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At Left: Mike Allen of Farwell. proved old Mercury's can fly as he launches his 1972 Mercury Rocket Snowmobile off the bank during the buckhorn's second annual show and ride.

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By Steve Landon
Photos Courtesy of Tommie Bauer Racing Crew

Eagle River Wisconsin - Jan 17, 2021; -- From the day they run their first snowmobile race drivers young and old dream of running and winning two races, the World Championship Derby in Eagle River, Wisc. and The Soo I-500 in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., This past Sunday Tommie Bauer Racing of Farwell, backed by drivers Cody Bauer, Tyler Nickels became the second area team in history to win an enduro race on the famed Wisconsin oval since Team Highland of Marion, Mich., with drivers Tom St. John and Roger Britt took their Arctic Cat to victory at the 1984, 400 lap North American Cup Pro-Enduro. With the victory on their Polaris, Bauer's team became the first ever Eagle River World Championship Derby - Pro-Enduro Class Champion. Fellow Polaris drivers Nick Wickerham of Belding, Mich., finished second followed by Jordan Carlson of Harrisville, Mich., in third seconds behind on the lead lap. In previous years at the enduro races at Derby facility were held on different weekends, this year the 100-lap race was incorporated into the traditional World Championship weekend.

Despite having many top 15 finishes the team has come up just short of the winner's circle since their last win. In 2018 they scored their first ever proenduro victory taking the Caro Winterfest 225 by a margin of just 18.781 seconds over fellow Polaris team Yovich Racing of Holly, Michigan. Going into Sunday's big race they were more determined than ever to reclaim the checkered-flag

"We have been running well taking many podium finishes the last few years. With the exception of the Soo I-500, a race we manage to run towards the front of the pack, most of the time only to have some small problem keep us from a top finish or a win

This was our second enduro race at Eagle River, last March 2020 we finished second to winners Cadarette Collision Racing of Alpena, Mich., with drivers Troy Dewald and Ryan Spencer who won on an Arctic Cat. Mechanical issues kept the Cadarette crew from a repeat, they finished 13th.

The Eagle River track is quite a bit different from the other tracks from the other tracks we race at. They have a lot of banking and very tight hairpin turns, which makes it unique. It really is a driver's track! The 100-lap race featured 22 sleds, a sizeable field for the derby track that generally has smaller fields in sprint races of five to 20 laps. It held up surprising the well considering the mild weather and two straight weekends of vintage and modern snowmobile racing. The only issue beyond a few spills proved to be with the lap counting cable. The cable that runs under the track was cut forcing official to go to old school manual lap counting for the rest of the race.

Tyler Nickels qualified our Polaris IQR 600 in the seventh starting position for the race and ran the first 48 laps. I jumped on and ran the rest of the race.

We basically had a pretty flawless race with no mechanical issues. We were one of the fastest sleds on the track for most of the race. Matt Town of Kingsley, Mich. driving a ski-doo was challenging me in hopes of taking the lead when he spun out in the closing laps bringing out the caution. The race finished with a green, white, checkered sprint to victory, Town finished fourth. In all six sleds finished on the lead lap, it was an exciting race from start to finish.

The only thing that could have made this win better for me would be having my Grandfather Tommie Bauer here to see it (Tommie Bauer a former racer, team owner and supporter of racing passed away in December of 2015) I can't even imagine how proud and happy he would be. I know he was watching over us and smiling all the way from heaven.

It is unreal knowing we have we actually won on such a historic track, to say we won the first Eagle River World Championship Enduro held during the derby is pretty cool!

I know from myself, Tyler and the whole team this would not be possible had it not been for Mike and Kelly Otto who took over the team after my grandfather passed away, we could have never done it without them. I can't thank them, our crew, hometown support and our sponsors enough" — Cody Bauer continued.

Tommie Bauer Racing #19 crew includes; Mike Otto, Chad Bauer, Keith Cotton, Joe Robinson, Ryan Higgins, Darrin Easlick, Chuck Powell, Derrik Cotton, Deric Szafranski, Chad Bauer and Tyler Nickels - Drivers.

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Veteran top gun Tyler Nickels of Alpena, Mich, has been a big part of turning Tommie Bauer Racing into a very competitive team on the enduro circuit. Together Nickels and Cody Bauer have developed into will finely tuned machine with each driver possessing key talents to handle the ever -changing track and weather conditions at Eagle River and other tracks. Through hard work and wise driving Nickels would prove to be once again a key force in leading the team to their second major victory since 2018.

