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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Top of the Lake Swap Meet

Sept. 12, 2009  
 Naubinway, MI

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Top of the Lake Swap Meet began at 8 am under a bright blue sky and turned out to be a great day for all. With unusually awesome weather, swap items, and terrific people gathered together, who could ask for more?

However, we did have more – Naubinway’s Fall Fest was taking place across the street. The Fest included crafts and raffle drawings. There was also a silent auction for decorated snowmobile cutouts to raise money for Naubinway’s 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Fund. And of course, there was food! Naubinway fishermen are well-known for their fishing and cooking abilities.

Several new visitors attended the Swap Meet. We hope they return again with friends and family. The Swap Meet is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

The Museum has a couple of “new” entries, and we plan on doing another switch this fall.



It sounds like Tom Kissel, Freeland, MI, is going to be a new member of the antique/vintage club. Tom was the winner of our '71 Mercury Rocket raffle drawing during the Swap Meet and this will be his first old (oops, “ classic”) snowmobile.

Our next raffle drawing will be during our Snowmobile Show, Feb. 20, 2010. The winning snowmobile is yet to be determined. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds go to our Museum Building Fund.

Other raffle winners were:

- 2<sup>nd</sup>-Snowmobile Helmet- Mike Spratling, Newago
- 3<sup>rd</sup>-Chainsaw – Max Buell, North Webster, IN
- 4<sup>th</sup>-Yamaha Jacket- Sally Schultz, Naubinway, MI
- 5<sup>th</sup>-½ Hog & Cooler – Dan Rotman, Allendale, MI
- 6<sup>th</sup>-Snowmobile Helmet – Dan Derry, Rogers City, MI
- 7<sup>th</sup>-Gift Basket – Jarrod Rominske, Newberry, MI

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to make this a fun day.

Marilyn Vallier (pictures and story)

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Below: Tom Kissel and his wife, winners of the 1971 Mercury Rocket raffle





## Naubinway Visitor Raises Money for Smile-Train

On a cold, blustery day in June, Dave Senske from Champion, MI stopped to have his picture taken next to our Alouette on display in our parking lot with his home-made trailer made to look like a snowmobile.

Dave was traveling around the U.S. for Smile-Train, the world's largest cleft charity that does surgeries in 75+ of the world's poorest countries.

Dave left Champion and was on his way with his bicycle and trailer to Niagara Falls, then New Hampshire, Maine, MA, RI, Conn, and New York. He will then travel to Orlando, Fl. and then possibly on to the west coast.

The picture is of Dave putting the Museum's decal on his trailer. He thought the Museum was great. Dave used a Skidoo to make his trailer. Safe trip Dave!



## Mark Your Calendar! 18th Annual Top of the Lake Snowmobile Show & Ride February 19 & 20, 2010 Naubinway, Michigan

*It's our 18th Annual weekend of fun with the old sleds!*

**Friday** - 9am Breakfast ride (11 miles) to Engadine for a great breakfast put on by the American Legion Post #290. A helmet is required.

**Friday afternoon** - Bonfire Ride and Hus-Ski Hustle. Ride three miles for a hot dog/brats/marshmallow roast, an eventful show of Hus-Ski power riding, and lots of "sled talk". All types of sleds are welcome for these rides.

**Saturday** - 10am-3pm. Display of sleds in downtown Naubinway. Registration is free, at the Museum. Banquet at 4:30 in Engadine, (which is open to the public) with a presentation on the featured sled (Mini sleds), raffle drawings and an auction. All proceeds go to the Top of the Lake Museum Building Fund. Donated items for the Auction are greatly appreciated!

**For more information**, call Charlie & Marilyn at 906-477-6192, the Museum at 906-477-6298, or email [vallierc@pngusa.net](mailto:vallierc@pngusa.net) or [topofthelake.org](http://topofthelake.org)

"February 19 & 20, 2010 is our  
18th annual Top of the Lake  
Snowmobile Show & Ride."  
Don't miss it!

