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Above: Logan Shope & Mom on a 5ki Whiz

Below: 2013 Ride





# 21st Annual Top of the Lake Show & Ride

Over the weekend of February 15 & 16, 2013 the village of Naubinway, Michigan was abuzz with activities surrounding the Top of the Lake Communities Assoc. 21st Annual Snowmobile Show and Ride.

Activities kicked off Friday morning with breakfast being served in the Naubinway Pavilion by the Top of the Lake Communities Assoc. which drew a big turnout of antique and vintage snowmobilers eager to start the always fun weekend.

After breakfast, snowmobiles began to run all over downtown Naubinway anticipating the start of the annual antique and vintage ride. This year's ride was to be a 26 mile round trip to the Cranberry Lodge on Cranberry Lake located on the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club property.

As the 10:00am starting time drew near many machines were staged and ready to go and everyone was in high spirits. There were 166 antique, vintage and modern snowmobiles that left Naubinway for the trip to Cranberry Lake Lodge on freshly groomed trails with tons of snow. We want to recognize Mary Lee, 63 yrs old from Georgia, who was fulfilling one of her "Bucket List" desires! She had never been on a snowmobile ride. Way to go Mary, We hope you had fun.

Members of the Hiawatha Club and the local snowmobile club were stationed along the entire ride to provide directions and support. A BIG THANKS has to go out to the Hiawatha Club for all their support of this annual event.

The majority of the sleds made the trip to the Cranberry Lodge and upon arrival of



#### 2013 Show & Ride Raffle Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize 1969 Massey Ferguson Ski Whiz (donated by Phil Lombard) Michelle Labadie, Gladstone, MI
- 2<sup>rd</sup> Snowmobile Rocker (donated by Ellis Sutfin) Carl Frazier, Naubinway,
- 3" \$100 Gas Card (donated by Shute Oil) Owen Labadie, Gladstone. MI
- 4<sup>th</sup> Shipwreck Museum Overnight Stay for 2 (Shipwreck Museum) Dan Roberts, Litchfield, MI
- 5th Soo Locks VIP pass for 2 (donated by Soo Locks) Ann Gengler, Chesaning, MI
- 6<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Lantern & Speaker (donated-Dave Goldthorpe) Joey Fish, Allegan, MI
- 7<sup>th</sup> \$50 Cash (donated by Museum Member) Bill Vallier, Portland, MI

The next raffle drawing will be held on Sept. 14, 2013, during the Swap Meet & Auction. If you have something to donate for a prize, please contact the Museum as soon as possible. All proceeds go toward the New Building Fund.

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the Arctic Cat Kitchen Cutter, belonging to Terry Bashoor, the grills were fired up and the hungry snowmobilers gobbled up many brats and hot dogs. Hiawatha Club members were available for guided rides on their trails.

After an enjoyable period of time to eat and visit with old and new snowmobiling friends, machines began to fire

up for the return ride to Naubinway. It was a great sight to see this many old machines on the trail at one time.

On Friday evening many participants visited the Social Get Together at the Hiawatha Club's Recreation Building to spend time visiting with their snowmobiling friends and sampling some of the great chili on hand.

Saturday turned out to be a great day for the show in downtown Naubinway on

US-2 with mild temperatures and very little wind. Around 150 machines were on display throughout the day and many different brands and models. The featured snowmobile this year was the Massey Ferguson Ski Whiz and there was a big turnout of 14 of these machines with some participants coming from as far away as Minnesota. Thanks guys.

The museum was very busy on both Friday and Saturday as the snowmobilers in town stopped to see what was new and happening at the museum. It's always good to see old friends return for a visit.

Saturday evening the annual banquet was held at the Engadine Garfield Township Hall and there was as usual a big turnout for the excellent meal. After dinner, John McGuirk gave a short talk about the featured Ski Whiz and Massey snowmobiles. During the evening several activities supported the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum's building fund effort. There was the regular raffle for a 1969 Ski Whiz snowmobile plus 6 other great prizes, and the annual auction conducted by Auctioneer Ted Postula. THANKS TED for your support. All of these activities were quite successful and will help immensely with the building fund efforts. \$4900 was raised for the New Building Fund!

The Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum would like to thank the participants and especially the many volunteers who helped make this such a fun and successful weekend. We look forward to many more fun weekends in the future with our museum friends.

Report by John McGuirk

Chefs at work, Billy Labadie & Dan Lancour

# Winners of the Special Award Plaques:

- Fun Ride Favorite/Antique Wally Spens, Sault Ste. Marie, MI on a 1966 Hus Ski
- Fun Ride Favorite/Vintage Logan Shope, Rapid River, MI
- Favorite Featured Sled \*Ski Whiz In\* group from Minnesota
- Tow Strap Award Ron Whitman, Bryan, OH (his machine had a gas problem)
- Show Special Button Bryan Lehr, Mt Morris, MI (won a Kewadin Casino package)

#### Mystery Solved!

The Constantine Valley Drift Riders mystery in the last issue has been solved. They are from the Kalamazoo, MI area. Thanks!



