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Terra-X, Location to be determined.

Feb 6, 2021:
Vollwerth's Meats Mid America Championship Hillclimb
(MACH), Whealkate Bluff, South Range, MI.

Feb 27, 2021:
Ojibwa Casino WINTERNATIONALS Snowmobile Hill-
climb, Whealkate Bluff, South Range, MI.

March 27 or April 3rd, 2021:
Mont du Lac Race (Hillcross, and/or Race of Champions,
or Terra X) Superior/Duluth

June 19, 2021:
Ojibwa Casino Motorcycle/Snowmobile Hillclimb,
Whealkate Bluff, South Range, MI.

We are looking for another location for a Snow-
mobile Hillclimb, if we find it, the date would be
either Jan 16, 2021 or sometime in March (other
than the 3rd weekend when the World
Championship in Jackson, WY., takes place).

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Lessard, Thompson sweep top classes in Jackman for Rock Maple Racing

Bright sun, cold winds highlight cross country season finale

JACKMAN, Maine (March 15, 2020) — Veteran snowmobile racers Remington Lessard and Dylan Thompson swept their respective classes on Saturday, as Rock Maple Racing (RMR) completed the fifth and final round of competition for 2020 at the remote and beautiful Long Pond Camps.

Lessard (Grip 'N Rip Racing/Ski-doo), of Monmouth, Maine, powered to victory in the premier Pro Open and Pro Stock classes. In the Open final, Vermont-based rider Scott Preston put in a strong effort to finish second, while 2020 points champion Heath Bell (Bell Racing/Ski-doo) settled for third.

In the Factory Stock race, TJ Leach (Crossfit Beacon/Arctic Cat) crossed the stripe in second, while former snocross standout Ken Murphy (Arctic Cat)



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filled out the podium with another solid run.

Thompson (Lucas Oil/Ski-doo), of Lincoln, Maine, swept the Semi Pro classes to secure the title. In the Stock class, Matt Cameron (Arctic Cat) made the long haul up from Pennsylvania pay off with a runner-up finish, while Vermont veteran Travis Brisbin (Southside Sales/Polaris) finished third.

In the Semi Pro Improved finale, Readfield, Maine's Derek Dawson (Biteharder/Ski-doo) chased Thompson across the line in second, with Brisbin capping a solid day in third. All winter long, the talented athletes in Semi Pro provided plenty of entertainment and action at every host venue.

Bailey Slocum is one of those young guns making a name for himself in cross country sled racing. The gifted athlete from Pownal, Maine blasted to victory in Saturday's Sport Open battle. Slocum (Storey Bros. Excavation/Ski-doo) held off Cameron Young and Jake Barrows for top honors.

In the Sport Stock class, Young bounced back to win while Slocum settled for second. Cody McCormick (Ogdensburg, N.Y./Polaris) filled out the podium with a solid run in the finale in Jackman. In the final tussle for RMR Women's class racers, Krysti Leach sewed up the 2020 title with a victory.

Other final round winners on Saturday in Jackman

include Chip Vaadi (SOO); Jeff Cameron (Trail 800); Scott Lowery (Trail 600); Michael Savage (Masters); Martin Coutu (Plus 40); Scott Preston (Plus 30); Cameron Bell (Jr. 10-13); Brennan Comeau (120cc Improved, 120cc Champ, 200cc Stock); and Oliver Tilton Spear (120cc Stock).

In the special Relay Race, Team Murphy (Ken Murphy, Matt Cameron, Brian Caron, Alia Gervasi and Mike Young) earned the win with proceeds being donated to the Pink Ribbon Riders. Congratulations to all of our winners on a winter-like day in northern Maine.

Rock Maple Racing would like to thank the Border Riders Sportsman club for hosting our season finale. Jackman rallies behind our event like no other community, with several local businesses coming together to roll out the red carpet. We thank each and every one for the support and assistance.

On behalf of RMR president Tara Saxton and the entire staff, the series would like to extend a sincere thank you to all those who made our 2020 season so exciting and memorable. Your efforts to support cross country snowmobile racing in New England are what keeps this sport alive and thriving.

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Bell, Thompson sweep top classes at Young Farms for Rock Maple Racing

Point chasers add to win totals in snowy Vermont

WEST GLOVER, Vermont (Mar. 2, 2020) — Veteran cross country racers Heath Bell and Dylan Thompson swept the top classes on Saturday, as Rock Maple Racing (RMR) completed Round 4 on the six-race 2020 schedule at the beautiful Young Farms.

Bell (Bell Racing/Ski-doo), of New Gloucester, Maine, won the Pro Open and Pro Stock finals to bring his win total to five for the 2020 season. Remington Lessard (Grip 'N Rip Racing/Ski-doo), of Monmouth, Maine, followed Bell across the stripe in both finals to claim second.

Luke Vaadi (Ingles Performance/Polaris), of Mannsville, NY, broke up the Ski-doo party in Pro Open with a solid third-place run, while in Pro Stock it was Portland, Maine's TJ Leach (Crossfit Beacon/Arctic Cat) who filled out the podium with a strong effort.

For the second time this season, rising star Dylan Thompson (Grip 'N Rip/Ski-doo) swept the Semi Pro classes. As he did in Rangeley for Round 2, the young athlete from Lincoln, Maine, powered his way to victory in the Stock final over local favorite Brock Young and recent winner Matt Cameron.

In Semi Pro Improved, Cameron stepped it up to the runner-up position while Quebec's Bruno Poirier (Poirier Racing/Ski-doo) filled out the podium in third. Young bounced back to claim the SOO class final, with Eric Gleich and Vermont veteran Travis Brisbin taking second and third, respectively.

Another rising star from the Pine Tree State had a successful outing in Vermont on Saturday. Pownal's Bailey Slocum (Ski-doo) powered his way to top honors in the Sport Stock 600 final, with Mike Young (Arctic Cat) and Jake Barrows (Arctic Cat) filling out the podium with solid efforts.

Young found redemption with his own victory in Sport Open, while Belfast, ME, athlete Cameron Young crossed the stripe in second. Connecticut-based racer Elliot Phelps finished third to make his trip to northern Vermont pay dividends.

When the series visited West Glover for Round 3, the locals came out on top in the Trail classes. This past Saturday, however, it was the out-of-staters who claimed top honors. Hooksett, N.H.'s Erick Bourdeau won the Trail 600 final, while Connecticut racer Nick Gervais claimed the Trail 800 class.

Krysti Leach kept her strong season rolling with a second consecutive victory in the Women's final. Maine's Ursula Soobitsky finished second, with weekly contender Mandy Cole right there in third. Leach, of Beverly, Mass., always has her Northeast Millwork Arctic Cat on point on race day.

Other winners in Round 4 at the Young Farms include Rene Desrochers (Choko Designs Masters); Martin Coutu (Lucas Oil Plus 40); Bruno Poirier (Curve Industries Plus 30); Chip Vaadi (Pro Am Plus 40); Brennan Comeau (200cc Stock, 120 Improved); Cameron Bell (Jr. 10-13); and Evan Folsom (120 Stock, 120 Champ). Congratulations to all of our winners during Round 4 in Vermont.

Rock Maple Racing officials would like to thank the Young family and staff at the Young Farms for hosting another round of racing just two weeks after Round 3 was completed. Vermont's Northeast Kingdom lived up to its reputation with snow squalls and cold air, yet conditions eased after lunch.

Up next on the 2020 RMR XC schedule is a trip to Grieg, New York, this coming Saturday, March 7, for Round 5 at High Voltage MX.

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***Gladwin closes out
2020 season
with an amazing show***



CURT JOLLY, #3BLK POURS ON THE POWER THROUGH THE CORNER. JOLLY PLACED THIRD IN 1984 & OLDER 340 LIQUID ON HIS YAMAHA.

By Steve Landon

Gladwin, Michigan – February 29, 2020; - Having had two big vintage racing programs in 2019, officials at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds were looking forward to hosting three events in 2020. Weather prognosticators were calling for another good winter minus the long lasting bitter cold experienced last year, however, as usual they were wrong. For the most part temperatures would seesaw up and down rarely staying cold enough to allow crews to build a decent ice base. Just getting frost driven into the ground was a herculean task. Gladwin like promoters across the country could not avoid the cancellation virus that claimed two of their earlier races. While other promoters were focused on getting ready for next year Gladwin Race Director Mike Nelson and his dedicated crew of volunteers were not about to let their big quarter mile oval set silent. Taking advantage of a late February cold snap they worked round the clock to build a smooth high speed oval in time for the last date on their original schedule.

Racers and fans chomping at the bit for a snowmobile-racing fix began arriving bright and early Saturday morning under sunny skies for registration and hot laps. A chilly breeze blew across the glistening blue ice oval as drivers cracked the throttle, many for the first time this season. Snowmobile racing was back in Gladwin and fans loved it!

Racing officially got underway at 11:30 a.m. with drivers taking to the ice in some flat out exciting ski-to-ski, paint swapping competition. While there were a few breathtaking tumbles, no one was seriously injured. Thanks to good heads up racing by competitors, excellent officiating by the volunteer crew and track grooming by Delisle Excavating of nearby Hope, Mich., racing went pretty smooth from start to finish. In all 295 entries signed up to take part in one or more of the 27 classes offered.

The next generation of oval track stars took center stage to kickoff the action in Kitty Cat and 120 competitions.

Deegan Lickfeldt of Midland, MI extended his undefeated streak at Gladwin to six wins in the Kitty Cat class. Driving a sleek Arctic Cat the superfast youngster has been leaving the competition in ice blue dust since taking his first checkered at the 2018 Gladwin opener.

In 120cc action veteran Arctic Cat speedster Easton Hess of Beaverton, Mich., climbed aboard a Polaris and out ran fellow Polaris top gun Parke Bruitup of Buckley, Mich., to claim victory in 120



RACE DIRECTOR MIKE NELSON GOES OVER THE DAY'S PROGRAM AND RULES DURING THE DRIVERS MEETING.



BILLY KILDEE, #111 OF TRAVERSE CITY AND KEETON CADE, #7C OF BUCKLEY, MICH., DIVE INTO TURN ONE IN 120 PRO (10 & UNDER). KILDEE GRABBED THE CHECKERED FOR THE WIN FOLLOWED BY CADE IN SECOND.



SCOTT HAVERCROFT, #92 OF GREENBUSH, MICH., CRUISES TO THE CHECKERED ON HIS SCORPION TO GRAB RELIC CLASS SINGLE CYLINDER ON HIS SCORPION.



TODD BALLOR, #8, SAMUEL DANTUMA, #3 AND DAN DANTUMA, #6 I BLAST DOWN THE FRONT STRETCH IN OUTLAW 600. THE SINGLE-TRACK COCKPIT MACHINES RAN AN EXHIBITION RACE.