"I qualified our sled seventh, the ice actually firmed up quite a bit from the hot laps we ran earlier Saturday. There was some bumps entering the corners but nothing terrible in my opinion.

The sled we ran here was actually our old Soo I 500 sled. I don't recall exactly what races we've ran it in since we rotate between two half mile sleds but I do know that before this year 2021 it's best finish was second with Cody and I on board.

We ran the 100 lap enduro in 2020, the sled ran great, we finished second, our best finish that season. That race was very smooth as I recall, we were just missing a tiny something to catch the #21 Arctic Cat Cadarette Racing - Troy Dewald and Ryan Spencer. Over-all 2020 was a really good year for us, we didn't finish lower than third at any race other than the Soo I 500, where we broke a track. The only thing that kept us from winning was the #21 of Cadarette Racing, they've really been on a roll.

In this year's race -2021 we only made one stop during the race we changed skis, Cody jumped on the sled and that was it. The sled was a touch loose to start and only got worse as the race wore on. We lost some turn as well due to the dirt but everyone was fighting that issue. Beyond that the sled and the pit crew were flawless. Cody and I split our driving in half.

We took the lead over during the half way pit stops, I don't think we lead any laps prior to that point. When the caution came out at lap 48 we were running second, the boys had a flawless pit stop and got us out first. I'm pretty sure we lead every lap from that point on.

Our game plan was to run Cody the last half of the race. I have complete faith when he is on the sled, I know he is going to get everything the sled has to offer from it. I was certainly a bit nervous as



It had been a while since Cody Bauer and Tyler Nickels Celebrated in Victory Lane but time flew by. In 2021 at the World Championship Derby Eagle River, Wisc., the pair reclaimed the checkered flag taking the Pro-**Enduro Class Championship.** 

The Winning Edge Magazine - File Photo by Steve D. Landon

the laps clicked off and a restart with two laps to go didn't help at all. I was thrilled to see him grab the checkered flag. Caro was a fantastic win for us but to see Cody hold off several other fast sleds and get the win in Eagle River was a real highlight for me. I'm so so happy that he was on the sled! We've both been able to get the flag now and I know he'll never forget that race....neither will I.)'

I really have enjoyed going to Eagle River, it is unlike any other place we race at, the high banks and tight turns really makes for a fun challenge. I have enjoyed the 100 lap races, it's a little short compared to what we normally do but it's fun to mix



Cody Bauer drove the second half of the race holding of several fierce competitors to grab the Checkered in 2021. The Winning Edge Magazine File Photo by Steve D. Landon

things up a bit. Being a shorter race, you really need to go all out right from the start.

I would just like to thank everyone involved with Tommie Bauer Racing and the #19 sled, from my

flawless team that put in many many hours in the shop and always bring fantastic equipment to the track not to mention all the other things that go along with it. All of our families and friends that help us get to the track and help us do what we love, without them I don't think any of us would be able to take this much time away from home, they really are our foundation. This is by no means a cheap sport and the people that support Tommie Bauer Racing are incredible! Thank you thank you to all of them all of our fans! I am always in awe of how many fans we really have, it's truly amazing we always appreciate their support!

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Just a small portion of the over 68 unique and common old snowmobiles on display this year.

## Second Annual Buckhorn Show & Ride a Success

Text and Photos by Steve Landon

Lake, Michigan –February 28, 2021; -- The winter of 2020/2021 was looking pretty bleak months before it even started. Cancellations due to COVID-19 concerns had many area events like the Marion Snowfest pulling the plug long before the first flake

