Thank you for  
your support!*

## ISSA/IDNR Groomer Certification Workshop Jan. 24 in Region 3

The ISSA and Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be hosting another groomer certification course in Region 3 at Vinny's in Dakota City on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. Preregistration is requested—but not mandatory—to help in planning the class and to expedite the check-in process the day of the class. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to class for check-in. Certification is mandatory in Iowa to operate state-owned grooming equipment.

Please forward your information to instructor Jerry Kramer, 1930 Lincoln Ave., Humboldt, IA 50548 or email to [bkramer@ncn.net](mailto:bkramer@ncn.net). For more information, contact Kramer at (515) 890-1099.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are attending for a refresher course, please provide your audit # from existing certificate \_\_\_\_\_.

# Working for the Promotion and Enjoyment of Snowmobiling in Iowa

The first of December still finds me sitting in line at the elevator. Sounds like the rest of the month will be the same. The weather is starting to get colder. By the end of this week, the ground should be hard enough to put an end to field work. Hopefully, we can still get stakes in the ground, as with this late harvest we aren't done marking our trails. Sure would be nice to get 8 to 10 inches of the white stuff. It would make life a lot more enjoyable.

My home club's winter plans are all set. The dates for the fun runs are on the calendar, a legislative ride in our area is being planned and volunteering for the Des Moines Winter Games SnoCross races and the Vintage LeMans Race on Clear Lake is being organized. The big event for our club is really our club trip to the Snowies in mid-February.

As you can see, our club is quite busy through the winter as well as the off-season. This is important in drawing membership but also with all those activities comes the need for more members to step up and carry the load. There are so many opportunities to be involved. Some people are needed to mark trails, do groomer repairs and groom, line up publicity for our events, do DNR paperwork, make contacts with Fun Run stops, solicit prizes and associate members, teach safety classes, sell T-shirts, help with summer events and the list goes on. We would just all love to get on our sleds and ride, but to be able to do that does take a lot of manpower. Your state snowmobile association, as well as the local clubs, are here to continue working for the promotion of the sport here in Iowa and to enable our riders

## My View from the Road

.....  
**Gary McVicker**  
 ISSA President



the enjoyment of snowmobiling. As with any organization, the volunteers are very important, and they need a pat on the back once in a while. But most of all, they could use your help too, in whatever way you can.

Now fast forward a couple weeks...

Well, we certainly did get snow!! Yea!!! I'm finishing my comments after the snow came, and from what I've heard, the early December storm compared to the winter of 1970-71 for deep snow state wide. That was the winter I got hooked on snowmobiling (yes, I'm that old!). I'd come home from wrestling practice and ride...and ride all weekend long. That old Massey 300 took me everywhere. The snow was deep enough that I could go anywhere. Trails? What trails? We just rode. Oh, how things have changed in 40 years. I think I paid \$675 for that 300, and now sleds run \$8-\$12,000!! But what a difference in ride, power and technology!

We had our first Fun Run Dec. 19 with a good turnout. Trails were pretty good, we got

**Turn to page 8**

## Make Plans to Attend Des Moines Winter Games, ISSA SnoCross

Des Moines may be a great place to take your family on a weekend trip as they are once again hosting the 2010 Winter Games the weekend of Feb. 5. More than a dozen games and activities will be held at six different venues during the three-day event.

The event kicks off Friday evening with the "Polar Plunge" at 6:15 p.m., broadcast live on KCCI from Sleepy Hollow Sports Park where many of the events take place. There is a multitude of other games and competitions including snowboarding, sculpting, broomball, flag football, fishing and hockey to name a few.

The big event for snowmobiling enthusiasts is the ISSA's Second Annual Snocross on Saturday, Feb. 6. Last year, hundreds of spectators witnessed the first snocross in the Des Moines area as 39 racers competed in a variety of race classes.

This year promises to be even larger, says race director Rob Keeling. Pre-registration applications are already coming in. They'll have three class levels based on the racers experience: Beginner (first time racers only), Intermediate and Advanced (experienced racers). These class levels will then be broken down by engine sizes: A - Up to 500cc, B - 501-700cc and C - 701cc and up.

## Making up for Lost Time

.....  
**Gary Burger**  
 ISSA Vice President



The Sleepy Hollow Sports Park is an excellent venue for the ISSA's Snocross. They began making and stockpiling snow for the snocross the first of the year and have the ability to groom the track to our needs before and during the racing. Of course food and other concessions will be available on-site. While your watching the Snocross, maybe the other members of your family might enjoy the skiing, the tubing or the new Zipfy Bop facilities that will be open during the event.

For more information on the events for the Des Moines Winter Games, you can go online to [www.dmwintergames.com](http://www.dmwintergames.com) and for the ISSA Snocross, contact Rob Keeling at [sledcross@hotmail.com](mailto:sledcross@hotmail.com) or (515) 689-3745.

Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week Feb. 12-22

## Second Annual Promotion Intended to Introduce Non-Snowmobilers to Sport

The ISSA is inviting its member-clubs to participate in the second annual Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week Feb. 12-22. This elongated week celebrates friends and family snowmobiling for 11 days, including two weekends.

"The snowmobile week was introduced to go hand-in-hand with the Take a Friend Snowmobiling campaign and has been developed to encourage all of us to take our non-snowmobiling friends out snowmobiling," explained Ed Klim, president of the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association.

"We have all had many conversations, telling stories about how much fun it is to take people snowmobiling, and many of us are realizing that we have a lot of non-snowmobiling friends to take snowmobiling," Klim added.

The event is really designed to be simple, but be sure to cover safety training and the few recommended guidelines concerning snowmobile operation. "Make sure to cover all the safe snowmobiling behavior with your friend before taking them out on their first ride," Klim said.

A key ingredient to a good time for a first-time snowmobiler is for seasoned riders to make sure non-snowmobilers are comfortable when they first get on a snowmobile.

"You need to be cautious and ride slow when taking out a new rider," Klim said. "You should plan on making numerous stops and enjoying the scenery. It is always recommended that the first ride be rather short and include a stop for a light meal or hot chocolate or coffee and a little camaraderie and storytelling at the local restaurant, clubhouse or outdoor barbecue area."

Klim especially encourages snowmobile clubs to participate in the activity and try to hold a special day or weekend encouraging members to bring non-snowmobiling friends to go for a



Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week Feb. 12-22

### ISSA Off to a Head Start with Legislative Rides Across Iowa

The ISSA is already off to a head start on the Take a Friend Snowmobiling concept with five legislative and introductory rides planned across Iowa on consecutive Saturdays in January and February.

The statewide effort was made possible by a \$3,500 grant from ISMA to purchase winter gear for those participants who are new to the sport to borrow for an afternoon's ride on a multi-purpose trail.

"Realizing that most want-to-be snowmobilers don't have the proper equipment, we have purchased 15 sets of clothing including jackets, bibs, gloves and helmets in various sizes for their use," explained ISSA Vice President Gary Burger. "For sleds, we will be working with the dealers in each of the areas as well as local club members to participate by lending us a sled for these short rides."

Two of the events have already taken place: Jan. 9 on the Five Star Trail System in Region 4 and Jan. 16 at Backbone State Park in Region 5. A third ride is planned for Jan. 23 on the Rolling Prairie Trail at Coulter, and the remaining two are slated for the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail at Huxley on Jan. 30 and the Pilot Knob State Park at Forest City on Feb. 5.

"In the end, our goal is to introduce snowmobiling to individuals who may have always wanted to try it but didn't have the opportunity or knowledge to do so," Burger said.

For more information on the Coulter ride, contact ISSA President Gary McVicker at (641) 425-1375; for the Huxley ride, ISSA Vice President Gary Burger (641) 707-3000; and for the Forest City ride, Past ISSA President Terry Durby at (641) 903-9294.

short ride and discover what snowmobilers do during the winter.

"This effort follows the guidelines and recommendations our customer research has shown us, which highlights that non-snowmobilers know very little about snowmobiling," Klim said. "Most non-snowmobilers don't know where the trails are, really don't know who builds and maintains and pays for the trail systems and have no idea of the beautiful scenery that we enjoy and the fun that we have in the winter riding our snowmobiles.