VETERAN 120CC ACE, LINCOLN FURMAN, #145 OF SHELBY, MICH., AND ZANDER MISKE OF HARRISON, MICH., HAD A PRETTY INTENSE BATTLE GOING IN 120 MOD (10 & UNDER). IN THE END IT WAS FURMAN TAKING THE VICTORY FOLLOWED BY MISKE, #7 WITH A CLOSE SECOND.



ANGEL AHERN OF FAIRGROVE, MICH., TAKES THE CHECKERED TO WIN THE 1984 & OLDER POWDER PUFF 440 STOCK CLASS ON HER YAMAHA.



BO DEDIC, #27 OF OWOSSO, MICH., PUTS THE HAMMER DOWN AS HE RACES FOR VICTORY IN 1984 & OLDER 340 PRO ON HIS YAMAHA.



DELISLE EXCAVATING OF NEARBY HOPE, MICH., BROUGHT OUT THEIR BEAUTIFUL FLEET TO KEEP THE TRACK GROOMED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.



BRUCE LEROY OF BURT, MICH., ROARS THROUGH TURN FOUR ON HIS WAY TO A TWO WIN PERFORMANCE.



KINDIN CADE OF BUCKLEY SURPRISED EVERYONE WHEN HE MOVED HIS SUPER FAST KITTY CAT UP A CLASS AND BEAT OUT 120CC ARCTIC CAT SPEEDSTERS ZANDER MISKE OF HARRISON, MI AND CRUZ GOHR OF BAY CITY, MI IN 120 STOCK.



VETERAN OVAL TRACK DRIVER DAN DANTUMA OF STANDISH, MI WORKED HIS WAY THROUGH THE PACK TO TAKE THE OUTLAW 600 EXHIBITION RACE.



TIM WAGNER, #504 - YAMAHA (LEFT) AND NICK GIVENS #41 - MERCURY SWAP PAINT GOING INTO TURN ONE IN 1984 & OLDER 340 STOCK. WAGNER OF SCOTTVILLE, MICH., TOOK THE WIN. GIVENS OF MIDLAND, MICH., TOOK THIRD.



VETERAN ENDURO AND SPRINT RACER EZRA ARNOLD, #10 OF UNIONVILLE, MICH., RETURNED TO GLADWIN FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RUN WINNING 600 IFS IMPROVE.

Open. Easton and Miranda Hess are no strangers to success at Gladwin over the years; the pair scored countless top three finishes. In 2019 Miranda closed out her 120cc snowmobile-racing career following the last race of 2019 in Marion, Mich., taking a third place in 120 Super Stock just behind Easton who grabbed second on his Arctic Cat.

Lincoln Furman of Shelby, Mich., like Easton Hess has scored many wins and top three finishes in Gladwin on his Arctic Cat entries. In 2019 he won 120 Stock, 120 Mod (10 & Under) and 120 Open (10 & Under) at the opener. Furman returned for race two a few weeks later and cruised to victories in 120 Open (10 & Under) and 120 Mod (10 & Under). The mild winter of 2020 limited Furman's ice time at Gladwin to one day of racing, however, he made the most of it. Pouring on the power at the drop of the green flag he made all the right moves to hold off a hard charging Arctic Cat driven by Zander Miske of Harrison, Mich., to win 120 Mod (10 & Under). Miske would go on to take third in 120 Open (10 & Under) also on an Arctic Cat.

In 2019 Billy Kildee of Traverse City, Mich., came just short of the checkered flag in 120 Pro (10 & Under) when he lost to Kyron Deshano of Kawkawlin, Mich., at the second Gladwin race of the season. One year later Kildee was back and more determined than ever to make his mark on the winner's circle. Driving a sleek all American racer Kildee squeezed past Keeton Cade's blue #7C beauty to grab the lead early on. Despite a valiant all out effort Cade could not close the gap in time to take the checkered. Deshano would finish his day out in third.

From the first Kitty Cat races back in the early 1970's to today's Pro and Mod Class 120's, youth racing has come a long way. If you have not seen these kids in action make sure to catch some races next year. Gladwin has a very competitive program.

Something new came to big blue this year - Outlaw 600 Racing. The unique enclosed cockpit single-track race sled developed by John Hooper of Hooper Racing made its competitive debut in 2012. The idea behind the three-ski sled was to provide exceptional driver safety in a fast competitive oval track racer. Since they first appeared on scene most of their competition has taken place at oval track races outside of Michigan.

Race Director Mike Nelson was approached by a group of Michigan Outlaw 600 racers who offered to bring their sleds for an exhibition race. Nelson gave the green light and four of the neatest sleds to ever



MICHAEL NASH OF GLADWIN, MICH., SHOWED RACE FANS "NOTHING RUNS LIKE A DEERE" AS HE BLEW PAST THE COMPETITION TO GRAB THE NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION RELIC 440CC MAX STOCK CLASS.



ONE ENTICING BATTLE AS CHAZ, #21 AND KELLY MAJOR, #11 GO ALL OUT COMING THROUGH TURN FOUR IN 1984 & OLDER SINGLE STOCK. CHAZ TOOK THE CHECKERED, KELLY GRABBED THIRD PLACE.



SPENCER STEELLES, #33 POURS ON THE POWER BETWEEN TURNS ONE AND TWO HEADED FOR VICTORY IN 1974 & OLDER SINGLE CYLINDER PRO ON HIS YAMAHA GPX 292.



AARON JOHNSON, #68 OF LINWOOD, MICH., HAD ONE FAST CAT, HOWEVER, HE ENDED UP SECOND IN 600 IFS IMPROVED JUST BEHIND THE POLARIS OF EZRA ARNOLD.



COLE SEVERN, #2 OF BURT, MICH., ROUNDS TURN ONE IN 1984 & OLDER 340 LIQUID STOCK ON HIS POLARIS. SEVERN FOUGHT OFF SOME STIFF COMPETITION ON HIS WAY TO VICTORY.



DEEGAN LICKFELDT OF MIDLAND, MICH., CELEBRATES ANOTHER KITTY CAT CLASS WIN AS HE SAILS PAST THE CHECKERED AHEAD OF ALEXIS MISKE OF HARRISON, MI.



SPENCER STEELES TUMBLES ON THE ICE AS HIS SLED SAILS UPSIDE DOWN THROUGH TURN ONE. THANKFULLY HE WAS NOT INJURED. THE SLED SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE, IT WILL BE BACK IN 2021. HATS OFF TO THE DRIVER ON THE OUTSIDE WHO DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB AVOIDING STEELES.

ENDURO AND SPRINT RACING TOP GUN ADAM MEIHLS LAYS ON THE THROTTLE AS HE HEADS FOR VICTORY IN THE CHAMP/SNO-PRO/TWIN TRACK CLASS.



GREAT WEATHER AND PLENTY OF ICE BROUGHT OUT A HUGE TURN OUT OF RACERS AND SLEDs.

chew up the ice in Gladwin County roared around the oval. In a fast pace race from start to finish former enduro driver Dan Dantuma of Standish, Mich., worked his way through the pack to take the checkered flag. The odd looking sleds were clearly a hit, hopefully they'll become a regular class in the future.

Having claimed top honors in 1984 & Older Single Improved at the 2019 Gladwin opener, Chaz Major of Scottville, Mich., was eager to revisit victory lane. Back on Yamaha for 2020 Major would enjoy an incredible afternoon posting victories in; 1984 & Older Single stock over David Smith of Hart, Mich., on a Yamaha and Kelly Major of Scottville Mich., on a Yamaha; 1984 & older 340 Improved over Bo Kubik of St. Charles, Mich., on a Polaris and Jacob McSweyn of St. Charles, Mich., - Polaris. Major closed out his winning streak taking the checkered in 1984 & older 340 Liquid Improved ahead of Jacob McSweyn on a Polaris and Curt Jolly of Ludington, Mich., on Yamaha. Kelly Major on a Yamaha rebounded from a third place finish in 1984 Single Stock to claim 1984 Single Stock Improved over fellow Yamaha jockey David Smith.

Bruce Leroy of Burt, Mich., kept the Yamaha express chugging right on into the winner's circle with an impressive two win performance. In 1984 & Older Stock Liquid Leroy outran Polaris triggermen Brian Mead of St. Charles, Mich., and Cole Severn of Burt, Michigan. Scorching the ice once again he blew past the competition on to the checkered flag in 1984 & Older 440 Stock over Brian Mead who remained locked in second place. Dan Alcock II of Saginaw on a Polaris rounded out the top three.

Chris Holly of Freeland, Mich., would be the final driver to grab more than one checkered flag. Piloting a Polaris Holly grabbed a hand full of throttle and went to work at the drop of the green flag. Cruising around the oval at breakneck speed he made all the right moves to keep the competition at bay on his way to victory in 1984 & Older 440 Improved over James Gibel of Lake City, Mich., on a Mercury and Mason McSweyn of St. Charles, Mich., on a Polaris. He closed out his day taking top honors in 1984 & Older Liquid Improve keeping James Gibel and his Mercury locked in the runners-up post for the second time of the day. Veteran Polaris speedster Dan Smith of Hemlock, Mich., on a Polaris rounded out the top three.

In addition to the big winners there were several single class winners in this years very competitive field. Check them out in the race results.

Through sheer determination and many sleepless

nights the Gladwin track crew defeated old Mother Nature and her evil plot to destroy their 2020 vintage race. A big Thank You to each and every one of them is certainly in order.

Despite dealing with a goofy winter with plenty of ups and downs this year's race was a total success. Plans are already in the works for 2021 when the sleds of yesterday roar again at the Gladwin County Fairgrounds.



120CC OPEN (10 & UNDER) LEFT TO RIGHT: FIRST PLACE EASTON HESS, #24 - POLARIS, THIRD PLACE ZANDER MISKE, #7 - ARCTIC CAT AND SECOND PLACE - PARKE BRUITUP, #75 - POLARIS.



BILLY KILDEE, #111 CELEBRATES VICTORY IN 120CC PRO 10 & UNDER.

