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Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum's 18th Annual Show and Ride

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Below: One of the favorite events during the Naubinway Show & Ride is the annual Friday bonfire. Chefs, Terry Bashoor and Duck Drake cooked hotdogs and brats on their vintage Arctic Cat cooker. Proceeds were donated to the Museum. Thanks to everyone! Other events Friday were the Hus Ski Hustle and a short guided trip on old-time trails through the Hia-watha Club by Kevin Dennis.



Feb. 19-20, 2010
Naubinway, MI

Above: Charlie's Vikings

The 18th Annual Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum's Ride and Show was blessed with great weather and an excellent turnout for both the ride events and the show display.

On Friday, February 19, 2010 over 117 antique and vintage snow machines hit the trail early for the breakfast ride from Naubinway to Engadine. The breakfast hall was filled with 175 for breakfast before the return trip to Naubinway. Surprisingly, there were very few breakdowns and the ride was a lot of fun.

Around noon a large contingent of machines returned to the trails for a trip out to the

annual bonfire and to view the Hus Ski Hustle which had 12 participants this year. Terry Bashoor and again returned this year with his Arctic Cat cooker and proceeded to cook up 15 dozen brats and dogs for the turnout. Proceeds from the cookout were donated to the museum's building fund. His partner chef was "Duck" Drake this year.

Friday evening was celebrated by a great fish fry for the show participants at King's Motel sponsored by owners Lance and Casey Harvey. The crowd was steady all evening and everyone had a chance to visit with friends that they may only see once or twice a year.

Saturday morning the antique and vintage sleds started arriving for the show display. Before the end of the day over 190 snowmobiles were on display. The featured sled this year was mini sleds and there was an excellent turnout of the little sleds. Mark Gorman received the Favorite Featured Sled award for his pair of original Snow Flakes.

Saturday evening, the Engadine Township Hall was full for the show's banquet, Mini Sled presentation by John McGuirk, Museum board member and President of the Antique Snowmobile Club of America, and the Building Fund auction. Winner of the Ski Doo raffle was Bob Mays from Metamora, MI. The raffled stained glass portrait of a 1965 Polaris Mustang by artist Carol Willis of Hopedale, IL, was won by Walter Brandt from Florida. He in turn donated the portrait back to the museum for the Building Fund auction. Thanks!

The evening concluded with the attendees saying goodbye to friends and vowing to return next year. Next year's featured sled will be the **single ski sleds**. Plan for the 3rd week in Feb. 2011!

Member Visits Museum Before Leaving For South Korea



Steve and son Corey Roth, members of the Top of the Lake Museum since it opened in 2007, visited the Museum on February 5, 2010.

Corey, a proud member of the U.S. Army, and his dad came to the U.P. for a snowmobiling trip with two other friends as a getaway before Corey left for South Korea on the following Monday. Corey has been riding snowmobiles his whole life and he and his dad had a good time reminiscing at the Museum.

Take care, Corey, and we hope you come to visit us again when you return home.

Mark Your Calendar!

4th Annual Top of the Lake Swap Meet-September 11, 2010



For more information, call Charlie or Marilyn at 906-477-6192, the Museum at 906-477-6298, or email vallierc@pngusa.net. You may visit our new website, www.snowmobilemuseum.com.

Feb 2010 Raffle Winners

- 1st prize (1972 Ski Doo, Susan O'Connors)-Bob Mays, Metamora, MI
- 2nd prize (\$100 Bp gas card, Shute Oil)-Tom Hammond, Ortonville, MI
- 3rd prize (Snowmobile boots, Davis Motorsports)-Sandra Baber, Naubinway, MI
- 4th prize (Museum Snowmobile Rocker)-Bob Suchey, Vanderbilt, MI

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets! The next raffle will be at the Swap Meet - Sept. 11, 2010



"February 18 & 19th, 2011, is our 19th annual Top of the Lake Snowmobile Show & Ride." Don't miss it!

News Flash!

Our website is up and running. The website address is www.snowmobilemuseum.com. We feature various snowmobiles that are in the Museum, sell items from our gift shop, and you can become a member online. If you have any suggestions that you would like us to include on the website, please let us know!

Check out the Great Stories page on the website, which features people who have visited the museum.

You can advertise with a banner ad for \$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.

2010 Snowmobile Shows Features the Mini Sled

The featured sled for the 2010 Naubinway Show was the mini sled. Several different mini sleds were on display, with the Favorite Featured Sled Award going to Mark Gorman of Ada, MI with 2 SnowFlakes.