"The research has showed us that folks who don't snowmobile rate their desire to go snowmobiling a solid 9 on a 10-point scale. All we need to do is ask," Klim said.

As a special incentive to take non-snowmobilers snowmobiling, ISMA will give away a \$250 gift certificate to a lucky individual who registers and participates in the Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week event.

The Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week registration form is now available online on the Go Snowmobiling website at [www.gosnowmobiling.org](http://www.gosnowmobiling.org).

### Safety Training

Before heading out on the ride, here are some key safety points to consider for you and your friend(s):

- Proper operation of the brake and throttle.
- Shifting weight and slowing down in curves.
- Staying on the righthand side of the trail.
- Dismount the snowmobile on the righthand side.
- Make sure the vehicle is in good mechanical order.
- Make sure your friend is appropriately dressed and sober.

# Andreini Inducted into International Snowmobile Hall of Fame

Past ISSA President  
Among Six Iowans  
Enshrined Since 1991

by Cameron Hanson

Past ISSA President Bruno Andreini of Dallas Center was enshrined in the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame (ISHOF) during induction ceremonies in Grand Rapids, Minn., last February, becoming the sixth Iowan to receive this prestigious honor in the ISHOF's 20-year history.

Andreini, who served as ISSA president from 1997 to 1998, was recognized for his volunteer efforts related to snowmobiling in Iowa. He joins fellow Iowa alumae Dan Martin (1991), Dick and Anne Melick (2001), Dave Carmichael (2005) and Dale Vagts (2007) on the hall of fame wall, and he said he is proud to be listed with them and others connected to the storied history of snowmobiling.

"I've been involved in this sport of snowmobiling a long time—crossing many bridges along the way—but being inducted into the (ISHOF) is just plain awesome!" Andreini said. "When I think of being recognized at the same table with Edgar Hetteen, Ralph Plaisted, C.J. Ramstad and so many others, I am both humbled and gratified at the same time. Receiving this award is something I will cherish forever."

Andreini, a retired electrical contractor and businessman, hopped on his first snowmobile in 1969 and has yet to let go of the throttle. A long-time member of the Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club of Region 7, he has held about every office in local and state snowmobiling and remains active on the ISSA Board of Directors as co-chair of the Emergency Funding and Legislative Committee (EFC).

He is also a steadfast supporter of charity, heading up the ISSA Education and Scholarship Foundation and serving on the board of the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa, the ISSA's official charity. He is also credited with the inception of the Snowmobilers Preserving Our Recreational Trails (SPORT) fundraising campaign. In existence for more than a decade, this national program supports the American Council of Snowmobile Associations' Legal Defense Fund through the sale of pins and renewal bars.



**Bruno Andreini**  
ISSA President 1997-98

Just as the Legal Defense Fund protects snowmobilers' access to public lands on the national level, Andreini remains a fervent proponent of multi-purpose trails in his home state. Along with his fellow club members, he has worked diligently to ensure the Heart of Iowa Nature Trail stays open to snowmobiling in Story County. He said the

motivation for this activism stems from his early years of riding.

"Snowmobiling was a definitely a growing sport at the time I started, but we didn't have any organization," he recalled. "We didn't have trails, and I saw a need for that real quickly. We used to just ride cross-country, and it didn't matter where you went. But that reckless behavior just didn't make any sense to me at the time. Landowners were not going to take a liking to us going across their property for very long. I could recognize the problems we were heading for."

## Climbing the Ladder

Andreini joined the Saylorville Dam club in 1974 and served as its president in 1989. In 1992, he was elected assistant director of Region 7 on the ISSA board and was elected the association's vice-president in 1995-96, thus paving the way for his term as president the following two years. In 2004, he and his fellow EFC members were named *Snowmobile* magazine's "Most Valuable Snowmobilers" for their response to the Iowa Legislature's depletion of snowmobile funds two years earlier.

A member of the Iron Dogs, Andreini serves on the ISSA ISC 2010 Planning Committee and

**Turn to page 8**



*Bruno Andreini (left) and Dave Carmichael were honored last February during induction ceremonies at the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Grand Rapids, Minn. Andreini was enshrined in the Hall in the Volunteer category, while Carmichael, a 2004 inductee, was named Arctic Cat's International Groomer Operator of the Year. Last summer, Carmichael was also elected treasurer of the Hall of Fame.*

## Andreini

Continued from page 7

is showing no signs of slowing down anytime soon. At an age when many people are heading south for the winter, Andreini is anxious to pull the cover off his 2003 Polaris 700 XC each winter and itching for the first ride of the season.

“Snowmobiling has always been a rush for me,” said Andreini, who enjoys motorcycling in the “off-season.” “I’ve been at this for more than 40 years, and I still get a thrill out of doing it. I honestly mean that, especially the first few trips of the season. I just get a rush which is indescribable.

“My mother and I were having a cup of coffee one time just before she passed away, and she turned to me and asked, ‘Bruno, when are you going to grow up?’ I said, ‘Mom, I hope I never do.’”

## McVicker

Continued from page 5

some of the grooming done before the run, but what a challenge as most of our trails are in the ditches, and they were blown full. The new Rolling Prairie Trail had several cuts with 15-20 feet of snow. It looks like we should have all the grooming done by our next Fun Run Jan. 2, except the deep cuts on the RPT.

I would like to encourage members to get involved with the legislative rides around the state coming up, to showcase our sport and enlighten those in government positions as to what we do and help them understand where we’re coming from. The SnoCross races in Des Moines could surely use volunteers, participants and spectators, and we’d love to have you come up to Clear Lake for the Vintage LeMans race (The Jack) on Feb. 13.

Safe riding to all.

### Correction

On page 9 of the December issue of the *Iowa Snowmobiler* magazine, the “dissolution” of the Eastern Iowa Snowmobile Alliance in Region 9 was erroneously reported. The Alliance remains intact with the Frozen Few and the Jones County SnowChasers. Only the Snow Pioneers of Region 5 have separated from the group. Additionally, on page 16, the Club Challenge donation from the Wapsipicon Snowmobile Association was inadvertently omitted and has been relisted on page 12 of this month’s issue.

## Hall of Fame Moves to Eagle River



*In addition to housing the relocated International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, the World Snowmobile Headquarters at Eagle River, Wis., also features a snowmobile museum with more than 85 vintage and historical sleds on display.*

Last July, the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame (ISHOF) moved from its founding location in Bovey, Minn., to Eagle River, Wis., and is now physically located in the World Snowmobile Headquarters (WSHQ) building, just 250 feet north of the famed World Championship Snowmobile Derby track.

“It’s exciting to see our program expand to Eagle River,” said Elmer Cone, founder and president of ISHOF. “It means thousands of snowmobilers will be able to see and experience what we have accomplished to recognize and promote the recreational and historical aspects of the sport of snowmobiling.”

Officially recognized as the “Snowmobile Capital of the World,” Eagle River will bring greatly-increased exposure to ISHOF. The WSHQ showcases seven different snowmobile groups and organizations, and a snowmobile museum with over 85 sleds on display showcases many snowmobiles of significant influence in the mechanical development of the sport.

“Our goal is to showcase both the people and the machines that have taken our sport from its infancy to the present,” said Tom Anderson, WSHQ president and ISHOF vice-president and secretary. “We are honored to have the ISHOF program here in Eagle River. They have laid a great foundation for the recognition of people and snowmobiles that we are happy to build on.”

“Thank you, and your board for adding a venue of support to provide additional recognition of the individuals that have and continue to make snowmobiling one of the pinnacles of winter sports through their determination, dedication and the true heart of volunteering,” Cone adds.

Founded in 1986, the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame has inducted 74 individuals into the hall as recognition of their dedication to the sport and business related to the worldwide sport of snowmobiling. All phases and administration of ISHOF will now be handled from the Eagle River facility.