Gladwin Vintage Snowmobile Races Saturday February 29, 2020

Kitty Cat (10 & Under)

- #54 – Deegan Lickfeldt – Midland, MI - Arctic Cat
- #32 – Ella Bringer – Hemlock, MI - Arctic Cat Kitty Cat
- #79 – Jacob Seidel – Bentley, MI – Kitty Cat

Race 2 120-Stock

- 1. #7C Kindin Cade – Buckley, MI – Arctic Cat
- 2. #24 Bryson Deshano – Kawkawlin, MI – Arctic Cat
- 3. #316 Cruz Gohr – Bay City, MI – Arctic Cat

Race 3 120 Mod 10 & Under

- 1. #145 Lincoln Furman – Shelby, MI – Arctic Cat
- 2. #7 Zander Miske – Harrison, MI – Arctic Cat
- 3. #316 Cruz Gohr – Bay City, MI – Arctic Cat

Race 4 120 Open (10 & Under)

- 1. #24 Easton Hess – Beaverton, MI – Polaris
- 2. #75 Parke Bruitup– Buckley, MI – Polaris
- 3. #7 Zander Miske – Harrison, MI - Arctic Cat

Race 5 120 Pro (10 & Under)

- 1. #111 Billy Kildee – Traverse, MI
- 2. #7C Keeton Cade – Buckley, MI
- 3. #29 Kyron Deshano – Kawkawlin

Race 6 Champ / Sno-Pro Twin Track

- 1. #00 Adam Meihs – Unionville, MI - Polaris
- 2. #609AK Shaun Nestor - Walled Lake, MI – '79 Moto-ski
- 3. #10 Ezra Arnold - Unionville, MI - Polaris

Race 6A Outlaw 600 (Cockpit Race sleds)

- 1. # 61 Dan Dantuma – Standish, MI
- 2. #429 Troy Ballor - Linwood, MI
- 3. #3 Samuel Dantuma – Standish, MI
- 4. #8 Todd Ballor – Bay City, MI

Race 7 1974 & Older Single Cylinder Pro

- 1. #33x Spencer Steeles – Thompsonville, MI – Yamaha
- 2. #4U Cass Ripley – Stanton, MI –
- 3. #84 Mike Stevenson - Polaris

Race 8 1984 & Older 340 Stock

- 1. #504 Tim Wagner – Scottville, MI – Yamaha
- 2. #5x Tyler Hacker – Houghton Lake, MI – Yamaha
- 3. #41 Nick Givens – Midland, MI - Mercury

Race 9 1984 & Older Powder Puff 440 Stock

- 1. #19 Angel Ahern – Fairgrove, MI - Yamaha
- 2. #24 Brooklyn Nelson – Bay City, MI – Polaris
- 3. #121 Sam Freel – Millersburg, MI - Yamaha

Race 10 600 IFS IMP

- 1. #10 Ezra Arnold - Unionville, MI - Polaris
- 2. #68 Aaron Johnson – Linwood, MI – Arctic Cat
- 3. #30 Tyler Donn – Gladwin, MI – Polaris

Race 11 1984 & Older 440 Stock Liquid

- 1. #41 – Bruce Leroy – Burt, MI – Yamaha
- 2. #22 Brian Mead – St. Charles, MI – Polaris
- 3. #2 Cole Severn – Burt, MI – Polaris

Race 12 1984 & Older 440 IMP

- 1. #42 Chris Holly – Freeland, MI – Polaris
- 2. #5H James Gibel – Lake City, MI – Mercury
- 3. #51 Mason McSweyn – St. Charles, MI – Polaris

Race 13 1984 & Older 340 Liquid Improved

- 1. #3 Chaz Major – Scottville, MI – Yamaha
- 2. #52 Jacob McSweyn – St. Charles, MI
- 3. #3BLK Curt Jolly – Ludington, MI – Yamaha

Race 14 1984 & Older 440 Pro

- 1. #84 Alex Keit – Bay City, MI – Polaris
- 2. #42 Rick Fowler – Hemlock, MI - Polaris
- 3. #41 Jeff Webster – Whittemore, MI – Arctic Cat

Race 15 1984 & Older 340 IMP

- 1. #21 Chaz Major – Scottville, MI – Yamaha
- 2. #38 Bo Kubik – St. Charles, MI – Polaris
- 3. #52 Jacob McSweyn – St. Charles, MI – Polaris

Race 16 1984 & Older 440 Senior - Stock (55 and Up)

- 1. #45 Scott Webster Clio, MI – Yamaha
- 2. #504 Tim Wagner – Scottville, MI, – Yamaha
- 3. #4 Ron Kuripla – Houghton Lake, MI – Mercury

Race 17 1984 & Older 340 junior Stock (10-16)

- 1. #4 Cass Ripley – Stanton, MI – Mercury
- 2. #756 Jaron Bridget – Cadillac, MI – Polaris
- 3. #07 Hayden Fuller – St. Charles, MI - Arctic Cat

Race 18 1984 & Older Single Stock

- 1. #21 Chaz Major – Scottville, MI –Yamaha
- 2. #01 David Smith – Hart, MI - Yamaha
- 3. #11BLK Kelly Major – Scottville, MI – Yamaha

Race 19 1984 & Older 440 Stock

- 1. #41BLK Bruce Leroy – Burt, MI – Yamaha
- 2. #22 Brian Mead – St. Charles, MI – Polaris
- 3. #979 Dan Alcock II – Saginaw, MI - Polaris

Race 20 1984 & Older 340 Pro

- 1. #27 Bo Dedic – Owosso, MI – Yamaha
- 2. #42 Rick Fowler – Hemlock, MI – Polaris
- 3. #8D Derek Fobear – Bay City, MI - Polaris

Race 21 1984 & Older 440 Liquid Improved

- 1. #42 Chris Holly – Freeland, MI – Polaris
- 2. #5H James Gibel – Lake City, MI – Mercury
- 3. #994 Dan Smith – Hemlock, MI – Polaris

Race 22 1984 & Older 340 Liquid Stock

- 1. #2 Cole Severn – Burt, MI – Polaris
- 2. #504 Tim Wagner – Scottville, MI – Yamaha
- 3. #17 Josh VanBuskirk – Falmouth, MI – ski-doo

Race 23 W.C.1984 & Older Junior IMP 340 (10-16) W.C. 0725

- 1. #38 Bo Kubik – St. Charles, MI – Polaris
- 2. #174 Payden Griffore – Traverse City, MI – Mercury
- 3. #65 Hunter Hubbard– Saginaw, MI – Polaris

Race 24 1984 & Older Single IMP

- 1. #11 Kelly Major – Scottville, MI – Yamaha
- 2. #01 David Smith–Hart, MI – Yamaha
- 3. #56 Greg Bringer – Hemlock, MI – Yamaha

Race 25 Relic Class Single Cylinder Stock

- 1. #92 Scott Havercroft – Greenbush, MI – Scorpion
- 2. #75 Jadya Bair – Beaverton, MI – Chaparral

Race 26 Relic Class 440cc max Stock (no longer in production)

- 1. #X69 Michael Nash – Gladwin, MI – John Deere
- 2. #77 Eric Williams – Marion, MI – Rupp
- 3. #04 James Gibel – Lake City, MI - Mercury

Race 27 Relic Class 340cc max Stock (no longer in production)

- 1. #4 Ron Kuripla – Houghton Lake, MI – Mercury
- 2. #7 Ed Williams- Marion MI - Rupp
- 3. #10 Jim Rosser- St. Charles. MI - Yamaha



1984 & OLDER 340 JUNIOR STOCK (10 - 16) LEFT TO RIGHT: FIRST PLACE CASS RIPLEY, #4 - MERCURY, THIRD PLACE HAYDEN FULLER, #07 - ARCTIC CAT AND SECOND PLACE JARON BRIDGET, #756 - POLARIS.



CHAMP/SNO-PRO/ TWIN TRACK (RIGHT TO LEFT): FIRST PLACE ADAM MEIHLS, #00 – POLARIS, SECOND PLACE SHAUN NESTOR, #609AK – '79 MOTO-SKI AND THIRD PLACE EZRA ARNOLD, #10 - POLARIS.



120CC MOD (10 & UNDER) LEFT TO RIGHT:THIRD PLACE CRUZ GOHR #316 - ARCTIC CAT,SECOND PLACE ZANDER MISKE #7 - ARCTIC CAT AND FIRST PLACE LINCOLN FURMAN #145 - ARCTIC CAT.



NO LONGER IN PRODUCTION RELIC 440CC MAX STOCK CLASS TOP THREE: RIGHT TO LEFT; FIRST PLACE - MICHAEL NASH #69 – JOHN DEERE, SECOND PLACE - ERIC WILLIAMS #77 – RUPP AND THIRD PLACE - JAMES GIBEL #04 – MERCURY.

1988 Hall of Fame Inductee Stan Hayes Passes



hired by Polaris, Mercury, Ski-Doo and John Deere over his career.

Stan holds the distinction of being the only driver ever to win all three of the most coveted events in snowmobile racing: The Eagle River World Championship (1964), the Soo I-500 endurance race (1972 on Polaris and 1976 on Mercury), and the grueling Winnipeg to St. Paul I-500 (1973).

Stan was instrumental in the development of the famed second-generation Mercury Sno-Twister in the middle 1970s, as well as the second-generation Fire Series at John Deere in

**Story Courtesy of The Snowmobile Hall of Fame,
Photos by C.J. Ramstad**

On Saturday April 4, 2020 1988 Snowmobile Hall of Fame Inductee, Stan Hayes, passed away.

Stan was the picture of great health for many years, but in recent months, a very rare blood disorder caught up with the hard-charging racer and talented engineer.

Entering the record books for the first time with a win at the first-ever Eagle River derby in 1964 at the age of 13, Stan went on to enjoy a long and successful career in snowmobile oval, enduro, and cross-country racing. He was sought after and

BELOW: 1976 I-500 MERCURY TEAM

IN ACTION AT THE 1976 SOO I-500



the late 1970s and early 1980s.

He was working on the IFS Liqui-fire project when John Deere pulled the plug on snowmobile operations in 1984. Stan's last race was the 1990 Harricana cross-country Race which was a three man team race. It ran 1,500 miles across the province of Quebec over a period of 10 days. Stan's team finished in second place only 27 seconds behind the winning time.

Stan was a long time supporter of the Hall of Fame, attending dozens of our Ride with the Champs events, and he will be dearly missed.

Enduro Racing Legend Bob Benner

Heaven Bound

BOB BENNER FOLLOWING HIS 2009 INDUCTION INTO THE MICHIGAN MOTOR SPORTS HALL OF FAME.



BOB AND BETTY BENNER WITH THEIR WINNING SKI-DOO FOLLOWING THE TEAMS 1986 SOO I-500 VICTORY.

BOB & BETTY BENNER

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By Steve Landon

Bob Benner, Age 89, passed away at home on April 19, 2020. Born in Mt. Pleasant in 1930, he moved to the Linden/Fenton area at a young age and lived there for the remainder of his life. Active in various forms of auto racing in the 1950's and 1960's, his focus turned to snowmobiles in the 1970's and he quickly made Enduro Snowmobile Racing history. The Master mind behind Benner Racing and later, Williams/Benner Racing, he built some of the fastest Ski-Doo entries on the Enduro circuit. He led his Teams to countless records and victories along the way, most notably winning the Grand Daddy of all races, the Sault Ste. Marie I-500, in 1986. His legendary status in the racing community culminated in 2009 when he was inducted into The Michigan Motor Sports Hall of Fame. Bob retired (kicking and screaming) from Chevrolet Manufacturing after 30 years of service as a skilled trades Welder in the maintenance division. Bob is survived by his daughters Alice Frazier of Flint MI and Sharon Grindel of Sault Ste. Marie MI. He is also survived by his grandson Sean (Christa) Benner of Davison MI, two great-grand daughters, many nieces and nephews and special friends, Mary Hect of Flint and Mark Weaver of Grand Blanc. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Betty, son Lynn, son-in-law Laurence Grindel, brothers Lynn Benner, Frank Vollmer and sister Lucille Howard. Cremation will take place per his request. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bob Benner Memorial Fund set up by the Midwest International Racing Association (M.I.R.A.) to help snowmobile drivers injured while racing. A special thank you to Steve and Sherry Landon of The Winning Edge magazine for the photo contribution here and for faithfully following Bob throughout his racing career.