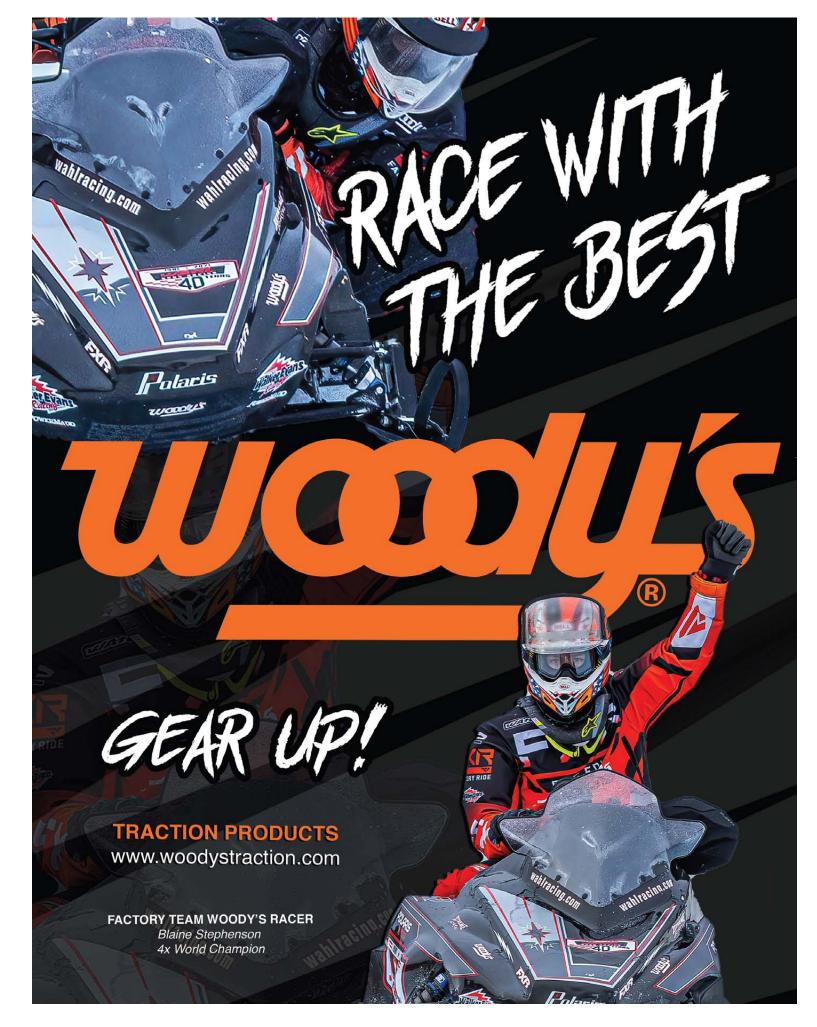


Nothing beats seeing snowmobile history in motion especially when it's an odd make like this 1967 Boatel Ski-Bird on display this year with many other odd and common makes.

fell. A mild and dry start to January had even most diehard optimists crying as winter slipped away before their very eyes. Thankfully all would not be lost. At the end of January through the entire month of February old man winter got out of his easy chair and delivered plenty of snow and cold weather for snowmobilers across the region. To celebrate and close the season the Bernie Blain family and several volunteers got together with the Buckhorn Saloon for their Second Annual Buckhorn Bash, Show and Ride.

Hosting a successful snowmobile show is nothing new to the Blain family. From 2012 – 2018 they produced "Sleddin' at the Jack" a popular summer swap and show in Farwell. Mich. Due to the sale of the Farwell property, the event moved to Mt. Pleasant, Speedway in Mt. Pleasant 2018 for what would the last show.

Conceived as a way to draw some business and activity to the area during 2020's warm, sloppy and snowless winter, the event proved to be a surprising success. Held on the grounds of the Buckhorn Saloon, vintage snowmobile enthusiasts from around the state gathered to share their love for the sport even when the weather refused to cooperate. Little did anyone know at the time it would be the last winter event in the area before the big COVID-19 shutdown. Thanks to easing of COVID-19 *Continued on page 8* 



restrictions the event would return in 2021 and go on without a hitch.

Bright and early Sunday morning sled collectors and enthusiasts began arriving at the Buckhorn Saloon - on M-115 northwest of Lake. The threat of warm temperatures and afternoon showers had little to no affect on the turnout. This hardy bunch wanted to show and perhaps ride their vintage gems one last time before the snow melted.

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**Above: Second Annual** Buckhorn Bash, Show & Ride Show Winners: "Buckin Ugly" - Ace Ross -1972 skidoo, "Buckin Best" – Danny Barton - 1972 Arctic Cat EXT and "Buckin' Fast" - Gary Osentoski - 1976 ski-doo RV 500. Pictured L-R: Bernie Blain, Ace Ross, Danny Barton, Alana Scott and Gary Osentoski.

Above: Part of the fun of collecting old snowmobiles is showing and riding them. The hardest part can be loading up afterwards like this man found with his 1970 Wheel Horse Safari 295. The old ones are sure heavy!



Above: This is something you don't see everyday, a vintage Ford Pinto towing two vintage snowmobiles. Todd and Sherry Snyder of Marion, Mich., came by with their ski-doo and Scorpion for this years show. A daily driver, the car is currently undergoing restoration.