“We are excited about the move to Eagle River and pledge to continue to promote and give credit to the people and machines that have created and maintain the great sport of snowmobiling,” states Scott Eilertson, newly-elected president of ISHOF and a 2005 inductee. “It is extremely impressive to see the photo plaques of the 74 very important and dedicated people that have done so much to create and develop our sport.”

In addition to Anderson and Eilertson, Past ISSA President and 2005 ISHOF inductee Dave Carmichael rounds out the list of officers as treasurer. Elected directors include Jerry Bassett (1996), Russ Davis, Dave Guenther, Dave Johnson, Larry Koch (1999), Les Ollilia, DeLyle Pankratz, Steve Pierce, Bill Schumann (1997) and Joann Smith.

# Near-Record Snowfall in December in Iowa

Spurred by a series of significant storms, snowfall totals in December in Iowa reached near-record levels with a preliminary statewide average of 23.3 inches reported by the Iowa Climatology Bureau at the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

According to state climatologist Harry Hillaker, December of 2009 was the second highest calendar month total since statewide records began in 1887-88. The only month with a higher statewide average was December 2000 with 25.5 inches.

“The final snow event of the month on Dec. 30-31 pushed us past February 1962’s 22.2-inch average and into second place,” he said.

The monthly total was helped greatly by two huge snow events, beginning with the blizzard of Dec. 7-9 which brought a statewide average snowfall of 10.2 inches. Hillaker said this was the largest single-storm total recorded in Iowa since the blizzard of Jan. 2-4, 1971, and the third highest storm total since 1950. The second blizzard event of Dec. 23-27 brought a statewide average of 8.2 inches of snow. This ranks as the eighth greatest storm total since 1950.

“Snow totals were well above normal everywhere in Iowa last month,” Hillaker said. “However, the southeast one-quarter of the state saw the least snow as they were on the fringe of both major storms. The western one-third of the state saw the most snow as that area received the full force of both storms.”

According to Hillaker’s office, Spencer reported the most snow for the month with 40 inches, a new calendar month record for that western Iowa community. The old record was 39.0 inches in February 1962. It also set a new December record for a single station in Iowa.

“The old record was 39.6 inches at Britt in December 2000,” Hillaker explained. “Please note there have been higher single station calendar month totals in January, February and March.”

As for the rest of winter, Iowa enters 2010 with saturated soils nearly statewide thanks to very wet weather in October and December. El Niño conditions, present since last spring, are expected to persist over the Pacific Ocean until spring. Historically, El Niño favors above normal temperatures in the mid-winter months in Iowa, and already by mid-January, daytime temperatures were reading above freezing in several parts of the state.



At their Jan. 9 regular board meeting, ISSA Region Directors reported “level-full” ditches of snow and grooming operations in full swing across the state. Above, the Saylorville Dam Piston Bully smooths the trail west of Huxley.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

Driftrunners, Inc., 42nd Annual Snow Fest, Cresco, Jan. 21-24 featuring club rides, poker run, raffle, torchlight parade, bonfire and dance. Concludes with brunch and family ride on Sunday.

ISSA Legislative Ride Rolling Prairie Trail, Coulter, Saturday, Jan. 23, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Gary McVicker at (641) 425-1375 for more information.

ISSA/IDNR Groomer Certification Workshop Sunday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. at Vinny’s, Dakota City. For more information, contact Jerry Kramer at (515) 890-1099 or turn to page 4.

Iowa Motorized Sports Coalition Legislative Breakfast Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7 a.m. at the State Capitol, Des Moines.

30th Annual University Of Okoboji Winter Games Jan. 29-31. For more information, visit [www.uofowintergames.com](http://www.uofowintergames.com).

ISSA Legislative Ride Heart of Iowa Nature Trail, Huxley, Saturday, Jan. 30, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Gary Burger at (515) 707-3000.

Jones County SnowChasers Charity Fun Run for the Spina Bifida Association of Iowa Saturday, Jan. 30. Ends at Scooters at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Willy Bendixen at (319)-350-1052

### February

ISSA Legislative Ride Pilot Knob, Forest City, Saturday, Feb. 5, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Terry Durby at (641) 903-9294.

ISSA Snocross Feb. 6 Des Moines Winter Games. Visit [www.dmwintergames.com](http://www.dmwintergames.com) for more information.

Dickinson County Snowhawks Third Annual Vintage Snowmobile Nationals Feb. 6.

Region 4 Snowmobile Safety Course Saturday, Feb. 6, at 8 a.m. at Nate’s Outdoor Recreation, 110 Oak Street, Riceville. Please contact Angie Sprung at (641) 220-4646 or Bob Owen at (507) 269-2640 to pre-register.

Snowmobilers of Jackson County Annual Radar Run Feb. 6 at North Sabula Lake, Sabula. Registration starts at 8 a.m. with racing starting at 8:30 a.m. Any questions, call Ryan Lott at (563) 687-3037.

ISSA Le Mans Championship Jack Helgren Memorial Race Feb. 13 Clear Lake. Visit [www.iowasnowmobiler.com](http://www.iowasnowmobiler.com) for more information.

Raccoon Valley Snow Chasers Ice Drags Feb. 13.

2010 Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week Feb. 12-22.

Central Iowa Snowmobilers and Garwin Bull Vintage Snowmobile Ride and Show Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. at the east side of the park in Garwin. For more information, contact Todd Kearney at (641) 751-1220.

## Region 1

### O'Brien County Snowtrackers

by Zelda Buse Christensen

In spite of so many people making use of some much needed good weather to work on harvesting, Saturday night, Nov. 7, still brought 38 adults and three kids to the Community Center in Primghar to enjoy a tasty meal catered by Baxterz. The club paid \$1 of each member's meal, plus the total meal for 4 new members.

After the business meeting and some announcements, donated door prizes were given out. When all had been distributed (and everyone had gotten at least one prize), all names were returned to the box for four names to be drawn, each to win \$25 worth of gas. Lucky winners were Bryan Rohlfen, Doug Nagel, Karl Kellen and Zelda Buse Christensen.

Raffle tickets were sold just that night for three mystery boxes and a jug of donated Amsoil. Those lucky winners were Mark Tjossem, who got a new running board scraper with a fire starter in the handle; Zelda Buse Christensen, who got a new nine-inch folding saw (plus two shiny truck pipes fresh off a junk pile); Kyle Huckaby, who got a new snow bunge and a new electric boot/glove dryer; and Scott Vogelaar, who got the Amsoil.

Working with all present at the meeting and hustling the following week allowed our club to get 100 Skidoo forms for Glen's Sport Center to send in before the deadline. We anxiously await this unexpected cash!

Glen's Sport Center of Sheldon had attendees drooling and thinking of snow when studying the two new sleds Kelly had brought for display. It will soon be time to check out the trails that are just about all signed now. The new trail maps were available.

One week after the annual supper was another big night for the O'Brien County Snowtrackers, for two members were honored at the ISSA Convention: Merv Hoermann was named ISSA Snowmobiler of the Year and Karl Kellen was named ISSA Groomer Operator of the Year! The club congratulates them and recognizes them for their years of dedication to the sport of snowmobiling. Their jobs often seem thankless, but the Snowtrackers officially say THANK YOU!

## Region 3

### Hancock County Snowmobile Association

by Dan Stromer, Vice President and Reporter

Greetings from Hancock County. Hard to believe it is December already, and even harder to believe, I was recently pounding in trail signs in a T-shirt. Hopefully, the weather will cool down, things will freeze up and it will start snowing.

The HCSA has been busy again this year. We had the ice cream booth at the Hancock County Fair, which once again was a big success thanks to all the volunteers. We also managed to get a golf outing in Klemme around every one's busy schedules. We also worked in a couple meetings this fall between rain drops and combining, and we held our annual chili feed membership drive at the new Stromer

Powersports and Marine shop.

Everyone has been busy getting all the trail signs pounded in before the frost and the groomer has been pulled out for its fall servicing. Thanks for everyone's time and effort; hopefully by the time, we all read this, there will be snow on the ground and we all have logged a few miles in.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable snowmobile and holiday season, and as always, think snow.