Enduro Racing lost another legend of the sport, Bob Benner, the master mind behind Benner Racing and later Williams/Benner Racing passed away peacefully at the age of 89. During his long snowmobile racing career Bob and later partner Larry Williams built some of the fastest ski-doo entries on the enduro circuit leading them to countless victories with some truly world class drivers.

In 2009 he was inducted into The Michigan Motor Sports Hall of Fame. Two of his former drivers Karl Schwartz - 2012 and Brian Musselman - 2002 are also in the Michigan Motor Sports Hall of Fame. Dan Kirts is a past inductee in the Snowmobile Hall of Fame in St. Germain, Wisc.

I feel blessed to have known Bob and his loving wife Betty. You could not have asked for a more dedicated family to the sport of snowmobile racing. Bob and Betty are now reunited - God please bless them both.

Thanks for the memories Bob you were sure an amazing person during your time with us.



BENNER RACING CELEBRATES THEIR FIRST EVER PRO-ENDURO VICTORY IN 1978 AT THE GLADWIN I 50 PRO ENDURO. THE TEAM WON ON A 1978 SKI-DOO SNO-PRO. PICTURED BACK ROW L-R BOB BENNER, DENNY ATHERTON AND BILL BLACKNEY. FRONT ROW DOUG, DAN KIRTS AND BETTY BENNER.

BEVRA Pulls off Round Two, Siler wins Bevra Cup!

Text & Photos by Steve Landon

Lakeview, Michigan, February 22, 2020; - Incredibly mild weather all winter had many folks convinced the Big Extreme Vintage Racing Association season would never get underway. One thing the naysayers forgot - Never say Never! to a bunch of hungry racers anxious to hit the ice, they'll prove you wrong every time. This proved the case when BEVRA pulled off back to back Saturdays of racing when many promoters had all but given up hope.

On Saturday February 8, on a cold snowy and windy day racers invaded the BEVRA track for what many thought would be the first and only race of the season. Once again the doom and gloom crowd was proven wrong. Wise management of the track surface and proper grooming during the opener left a good portion of the oval unscathed. A brief cold snap gave crews a chance to refresh the surface for another go around. Race number two was happening!

Two-Hundred and fifteen entries would etch their mark into the oval under clear sunny skies during round two. In addition to the traditional program, the race would feature the popular BEVRA Cup. Beyond a few minor breakdowns and tumbles racing was fast and downright exciting each and every lap.

Coming off four wins at the BEVRA opener, Tanner Heetderks of Wayland, Mich., was back stalking the winners circle once again. Grabbing a handful of throttle, Heetderks showed no mercy on the competition as he roared onto victory five times on his Polaris entries. In Super Stock IFS 540 fan and 540 L.C. before going on to post wins in F-500/sportsman/F-III, Super Mod 440 and Limited 500/Super Mod IFS, one thing was certain Tanner was clearly not affected by the seasons late start.

The Bouverette Family of Bad Axe, Mich., combined to take home five checkered flags with Haven leading the way with three trips to the winner's circle. In Super Stock IFS he held off the competition with his Polaris for the win. Moving onto Yamaha he would grab victories in Mod Stock 340 & 440. A week earlier at the BEVRA opener Haven

RYAN WOLFE AND CHAD SILER CELEBRATE ON VICTORY LANE FOLLOWING THE BEVRA CUP.



dominated both classes.

Not to be out done Rocky Bouverette stepped up to the plate and hit a couple home runs. Driving Polaris, he dusted the competition cruising to wins in Pro Mod 340 and 440.

The marvelous Mercury man from little old Leroy, Mich., Bob Lockhart was back on the throttle again bound for glory. Following a solid BEVRA opener where he scored two checkered flags, Lockhart was eager to prove to the competition the old Merc Twisters still had what it takes to be a winner. Winning was just what they did roaring past the competition like an out of control F-5 tornado with Bob at the helm. Turning in a four-win performance he would claim the checkered in Stock 340 Fan, Stock 440 F/A, Super Stock 440 Fan before hauling in his last win of the day, this time in Super Stock IFS 440 LC.

Rich Lockhart also of Leroy, Mich., would give the Merc family their fifth and final win of the day.

Kenny Keillor of Bear Lake, Mich., was humming right along as he sailed on to the promised land. Driving Polaris, Keillor made all the right moves to get past a highly competitive field and on to victory in Super Stock 340 F/A and Super Stock 340 LC.

Matt Neinhuis of Holland, Mich., kept Yamaha right in the thick of the battle for brand supremacy by cleaning house in Stock 440 Fan and Stock 440 FA/LC.

Scott Reisinger made his long trek from PA pay off. Driving a Mercury he captured Sportsman 0-400cc before going on to lead his Yamaha to victory lane in Super Stock 300 Fan.

Chad Siler of Spring Lake, Mich., enjoyed the biggest victory of his career taking the famed BEVRA Cup over Kenny Keillor - Polaris and Bob Lockhart on Mercury.

Driving Polaris and Yamaha entries Siler appeared headed for a good day from moment he climbed in the saddle for hot laps.

Following a dual to the checkered on his Yamaha to win Post '75 0-400 over fellow Spring Lake, Mich., Yamaha-hauler Chris Young, Siler set his sights on getting his 1981 Polaris TXC 440 fan ready for the prestigious battle for the cup. The popular race featured some

TEAMMATE RYAN WOLFE AND CHAD SILER TAKE A WELL DESERVED VICTORY LAP AFTER WINNING THE 2020 BEVRA CUP.



of the finest drivers in Michigan vintage snowmobile racing going 10 high speed laps in a thrilling dual to the finish in Super Stock Open.

An appliance Repair Specialist, Siler '35 has been successfully vintage ice racing for the last 10 years.

"Team Wolfe Motorsports Racing and I built the chassis on my sled from the ground up this year, the engine was built by Doug Flannery.

This was my second year racing in the BEVRA Cup. I led the race last year but my lube system failed and the rear axle seized. I ended up finishing second to Dakota Harris a very respected oval racer. This year was my redemption.

I entered three other classes mainly for ice time to make sure the sled was ready. It was pushing early on in the day which was good because I knew with the warm temps the track was going to loosen up. No adjustments were made, the sled felt great!

I took it easy during the qualifying race to feel out the track and the sled. I took second to Mike Kerstra on his Polaris Indy 440 IFS. I scratched out of one of the classes after qualifying to save the sled and myself for the Cup.

At the start of the BEVRA Cup I was lined up all the way to the outside on fresh ice. I Came off the line in second behind Trent Johnson of Portage, Mich., who was on a Polaris 440 TXC. I followed him around for a lap knowing I needed to make a move because the field was stacked with previous BEVRA Cup champs and the fastest super stock racers in the state behind me. I made the pass on the second lap by driving deeper into turn three. After that I turned it up a notch and drove it as hard as the sled could handle.

My Teammate Ryan Wolfe drove 2 1/2hrs without sleds just to help me through the day and to give me the arm length signal for the gap I had "if" I was leading. Lap four I came around and picked him up. His arms were as far apart as he could spread them. I honestly didn't believe him because I knew the caliber of talent that was chasing me. I kept the pace high on lap five, six and seven. He still had his arms fully spread basically saying "Chad back her down!" I backed it down slightly, mainly because my arms were feeling it from seven hard laps! Lap nine the final lap my team-mate who likes to bust my balls gave the close arm signal meaning someone is right on my ass! Yet I hadn't

heard another exhaust anywhere near me. So me being gassed out hammer down going as hard as I could I took the checkered flag by over a straightaway.

We had a good laugh afterwards because I was honestly worried that someone had caught me. No one was close or even closing the gap, he was just messing with me. The highlight of the race was the entire race. I remember every lap which is rare in an oval race, it's usually a blur. The main highlight was having my team mate giving me the wide open arm spread five laps in a row. My wife and daughters were there cheering me on, which fueled my drive as well!

The main man behind the scenes is Ron Wolfe, the CFO of Wolfe Motorsports Racing and the man that trusted me to build the sled and put it up front. Steve Kirklin is the crew chief and great man to have in your corner. Ryan Wolfe my teammate got to take the victory lap with



2020 BEVRA CUP WINNER CHAD SILER OF SPRING LAKE, MICH., HAD HIS POLARIS PERFORMING FLAWLESSLY AS HE ROUNDED THE OVAL ON TO VICTORY.

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HOME OF THE BLUE RACE TRACK



KENNY KEILLOR, #22 TAKES THE INSIDE LINE TO PULL AHEAD OF THE PACK. KEILLOR PULLED OUT TWO IMPRESSIVE VICTORIES WITH HIS POLARIS.

me. As a team we've been trying for four years to win the cup. Ryan finished in the top four two years in a row prior to me taking the win.

We are sponsored by Ed Lyttle my friend and owner of Siding R Us, Redline Oil, Castle, EVS, our other main sponsors are all of the fellow racers in this sport that we love. We all help each other out even if we are competitors. We always want to see everyone on the ice and do what we can to make that happen.

Thank you Steve for being there that weekend! The first time I was in The Winning Edge was six years ago on my Grandfathers 1972 Yamaha 292 Single at Gladwin. Thank you for the coverage of this sport we all love" – Siler said!

A season once consider lost to the ages had come on in the waning weeks of winter to become one of the most exciting ever. Hard work, persistence by BEVRA, the amazing track building and grooming crew from Pitcher Perfect Excavating made the impossible possible. Was there another go around left in the old rugged track? Only time and a little help from mother nature would tell.



THIS LITTLE DRIVER GOT SOME EARLY DRIVERS EDUCATION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A TETHER.



DEVIN WEBER, #6 ON A POLARIS OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., EDGES PAST BOB LOCKHART, #125 OF LEROY, MICH., ON HIS WAY TO THE CHECKERED IN SUPER STOCK 440 LC. LOCKHART WHO FINISHED THIRD HAD AN AWESOME DAY RACKING UP FOUR WINS ON HIS MERC'S.



MIKE MILES, #93 ON A SKI-DOO ROUNDS THE CORNER BOUND FOR A SECOND PLACE IN MASTERS SUPER STOCK OPEN.



HAVEN BOUVERETTE, #92 SLIPS PAST THE COMPETITION ON HIS SLEEK YAMAHA. BOUVERETTE OF BAD AXE, MICH., TOOK HOME TWO WINS ON YAMAHA AND ONE ON A POLARIS.