At Left: A StarCraft Snow Star 290 kicks makes its way to parking place along side an equally unique Sno-Prince.

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A beautifully restored Trade Winds Tiger 297 got a huge amount of attention,

In all over 68 unique, oddball and common snowmobiles filled the parking lot among them Farwell's Mike and Mechelle Allen's impressive collection of Mercury Snowmobiles. The couple was honored with the chance to display their collection and memorabilia February 20, 2021 at the historic Gilmore Car Museum on Hickory Corners, Michigan.

For the Buckhorn Saloon the show and ride gave them a nice shot in the arm on an otherwise warm, damp late February Sunday. Spectators and displayers purchased everything from coffee to pizza throughout the day.

In addition to a great show, awards were presented to some top machines on display. Award winners include; "Buckin Ugly" - Ace Ross -1972

> ski-doo, "Buckin Best" - Danny Barton - 1972 Arctic Cat EXT and "Buckin' Fast" - Gary Osentoski - 1976 ski-doo RV 500.

Following awards many displayers took their sleds for one last ride of the season on trails in nearby woods.

As the snow slowly melted away, plans were in the works to have the event in 2022.

At Left: It took a little effort and care to get one old Sno-Jet over the bank and into a tightly packed display area facing M-115. The heavily traveled road was a perfect location to catch the eye of travelers









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Local Ski-Doo collector Chuck Ulch, and his wife set up their annual vintage snowmobile display at the Harrison Street Fair.

# Vintage Snowmobiles Invade Harrison, MI During Street Fair

Text & Photos by Steve Landon

Harrison, Mich., Saturday August 27, 2021 -- They say snowmobilers are a hardy bunch especially on the coldest days of winter, however, did you know they're also pretty hardy on the hottest days of summer. This proved to be the case on Main Street (West M-61) where local ski-doo collector Chuck Ulch and his lovely wife set up their annual vintage snowmobile display at the popular Harrison Street Fair.

The largest display since the event began, this year's selection of sleds included vintage ski-doo, Polaris, Mercury, Yamaha, an early ski-doo Elite side-by-side twin track, a unique 1976 Manta twin track race sled and other interesting machines from

At right: A future vintage racer? This youngster couldn't resist checking out this rare Michigan made1976 Manta Twin Track race sled on display.

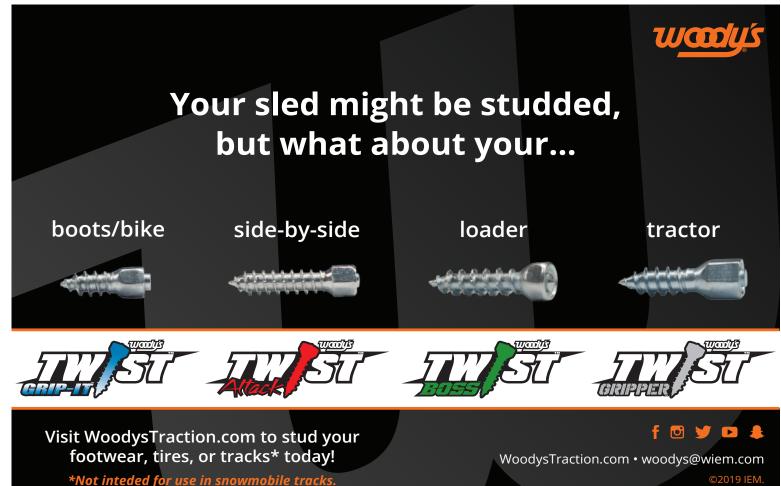




some of Michigan's top collectors. A nice breeze and thoughts of winter days ahead kept visitors coming by to study and learn about machines from a simpler time. One old guy looking at the sleds and reminiscing said it best "It was a simpler time but it was also a time when you rode all day and worked on them all night so you could ride again the next *Continued on page 14* 

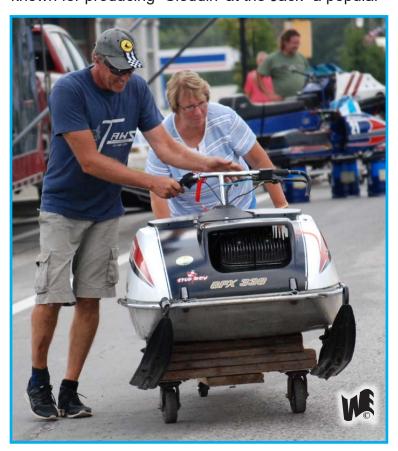
At Left: Snowmobile enthusiasts gathered to admire the collection of sleds on display at the Street Fair.





day". True the sleds are way better today, however, people who rode and worked on many of these old machines when they were new have a lot of great memories they still cherish and share with their kids and grandchildren today.