### North Iowa Sno-Jammers

by Justin Overland, President

Hey, snomobilers,

As I write this, Thanksgiving weekend is coming to an end. I hope everyone had enough good food to eat. We have a lot to be thankful for.

This weekend, our club hosted a snowmobile education class in Lake Mills. All the youth did well, and I look forward to the next one. Our tractor for grooming is finally in, and the drag is on its way, so bring on the SNOW. We have been set back a little because of the weather this fall marking trails, but I know we can work together and get it done.

We will have our annual club Christmas Party Dec. 12 at the Branding Iron in Thompson. I hope to see a good turnout again this year. Remember to get your Sno-Jammer dues paid by that night to have a chance at our membership drawing of a trip to Pat's Landing. Bring some extra cash for Silent Auction items for Spina Bifida.

I am already looking forward to our club trip to Pat's Landing in Hayward, Wis. We will be there Jan. 21-24. It is a great way to get a majority of our great club out and having fun. I am so proud of OUR club.

We are giving a new push this year to get youth involved in our club and ISSA. We plan on encouraging some youth events as a way to get them active in snowmobiling. Contact directors with any ideas.

See you on the snow.

### Iowa River Riders

by Chris Vanness, President

It's hard to believe another year is almost history as I write this the first of December. The trails have been marked, including the new Rolling Prairie Trail, and it's time to ready the sleds as we wait for rideable snow.

The Iowa River Riders had a meeting on Nov. 18 and set the dates for four fun runs: Dec. 19, Jan. 2, Jan. 16 and Feb. 27. Watch our website at [www.iowariverriders.com](http://www.iowariverriders.com) for starting times and locations. Other dates to remember include Feb 6 (ISSA Snocross, Feb. 13 ("The Jack" vintage snowmobile race in Clear Lake) and Feb. 17-20, the IRR club trip to Albany, Wyo.

Have fun and ride safe this season.

## Region 4

### Dewar Snow Chasers

by Matthew Wilde

Dewar Snow Chaser members are involved in many exciting activities to get ready for the sledding season. The only thing missing now is snow.

Club members are busy getting trail system in tip-top shape. Three bridges were reconstructed and brush cleared in late November.

Trail signage is also in the final stages. Some trails will be marked late because of the delayed corn harvest. Members will work with landowners to avoid any trail detours.

New for this year are directional signs. Eighteen will be placed at various locations on Snow Chaser-maintained trails in northeast Iowa. Just like in many portions of Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota, the signs are meant to be more snowmobiler friendly to help visitors find their way. The signs will contain town names, services available—gas, food and motel—and estimated mileage.

“Quite a great improvement to our trail system,” said Linda Kimball, heading up the effort. “It is difficult, sometimes, to remember not everyone using our trails are familiar with them.”

Ron Scally, owner of Auburn Sign in Waterloo, volunteered to make the signs. The club paid for the materials, estimated at \$80 to \$100, and up to \$150 was authorized.

Several members donated their time in late November to volunteer with the Iowa’s Bravest project. Hundreds of care packages were assemble and shipped to troops in Afghanistan.

The club Christmas party was held at the Dewar Community Hall Dec. 6. Santa visited the kids, and the adults enjoyed a re-gift gift exchange.

## Bremer County Sno-Knights

by Hope Balvanz, Secretary, and Annette Sage, President

Happy New Year from the Sno-Knights. We had our annual Christmas party on Dec. 5. As usual, a great time was had by all.

We are hoping by the time you read this that all of the trails have been marked and we have had some snow to ride on. We have several club rides scheduled this winter, and we hope to have record participation on them. We encourage everyone to come check out the Bremer County trails this season.

Our club meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. at The Cooler in Shell Rock, Iowa. Come join us! For any information regarding our club, please visit our website at [www.sno-knights.com](http://www.sno-knights.com) or e-mail [polarisriderxc600@yahoo.com](mailto:polarisriderxc600@yahoo.com).

## Cedar Falls Sno Hawks

by Dick Melick, Reporter

Greetings from Cedar Falls. Hopefully by the time you receive your January issue of the *Iowa Snowmobiler* containing this article, we will have had sufficient snow for riding. Stanley has reported that the groomer is ready to go except he is waiting on one part to complete the fall maintenance. Trail signing is nearly completed as of this writing and should be completed by the time the snow flies.

We had election of officers at the November meeting with the following individuals elected for 2010.

President.....	Tony French
Vice President.....	Tim Fobian
Secretary.....	Dick Melick
Treasurer.....	Dave Carmichael
Activities Director.....	Rodney Platt
Promotions Director.....	Michael Maney
1st Board Member.....	Lyle Andersen
2nd Board Member.....	Anne Melick
Trail Coordinators.....	Stanley Wolf & Richard Benson

We were honored to have Bruno Andreini, ISSA Scholarship Foundation Executive Director and Gary Burger, Foundation Board Member, as guests at our November meeting. Our guests together with Sno Hawks Club members Dave Carmichael and Lyle Andersen, who are also members of the Foundation Board, presented a scholarship to Russell Benson, son of long-time club members Richard and Karen Benson.

Congratulations go out to club member, Anne Melick, who received the ISSA Lifetime Achievement Award at the awards banquet at the ISSA Convention in November. Anne has served the ISSA as a Region 4 Director and Region 4 Assistant Director, ISSA Charity Chair many years and served on a number of committees. Over her nearly 40 years as a club member, she has held multiple terms on nearly every office on the club board.

We welcome new members, Bruno Andreini and Michael Maney. Bruno is a Past President of ISSA and has chosen to support out club with his membership. Michael, who works for John Deere, recently moved to Cedar Falls from Wisconsin where he was an active club member since his teen years and wants to continue the tradition of club participation.

Guess that will cover the news for now. THINK SNOW!!!!

## Region 5

### Snow Pioneers

by Andrea Willey, Secretary

We are in the full swing of things these days, snow has come, melted and came again. The trails have held up well and are in good condition. We are currently grooming the trails using our current equipment as we anxiously await the arrival of the new groomer.

The Snow Pioneers have many upcoming events that we hope you will be able to attend. Jan. 9, we will be hosting our first Fun Run of the season. Jan. 16 will be our legislative ride held at Backbone State Park. Jan. 23 will be a Radar Run on Lake Delhi (ice permitting), and something new this year will be a club Photo Scavenger Hunt to be in February. We are really excited to see all the great pictures of club members as they check off their scavenger hunt list!

New trail maps should be available soon so be sure to pick one up when you come this way and discover all the great things in our area. We are very proud of the trail system we currently have and are dedicated to making our area a great local destination to go snowmobiling. As always if you want a buddy to ride with and you are in the area, let us know. Our club members are always up for a good ride. Hope to see you all on the trails, and remember to do your snow dances!

## Region 7

### Highbridge Trailblazers

by Robert Reutter, Trail Boss

As I am writing this the day before Thanksgiving, the ground is bare. We just had over an inch of rain, but they are talking about an inch of snow tonight. I have my snowmobiles all gone through so they are ready to go.

We will be holding our safety class for the 12-year-olds in my shop Nov. 28. We are going to Yellowstone on Jan. 30 for a week, starting in Yellowstone Park for two days. The rest of the time we will be riding out in Idaho and Montana.

The Highbridge Trailblazers will have a potluck supper for our

December meeting with Santa also scheduled to make an appearance.

We have what they call a Parade of Lights in Boone, Madrid and Ogden. We pulled our club trailer and a trailer with sleds on them in all of the parades.

All of our trails have been marked and are ready for the season.

## Region 8

### Central Iowa Snowmobilers

by Jerry Ebersole, President

Hello, everyone,

The ISSA convention was held the weekend of Nov. 13 and our club did have eight people attend. The convention featured a seminar with the DNR and the state insurance provider. A lot of questions and concerns were addressed. There is still no definite answer on groomer funds available from the state for our club, so at the present time, we will have to prepare our groomer and use it for the time being. I would also like to congratulate Mid States Power Sports of Grimes for the Iowa Snowmobile Dealer of the Year Award. Jon Seibert and his team sponsor our club.