IN ADDITION BEING RACE DIRECTOR BILL KERKSTRA IS A PRETTY GOOD TRACK SIDE MECHANIC. HERE HE FIXES A FLAT TIRE ON A GROOMER THAT WAS PROBABLY PUNCTURED BY A WAYWARD STUD.



COLTON KOEPLING, #18C LEADS THE PACK ON THE WAY TO THE CHECKERED FLAG AND VICTORY IN JUNIOR NOVICE 300 FAN ON HIS YAMAHA.



NATHAN BAKER, #13 OF CEDAR SPRINGS, MICH., LEADS KENNY KEILLOR, #22 AND RICH LOCKHART, #320 OUT OF TURN FOUR.



BRANDON MCKENNA, #09 OF STANWOOD LEADS MAX FAHLING, #45 AND AN UNIDENTIFIED DRIVER OUT OF TURN FOUR. EXCITING BUMPER RACING LIKE THIS KEPT FANS GLUED TO THE ACTION ALL DAY.



EVEN THE RACE TRACK ISN'T SAFE WHEN IT COMES TO THOSE BLASTED CONSTRUCTION CONES AS BRANDON MOONEY, #14 FOUND OUT. LIKE DEER THEY POP OUT UNEXPECTEDLY.



TANNER HEETDERKS, #53 HOLDS OFF THE COMPETITION ON HIS WAY TO ONE OF HIS FIVE VICTORIES.



SCOTT REISINGER, #358 LEADS THE PACK GOING INTO TURN ONE. REISINGER WENT HOME WITH TWO VICTORIES. ONE ON MERC AND ONE ON YAMAHA.



BEVRA RACE DIRECTOR BILL KERKSTRA SPEAKS TO DRIVERS ABOUT THE STARTING LIGHTS AT THE DRIVERS MEETING.

Bevra Race Results
2/22/20
Lakeview Michigan

Class	Postion	Driver	Number	Sled Brand	Hometown/State
Jr Novice 300 Fan	1st	Colton Koepling	18C	Yamaha	unknown
	2nd	Khloe Siler	2	Yamaha	Traverse City MI
	3rd	Jacob Peterson	909	Yamaha	unknown
Jr Novice SS 340Fan/300FA	1st	Braydon Trombly	328	Yamaha	unknown
	2nd	Nikolas Micheal	7	Rupp	Hart MI
	3rd	Tommy Davidson	18C	Yamaha	unknown
Sportsman 0-400cc	1st	Scott Reisinger	358	Mercury	PA
	2nd	Brad Kennel	611	Polaris	unknown
	3rd	Guy Guymer	65	Polaris	Saginaw MI
Sportsman 401cc-up	1st	Dan Smith	994	Polaris	unknown
	2nd	AJ Listerman	64	Yamaha	lonia MI
	3rd	Andy Wirostek	62W	Yamaha	Laingsberg MI
Womens SS 440 Fan	1st	Megan McKenna	999	Polaris	Lakeview MI
	2nd	Braydon Trombly	328	Yamaha	unknown
	3rd				
Barnstormer Stock	1st	Max Fahling	45	Ski-Doo	Sparta MI
	2nd	Derek Michael	7	Suzuki	Hart MI
	3rd	Jon Butler	21	Rupp	Muskegon
Relic Stock Pre 1976	1st	Mike Knudson	85	Sno*Jet	Hart MI
	2nd	Max Fahling	45	Ski-Doo	Sparta MI
	3rd				
Post 75 Single 0-400cc	1st	Chad Siler	2	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	2nd	Chris Young	429	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	3rd	Nik Michael	'007	Yamaha	Hart MI
Stock 340 Fan	1st	Bob Lockhart	25L	Mercury	Leroy MI
	2nd	Mike Knudson	85	Yamaha	Hart MI
	3rd	Kaleb Adams	539	Yamaha	unknown
Stock 440 Fan	1st	Matt Neinhuis	454	Yamaha	Holland mi
	2nd	Andy Wirostek	62W	Yamaha	Laingsburg MI
	3rd	Colton Lepplinger	18C	Yamaha	unknown
Stock 340 FA/LC	1st	Elmer Hunderman	'04	Polaris	unknown
	2nd	Dan Chapel	407	Polaris	Hart MI
	3rd	Chris Kalthoff	717	Arctic Cat	Roscommon MI
Stock 440 FA/LC	1st	Matt Neinhuis	454	Yamaha	Holland mi
	2nd	Elmer Hunderman	'04	Polaris	unknown
	3rd	Andy Wirostek	62w	Yamaha	Laingsburg MI
Super Stock 340 Fan & 250 FA	1st	Rich Lockhart	320	Mercury	Leroy MI
	2nd	Brad Kennel	611x	Polaris	unknown
	3rd	Rocky Wilson	58	Mercury	Nunica MI
Super Stock 300 Fan	1st	Scott Reisinger	358	Yamaha	PA
	2nd	Chris Young	429	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	3rd	Dominik Delgado	803	Yamaha	lonia MI
Super Stock 300 FA/LC	1st	Brad Kennel	611x	Polaris	unknown
	2nd				
	3rd				
Super Stock 340 FA	1st	Kenny Keillor	22	Polaris	Bear Lake MI
	2nd	Brad Kennel	611	Polaris	unknown
	3rd	Rich Lockhart	320	Mercury	Leroy MI
Super Stock 340 LC	1st	Kenny Keillor	22	Polaris	Bear Lake MI
	2nd	James Vonberg	611	Polaris	unknown
	3rd	Scott Reisinger	358	Mercury	PA
Super Stock 440 Fan	1st	Bob Lockhart	L25	Mercury	Leroy MI
	2nd	Trenton Johnson	69	Polaris	Portage MI
	3rd	Rich Lockhart	320	Mercury	Leroy MI
Super Stock 440 FA	1st	Bob Lockhart	L25	Mercury	Leroy MI
	2nd	Bill Kerkstra	119	Kawasaki	Hamilton MI
	3rd	Dan Smith	994	Polaris	unknown
Super Stock 440 LC	1st	Devin Weber	6	Polaris	Grand Rapids
	2nd	Rich Lockhart	320	Mercury	Leroy MI
	3rd	Bob Lockhart	L25	Mercury	Leroy MI
Super Stock Open BEVRA Cup Race	1st	Chad Siler	2	Polaris	Spring Lake MI
	2nd	Kenny Keillor	22	Polaris	Bear Lake MI
	3rd	Bob Lockhart	L25	Mercury	Leroy MI
Masters Super Stock Open	1st	Greg Bailey	6T	Polaris	Greenville MI
	2nd	Mike Miles	93	Ski-Doo	Zeeland MI
	3rd	Jim Kelly	751	Rupp	Grand Rapids MI
Masters Super Stock 340 Fan FA	1st	Rocky Wilson	58	Mercury	Nunica MI
	2nd	Tim Wagner	504	Mercury	Nunica MI

Super Stock IFS 540 Fan	3rd				
	1st	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd	Trenton Johnson	61	Polaris	Portage MI
Super Stock IFS 440 LC	3rd	Bill Kerkstra	119	Polaris	Hamilton MI
	1st	Bob Lockhart	L25	Mercury	Leroy MI
	2nd	Max Fahling	45	Ski-Doo	Spring Lake MI
Super Stock IFS 540 LC	3rd	Mike Kerkstra	118	Polaris	Wayland MI
	1st	Tanner Heetderks	23	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd	David Chappel	26	Polaris	Wayland MI
Super Stock IFS 580 LC	3rd	Spencer Hassevoort	122	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	1st	Haven Bouverette	92	Polaris	Bad Axe MI
	2nd	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
F500-Sportsman-Fill	3rd	Johnathon Proctor	686	Polaris	Trufant
	1st	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd	David Chappel	26	Polaris	Wayland MI
Mod Stock 340	3rd	Bill Kerkstra	119	Polaris	Hamilton MI
	1st	Haven Bouverette	92	Yamaha	Bad Axe MI
	2nd	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
Mod Stock 440	3rd	Brad Kennel	148	Polaris	unknown
	1st	Haven Bouverette	92	Yamaha	Bad Axe MI
	2nd	Spencer Hassevoort	122	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
Pro Mod 340	3rd	Brendon McKenna	9	Yamaha	Stanwood MI
	1st	Rocky Bouverette	93	Polaris	Bad Axe MI
	2nd	Justin Crab	88	Polaris	Lakeview MI
Pro Mod 440	3rd				
	1st	Rocky Bouverette	93	Polaris	Bad Axe MI
	2nd	Brandon Mooney	14	Polaris	unknown
Super Mod 340	3rd	Justin Crab	88	Polaris	Lakeview MI
	1st	Trenton Johnson	61	Polaris	unknown
	2nd	Rocky Bouverette	93	Polaris	Bad Axe MI
Super Mod 440	3rd	Brandon Mooney	14	Polaris	unknown
	1st	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd	Trenton Johnson	43x	Polaris	unknown
Limited 500/Super Mod IFS	3rd				
	1st	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd	Jeff Kraynak	118	Ski-doo	Ohio
Kitty Kat	3rd	Shawn Nestor	609	Moto-Ski	unknown
	1st	Evelyn Butler	0B2	Arctic Cat	Twin Lake, MI
	2nd	Owen Butler	0B3	Arctic Cat	Twin Lake, MI
Jr 120	3rd				
	1st	JT Hazard		Arctic Cat	Mattawan, MI
	2nd	Kevin Suk		Arctic Cat	unknown
	3rd	Charlotte Meyering	7	Ski-Doo	Jenison MI



MIKE KNUDSON, #85 OF HART, MICH., KEEPS MAX FAHLING AT BAY
LONG ENOUGH TO GIVE SNO-JET A WIN IN RELIC STOCK PRE 1976.

BEVRA Closes Out One Wild Season



Tom Wisner, #91 Wins 2020 of Stud Boy Cup

By Steve Landon

Lakeview, Michigan, February 29, 2020; - If anyone had said the 2020 vintage snowmobile racing season would take place the last three weeks of February they would have been consider a bit off their rocker. After the brutally cold winter of 2019, no one in his or her right mind could possibly fathom a mild winter screwing up the season but screw up it did, big time! From mid-December thru mid-February races were few and far between in the Great Lakes. The Big Extreme Vintage Racing Association (BEVRA) was one circuit that pulled off a miracle.

The battle proven BEVRA track was clearly tired from two straight poundings, could it hold up for another round? Yes! From the moment the last checkered flag sailed a week earlier the crew from Pitcher Perfect Excavating went to work taking advantage of what cold air Old Man Winter could spare to get things back shape for one more go round. Their efforts, once again paid off bringing back the track for what would be the last race of an abbreviated schedule.

Sun, a few clouds and chilly winter temperatures

set the stage for another great day of racing that would include the famous Stud Boy Cup.

In all nine drivers would close out the year with a big smile and two more wins added to their record book.

