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19th Annual Top of the Lake Snowmobile Show & Ride February 18 & 19th, 2011

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2011 Show's youngest rider, 3-month-old Brayden Lancour, Manistique, MI



Above: Featured sled—Single Ski sleds

With a name like “Snowmobile Show” you would expect snow to be part of the event. We discovered this year, along with many other locations, that snow is important, but the people are more important. The collectors who really enjoy this sport must do it because they love their machines and the people connected with them.

Our snow was doing ok until it rained on Thursday night. We expected to cancel the ride for Friday morning, but some of the guys were unloading their sleds when Charlie arrived at the parking area. Needless to say, 55 hardcore adventurers traveled the 18 miles to the Engadine Town Hall and back. Unfortunately, a few did travel back to Naubinway via trailer.

The SnowBug, driven by Todd Retterer from Ohio, deserved to win the Fun Ride Favorite/Antique Award! Joey Fish, 7, from Rock MI made his first Show Ride on a Polaris

Colt and won the Fun Ride Favorite/Vintage Award. Having fun is what it is all about Joey!

The Featured Sled Award went to Chuck Ulch from Harrison, MI with a great looking Alpine.

What more could you ask for when you come to the Naubinway Show for the first time and you receive the Tow Strap Award? Congratulations to Kevin Faust from Fennville, MI. His Ski Doo decided to leave the axle behind. He seemed to be surprised that his sled was rescued so quickly, but we hope he discovered that the people who love this sport are above and beyond helpful.

Friday continued with a bonfire; however, due to harsh snow conditions, the Hus-Ski Hustle was cancelled. The Big Mack Pack's Fish Fry was held at the Naubinway Pavilion Friday evening.

Saturday was windy and cold, but there were 191 amazing snowmobiles on display. What an awesome turnout!

Right: State Senator Tom Casperson and Museum volunteer Sandy Ketcher under the Schoolcraft County Sno-Busters tent at the JackPine Lodge Ride, February. 12, 2011.



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Karen Jarema, Randy Dunn, and Marcia Williams have posted pictures and a video on Facebook, and there are some on the museum website. We would like to hear from you on Facebook which ones you liked. The Auction was fun and successful – thank you Ted Postula.

The Museum was a great escape from the wind and cold. It was very busy all weekend, and we appreciate your comments and donations! We love to hear the laughs and stories that come with the memories. Thanks to the Curtis groomers for taking care of the Museum’s new building site to be able to use it for parking trailers.

In spite of weather, bad snow, our hat order falling through the week before the show (thank you Frank Sadlon from EGraphics who pulled through for us!), people being escorted across the Mackinac Bridge to get here, Bernie Reid filled in for Doug Lubahn to explain the Historic Registration Bill (thanks Bernie!), and so many of our “regulars” who were missing in action, we want to say that this show was an amazing success! We also want to thank the Boa Ski Brotherhood for their contribution to our show and their donations to the New Building Fundraiser Challenge! This great bunch of guys came from Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Canada and Wisconsin. This was the second time they have attended our Show. We hope they are able to come again.

Finally, thanks to Cherri Giannunzio and Len Hosmer for donating their 50/50 winnings to the Museum!

Mark Your Calendar! 2011 Swap Meet



Our annual fall Swap Meet will be September 10, 2011. It will be held behind the Museum and include snowmobiles and ATVs. What a great time to clean out the garage! Check out the Facebook page and our website for information as it gets closer to that time.

20th Top of the Lake Snowmobile Show & Ride

February 17 and 18, 2012, is our 20th annual weekend of fun with the old sleds in Naubinway, MI, located 45 min. west of the Mackinac Bridge on U.S. 2 in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

The featured sled will be – Polar (50th Anniversary.) We are looking for all Polars out there. If you know of one, please contact Ted Postula, 906-297-8481. We’d like to go all out for this show! We also will be changing the ride on Friday to a “brunch” ride. It will leave Naubinway at 10:00am and go to the Cranberry Lodge on the Hiawatha Sportsman’s Club, about 10 miles one way. Food and fun rides through the woods, a lake (hopefully frozen!) and hills to go sledding on will be the big event for that day. More details will follow.

For more info, call Charlie at 906-477-6192, the Museum at 906-477-6298, or email info@snowmobilemuseum.com.

Grand Traverse Resort

Beginning January 28, 2011, the Museum was represented with snowmobiles from Bob Suchey, Charlie Vallier, Tony Olkowski and the Traverse City ASBA Snowmobile Club in the lobby of the Grand Traverse Resort. People were able to view the snowmobiles until February 21.



Left: Traverse City National Cherry Festival Queen, Maria La-Cross, poses with the Museum display.

Maria grew up on a farm near Traverse City and is familiar with snowmobiles.

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.

New Sleds In the Museum:

- ’73 Suzuki donated by Butch McClatchey,
 - ’76 Rupp Magnum on loan from Mark Kowalczyk,
 - ’72 Pocket Rocket and ’72 Bell & Howell on loan from Bud Knapp
- Stop by and check these out!

Website Info

The Museum’s website address is www.snowmobilemuseum.com. We feature various snowmobiles in the Museum, sell gift shop items, and you can become a member online. Check out the Great Stories page on the website which features visitors to the museum.

You can advertise on the website with a banner ad for \$100 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. You can also find us on Facebook.