The Museum has several mini sleds on display, so be sure to check them out. They were made before the Kitty Kat.

Good Bye...

One of the disadvantages of the snowmobiles in our Museum being here on loan, is that sometimes they have to leave us. That is the hardest part about changing some of our collection. Marilyn unfortunately becomes attached to them. One such case is the Eliason, owned by Brent Schut. It will be leaving the Museum in June and moving on to a Museum in Maine. One way we'll be able to remember it, is that Dan Derry took a picture of it last summer and Steve Witucki has painted a spectacular landscape with this Eliason in it. This artwork was introduced at the Rogers City Show, and we hope to have some available at the Museum to sell this spring/summer. If you are interested, just contact us by phone or email.

Brad Hulings Autographs His Poster for Museum

Charlie's father, Lawrence Vallier, used to sell Scorpion snowmobiles. During this time, Charlie put away several posters with the #1 racer for 1980, Brad Hulings, racing on a Scorpion. Charlie has said for years that it would be great to get Brad's autograph on these posters!

On Feb. 28, 2010, Brad happened to be at the Newberry One Lungar race. He heard through the grapevine (thanks, Aaron) that he should come to the Museum. He did come visit with his One Lungar crew and racers, Blake, Brett and Nick Wick-erham. They had just won the

Newberry race that day! He still has the touch, but these days, he's mostly building the sleds and lets the younger guys do the racing.

Brad told us he moved to Minnesota from PA to work for Polaris and Scorpion in 1976. By 1979 and 1980, he was racing all over the U.S. and Canada, and even raced in Finland and Sweden. He then went to work for Bombardier. I'm sure Brad has many stories to tell, but he didn't have time that day. We're hoping to see him back here at the Museum soon. While he was here, he did autograph some posters for us

to use as a fundraiser for the Museum. That is the only way he will sell any of them. If you are interested in purchasing one of these, please contact us for more information.

We want to thank Brad & crew for visiting our Museum and helping to make Charlie's day! It was such a pleasure to meet such a humble, interesting guy.

"Snowmobiler racer, Brad Hulings, visited the Museum and signed several posters to use as a fundraiser."



Building Fund Update

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

Enough money was raised at the February Show & Ride to make the deposit on the land. It's a good start!

Thank you to everyone who came to our show and contributed in any way.

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- 1994 Polaris Indy 440, \$1300 and a 1991 Polaris Indy Trail, \$1100. One owner, low miles, excellent condition 248-330-7691 or ecrtwright@aol.com.
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- Johnson Ski-Boose, Green & orange with white interior 989-352-6011.
- After-market Raider front drive sprockets made by a local Raider collector. Contact the Museum for more information.
- New Item for Sale: BRAAAP films. We have a variety of the extreme snowmobiling dvd's and a new "Old Iron" dvd. Contact the museum for more information. Check out our Great Stories website page for the complete story.
- Now Available: 1980 Scorpion posters autographed by #1 racer, Brad Hulings. These were signed by Brad to use as a fundraiser for the Museum. Contact the Museum for more information and check out Great Stories on the website.

Classified Ads

Wanted:

- 440 or 650 Triple Speedway Blue Max, running or not. Call 989-781-4220.
- Looking for info and parts for a 1971 Alsport Tracker. Call 419-836-5640 or maryandkevin@bex.net
- Chaparral L/XL suit and helmet. 810-516-7022 or denwenbill@aol.com
- Looking for any info on a Lloyd's Pak Trak, made in South Dakota in the early 60's. Call Dan at 906-477-6656.



Alert/Warning:

A website found on our google search, www.charityblossom.org, is asking for donations for our museum and it is NOT affiliated with us!

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), and a television for showing dvd's.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!



The Museum wants to thank the Onaway Vintage Snowmobile Club for their generous donation! Club members, Dominic Chojnacki, Virgil Morell, and Steve Tennant presented the check to the Museum during the Naubinway Snowmobile Show & Ride in Feb. 2010.

It will definitely be put to use for the operation of the Museum. All donations help keep the Museum doors open. Be sure to check out Onaway's Snowmobile Ride the third weekend in January.

The Top of the Lake Museum staff would also like to extend a very "warm" and heartfelt Thank You to John Vallier from Portland, MI., for the generous donation of an Eden Pure Heater to the Museum.



WANTED: New Members!

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.

We would like to welcome four new members: Bob & Linda Suchey from Vanderbilt, MI; the EUP Snowmobile Council from Sault Ste. Marie, MI; Derrick Rasch from Unionville, MI, and Craig Lypps from Echo Bay, Ontario.

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