Max Fahling of Sparta, Mich., whose blood has run ski-doo colors since birth was clearly out numbered by all the Yamaha, Polaris, Mercury and Arctic Cats on hand this year. Did he turn yellow and run, yes, he ran great! The BEVRA veteran showed the competition the doo's still had what it takes to get the job done as he went on to take the checkered in Barnstormer Stock and Relic Stock Pre 1976. The pair of victories gave Fahling five victories for the 2020 season.

Bob and Rich Lockhart of Leroy, Mich., would have made former Mercury racing great Stan Hayes proud had he seen them chewing up the competition this year on board their sleek Sno-twisters. In the season finale Bob sailed to victory in Stock 340 Fan and Super Stock 440 closing out the 2020 BEVRA series with eight wins. Rich Lockhart came on strong in the last race to claim top honors in Super Stock 340 Fan & 250 F/A and Super Stock 340 F/A to finish out the

year with four trips to the winner's circle. Throughout the season Merc's were running strong, not bad for a sled that left the industry 44 years ago.

It seems no matter the year or model, if it's a Polaris chances are you'll see at least one with a driver hoisting a checkered flag at every snowmobile race-track in the world. Like death and taxes it a certainty", Believe it! This was the case at the season finale where Polaris drivers were once again hot on the throttle picking up their share of victories.

Nick Wickerham of Greenville, Mich., hauled in a pair of wins in Super Stock 440 L/C and Super Stock 440 F/A to wrap up his BEVRA season with four checkered flags on Polaris.

Dan Rogers of Delton, Mich., closed out 2020 on a winning note. Driving Polaris, Rogers roared on past the competition to victory in Limited 500/Super Mod IFS and in F-500 – Sportsman – F-III.

Polaris ace Mike Kerstra of Wayland, Mich., grabbed a handful of throttle and exploded off the starting line on his way to glory in Super Stock Open and Super Stock IFS 440 LC. Piloting Polaris he wrapped up the season with three BEVRA victories.

Yamaha drivers once again put on another great performance reminiscence of a time when they were one of the hottest sleds on ice.

Andy Wirostek of Laingsburg, Mich., had a fine day scorching the ice as he led his Yamaha on to victory lane in Stock 440 FA/LC and in Stock 440 Fan. Wirostek claimed three BEVRA victories in 2020.

Yamaha continued kicking ice thanks in part to guys like Spencer Hassevoort of Spring Lake, Mich., who scored big wins in Super Stock IFS 540 fan and in Mod Stock 440 closing out the BEVRA series with four trips down victory lane.

Since the first BEVRA race was held many years ago, Stud Boy Snowmobile Traction Products have been there every lap providing support and traction control. In addition to fine products the company has sponsored the Stud Boy Cup the most coveted award on the BEVRA circuit. Each year drivers pull out all the stops to make sure their machine is in tiptop shape for a fierce battle in the cups featured class Super Stock 340 LC. As in the BEVRA Cup a week earlier the best vintage drivers in the state would give all they had in hopes of etching their name in Michigan vintage snowmobile racing history. This year a talented young man from Blanchard, Mich., Thom Wisner, would lead his Polaris to the Stud Boy Cup in a thrilling 10-lap shootout. Kenny Keillor of Bear Lake, Mich., finished second on a Polaris followed by Mike Kerkstra of Wayland, Mich., in third on Sno-Jet.

When not working on or racing vintage snowmobiles Thom Wisner. '23 is a certified diesel mechanic who currently works as a CNC maintenance technician in Grand Rapids. Once temperatures drop and



Mike Kerstra, #118 had a great day posting two class wins and a third in the Stud Boy Cup.



Kenny Keillor, #22 on a Polaris works to hold off Mike Kerstra in The Stud Boy Cup final. Keillor finished second. A week earlier he claimed second in the BEVRA Cup.



Nick Wickerman, #911 on a Polaris had a great day posting two wins this season.

the snow falls, chances are you'll find him going over 100 mph on snowmobiles made long before he was born in oval track vintage snowmobile racing. Since getting into the sport, Wisner has seen action across the great lakes and Wisconsin.

"I have been racing for three years now, locally in the BEVRA series, Eagle River Vintage Championships, and MIRA in sprint and mini-enduro races. I am the fourth generation of Polaris racers in my family and the third generation to race on the Soo I-500 track.

The sled I raced in the Stud Boy Cup was a 1980 Polaris TX 340 FA. We purchased this sled three years ago and have had good success, it's been a solid performer. After last season we rebuilt it from the ground up, my dad and I went through our other three race sleds as well. We build our own sleds, so it takes a lot of hands on time and effort.

We put a lot of time into getting our Polaris 340 just right. Our goal was to be competitive in the Stud Boy Cup this year as well as our other races. We have never raced in the Cup before. We were hoping if everything worked in our favor we could bring home a win.

We had been racing both the MIRA and BEVRA circuits this year with three different sleds. However, with the Cup race we wanted to maintain our focus on that race during the day. Our sled had been running really strong all year, only getting beat one time finishing second when a carburetor boot ripped. We did not race in any other races that day so we could stay focused on preparing for the cup race. We did our hot laps and the sled seemed to be running strong, made a few adjustments and hoped for the best in the 10-lap race. There were a lot of nerves in the trailer on race day, but we remained focused on the track, the competition, and our sled.

There was a false start at the beginning of the race so we needed to restart the race. I had a really good hole shot at the restart and jumped out in front of the other sleds into the lead by turn one. I continued to lead the race putting up to 1/3 to 1/2 a lap distance between myself and the other sleds at points during the race. I kept riding hard and hoping that I had a safe trip. Around lap seven the #22 sled rode by Ken Kiellor started to pull up behind me. We knew Kens would be one of the sleds to beat as it had won

the 340 Vintage Class Championships in Eagle River and would be a tough sled with a talented rider. He gave me a run for the money challenging me for the number one spot towards the end of the race. There was some very competitive racing in the final two laps but I was able to hold onto the lead and bring home the checkered flag. It was a tough race, a lot of great sleds out there with extremely talented riders. The track conditions were Pitcher Perfect and the BEVRA crew held an amazing event.

What a year! I'm now really looking forward to next season as I move into more enduro races. I've had a lot of help from fellow racers, teams, new and old friends, and a lot of support along the way. Thanks to all the racing organizations we are involved with and the people working hard to support the racers and teams. I also want to say special thanks to my Mom and Dad for all their hard work and support throughout the year, without which none of this would be possible.

We are a family affair with my dad Jon Wisner and mom Kaye Wisner in the pits at every race. Sometimes we even get my sister Lauryn Wisner involved in the action. It takes the whole team to make it happen during the week and at the races, we all get involved', Wisner said.

Thom Wisner is sponsored by; Woody's Traction Products, Blanchard Bean Company, Casey Handwerk Design and his Mom and Dad.

In spite of the shortened season many drivers managed to make multiple trips to the winner's circle thanks in part to excellent driving on a very well prepared and groomed track.

If Mother Nature cooperates 2021 should be a banner year. In the meantime enjoy the summer because it won't be long until its snowmobile racing time again.

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	2nd	Khloe Siler	2	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	3rd	Jacob Peterson	909	Yamaha	unknown
Jr Novice SS 340Fan/300FA	1st	Tucker Haven	128	Polaris	St Charles MI
	2nd	Braydon Trombly	328	Yamaha	unknown
	3rd	Tommy Davidson	18T	Yamaha	unknown
Sportsman 0-400cc	1st	James Vonberg	611	Polaris	unknown
	2nd	Brad Kennel	611	Polaris	unknown
	3rd	Mike Miles	93x	Ski-Doo	Zeeland MI
Sportsman 401cc-up	1st	Matt Nienhuis	454	Yamaha	Holland MI
	2nd	AJ Listerman	64	Yamaha	Ionla MI
	3rd	James Vonberg	611	Polaris	unknown
Womens SS 440 Fan	1st	Megan McKenna	999	Polaris	Lakeview MI
	2nd				
	3rd				
Barnstormer Stock	1st	Max Fahling	45	Ski-Doo	Sparta MI
	2nd				
	3rd				
Relic Stock Pre 1976	1st	Max Fahling	45	Ski-Doo	Sparta MI
	2nd				
	3rd				
Post 75 Single 0-400cc	1st	Chad Siler	2	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	2nd	Braydon Trombly	328	Yamaha	unknown
	3rd	Chris Young	429	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
Stock 340 Fan	1st	Bob Lockhart	25L	Mercury	Leroy MI
	2nd	Dave Dertien	199	Sno*Jet	Lakeview MI
	3rd				
Stock 440 Fan	1st	Andy Wirotek	62w	Yamaha	Laingsburg MI
	2nd	Matt Nienhuis	454	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	3rd	Chris Young	429	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
Stock 340 FA/LC	1st	Dan Chapel	407	Polaris	Hart MI
	2nd	Elmer Hunderman	'04	Polaris	unknown
	3rd	Chris Kalthoff	717	Arctic Cat	Roscommon MI
Stock 440 FA/LC	1st	Andy Wirotek	62w	Yamaha	Laingsburg MI
	2nd	Chris Young	429	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	3rd	Matt Nienhuis	454	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
Super Stock 340 Fan & 250 FA	1st	Rich Lockhart	320	Mercury	Leroy MI
	2nd	Brad Kennel	611x	Polaris	unknown
	3rd	Rocky Wilson	58	Mercury	Nunica MI
Super Stock 300 Fan	1st	Chris Young	429	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	2nd	Nathan Baker	13	Polaris	Cedar Springs MI
	3rd	Dominik Delgado	803	Yamaha	Ionla MI
Super Stock 300 FA/LC	1st	Brad Kennel	611x	Polaris	unknown
	2nd	Tucker Haven	128	Polaris	Saint Charles MI
	3rd				
Super Stock 340 FA	1st	Rich Lockhart	320	Mercury	Leroy MI
	2nd	James Vonberg	611	Polaris	unknown
	3rd	Nathan Baker	13	Polaris	Cedar Springs MI
Super Stock 340 LC	1st	Thom Wisner	91	Polaris	Blanchard MI
Stud Boy Cup	2nd	Kenny Keillor	22	Polaris	Bear Lake MI
	3rd	Mike Kerkstra	118	Sno*Jet	Wayland MI
Super Stock 440 Fan	1st	Bob Lockhart	L25	Mercury	Leroy MI
	2nd	Rich Lockhart	320	Mercury	Leroy MI
	3rd	Brett Wickerham	911	Polaris	Greenville MI
Super Stock 440 FA	1st	Nick Wickerham	48	Polaris	Greenville MI
	2nd	Brett Wickerham	911	Polaris	Greenville MI
	3rd	Bob Lockhart	L25	Mercury	Leroy MI
Super Stock 440 LC	1st	Nick Wickerham	911	Polaris	Greenville MI
	2nd	Rich Lockhart	320	Mercury	Leroy MI
	3rd	Devin Weber	6	Polaris	Grand Rapids MI
Super Stock Open	1st	Mike Kerkstra	118	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd	Chad Siler	2	Polaris	Spring Lake MI
	3rd	Spencer Hassevoort	122	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
Masters Super Stock Open	1st	Scott Hassevoort	58	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	2nd	Brett Wickerham	911	Polaris	Greenville MI
	3rd	Jim Kelly	751	Rupp	Grand Rapids MI
Masters Super Stock 340 Fan FA	1st	Greg Bailey	6T	Polaris	Zeeland MI
	2nd	Max Fahling	45	Kawasaki	Sparta MI