On Nov. 23, a few club members met with City of Marshalltown officials concerning snowmobile use within the city limits. Snowmobilers need to follow all city rules and ordinances. Please pass this information to anyone that rides snowmobiles in the Marshalltown area. It only takes a few uneducated riders to cause a lot of pain for all snowmobilers.

The Wolf Creek and Comet Trail from Gladbrook to Beaman still has not been approved. This trail project may have to be delayed until next year because of cold weather approaching and not being able to properly sign the trail. The Comet Trail from Beaman to Conrad is going to be used similar to last year and the city of Conrad has given us written permission to use their portion.

The nice weather in November is helping the farmers get all the crops out and making areas available to sign for trails. Please take the time to do a good job marking the trails within our club. There has

Please email corrections and new president listings to [editor@iowasnowmobiler.com](mailto:editor@iowasnowmobiler.com) & [snowchild@mchsi.com](mailto:snowchild@mchsi.com).

Thank you.

been a lot of effort promoting our club, and I hope there are more riders to our system this snow season.

And from the traveling desk of Marge Diamond:

Thank you to ALL who had anything to do with the Snow Drags this year; it was a success. I want to thank our sponsors for their donations on helping us this year; without their support, our work would be a lot harder. I know it takes a lot of work and donation of time and efforts of the club members to put on such an event and it is all appreciated.

## Region 9

### Snowdrifters, Inc.

by Ron Roe

Time just keeps moving along. I just finished my trail work. I checked around our club, and it seems like almost everyone has their trails ready to go. I am sure we have a few trails that are still waiting for the crops to be removed before being marked.

At one point, we had a lot of bridge work to do, but with lots of help (14 people), bridges appear to be in place now. Some were repaired, and others were replaced with a few new bridges added. Anyway, thanks to all the helping hands we had. We even had help from as far away as Montana. Thanks go to Jason and Jeanne for the extra help.

With three fun runs planned this winter, I hope we don't scare away the snow. The dates for the fun runs are Jan. 9, Jan. 30

and Feb. 20. To get more information on these, you can contact Bobbers Bar & Grill, which is two miles north of North Liberty on Scales Bend Road.

I would like to thank all the members who make it to the meetings. It makes for a much better discussion on things and gives a sense of accomplishment for the time spent doing this work. Also, thanks to all the members who have paid their dues, and we are still hoping for more to renew.

I need to be planning some trips for myself pretty soon and get some motel reservations made. I am sure when I pick up a new sled, I'll get real interested very fast in doing some riding. I guess all we can do now is wait for snow.

**To become an Associate Member, please fill out the membership form printed on page 4. An associate membership costs \$25, and for another \$25, you can have a website ad and link on our website at [www.iowasnowmobiler.com](http://www.iowasnowmobiler.com). Thank you for your support!**

### ISSA Club Challenge\*

	2009	2010
North Iowa Sno-Jammers (Region 3) .....	\$1,004	
Wapsipinicon Snowmobile Association.....	\$1,000	
Iowa River Riders (Region 3).....	\$600	
Cedar Falls Sno Hawks .....		\$500
Sac County Snow Lovers (Region 6) .....	\$500	
Central Iowa Snowmobilers (Region 8) .....	\$500	\$300
Eastern Iowa Sled Heads (Region 12) .....	\$250	\$300
Snowdrifters, Inc. (Region 9) .....		\$250
Floyd County Groomers Association (Region 4).....	\$300	
Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club (Region 7) .....	\$250	\$250
O'Brien County Snowtrackers (Region 1) .....	\$250	
Snow Pioneers (Region 9) .....	\$250	
Chickasaw Sno-Riders (Region 4).....	\$250	
Mitchell County E-Z Riders (Region 4) .....	\$250	\$250
Snowmobilers of Jackson County (Region 9) .....	\$150	

\*All donations benefit the ISSA's lobbying efforts at the State Capitol in Des Moines. The 2010 contract will cost the ISSA \$19,500.

# IOWA SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

## REGION ONE

**Buena Vista Blizzard Busters**  
President: Jeffrey Sassman  
709 Hudson St., Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-6500

**Clay County Sno Broncs**  
President: Todd Krukow  
609 E. 10th St., Spencer, IA. 51301  
(712) 580-6752, tmkru-  
kow@mchsi.com

**Dickinson County Snohawks**  
PO Box 689, Arnolds Park, IA 51331  
President: Stephanie Duncan  
2281 165th St., Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
(712) 330-6162, ssd@mchsi.com

**Lyon County Sno-Lyons**  
P.O. Box 576, Rock Rapids, IA 51246  
President: Eric Borman  
405 N. 4th Ave. RockRapids, IA 51246  
(712) 470 0190  
ebconst@yahoo.com

**O'Brien County Snowtrackers**  
President: Gary Lansink  
335 3rd St. SE, Primghar, IA 51245  
(712) 957-2072  
lansink@tcaexpress.net

**Osceola County High Point Ryders**  
President: Shari Wollmuth  
703 9th St. Sibley, IA 51249  
(712) 461-0540  
iowasnowcat@yahoo.com

**Powder Players Inc.**  
P.O. Box 154, Remsen, IA 51050  
President: D.J. Kellen  
23657 Marble Ave., LeMars, IA  
(712) 540-5723  
president@powder-players.com

**Sioux County Snowmobile Club**  
President: Mike Van Es  
1120 7th St., Hull, IA 51239  
(712) 439-2992  
mike.vanes@interstates.com

## REGION TWO

**Emmet County Driftbusters**  
President: Wes Baddeley  
102 5th St. Gruver, IA 51334  
(712) 330-1540

**Graettinger Snow Twisters**  
President: Tony Masters  
408 Van Gordon Ave  
Graettinger, IA 51342  
(712) 859-3227

**Humboldt Sno-Skimmers**  
President: Brian Ricklefs  
209 4th St. S., Dakota City, IA 50529  
(515) 604-6128

**Kossuth County Drift Skippers**  
President: Jeremy Walker  
1402 170th St.  
LuVerne, IA 50560-8552  
(515) 295-8721

**Palo Alto Rough Riders**  
P.O. Box 2, Cylinder, IA 50528  
President: Kurt Bonnstetter  
111 Iowa St., P.O. Box 62  
Cylinder, IA 50528, (712) 424-3011  
kbonnste@iowatelecom.net

**Sno-Pak**  
P.O. Box 164, Pocahontas, IA 50574  
snopak@hotmail.com,  
www.snopak.net  
President: Tim Freimuth  
1775 Janesville Ave.  
Pomeroy, IA 50575  
(712) 830-3599, freimuth@ncn.net

## REGION THREE

**Hancock County Snowmobile Assn.**  
President: Ben Diekhuis  
2115 Nash Ave., Britt, IA 50423  
(515) 291-2329, diekhuis@gmail.com

**Iowa River Riders**  
President: Chris Vanness

634 170th Street, Latimer, IA 50452  
(641) 579-6167  
cmvanness@frontiernet.net

**Lakota Sno-Eagles**  
President: Jordan Valvick  
2009 440th St., Lakota, IA 50451  
(515) 538-0290

**North Iowa Sno-Jammers**  
P.O. Box 103, Lake Mills, IA 50450  
President: Justin Overland  
Lake Mills, IA 50450  
(641) 592-2089  
justinoverland@hotmail.com

**North Iowa Snow Seekers**  
President: Rob Catchpool  
942 10th St. Ne.  
Mason City, Ia. 50401  
(641) 423-4934  
rcatchpool@netscape.com

**Webster City Snowmobile Club**  
P.O. Box 515, Webster City, IA 50595  
President: Dale Ingraham  
920 East 2nd St., Webster City, 50595  
(515) 832-3983, ciham@wmtel.net  
www.webstercitysnowmobileclub.com

**Worth County Fencestretchers**  
P.O. Box 27, Northwood, IA 50459  
President: Al Fredricks  
107 Seventh St.  
Northwood, IA 50459