Polaris snowmobile collector, extraordinaire Mike Siler of Traverse City, Mich., brought his traveling museum trailer and a portion of this impressive collection that featured memorabilia and some unique Polaris racing and trail sleds. Mike and Mechele Allen of Farwell, MI impressed visitors with their pre Sno-Twister collection of Mercury snow machines as well as an original single place Mercury snowmobile trailer. No Harrison show would be complete without a portion of Chuck Ulch's amazing antique ski-doo collection. In addition to the large displayers, top vintage racer Larry Decker of Dewitt, Mich., was present with a few of the vintage sleds that will lead him to the checkered-flag this winter. Veteran Sno-Jet racer, collector and vintage snowmobile show promoter Bernie and Brenda Blain of Lake, Mich., brought a few nice machines from their awesome collection. The Blaine's are best known for producing "Sleddin' at the Jack" a popular



Larry Decker of Dewitt, MI gets a hand pushing his Yamaha GPX 338 back to his trailer from Mrs Ulch. Decker is right at home in Harrison his family has had a cottage on nearby Budd Lake in Harrison for generations



Temperatures in the 90's didn't keep folks young and old from checking out this year's vintage snowmobile display. A record number of sleds were on hand

vintage show and swap held for a number of years in Farwell, Mich., and one year in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

races.

Temperatures soaring into the 90's certainly didn't keep visitors and shoppers away from the craft show this year. Vendor's row was once again packed end to end with booths and potential buyers.

The Harrison Street Fair opens each year with the arrival of the Michigan Historic Old U.S. 27 Motor Tour. The tour makes a stop in Harrison during their annual trek north up the historic old highway. The street fair features live music, craft sales, kid's games and more.



The snowmobile display, part of the Harrison Street Fair draws in both traditional snowmobilers, former and non-sledders young and old who love checking out the mysterious old machines. The exposure helps draw in people that might otherwise not be aware of the popularity of vintage snowmobile collecting and racing. Based on the response this year some of these visitors will be out an about riding grandpa's old sleds this winter or catching a few

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You can tell by the look on this little guy's face who owns this just purchased vintage Arctic Cat Hint it's not dad.

#### Text & Photos by Steve Landon

Marion, Michigan – October 9, 2021; --After enduring a long hot summer filled with thunderstorms, biting bugs. countless family obligations and long days on the job many people can hardly wait for winter. Yes Winter! The time of year when mother nature drops her temperatures, covers the ground with a blanket of white and the world slows down. For fellow snowmobiler's winter is our long-awaited reward for working so hard in order to enjoy those precious few months of a winter paradise. Before the season begins smart sledders know you have to be ready to ride. This past fall enthusiasts once again gathered at the Historic Marion Fairgrounds/Veterans Memorial Park for the annual Marion Snowmobile Swap Meet, the largest in the region.

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A potential buyer goes eye to eye with the carburetor on a Sachs motor as he inspects a snowmobile of interest.



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# Marion Fairgrounds / Veterans Memorial Park

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Club the annual event is a must attend for sledders eager to get in gear for the coming season. Antique to current snowmobiles, parts, clothing, collectables, accessories, vintage mini-bikes and more could be found this year in the long rows of vendors.

The weather didn't look to promising when shoppers and vendors began arriving in the predawn hours. Dark overcast skies, misting rain mixed in with a little fog had many folks wondering if it was worth ever getting out of bed. Thankfully the sun eventually came out and temperatures went above normal making for a perfect day. While Canadian shoppers and swappers were again unable to attend due to continuing COVID 19 travel restrictions to the U.S., over all the 2021 event was one of the best with attendance exceeding expectations for yet another year.

Sales were brisk with some vendors selling out before midmorning. Parts ranging from slides to engine parts were very popular with buyers. Sleds were also moving at a decent clip with many reasonably priced 1990's and later models moving well especially with younger riders and families. Vintage sled sales continued holding their own in fact several old sleds went to kids in their teens who were looking for project or to build a reasonably



Above: This was clearly one happy sledder when he found his dream machine.

At right: Slides, Glorious slides, one vendor had a huge selection to choose from, as these to shoppers discovered.