Super Stock IFS 540 Fan	3rd	Dan Chapel	407	Polaris	Hart MI
	1st	Spencer Hassevoort	122	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	2nd	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
	3rd	David Chappel	26	Polaris	Wayland MI
Super Stock IFS 440 LC	1st	Mike Kerkstra	118	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd	Hunter Guthrie	68	Polaris	Morley MI
	3rd	Bob Lockhart	L25	Mercury	Leroy MI
Super Stock IFS 540 LC	1st	David Chappel	26	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd	Spencer Hassevoort	122	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	3rd	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
Super Stock IFS 580 LC	1st	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd	Johnathon Proctor	686	Polaris	Trufant
	3rd	Dan Studer	220	Polaris	Hart MI
F500-Sportsman-Fill	1st	Dan Rogers	4R	Polaris	Delton MI
	2nd	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
	3rd	Johnathon Proctor	686	Polaris	Trufant
Mod Stock 440	1st	Spencer Hassevoort	122	Yamaha	Spring Lake MI
	2nd	Brendon McKenna	'09	Yamaha	Starwood MI
	3rd	Kenny Keillor	28	Polaris	Bear Lake MI
Pro Mod 440	1st	Kenny Keillor	28	Polaris	Bear Lake MI
	2nd	Greg Bailey	6T	Polaris	Zeeland MI
	3rd				
Super Mod 440	1st	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
	2nd				
	3rd				
Limited 500/Super Mod IFS	1st	Dan Rogers	4R	Polaris	Delton MI
	2nd	Tanner Heetderks	53	Polaris	Wayland MI
	3rd	David Chappel	26	Polaris	Wayland MI
Kitty Kat	1st				
	2nd				
	3rd				
Jr 120	1st	Charlotte Meyering	7	Ski-Doo	Jenison MI
	2nd	Kalley Keillor		Polaris	Bear Lake MI
	3rd				

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The decision was made at our Banquet last year to feature the Boa Ski for 2020 and the Boa Skis came out in full force! We had 23 members of the Boa Ski Brotherhood here and between all of them, there were 38 machines in the Featured Sled section by the First National Bank during the Show on Saturday. Sorry, "Johnson" guys, they did beat last year's record. Competition is good, right?

Our show started off on Friday with a delicious breakfast at the Naubinway Pavilion, cooked by our Top of the Lake Communities Assoc. chefs. After that was the Ride scheduled for 11:00. By 10:30 there

were snowmobiles driving around and trailers parked in every spare spot in Naubinway. They took off for the Ride across from Beaudoin's Marathon to travel 13 miles through the woods to the Cranberry Lodge, located on the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. There was a huge cloud of blue smoke – 230 snowmobiles went on the ride! That was a record for our Ride! We had some volunteers go out ahead of time to help Rich Hotz and Donna set up for the cookout. Rich and Donna are caterers from Warren, MI and they bring all of the food with them! They spend the next 3 or so hours out there cooking brats, hotdogs and his famous chicken-on-a-stick. There is a donation bucket and the final total for the food was \$758, which they donate to the Museum! That was a record, too.

Friday concludes with a Night Ride to the Millecoquins Bridge on the Pipeline and a bonfire. Almost



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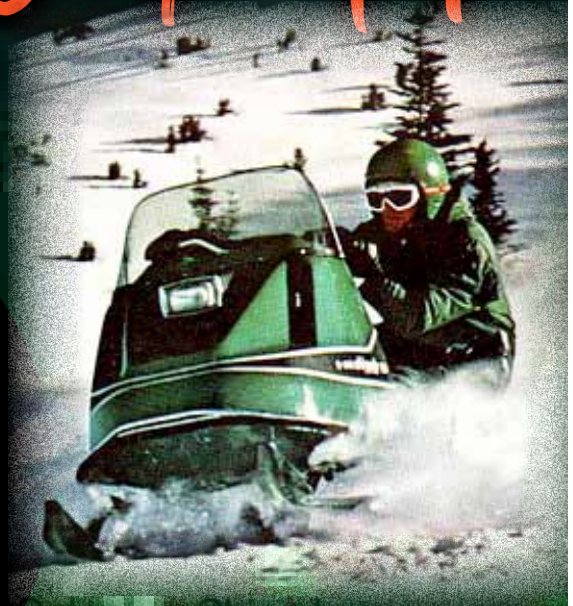
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SLEDDERS GET READY TO RIDE. THIS YEAR'S FEATURED SLED WAS THE BOA SKI. THE BOA SKI BROTHERS WERE ON HAND AT THE SHOW.

90 went on this ride and everyone had a great time. Most machines had headlights, but as vintage machines are known for – some didn't have lights. No one had to be towed in, though.

Saturday began with the Show registration at the Museum and the line-up of sleds in front of the stores with the Show (200 sleds) going on from 10-3. An added event this year was the National Anthem being sung by our local Jomay Bomber. One of our snowmobiler friends brought flags with him so there was an awesome display of flags and 18 people holding an 18'x30' flag during the National Anthem. With the wind blowing, it turned out to be a very moving ??(need a word). Even our Canadian friends offered to hold the large flag.

There were people from Maine, VT, Quebec, Ontario, NY, OH, PA, MA at our Ride and Show.

Saturday night was our Banquet/Drawings/Auction from 4:30-9pm. Cathy Butkovich and crew took on the dinner for the first time and prepared a deli-

cious meal. Following the meal was a Boa Ski Presentation by John McGuirk (from Sidney, OH) and Don Hamilton (from Guelph, Ontario). John is past-president of the ASCOA and Don is Boa Brother 16. It was an informative and entertaining presentation. Following that was the local merchant's drawings and our Raffle drawing (the winners will be listed in the newsletter). To end a perfect, crazy busy, weekend was our fundraiser auction with our very own auctioneer, Ted Postula. We get donated items for the auction and the result, thanks to the generosity of the people who participated) was \$5000+! Our local Northern Quilters made a Boa Ski quilt which went at a card drawing, was donated back for the auction, so we received even more money for that! The generosity of our friends is amazing!!

We especially want to thank the local Top of the Lake Communities Association for their sponsorship and to all of the snowmobiling community friends who support the Museum!

Gladwin County VINTAGE

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A lookback at the 1st Race

DRIVERS ROAR DOWN THE FRONT STRETCH IN A CLOUD OF SNOW DUST TO TAKE THE GREEN FLAG.

Story & Photo's by Steve Landon

Gladwin, Michigan, February 1, 2014; - Since the first snowmobile roared to life this small Mid Michigan County has been a popular destination for trail riders and racers who have taken part in various competitions from drags to ovals over the years. While there has been some activity since the Gladwin County Ice Carnival dissolved in 2011, overall not much has been happening in the area when it comes to snowmobile competition until now. Thanks to a dedicated bunch of Gladwin County Fair members and winter sports enthusiast's snowmobile racing vintage style is back in the area once again, this time on the historic Gladwin County Fairgrounds oval track next door to the local airport.

No stranger to snowmobile racing Gladwin County has been hosting top class events as well as producing some of the finest oval track racers in the snow-belt for a number of years. Right up until it's final event The Gladwin County Ice Carnival in Albright Shores was the oldest continuous winter festival in

North America hosting organized snowmobile racing from 1964 – 2011.

In the mid 1970's OMB Raceway emerged from a cornfield north of Gladwin to host MIRA enduro and sprint races, it was on that track Hall of Fame racer Dan Kirts won his first ever Midwest International Snowmobile Racing – MIRA- Pro-enduro. No stranger to the area Kirts is perhaps best noted for the years he raced runabout outboard boats on Ross Lake in nearby Beaverton, Mich., during the local Fourth of July celebration.

1990 Soo I-500 winners Troy Donn of Gladwin, Mich., and Gary Loar of Beaverton, Mich., raced at Albright Shores developing their skills before joining forces with Joe Brady and the Beaverton Outdoor racing team. In addition to winning the Soo, Donn and Loar won a number of races during their career.

Brian Musselman who recorded an incredible record in the 1980's on the enduro circuit lived and worked just minutes from the Gladwin County Ice Carnival Grounds. The son of Jim and Marlene Musselman, founders of Woody's Snowmobile Traction products of nearby Hope, Mich., Brian and brother Mark cut



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1990 SOO I-500 WINNER TROY DONN GIVES SHANE LUCAS THE CHECKERED FLAG. DONN WHO RETIRED FROM RACING LONG AGO RETURNED TO THE OVAL TO SERVE AS FLAGMAN.



DON EISENGA, #19 AND BOB TIMMER, #68 GO HEAD TO HEAD COMING OUT OF TURN FOUR.



KITTY CAT AND 120CC COMPETITORS LINED UP FOR PRE-RACE CEREMONIES IN FRONT OF THE GRANDSTAND.



FLAGMAN TROY DONN GIVES THE GREEN TO START A RACE.

RIGHT: DRIVERS RAN NECK AND NECK ALL DAY.



BELOW: IT WAS NOT A GOOD DAY FOR THIS VIKING DRIVER WHOSE SLED DIED EARLY IN THE COMPETITION.





JAKE "THE SNAKE" CARNEY OF RIVERDALE, MICHIGAN CHATS WITH THE TRACK ANNOUNCER PRIOR TO THE START OF RACING.



I 20CC IMP.TOP THREE - (R-L) JAKE "THE SNAKE" CARNEY - 1ST, BRODY BIGHAM - 2ND, WADE HERREN 3RD.



JEFF MOLESKI, #99 OF BEAVERTON LEADS THE PACK DOWN THE FRONT STRETCH.

their racing teeth on the Albright Shores Ice oval before turning pro. Brian's career included; three wins at the Soo I-500 - 1982, '84, '85, • the 1985 Albrights Shores 300, 1986 Lincoln Lions 250 and the 1985 and '86 MIRA Pro-Enduro Champions. He was inducted in 1998 into Snowmobile Hall of Fame and the Michigan Motor Sports Hall of Fame in 2002.

Troy Donn, Gary Loar, the Musselman's and guys like Larry and Alan Mielke are just a few of the many talented racers who have emerged from the county and the area the last 50 years. Thanks to dedicated volunteers, the return of snowmobile racing and other winter festival like events will no doubt keep the area's proud ties to snowmobiling alive and well for many years to come and help the local economy.