## REGION FOUR

**Bremer County Sno-Knights**  
President: Annette Sage  
1235 240th St., Waverly, IA 50677  
(319) 352-6865, (319) 240-7507

**Cedar Falls Sno Hawks**  
President: Tony French  
2202 Minnetonka Dr.  
Cedar Falls, IA 50613-1522  
(319) 266-2929 or (319) 610-1171  
frenchtd1@yahoo.com

**Chickasaw Sno-Riders**  
President: Chris Denner  
2590 205th St.  
New Hampton, IA 50659  
(641) 394-5720 (h),  
(641) 330-8875 (c)

**Dewar Snow Chasers**  
President: Jim Paur  
3241 Logan Ave., Waterloo, IA 50703  
(319) 232-7295

**Floyd County Groomers Assn.**  
President: Mike Klink  
P.O. Box 744, Nora Springs, IA 50458  
(641) 749-5305

**Howard County Stump Jumpers**  
President: Nathan Hale  
4145 Hillcrest Dr., Riceville, IA 50466  
(641) 985-2699.

**Mitchell County E-Z Riders, Inc.,**  
President: Karl Herman  
4121 Highway 218  
Osage, IA 50461  
(641) 732-5778

**Nashua Stump Jumpers**  
President: Russell Reams  
613 Brasher St., Nashua, IA 50658  
cynreams@butler-bremer.com

**Snow Snoops Snowmobile Club**  
President: Darin Klunder  
309 North 4th St., Greene, IA 50636  
(319) 269-2564

## REGION FIVE

**Allamakee Sno-Blazers**  
P.O. Box 94, Waukon, IA 52172  
President: Mike Brown  
2167 Mays Prairie Rd.  
Lansing, IA 52151, (563) 538-3869  
mtbrown@dishmail.net

**Asbury Snowhawks**  
President: Tom Spalla  
3309 Brook Hollow Dr.,  
Asbury, IA 52002  
(563) 582-8893, tnsppalla@

hotmail.com

**Balltown River Trails Snowmobile Club**  
President: Bob Sahn  
21780 Kings Rd., Dubuque, IA 52001  
(563) 552-2035

**Clayton County Snowbirds**  
12469 Hwy. 18, Postville, IA 52162  
President: Mark Bries  
21352 Highway 18, Monona, IA 52159  
(563) 539-4555

**Driftrunners, Inc.**  
126 Fourth Street East,  
Cresco, IA, 52136  
driftrunnersia@yahoo.com  
Join Us on Facebook under 'Groups'

President: Christian Miller  
126 Fourth St. East, Cresco, IA 52136  
(563) 203-0454  
christian.miller@trimarkcorp.com

**Snow Pioneers**  
President: Steve Vorwald  
1582 210th St., Manchester, IA  
52057, (563) 927-5362

**Trail Blaz-zers Inc.**  
President: Trai Blaz-zers Inc  
President: C John Michels  
PO Box 162, Sumner IA 50674

**Trails Unlimited**  
105 Dessel St., Ossian, IA 52161  
President: Kraig Ney  
30869 Juniper Rd, Ossian, IA 52161  
(563) 532-9653

**Wapsipicon Snowmobile Assn.**  
P.O. Box 802, Independence, IA 50644  
www.wsaiowa.com  
President: Joe Goblirsch

13134 Fox Road  
Jesup, IA 50648, (319) 827-3381  
jgoblirsch@martinsnet.com

**Winneshiek Trail Twisters Inc.**  
P.O. Box 154, Decorah, IA 52101  
President: Jake Ludeking  
2005 Centennial Road  
Decorah, IA 52101  
(563) 382-2027  
ludeking@netins.net

## REGION SIX

**Sac County Snow Lovers**  
P.O. Box 464, Lakeview, IA 51450  
President: Dustin Mead  
202 W 4th St., Auburn, IA 51433  
(712) 688-1401

## REGION SEVEN

**High Bridge Trailblazers**  
1605 5th St., Boone, IA 50036  
President: Todd Heffler  
307 West Veterans Dr.,  
Ogden, IA 50212  
(515) 230-1591

**Saylorville Dam Snowmobile Club**  
P.O. Box 4144, Des Moines, IA 50313  
www.saylorvilledams-  
nowmobileclub.org  
President: John Kahler  
635 Greene St., Slater, IA 50244

**Raccoon Valley Snow Chasers**  
President: Eric Chrystal  
4648 Panorama Drive,  
Panora, IA 50216  
(641) 755-3713, chrystal@netins.net

## REGION EIGHT

**Central Iowa Snowmobilers**  
P.O. Box 1751, Marshall-  
town, IA 50158  
President: Jerry Ebersole  
jerry.ebersole@caraustar.com

**Tri-County Snowmobile Assn., Inc.**  
P.O. Box 231, Traer, IA 50675  
President: Jamie Erhardt  
312 Mill St., Traer, IA 50675  
(319) 478-8288  
Jamie.Erhardt@IaAu-

toRebuilders.com

## REGION NINE

**Cascade Snow Punchers**  
President: Steve Peiffer  
916 6th Ave SE., Cascade, IA 52033  
(563) 852-7171

**Dyersville Drift Skippers**  
President: Phil Helle  
PO Box 143, Dyersville, IA 52040  
(563) 590-0549, philhelle@yahoo.com

**Eastern Iowa Sno-Riders**  
President: Kelly Meyer  
31675 Big Rock Road  
Big Rock, IA 52745  
(563) 843-3278,  
Kmeyer21@netins.net

**Frozen Few**  
P.O. Box 184, Coggon, IA 52218  
President: Bill Jacobs  
350 Eighth Ave., Marion, IA 52302  
(319) 377-6017

**Jones County Snow Chasers**  
President: Rodney Bendixen  
6861 160th Ave., Olin, IA 52320  
(319) 484-2207

**Snowdrifters, Inc.**  
P.O. Box 5135, Coralville, IA, 52241  
President: Joe Latta  
3122 Hickory Dr. N.E.,  
Solon, IA 52333  
(319) 551-3796

**Snowmobilers of Jackson County**  
President: Ryan Lott  
P.O. Box 32, Sabula, IA 52070  
(563) 687-3037

## REGION TEN

**Southwest Iowa Snow Scooters**  
President: Cory Leick  
51237 230th Street, Glenwood,  
IA 51534 (712) 526-2172

**West Botna River Riders**  
President: Bob Blatny  
17116 420th St., Carson, IA 51525  
(712) 482-6710

## REGION ELEVEN

**Frozen Flatlanders**  
President: Matt Kamatz  
620 Lewis Ave., Norwalk, IA 50211  
(515) 981-9139

**Rathbun Snow Riders**  
www.rathbunsnowriders.com  
President: Gene Paris  
21845 458th St., Centerville, IA 52544  
(641) 895-0259

## REGION TWELVE

**Cedar County Winter Warriors**  
ccwwarriors@yahoo.com  
President: Jerry Meier  
1241 Jackson Ave., Tipton, IA 52772  
jmeier@hupp-electric.com  
(319) 325-6021

**Eastern Iowa Sledheads**  
P.O. Box 300, West Liberty, IA 52776  
eisledheads@eisledheads.com  
President: Mindy Scott  
204 W. Dougherty Dr., P.O. Box 435  
Lone Tree, IA 52755  
(319) 629-4630  
scott4@iowatelecom.net

**Scott County Sno-Seekers**  
www.snowseekers.org  
P.O. Box 2332  
Davenport, IA 52809-2332  
President: Kevin Toft  
(563) 386-2961(h) (563) 340-9671(c)  
ktoft@riversideproducts.com  
www.snowseekers.org

**Southeast Iowa Ridgeblasters**  
President: Ann Pickle  
1007 E. Madison St.  
Mt. Pleasant, IA 52641-1822  
(319) 385-3503