### News Flash!

Our website is in the works and should be up and running by the middle of December. Our website address will be [www.snowmobilemuseum.com](http://www.snowmobilemuseum.com). We will feature various snowmobiles that are in the Museum, selling items from our gift shop, you will be able to become a

member online. If you can think of anything else you would like to see, please let us know! If you would like to advertise with a banner ad, it will be \$50 a year. All proceeds from our sales go back to the Museum. Please contact Marilyn if you are interested in any information about the Museum or the website.

## Jake Woeckner Memorial Award

On July 25, 2009, the Antique Snowmobile Club of America (ASCOA) awarded Charlie & Marilyn Vallier the Jake Woeckner Memorial Award for outstanding dedication and contribution throughout the years to the ASCOA. Jake Woeckner was one of the founders of the Club.

We want to thank everyone and also let everyone know that we will continue to work to preserve the history of these unique and amazing snowmobiles.

The people we meet at the Museum are such a great part of this work, making it

more than memorable in so many ways.

We also want to take this time to thank the many fellow snowmobile lovers who have donated so many amazing items to the Museum.



## Snowmobile Run to Benefit Diabetes Research

MichCanSka 2010, an international snowmobiling adventure from Michigan to Alaska, will take off from the Sault I-500 race track in Feb. 2010 and travel 4000 miles to Alaska for Diabetes Research.

If you would like more information on this adventure, email Bill Bradfield at [hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com](mailto:hoxeyvillain@hotmail.com), or call 231-862-3562.



## Visit the Museum by Land, Sea, Air—and Snow!

We had our first “fly-in” visitors this summer. A couple from Grand Marais flew into the Hiawatha Club landing strip. Charlie’s taxi service picked them up and brought them for a tour of the Museum.

In related news, the Naubinway Marina is open. The Museum is now accessible from land, air, water, and snow!

## Building Fund Update

The Museum Board is continuing to work on funding for our new building which will be located on the North side of US 2 in Naubinway.

We currently have so many items coming in, we’re about to burst at the seams. Hopefully, we’ll have more information in the next newsletter.



Aaron Schroeder and Larry Weinreis traveled to Newberry’s Tahquamenon Valley Cruiser’s Car Show last July to enter a few antique snowmobiles in the “special interest” division. Thank you Aaron and Larry! The display was greatly enjoyed by car show attendees.



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We're on the Web!

<http://www.exploringthenorth.com/naubinway/museum.html>

## '64 Polaris K80D Snowmobile Donated

The Museum's latest snowmobile donation/addition is a '64 Polaris K80D, which was donated by John Mayer, a part-time resident of Curtis, MI.

The Museum received a MCACA grant to restore the sled, and Museum member, John Ketcher, did just that.

Many thanks to John and his sandblaster, Darin Butkovich!

This Pacer is the last of the Polaris Sportline styled sleds and the last of the primarily one-person Sno-Travelers to use the rounded nose section common to the smaller Sportline models.

The Pacer was produced for only the 1963 and 64 model years. Some models continued to be sold in 1965. The Pacer model was replaced by the Super Pacer in 1965. The K represented a Kohler engine and the 80 meant the motor was 8 hp. Top speed for the K-80-D was 25 mph and the machine weighed 435 lbs. The selling price in 1964 was \$835.



## Lost, Found, and 'Wish We Could Find' Items

**Found:**

One pair of women's glasses in our parking lot in late September. Call the Museum to claim.

**Items Needed:**

Raffle and auction items, (preferably snowmobile related) a ladder (any size will do!)

## Looking for a Unique Christmas Gift?

Are you looking for ideas for Christmas gifts? We may have just what you need: Snowmobile rockers for the grandkids, books for dad, snowmobile sun catchers, key chains, light switch covers, and t-shirts and sweatshirts for everyone else. All items will be listed and for sale on our new website.



### **WANTED: New Members!**

If you would like to become a supporting member of the Museum, 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.