Racing Returns To Gladwin County

The heat wave of 2013 melted away any hopes of returning snowmobile racing to Gladwin County. Consistent mild weather mixed in with occasional rain made ice making impossible. Discouraged but not willing to throw in the towel race officials set their sights on 2014. This year the weather would be perfect, good cold temperatures for ice making and lots of snow. Little did they know a race day storm would make travel difficult due to slick road's. Despite the weather a good crowd gathered to cheer on racing's return to Gladwin County making the event a success.

A glacial blue ice oval greeted over sixty entries that took to the track with their lean vintage racing machines at some amazing speeds.

Following a morning of hot laps, the official program got underway with style. Prior to the main event racers including Kitty Cat and 120cc drivers were brought out in front of the grandstand with their machines. Each Kitty Cat and 120cc driver was introduced and briefly interviewed by the track announcer. A picturesque snow fell over the grounds as fans and teams paid their respect to the greatest nation on earth with the National Anthem. You could not have asked for a better program to kick off the action.

Racing days behind him 1990 Soo I-500 winner Troy Donn took on the job as head flagman. Thanks to some professional driving by all competitors, racing went smooth from start to finish.

Yamaha speedster Ron Kurplia of Houghton Lake, Mich., proved to be the day's big winner leading his Yamaha to victory in 1974 & Older HR Stock and in 1974 & Older Single. HD Improved.

The best race of the day – 1980 & Older 340 Trail Stock turned into a battle of the sexes. Rounding turn four early in the race Craig Eisenga of McBain, Mich., hit the inside bank with his Arctic Cat allowing Brooklyn Nelson of Gladwin, Mich., to take a commanding lead with her ski-doo. Despite gaining ground Eisenga couldn't catch the lady speedster. With victory in reach Nelson caught the outside bank rounding turn two allowing Eisenga to take the checkered flag at the finish line. A veteran vintage racer Eisenga had nothing but praise for Nelson who did an outstanding job the entire race. No doubt this young lady will be in the winner circle many times in the future.

While current snowmobile brand names ruled the winners circle, Kris Patterson of St. Johns, Mich., proved the old brands still have what it takes to be a winner. Driving a Sno-Jet Patterson blew past the competition and on to the checkered flag in 1980 & Older 440 Trail Stock over Devin Dumont of Manton, Michigan. Kawasaki even made it into the thick of the pack with local favorite Steve Grove of Gladwin, Mich., hauling in a third place.

While the weather may not have been perfect the First Annual vintage snowmobile race was a success. As long as Mother Nature cooperates there is little doubt snowmobile racing will back in Gladwin County for many years to come.

To learn more about summer and winter events in Gladwin County contract the Gladwin County Chamber of Commerce at 608 W Cedar Ave, Gladwin, MI 48624 (989) 426-5451. www.gladwincountychamber.com

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LIKE THE BIG SLEDS, 120CC ENTRIES WERE LED BY THE PACE SLED.



JAKE "THE SNAKE" CARNEY ROUNDS TURN FOUR HEADED FOR VICTORY IN 120 IMPROVED CLASS.



SCOTT LABBE, #36 TAKES THE CHECKERED FLAG IN THE 1974 & OLDER 440 TWIN STOCK CLASS.



D.K. RACING. #B5 ROUNDS TURN ONE ON A JOHN DEERE.



BRENNA BLAIN, #24 USES HER LEG TO GET HER CUSTOM MINI THUNDER-JET THROUGH TURN FOUR IN KITTY CAT ACTION.



KITTY CAT RACERS SHOW OFF THEIR AWARDS. PICTURED IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER: EASTON HESS - #12 - BEAVERTON MI, CONNER WOLETZ - #1 - PRESCOTT MI, ADDISON WENKEL - #7 - WEST BRANCH MI, DYLAN BLAIN - #4 - LAKE MI, KASH HOAG - ALBRIGHT SHORES MI, BREANNA BLAIN - #24 - LAKE MI.



BREANNA BLAIN LOOKS ON AS AN OFFICIAL HELPS OUT A YOUNG RACER AFTER A FENDER BENDER IN THE KITTY CAT RACE.



ADDISON WENKEL, #7 GETS SOME DIRECTIONS FROM A RACE OFFICIAL.



DAYTON NOFFSINGER, #4 TAKES THE CHECKERED TO WIN STOCK



STOCK 120 TOP THREE: (R-L) - DAYTON NOFFSINGER 1ST, BREANAN BRADLEY 2ND, ANDREW SAVINO 3RD.



SHANE LUCAS THUNDERS THROUGH TURN ONE ON HIS ARCTIC CAT BEFORE CELEBRATING WITH FLAGMAN TROY DONN AFTER WINNING THE 1974 & OLDER SINGLE HD STOCK CLASS.



SCOTT LABBE, #36 ON A SKI-DOO.



1974 & OLDER 440 TWIN STOCK TOP THREE: (L-R) - SCOTT LABBE 1ST, BROOKLYN NELSON 2ND, DON EISENGA 3RD.



JASON NORMAN, #70 WAVES TO FANS AS HE TAKES THE CHECKERED FLAG FROM TROY DONN.



PRO 440CC MAX 1980 & OLDER TOP THREE: (R-L) - JASON NORMAN 1ST, DEVIN DUMONT 2ND, JEFF MOLESKI 3RD.



DAVID DELAND.



1974 & OLDER 440 TWIN IMPROVED TOP TWO: (R-L) - DAVID DELAND 1ST, BOB TIMMER 2ND.



RON KURPLIA, #4 AND JAMES GIBEL, #8 BURST THROUGH A CLOUD OF SMOKE IN TURN ONE. THE SMOKE WAS CAUSED BY A WOOD BURNING BARREL SET UP TO KEEP VOLUNTEERS WARM.



1974 & OLDER SINGLE HR STOCK TOP TWO: (R-L) - RON KURPLIA 1ST, JAMES GIBEL 2ND.



BRAD LUCAS, #333 CLAIMED TOP HONORS IN 1974 & OLDER SINGLES HD IMP.





1974 & OLDER 340 TWIN STOCK TOP THREE: (R-L) - TODD SEELYE 1ST, RYAN EISENGA 2ND, KELLY BEKKEN 3RD.



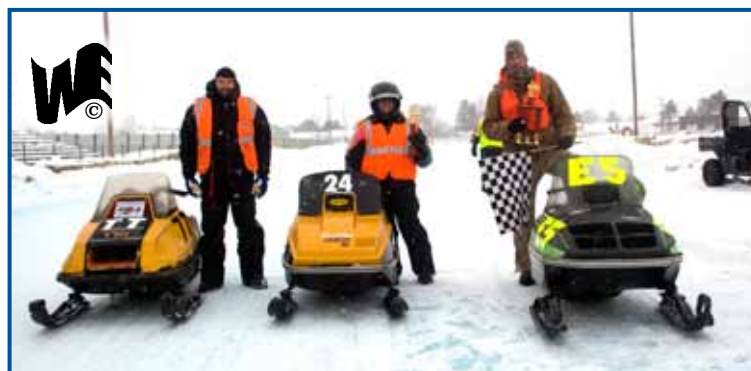
RYAN EISENGA, #17 TRIES TO HOLD OFF TODD SEELYE, #3 IN 1974 & OLDER 340 TWIN STOCK.



CRAIG EISENGA, #E-5 AND BROOKLYN NELSON, #24 GO NECK AND NECK TO THE WHITE FLAG IN 1980 AND OLDER 340 TRAIL SLED STOCK.



JAMES MCKEON, #77 TRIES TO STAY AHEAD OF A CHARGING CRAIG EISENGA, #E-5 IN 1980 & OLDER 340 TRAIL SLED STOCK.



1980 & OLDER 340 TRAIL SLED STOCK TOP THREE: (R-L) - CRAIG EISENGA 1ST, BROOKLYN NELSON 2ND, JAMES MCKEON 3RD.



STEVE GROVE, #E6 PROVED KAWASAKI STILL HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A CONTENDER WITH HIS THIRD PLACE FINISH IN 1980 & OLDER 440 TRAIL SLED STOCK.



1980 & OLDER 440 TRAIL SLED STOCK TOP THREE: (R-L) – KRIS PATTERSON 1ST, DEVIN DUMONT 2ND, STEVE GROVE 3RD.



DEVON DUMONT, #27 FOLLOWED BY KRIS PATTERSON, #83 AND THE REST OF THE FIELD ROUNDTURN FOUR IN 1980 & OLDER 440 TRAIL SLED STOCK.



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Gladwin Top Class Race Finishers

Class: 120 Imp

1. Jake "the snake" Carney, sled #5, Riverdale, MI
2. Brody Bigham, sled # 24, Gladwin, M
3. Wade Herren, sled # 3, Beaverton, MI

Class: Stock 120

1. Dayton Noffsinger, sled #4, West Branch, MI
2. Brenan Bradley, sled #10, Bay City, MI
3. Andrew Savino, sled # 100, Sterling, MI

Class: 1974 & Older 440 Twin Stock

1. Scott Labbe, sled #36, Cadillac, MI
2. Brooklyn Nelson, sled #24, Gladwin, MI
3. Don Eisenga, sled #19, Marion, MI

Class: 1974 & Older 440 Twin Imp

1. David Deland, sled # 52, Gladwin, Mi
2. Bob Timmer, sled # 68, McBain, MI

Class: 1974 & Older Singles HR Stock

1. Ron Kurplia, sled # 4, Houghton Lake, MI
2. James Gibel, sled #8, Lake City, MI

Class: 1980 & Older Pro 440 CC Max

1. Jason Norman, sled #70, Gladwin, MI
2. Devin Dumont, sled #27, Manton, MI

3. Jeff Moleski, sled #99, Beaverton, MI

Class: 1974 & Older Singles HD Stock

1. Shane Lucas, sled# 17c, Horton, MI

Class: 1974 & Older Singles HD IMP

1. Ron Kurplia, sled #333, Houghton Lake, MI
2. Brad Lucas, sled #17c, Horton, MI

Class: 1980 & Older 340 Trail Sled Stock

1. Craig Eisenga, sled #E5, McBain, MI
2. Brooklyn Nelson, sled #24, Gladwin, MI
3. James McKeon, sled # 77, Standish, MI

Class: 1974 & Older 340 Twin Stock

1. Todd Seelye, sled #3, Marion, MI
2. Ryan Eisenga, sled # 17, Marion, MI
3. Kelly Bekken, sled # 1, McBain, MI

Class: 1974 & Older 340 Twin IMP

1. Paul Zondlak, sled #955, Standish, MI

Class: 1980 & Older 440 Trail Sled Stock

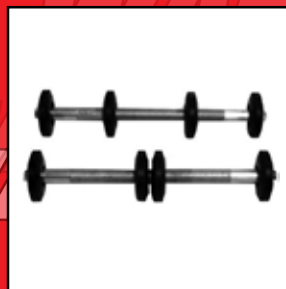
1. Kris Patterson, sled # 83, St. John's, MI
2. Devin Dumont, sled #27, Manton, MI
3. Steve Grove, sled# E6, Gladwin, MI



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