While McCulloch did make a snowmobile back in the 1960's they are best noted for their chainsaws. Since this shopper could not find the sled or the chain saw he settled for this old antique two man saw. You never know what you'll find at the swap meet.

priced race or trail sled for the coming season. A few ready to race vintage sleds, some with impressive records were also on the market ready to put a new owner into the winner's circle for the first time.

While not recognized as a snowmobile show, now and then folks can't resist bringing over some really nice machines to show alongside their sale items. Former MISA/MIRA and ICE Racing speedster Pat Erskine was one of those people. Erskine pulled out *Continued on page 20* 



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It took all out-team work and brute Strength for buyers to load this 1972 Yamaha SL 292

his recently completed one of a kind twin track Snow-Pro Manta race-sled built by 1970' /1980's to use on the oval track enduro circuit.

Perhaps best known in the vintage community for hosting the Erskine Marine Vintage Snowmobile Swap and Show near Hope, MI for a number of years, Erskine sold his marine business and semi-retired to spend more time restoring Continued on page 22

At Left: Former Sprint/Enduro racer Pat Erskine and Steve Landon share a moment with the custom built Snow-Pro Manta. Built by Denny Atherton who raced the sled in 1982 on the enduro circuit The publisher of The Winning Edge Magazine, Landon covered the sled when it raced. He had owned the machine before selling it to Erskine in 2020 who brought it back to life.



1. Kitty Cat 2. 120 Stock (12 years & under) 3, 120 Modified (12 years & under) 4. 120 Open (12 years & under) 5. 120 Pro (12 years & under) 6. Outlaw

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14. 1984 & Older

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440 Stock Sr. Class

340 Improved

(55 yrs & up)

16. 1984 & Older

Single Mod Stock

17. 1984 & Older

(10-16 Years Old)

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19. 1984 & Older

20. 1984 & Older

22. 1984 & Older

340 Liquid Stock

23, 1984 & Older

Junior Imp. 340

(10-16 Years Old)

600cc max.

25. Relic Class

26. Relic Class

27. 1984 & Older

28. 1984 & Older

Single Cylinder Imp.

440 Stock

24. IFS/Champ Open

Single Cylinder Stock

440 Stock 21. 1984 & Older

340 Pro

Single Cylinder Stock

440 Mod Stock

Jr. Stock 340

his impressive collection of vintage race sleds between enjoying time with his family. One sled in particular that caught his eye was this particular twin track. Back in the late 1990's Steve Landon of The Winning Edge Magazine spotted the sled in the backroom of a dealership in Marion, Michigan . Having written and photographed it for Snow Week when it was being built and raced, Landon managed work out a deal to get the sled with hopes of restoring it someday. Due to family obligations business and life in general it was clear the sled would never get done. In late 2020 Erskine a multitalented mechanic gave the sled a new home and brought it back to life for all to see.

" My wife Sherry and I debated the pros and cons about letting it go. Sherry knew how much I always wanted that machine but we realized Pat had the skills and talents I lacked and would likely never have so we let it go. Pat did an amazing job! Thanks to his hard work people will be able to enjoy it for years to come. I know I'll always be a part of it though my stories, photos and personal knowledge of this unique machine - Landon said"

A successful swap-meet behind them, Marion Vintage Snowmobile Club members now turn their focus to the Marion Snowfest set for February 19. 2022. The 2020 Snowfest was cancelled when exceptionally mild weather all winter made construction of the ice oval impossible as well as a firm midway surface needed for the snowmobile show, swap and pit area. Covid 19 concerns eliminated the 2021 Snowfest. If the weather cooperates and nothing major happens on the pandemic front the 2022 Marion Snowfest should be huge. Don't miss the 2022 Marion Swap Meet on Saturday, October 8, 2022.

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At Right: It is doubtful Little Debbie's were housed in this box. Instead much needed sleddin' goodies were probably inside.



From snowsuit to engine and more this Rupp Sno-Sport package had everything you need to get a nice rider or show sled ready to go.







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Above: To some this may look like an old chunk of junk but to these wise old sledders it might well be just the beginning of a fresh new vintage rider.

To learn more about the Marion Vintage Snowmobile Club, the Marion Snowmobile Swap Meet and the Marion Snowfest like them on Facebook; Marion Vintage Snowmobile Club or visit their Website; www. marionvintagesnowmobileclub.com

At Right: A one-of-a-kind custom twin track Manta was on display. The 1980's enduro sled previously owned by Steve Landon of The Winning Edge Magazine is owned by Pat Erskine who restored it to its original glory.



