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## 6th Annual Top of the Lake Swap Meet

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On Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the museum held its annual building fund swap meet. After a very rainy Friday the weather turned for the good on Saturday and the swap lot behind the museum filled with swappers and buyers fairly early. The overall number of lookers and buyers may have been down slightly from past years but the swappers reported lots of activity and good sales.

At 3:00 pm the auction portion of the swap meet commenced with Ted Postula again donating his auctioneering services for the benefit of the museum's building fund. Many thanks to Ted for his efforts to help the museum grow!!! The most spirited bidding was for a Polaris L-55 which excited the bidding crowd.

Sally Schultz, of Naubinway, was the



happy raffle winner of the 1971 Polaris snowmobile. She promptly put the machine in the auction and it was last seen on the trailer of Randy and Sara Jensen who were also very happy to have it.

The museum was also very busy with visitors throughout the day and everyone had a good time. Thanks to everyone who turned out for the day. Overall results were very good with a substantial boost to the museum's building fund.

Report by John McGuirk



Below: Raffle winner, Cole Paulsen, happily sits on his new museum snowmobile rocker.



## Swap Meet Raffle Winners: Sept 8, 2012

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize – 1970 Polaris Mustang 488 - Sally Schultz, Naubinway, MI
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8x8 Storage Shed or \$500 cash - Jake Popour, Shingleton, MI
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Rolling Tool Chest (Dan Lancour) - Vides King, Naubinway, MI
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Shipwreck Museum Pkg, Overnight Stay for 2 - Dave Thiesen, Weidman, MI
- 5<sup>th</sup> – "Welcome" woodcarving (Jen Lancour) - Mike Spratling, Croton, MI
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Museum Snowmobile Rocker - Marci & Cole Paulsen, Rock, MI
- 7<sup>th</sup> – \$100 Gas Card (Shute Oil Co.) - Darrell Williams, Engadine, MI
- 8<sup>th</sup> – \$50 Cash (Museum Member) - Trevin Swierzeski, MN



Left: Looking for information: Constantine Valley Drift Riders?? Purchased at a garage sale by Museum member, Dick Lesatz.

Right: We are also looking for any information on this old sled, made in the 1870's (in Michigan?). Notice the dragon heads on the top of the runners.



Please call Marilyn if you have any information about these two items. Thanks!

## Latest Museum Happenings:

- One of our rockers was shipped to Ireland!
- Roger Jarema, Boyne Falls, MI, had an innovative idea for getting a donation for the Museum. His neighbor asked Roger to do some work for him and Roger asked him to donate to the charity of Roger's choice as payment! We received \$200!
- Chris Riley, from Snow Goer magazine, was at the Museum to do a story for an upcoming issue. Chris was from this area, so it was fun to see him get excited about the snowmobiles in the Museum.
- We now have the 1970 Arctic Cat Panther, 760 JLO which was the product of the Traverse City, MI ASBA Snowmobile Club raffle in March and their donation of \$5122 to the Museum. The winner of the snowmobile, Jon Selvig, has put the machine in the Museum on loan for all to see. Thank you Jon.



1969 Timberwolf - before and after restoration

A 1969 Timberwolf, which was made in Sault Ste. Marie, MI, was discovered this spring. We want to thank Wayne Davis from Epoufette, MI, Don Massey from East Jordan, MI, and David Blair from Moran, MI, the owner who donated the Timberwolf to the Museum. We have been able to restore this unique machine and plan on taking it to the Soo I-500 for the February 2, 2013 race to re-enact the trip around the track as the Pace Sled in 1970.

## 21st Annual Show & Ride Feb. 15/16, 2013

Friday-Breakfast, 8-10am  
Ride at 10am

Saturday – Show 10-3pm  
Banquet, Raffle drawings, Auction, 4:30

### Raffle Prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup> - 1969 Massey Ferguson Ski Whiz (donated by Phil Lombard)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Snowmobile Rocker
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100 Gas Card (Shute Oil)
  - 4<sup>th</sup> – Shipwreck Museum Overnight Stay for 2
  - 5<sup>th</sup> – Soo Locks VIP Tour Pass for 2
  - 6<sup>th</sup> – Outdoor Lantern/Wireless Speaker (Dave Goldthorpe)
  - 7<sup>th</sup> - \$50 cash (Museum Member)
- Tickets are one for \$5, three for \$10 and available at the Museum.

## Welcome New Members!

- Tim Roberts, Jonesville, MI
- Greg Dobberke, Oshkosh, WI
- Dr. Tom Robinson, Brimley, MI
- Doug Bolfa, Genoa, OH
- Paul Gaberdiel, McMillan, MI

If you would like to become a supporting member, or already are a member and need to renew your membership, call the Museum and Marilyn will set you up. The cost is \$50 per year, and is renewed in July or February, depending on your membership date.



## Website Info

The Museum's website address is

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

We feature various snowmobiles, sell gift shop items, and you can become a member online. You can advertise on the website with a banner ad for \$100 a year.

All proceeds from our sales go to the Museum. Please contact Marilyn if you interested in any information about the Museum or the website.