CLUB DIRECTORY



# ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

## REGION 1

**Storm Lake Honda**  
207 E. Milwaukee St., Storm Lake, IA  
50588 (712) 732-2460,  
office@stormlakehonda.com

## REGION 2

**Bob's Bar**  
301 N. Main St., Pocahontas, IA  
50574 (712) 335-4434  
garyjimmell@aol.com

**J & K Snowmobile, LTD**  
Arctic Cat  
2703 7th Ave S. Estherville, IA 51334  
(712) 362-3031

**Rasmuson Electric**  
2781 Valley Ave., Rockwell City, IA  
50579 (515) 467-5748

**Vinny's BBQ**  
507 Main St., P.O. Box 118  
Dakota City, IA 50529

**Yacht Club Trailers**  
1419 11th St. North, P.O. Box 569  
Humboldt, IA 50548 (515) 332-1802

## REGION 3

**Auto Parts Wholesale**  
617 Fourth Street SE, Hampton, IA  
50441, (641) 456-2594

**Century Machine Inc.**  
416 First Street, P.O. Box 30  
Coulter, IA 50431, (641) 866-6748

**Chappy's On Main**  
122 South Main, Clarion, IA 50525  
(515) 532-2727

**Christiansen Farms Trucking**  
1096 Grouse Avenue, Hampton, IA  
50441, (641) 425-9806

**Country Side Turf & Timber, Inc.**  
11328 Highway 65  
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

**Dave's Auto Service**  
101 W. Main St., Lake Mills, IA  
50450, (641) 592-9951

**Dohrman Power Washing**  
933 120th Street  
Hampton, IA 50441

**Don's Motor Mart**  
401 W. Main St., Lake Mills, IA  
50450, (641) 592-9966

**Donna's Lounge**  
Restaurant  
427 1st St., Meservey, IA 50457  
(641) 358-6419.

**Ernie Williams, LTD.**  
715 1st Ave NE, Buffalo Center, IA  
50424, (641) 562-2228

**Farmer's Trust & Savings Bank**  
105 N. Lake St., Lake Mills, IA 50450,  
(641) 592-2660

**Hair Designs**  
236 East J St., Forest City, IA 50436,  
(641) 585-2405

**Happy Time Resort**  
526 470th St., Lake Mills, IA 50459  
(641) 592-9412  
happytime@wctatel.net

**Hometown Market**  
11717 Hwy 9, Thompson, IA 50478,  
(641) 584-2300

**Hometown Pizza & Pub, Inc.**  
103 Main St. Coulter, IA 50431  
(641) 866-6771

**House of Sports**  
Skidoo  
3431 Fourth St. SW., Mason City, IA  
50401 (641) 424-2861

**Howie Equipment**  
1273 Mallard Ave.  
Hampton, IA 50441

**J-T Machine & Tool**  
608 Twelfth Ave. NE  
Hampton, IA 50441

**Jed's Jalopy Joint**  
2059 B Olive Ave.  
Sheffield, IA 50475

**K-N Excavating & Drainage**  
12060 Hwy 9, Thompson, IA 50478,  
(641) 584-2307

**Lake Mills Lumber Company**  
313 N. Washington, Lake Mills, IA  
50450, (641) 592-2721

**Lake Mills Motel**  
402 N. Lake St., Lake Mills, IA 50450,  
(641) 592-3711

barb\_james69@yahoo.com  
www.lakemillsmotel.com

**Lake Mills Motor Sports**  
Polaris, 45563C  
Hwy 69 W. Lake Mills, IA 50450  
(641) 592-2145

lmsports@wctatel.net  
www.lakemillsmotorsports.com

**Little Willie's**  
114 S. Main Street, Clarion, IA 50525  
(515) 532-9781

**Mason City Power Sports**  
Yamaha, Arctic Cat, Polaris  
4499 Fourth Street SW, Mason City,  
IA 50401 (641) 423-3181

**Mulford Concrete**  
1210 Jonquil Ave.  
Hampton, IA 50441

**Muhlenbruch Insurance Agency**  
617 Rowan Road, Dows, IA 50071  
(515) 852-4156

**Overtime D.J. Service**  
208 S. Lake St., Lake Mills, IA  
50450, (641) 592-2089

**Pakoda's Steakhouse**  
719 Central Avenue West  
Hampton, IA 50441

**Plagge Farms, Inc.**  
562 190th Street, Latimer, IA 50452  
(641) 580-0454

iowabachelor@hotmail.com  
**Pralles Wash City**  
P.O. Box 126 Coulter, IA 50431

**R & S Services**  
200 North Akir St., Latimer, IA 50452

**Principal Builders, Inc.**  
1312 Hwy 3 West, Hampton, IA  
50441 (641) 456-5252

jason@principalbuildersinc.com  
chad@principalbuildersinc.com

**Sheffield Lanes Bowling Alley**  
106 West Gilman St., Sheffield, IA  
50475, (641) 892-4922

**Silverado's**  
110 N. Mill St., Lake Mills, IA 50450,  
(641) 592-5400

**Smith Crop Insurance Agency**  
2285 Taylor Ave. Rowan, IA 50470  
(515) 689-3986

**Snw Trails North**  
739 Apricot Ave. Dows, IA 50071

**Triple K Construction**  
1581 D 110th Street  
Hampton, IA 50441

**The Head Quarters Styling Salon**  
505 4th Street SE, Hampton, IA  
50441 (641) 456-4798

amy@mulfordconcreteinc.com  
**The Watering Hole**  
120 Main St., Scarville, IA 50473,  
(641) 568-3049

**Westy's Sports Bar & Grill**  
324 Main Street  
Thornton, IA 50479

**Wagner Tire**  
512 1/2 W Main St., Lake Mills, IA  
50450, (641) 592-5810

## REGION 4

**Leer's Cycle Center**  
Kawasaki, Suzuki, Sea-Doo & Ski-Doo  
37 Fletcher Ave, Waterloo, IA 50701  
(319) 235-6453  
www.leerscyclecenter.com

## REGION 5

**Blue Moon Bar and Grill**  
116 S. Main St., Protivin, IA 52163

**Camoplast Dubuque Division**  
8625 Enterprise Drive  
P.O. Box 177, Peosta, IA 52068

**Drilling's All Season Sports**  
Arctic Cat, Polaris

2355 175th Street, Calmar, IA 52132-  
7507 (563) 562-3601  
drillings@qwestoffice.net

**Gary's Ski-Doo & Arctic Cat Sales**  
1704 1st St West, Independence, IA  
50644 (319) 334-3731

www.garysskidooarctic.com,  
garysskidoo@indytel.com

**Kuennen's House of Power**  
7571 L Avenue, Fayette, IA 52142  
(563) 637-2870

**Myers Polaris, Inc.**  
Polaris  
304 Main St., P.O. Box 279  
Fairbank, IA 50629-0279  
(319) 635-2311

www.myerspolaris.com  
**V & V Insurance Agency**  
103 E. 8th St., Cresco, IA 52136  
(563) 547-2161, www.vandvins.com

## REGION 6

**Blackhawk Marine**  
3001 Hwy 71/175, Lake View, IA  
51450 (712) 657-2368

**Carnarvon Inn**  
P.O. Box 2020, Carnarvon, IA 51450  
(712) 664-2706

**Crossroads Restaurant & Lounge**  
112 Highway 71, Early, IA 50535  
(712) 273-5683

**Laney's Corral**  
319 N. Main St., PO Box 684, Lake  
View, IA 51450, 712-657-2008

**Quality Sign & Design**  
1690 260th St., Odebolt, IA 51458,  
712-668-2878

**Sparky's One Stop**  
402 E 6th St., Carroll, IA 51401

**Shotz Bar & Grill, LLC**  
P.O. Box 191, Auburn, IA 51433  
(712) 688-2275

**State Farm Insurance**  
**Barbara Powell Agency**  
1420 W. Mail St., Sac City, IA 50583  
(712) 662-7817

barbpowell@barbpowell.us  
**The Hays Loft**  
130 West First Street  
P.O. Box 64, Wall Lake, IA 51466

**Tigger's Bar**  
215 S. Main St., Odebolt IA, 51458,  
(712) 668-2245

**Time Out Sports Bar & Grill**  
401 South Des Moines St.  
Odebolt, IA 51458

## REGION 7

**Iowa OHV Association**  
1607 East 33rd St., Des Moines, IA  
50317, (515) 262-6515

**Spina Bifida Association of Iowa**  
P.O. Box 1456, Des Moines, IA 50309  
(515) 287-0209

## REGION 8

**Recreation Unlimited**  
ATVs, Snowmobiles, Trailers  
1813 Highway 63, Traer, IA 50675  
(319) 478-2416, polaris1@traer.net

## REGION 9

**Bobber's Grill**  
1850 Scales Bend Road NE  
North Liberty, IA 52317  
(319) 665-3474

scalespointe@southslope.net  
On Coralville Lake, Open All Year!