#### Upcoming Events:

July 3-5<sup>th</sup> - 2013 – The museum will be open extended hours for the fun Naubinway 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Sept. 14, 2013 – 7th Annual Swap Meet & Auction, location to be announced. Raffle prizes are needed for our September raffle. The prizes are tax deductible.

Feb. 14 & 15, 2014 – 22<sup>rd</sup> Top of the Lake Show & Ride. The featured sled will be Side-by-Side machines (for Valentine's Weekend. (Isn't that romantic??) Bring your side-by-side and your sweetie!

#### Welcome New Members!

- Louie & Krystal Oberle, Engadine, MI
- Stu & Meg Hobbs, Milford, MI
- Tom & Carol Harper, Engadine, MI
- 4. Richard Musson, Manistique, MI
- 5. Ron Barill, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
- Tom & Debbie White, Merrimac, MA

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 yearly.

#### Website Info

The Museum's website address is: 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.

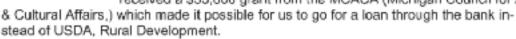
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# **Building Fundraiser Report**

Get your shovels and hammers shined up and ready to go! On March 14, 2013, we received the word that the State Savings Bank of Manistique, MI approved our loan! This has been made possible by the generous donations from you, the supporters of the museum. We received a \$35,000 grant from the MCACA (Michigan Council for Arts





We are able to keep the new payment as close as possible to what we are currently paying. We do want to let you know that we are borrowing \$200,000, which is the minimum we need to get the building up and open. This does not

"Watch our website or Facebook for our Ground Breaking date!"

include a paved parking lot. This means we will continue to use the raffles and auction fundraisers for the New Building Fund. We sincerely thank everyone for making this a reality!! If you would like to be a part of this new adventure, become a member of our Donor Wall, which will have a special place in the new building. A form is available in the newsletter. We will be putting updates on the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum Facebook page.

# Architect's Drawing of the New Museum



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# Building Fundraiser Matching Challenge/Pledge Form—501c3 Not-For-Profit Corporation

The Museum Board is seeking matching funding for a new building on US 2 in Naubinway. The Museum is raising \$100,000 with a challenge with three ways to contribute. Donations in the amount of \$100, \$500, or \$1000 by businesses, clubs, or individuals will have their names appear on our donor wall. Donors 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.

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## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

- Special thanks to the Rogers City Snowmobile Club for their donation from their Show auction! This will go towards our New Building Fund.
- Special thanks also to the White Pine Lodge Show and Ivan Hansen in Christmas, MI for their generous donation for the new building on March 16, 2013.

#### Top Snowmobile Museums in North America

The Museum was featured in the January, 2013, issue of "SnowGoer" Magazine as #1 of the 
"Top 13 Snowmobile Museums in North America." What an honor! Thanks to Chris Riley and David 
Wells for writing such an awesome article about our museum! You can find the article on our website on the Articles of Interest page. What a great "Bucket List" idea—visit all 13!





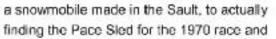
Left: This print is of Gordie Breeding who has been coming to our show for many years with this machine. He is now in his 80's and last fall he generously

donated his 1963 Arctic Cat, and his red plaid suit, to the Museum! Thank you Gordie! We will find a special spot for your machine. (If you see him, be sure to congratulate him on his recent marriage!)

#### 1970 Timberwolf Returns to the Soo I-500 Track

On February 2, 2013, the 1970 Timberwolf, which was made in Sault Ste.

Marie, MI, made a repeat trip around the I-500 race track! Only this time there
were 50 vintage snowmobiles behind it instead of the race machines in 1970. It
was an awesome finish to four years of doing research, from finding out there was







restoring it, to actually having it make a lap around the track again. Many thanks go out to Larry Weinreis who was instrumental in the research, the co-founders, Dr. Tom Robinson & Professor Dick Zabelka, to David Blair who donated the machine to the museum, and to the restoration team of John Ketcher, Kurt Krause, Aaron Schroeder, Mark Williams and Charlie Vallier. Dr. Robinson even found two original, NOS tracks for the restoration. You can now see the Timberwolf in the Museum.

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Left: Chuck Ulch shows off his beautifully restored Ski-Doo's

> Right Nice Ski Whiz display by Dave Shope



# SNOVMORILI

Above: Pierre Pellerin, "Snowmobile History, Vol 1"



Left: C.J. Remstad's "First to the Pole" (the Plaisted Expedition story)



Above: Kevin Daniels "Poker Runs" print

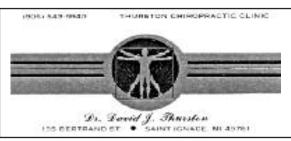
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Left: Rick Bina's Museum rocker that he painted. Love the original ideas!

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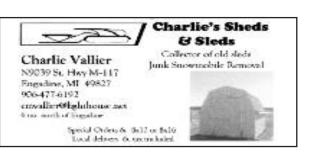


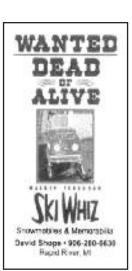


















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