## Building Fundraiser Report

The loan process came to a halt in July with the USDA determination committee in Chicago. Fortunately, on September 5 we received the official notice that the preliminary phase of the USDA Rural Development loan has been approved. We are now working on the final phase. If all goes as planned we will be able to break ground this next spring. We have to thank everyone who so generously donated to our building fundraiser. The \$44,000 that we have raised and the \$53,000 in pledges of donated labor have been a tremendous help in securing the loan. I do want to mention that any money raised from now on will go to reduce the amount of the loan, which will help! We will also continue to accept donations for other aspects of the new museum. We just received an office desk module. We will have more information for donated labor and items in our Spring newsletter. If you have any questions or comments, please call the museum. You can also check our website for updated information.



## Architect's Drawing of the New Museum



### Fundraiser Form - 501c3 Not for Profit Corporation

The Museum Board is seeking matching funding for a new building on US 2 in Naubinway. The Museum will contribute \$100,000 and is offering a challenge with 3 ways to contribute. As a business or person, donating \$100, \$500, or \$1000, your name will appear on our donor wall. You will also receive a tax-deductible receipt, and \$1000 donors will receive either lifetime gold membership or a free banner ad on the museum website for 5 years.

**Return form to: Top of the Lake Museum  
P.O Box 2, Naubinway, MI 49762**

Membership includes free admission to the Museum and related events for you and a guest, a Museum decal, a member card and 2 newsletters yearly. The fundraising contribution will be used as matching funding for a new building in Naubinway, and to continue the growth of the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum.

☐ Other    ☐ \$100    ☐ \$500    ☐ \$1000    ☐ Above

Name/Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check    ☐ Cash    ☐ Credit Card



### Christmas is coming!!

Don't forget to check our website for some great gift items. Newly added for the ladies, 3 sterling silver necklaces and earrings: a snowmobile, an enamel snowflake, and a pewter snowflake. Also added are; a Sledding Journal, Michigan made metal snowmobile ornaments, mirror tiles with the embossed logos of the 4 manufacturers, and metal snowmobile design with 3 hooks. Most items can be seen on our website.



## 7th Annual VSCA National Show

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual VSCA (Vintage Snowmobile Club of America) National Show sponsored by the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum of Naubinway, Michigan and hosted by Mike and Judy Meagher of VSCA Magazine was held at the Kewadin Shores Casino and Resort in St. Ignace, Michigan over the weekend of July 13 and 14, 2012.



214 beautiful snowmobiles of all varieties and descriptions were located inside the Kewadin Shores Casino's huge air conditioned event center which was the perfect setting for the annual VSCA National Show. Entries started pouring in on Thursday before the show and by the opening of the show at 3:00 pm Friday, the event center was full with just about every type of machine that you would like to see. Entries came from many states and Canada and Michigan vintage sledders put their best foot forward with a great turnout.

Spectator turnout was heavy throughout the two day event. Proceeds from the show will go to the building fund for the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum.

There were many special interest machines on hand and it would be impossible to mention them all but there were several special machines such as the Budweiser dragster (courtesy of the Warning family), Jaws from Chopper City (out for the first time in over 15 years), and the newly found only known Timberwolf which was made in Michigan and is currently undergoing restoration by the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum.



2012 National Champ, Greg Karbowski with his 1974 Roll-O-Flex GT340 F/A Wild One

In conjunction with the show, a snowmobile swap meet was held on the grounds of the Kewadin Shores Casino coordinated by the local Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club. The swap meet had a good turnout with many great buys.

Greg Karbowski's (from Holland, Michigan) outstanding 1974 Roll-O-Flex GT340 F/A Wild One was crowned the 2012 National Champion as well as winning the People's Choice award. Greg was presented with the National Championship Trophy by Mike Meagher of VSCA during the closing banquet held in the same facility as the show. Trophies in 20 classes judged during the show were awarded during the banquet.

The Top of the Lake Museum would like to thank all the spectators that attended the show as well as all the show's sponsors, presenters and countless workers that made the show such a success. A special thanks to Mike and Judy Meagher of VSCA Magazine for hosting the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual VSCA.

*Article written by John McGuirk, Board Member Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum, ASCOA Director-Illinois, Ohio, Indiana*



Video Mike from [SnowTrails TV](http://SnowTrailsTV.com) did some extensive filming at the Vintage National Championship Show. He now has a DVD of the 1 hour, 25 minute uncut version of his video available at the Museum for \$15 plus \$3 (US) & \$5 (Canada) shipping. Later this fall, his TV show will have the segment you will be able to watch on: SnowTrails TV on Fox Sport Net Detroit 7:30 Sunday mornings, or [snowtrailstv.com](http://snowtrailstv.com) for online viewing.

The Museum also has [Old Iron IV](http://OldIronIV.com) available for \$25, plus \$4 shipping. This video has a segment about the Vintage National Show, including interviews with a few of the participants, done by Daniel Cedolia of Braaap Films.

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped put on a great show!! And thank you to Kemper Freeman and Frank Paris for the pictures.