**Scales Pointe Marina**  
1850 Scales Bend Road  
North Liberty, IA 52317  
scalesptmarina@southslope.net  
www.scalespointe.com

**Wright Way Trailers**  
1100 N. Centerpoint Road  
Hiawatha, IA 52233 (319) 393-4544  
bwright@wrightwaytrailers.com

www.wrightwaytrailers.com

## REGION 11

**Dogg's RV Park**

16999 Hwy J18 Moravia, IA 52571  
(641) 724-3762  
www.doggsrvpark.com

Next to the trail at Lake Rathbun  
**Elliott's General Store, Inc.**  
23828 Hwy J18, Moravia, IA 51571  
(641) 724-3711

Moravia Hometown Convenience  
**Foxtail Cabins**  
Moravia, IA 52571 (877) 736-9824  
www.foxtailcabins.com

Located next to the trail  
**Iowa Trust Savings Bank**  
200 N 10th Street, Centerville, IA  
52544 (641) 437-4500

**KC's Landing, LLC**  
12166 Hwy S 70, Plano, IA 52581  
(641) 649-2609

Food and Spirits  
**Appanoose County Trails, Inc.**  
PO Box 825, Centerville, IA 52544

## REGION 12

**Fast City, Inc.**  
Arctic Cat  
2449 IWW Road SW, Oxford, IA  
52322 (319) 545-2795

Located 5 miles west of Iowa City  
fastcityinc@aol.com  
www.fastcityUSA.com

**Iowa City Motorsports**  
Yamaha  
155 Escort Lane, Iowa City, IA 52246  
(319) 351-5900

icmotorsports@1com.net  
**JB's Grub & Pub**  
1110 N. Columbus  
West Liberty, IA 52776 (319) 627-  
4782, jbsgrub@yahoo.com

**Martin Agency**  
**Insurance Services, Inc.**  
102 E 3rd, P.O. Box 136  
West Liberty, IA 52776  
(319) 627-2181  
maiwlia@1com.net

**Mills Marine**  
Arctic Cat Snowmobiles and ATVs  
2445 Mittman Rd.  
Muscatine, IA 52761  
(563) 264-2836

www.shopmillsmarine.com,  
millsmarine@machlink.com

**Prostei Inn Bar and Grill**  
6315 W Kimberly Rd.  
Davenport, IA 52806  
(563) 388-8928

## OUT OF STATE

**Click's Cycle Service, LLC**  
Ski-Doo  
315 North Main, P.O. Box 197  
Dickeyville, WI 53808  
(608) 568-7200

**Northernnaire Resort & Spa**  
6990 Bengs Rd.  
Three Lakes, WI 54562  
(715) 546-2700, (888) 242-1600  
www.northernnaireresortandspa.com

Located on corner of State Hwy. 32  
and Bengs Road  
**Pat's Landing Resort**  
7476 N. Pat's Landing Road  
Hayward, WI 54843 (715) 945-2511  
www.patslandingresort.com

**Track, Inc.**  
New and Used Snow Vehicles  
PO Box 20541, Bloomington, MN  
55420 (952) 888-7372  
www.TrackInc.com

**American Legion - Post #317**  
121 Main St., Emmons, MN 56029  
507-297-5600

**Midwest Motor Sports**  
3699 Prism Lane, Kieler, WI 53812,  
(608) 568-3600

**Pub 69**  
PO Box 114, 814 Hwy 69  
Twin Lakes, MN 56089  
(507) 852-2200, Pub69@wctatel.net

# ALUMA

[www.alumaklm.com](http://www.alumaklm.com)

- Quality built in
- All aluminum construction
- Trailers to fit your every need

8612 shown with option combo/salt chield



AE722TAV-1



TR-Tiltbed



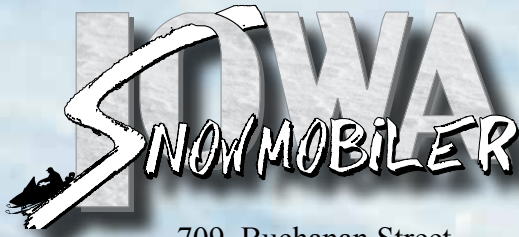
TR8622

**Thomas Bus Sales**  
5636 NE 14th St  
Des Moines, IA 50313-1607  
(515) 265-6056

**Glen's Sports Center**  
208 16th St  
Sheldon, IA 51201-2304  
(712) 324-4387

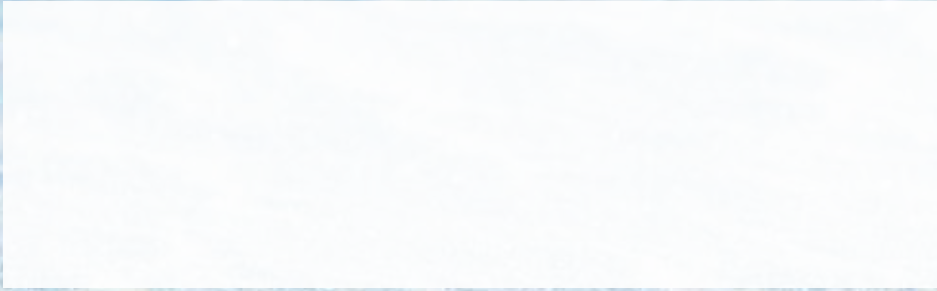
**Carroll Distributing**  
- Council Bluffs (712) 328-2929  
- Sioux City (712) 255-1900  
- Spencer (712) 262-5210  
- Marion (319) 377-5323  
- Ottumwa (641) 684-4052  
- Des Moines (515) 280-1122

[www.alumaklm.com](http://www.alumaklm.com)



709 Buchanan Street  
Manchester, IA 52057

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
WATERLOO, IA  
PERMIT NO. 901



# MARKETPLACE



Mon. & Thurs. 8-6  
Tue., Wed. & Fri. 8-5 • Sat. 8-2  
(319) 351-5900  
155 Escort Lane • Iowa City, IA 52240  
www.iowacitymotorsports.com



NEW ADVANTAGE XTR  
117" - 129" - THE ULTIMATE COMBINATION  
YAMAHA

**GARY's ~ Ski-Doo ~ Arctic Cat**  
Iowa's Largest Selection - 150 New & Used Sleds  
\$50,000 parts stock ~ 40 Years Service  
**(319) 334-3731**  
1st St. W. ~ Independence  
garysskidoo@indytel.com

**"Central Iowa's #1**  
High-Performance Arctic Cat Dealer"  
**Mid-States Powersports**  
.com  
**Nobody Beats Our Price!**



**Call Before You Buy!**  
**(515) 986-0868**  
**ARCTIC CAT**  
1820 Miehle Dr. • Grimes, Iowa

www.boosmotorsports.com  
Cresco, Hwy 63 + 9  
(563) 547-2152  
New Hampton, Hwy 18W  
(641) 394-3061

**BOOS**  
INC.  
Motor Sports

Snowmobiles  
& ATVs  
Sales  
Service & Parts



**ARCTIC CAT**

**POLARIS**  
The Way Out.



**MYERS POLARIS INC.**  
**1-888-282-9992**  
304 E. Main, Fairbank, Iowa 50629  
www.myerspolaris.com