“The Traveling Museum” Snowmobiles on Display at the Hagerty Center

What better way was there to begin our Michigan winter and the Christmas season than a wonderful display of the antique and vintage snowmobiles that have been a unique part of the history of winter travel. During the month of December, the Hagerty Insurance Center generously donated their display area for the public to come and view 14 unique and rare snowmobiles, which were there on loan from the Snowmobile Museum and also from the Traverse City ASBA Snowmobile Club members; Rob Deweese, Preston Esterle, Jeff Ewing, Steve Hall, and Dave Maison.

The Hagerty Center has asked us to leave two snowmobiles in their permanent display area! If you are in the Traverse City area, be sure to check out the display at the Hagerty Insurance Center, 141 River’s Edge, downtown Traverse City, MI. It will bring a smile to your face and perhaps a few memories will surface!

“Team Viking” Makes A Donation

One Lunger Races have become a very popular and growing sport over the last four years. The 2011 season ended with the last race held in Cheboygan, MI. Charlie Vallier was asked to attend the awards ceremony to represent the Museum. To his surprise, Derrick Rasch, of Team Viking, presented Charlie with a certificate stating they were donating their win-



nings from this season, \$2600, to our Building Fund! A huge thank you to the whole Team MPX Racing. A list of members is on our website.

Congratulations to our Winners!

Raffle Winners – Feb. 19, 2011

- 1st prize – ’75 Johnson JX 400–Keven Archer, Cal-lander Ontario (donated it back to the Auction)
- 2nd prize – Shipwreck Museum Pkg.-Tammy Bicigo, Crystal Falls, MI
- 3rd prize – Soo Locks Boat Tour – Tim Miller, Naubinway, MI
- 4th prize – \$100 Gas Card- Kayla Bereck, Gladstone, MI
- 5th prize – Museum Rocker – Vern Johnson, Engadine, MI (donated it back to the Auction)
- 6th prize - \$50 cash – Craig Hardigree, Columbia, TN (donated back to the Museum)

Thank you to all who bought tickets! Our next raffle will be September 10, 2011, at the 2011 Swap Meet.

Welcome New Members:

- Terry Bond, Shingleton, MI
- John Matchinski, Engadine, MI
- James Carter, Murray, KY
- James Liddell, Moran, MI
- Bill & Michelle Labadie, Gladstone, MI
- Steve Bilacic, Turner, MI
- Don Willson, Nevada, OH
- Chuck Ulch, Harrison, MI
- Roger & Karen Jarema, Boyne Falls, MI
- Guy Bowman, Gulliver, MI
- Steve Blair, London, OH

New Museum Building Update

We are currently offering a Fundraiser Challenge to anyone interested in preserving the history of snowmobiling through our Museum. We know we can make payments on \$100,000, so we are hoping to raise \$100,000 with the Challenge so we can get our loan and continue the process. The land is ready to go...We are taking it one step at a time.

Thanks to all of the donations coming in, as of the end of March, we have received \$6500. At our Snowmobile Show in February, a local contractor, John Matchinski, donated his crew’s labor to put up the trusses, sheeting and shingles! Dave Shope, owner of Quality Plumbing in Rapid River, will bring his crew to install the plumbing. What a fantastic start!

The Challenge continues...All Challenge donors will be listed



on our Wall of Donors in the new building. You can help us fulfill the dream! A list of donors can also be found on the museum website on the “New Building” page. You can find a donation form on page 4 of this issue.

A Timberwolf Now Lives In The Museum



Most Upper Peninsula hunters search for deer or bear. Not our Museum "hunters". They have been stalking a Timberwolf of a different breed for almost three years, and we are excited to say that one has been captured and is now in its new home in Naubinway.

The Timberwolf snowmobile was made in Sault Ste. Marie, Mi from 1969 to 1974. Only six or seven were made and it was used as the Pace Sled for the Sault I-500 in 1970. The model we have, which is owned by Todd Strickland, Hastings, MI, is called a Greywolf and was intended to be a race sled to be entered in the I-500.

Unfortunately, they went bankrupt before the sled could be completed and it has been put in the Museum on loan "as is". We hope you can make a trip to the museum to read the story, as we know it, and see a unique part of Michigan's involvement in the history of snowmobiling.

"Under The Radar" Films at the Museum Feb. 16, 2011

On February 16, the crew from a PBS TV show which began seven months ago, came to the Museum to film an episode which will air sometime before April 30.

PBS teamed up with Under The Radar Productions to create a modern, fast paced new travel and discovery program that explores Michigan's countless hidden treasures. The program, "Under The Radar Michigan," is currently airing all across Michigan, Canada, and parts of Ohio and Wisconsin. The 30-minute, weekly program features many inspirational but little known places and people statewide. The Host, Tom Daldin, is an Emmy award winning actor producer and writer, who has a natural ability to truly connect with people. As a lifetime resident, Tom is an energetic and compelling Michigan enthusiast who has traveled to every part of our state promoting it as a great place to live and vacation.



To learn more about "Under The Radar Michigan", visit utrmichigan.com. To become a fan of the program, visit the "Under The Radar Michigan" Facebook page and send in suggestions for future shows.

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 three ways to contribute. As a business or person who donates \$100, \$500, or \$1000, your name will appear on our donor wall. You will also receive a tax-deductible receipt. \$1000 donors will also receive either lifetime gold membership or a free banner ad on the museum website for five years.

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

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