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## 25th Annual Show & Ride-February 17 & 18, 2017

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245 vintage and antique snowmobiles left Naubinway Friday morning, February 17, to help celebrate the Top Of The Lake Snowmobile Museum's 25th annual Top of the Lake Show & Ride.

Rear engine models from the 60's led the way. Several drove nearly 100 miles on the Rear Engine Ride #2 (see pg 2). Sleds of various models and some with small children in pull-behind cutters, loaded up with hopes of making it to a small cabin on the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club.

As many of us know, even when these sleds were new, making it from point A to point B could be a challenge.

Armed with extra gas and spark plugs,



Large Track Vehicles- Photo courtesy of St. Ignace News

there were a few that didn't make it. Or if they did, it was with the aid of a tow rope and a few jokes from friends who might be driving a different brand.

The trail was in great shape with a few bumps to keep your attention on the white road ahead. Sometimes we passed a group pulled over enjoying the view of vintage iron and the beauty of Michigan's Northern winter woods. With sleds parked along the trail and Brats and Chicken-on-a-stick cooking on the grill (thanks to Rich Hotz Catering) it was time to tell stories

and meet new people.

After a couple hours, it was time to pull the cord and hope

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Raffle winner, Jennifer Kurtzhals, on her new Johnson Rampage

August 11-12, 2017 Engadine's 1st Farm, Lawn, and Garden Tractor Show

Facebook.com/ Engadine Tractor Show







#### 2017 Show and Ride Raffle Winners:

Raffle tickets were sold during the year and the drawing was held Feb 18

 1<sup>st</sup> 73 Johnson-Jennifer Kurtzhals, Almont MI
 2<sup>nd</sup> Chamberlin's B & B Stay – Dree Pauze, Sault Ste Marie, Ont

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rocker Don Hamilton, Guelp, Ont
- 4<sup>th</sup> \$100 Gas Ken Bade, Rogers City, MI
- 5<sup>th</sup> Soo Locks Tour– Dean Thelan, St. Cloud, WI
- 6<sup>th</sup> Portable Grill Jim Hunderman, Wayland, MI
- 7<sup>th</sup> \$50 Cash Cole Gouin, Belle River, Ont

#### **Show Awards Winners:**

- Fun Ride Favorite/Antique Don Hamilton, Guelp, Ont (Snowbug Babybug)
- Fun Ride Favorite/Vintage Blake & Cindy Hallowell & girls (John Deere)
- Featured Sled Favorite Sean Kellar, Fredonia, WI (Tucker Sno Cat)
- Tow Strap Award Scott & Melissa Peters & twins, Burt, MI (Arctic Cats)

the old sled fired up. If you were lucky, the smell of two-stroke oil and the sound of an old engine coming to life would get you back to town.

Thirty-five riders (including four of the large track vehicles) who were looking for more and ready to tempt fate, lined up at dusk for the three-mile Night Ride. Several had glowsticks hanging from their machine for added entertainment. As they drove away into the dark, it was like 1970 all over again...

Saturday began with a beautiful blue sky, warm temperatures, and 185 snowmobiles on display for the "Show" part of the weekend. The featured sled this year was the Large-



Terry Bond's Large Track Vehicle

Track Vehicle. Twelve large tracks of various sizes, were displayed in downtown Naubinway. The parking area in front of the stores was lined with sleds including a 1929 Model T, a large Tucker, SnoCats on the snowbank, and people wandering along enjoying the memories – here and at the Museum.

The weekend ended with a Banquet, Merchant Drawings & Auction on Saturday evening at the Engadine Garfield Town Hall. With a record crowd, everyone enjoyed a great meal, prizes, and a fun auction, which was a fundraiser for the Museum J.A. Bombardier Addition.

Next year's show, Feb 16 & 17, 2018, will feature the 1968 Ski Doo Olympique and the 50th Anniversary of the Plaisted Expedition to the North Pole. We now have a display of the Plaisted Expedition at the Museum which was do-

nated by the siblings of Walt Pederson, the mechanic on the trip. The Pederson family has enthusiastically agreed to be the guest speakers at our Banquet next year in honor of their dad and the other 3 members who  $^{25}$ nt on the Expedition. We also plan to have a bonfire at the Night Ride next year. Bring the family and join us for a fun, old-time experience with great people and a great museum to visit! (Article written by Greg Busch)







The Rear Engine Ride group: John & Jan McGuirk (OH), Roger & Karen Jarema (MI), Ted & Sherry Postula (MI), Don Hamilton (Canada), Tom Hammond (MI), Russ, Dan & Darrin Willis (IL), Bernie Reid (MI), Ben Edwards (MN), Dave Shope (MI), Dick Hummel (IL)

#### Rear Engine Ride #2-February 14-16

A group of antique snowmobilers spent three days prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Top of the Lake Ride and Show, riding trails around Naubinway. Riders were from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Minnesota and Canada.

Twelve rear engine machines left Naubinway on Tuesday morning headed for Curtis. The first day was a little rough with several stops to make needed repairs. Wednesday was a much better day with some new snow and the group had a good time on the trails and eventually ended up in Newberry. Thursday the group left Newberry headed back

to Naubinway. The riders stopped daily to cook hot dogs on the trail. The group was met for lunch on Thursday by a group of vintage Viking riders (Charlie & his gang) from Naubinway which added to their fun.

Over the three days the group rode approximately 100 miles. Several snowmobilers stopped to talk to the group and take pictures and videos. We really enjoy talking about these old machines to anyone who will listen. We would like to thank the Curtis Fish and Hunt Shop and Newberry's Neal's Auto Parts for providing overnight parking for the antique machines. Also, thanks to John Ketcher for arranging school bus transportation and the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum for catering dinner at the Museum (thank you to Karene at the Epoufette Cut River Inn.)

Plans for another ride next year are already in the works and everyone is looking forward to returning to Naubinway the third week in February, 2018. Contact John McGuirk, johnk17719@gmail.com, if you are interested in joining us. Be sure to enjoy the you tube link of the fantastic video that Don Hamilton (with Karema Jarema's help) made of the Rear Engine Ride #2, 2017! <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNCsjmO32">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNCsjmO32</a> <a href="M&feature=youtu.be">M&feature=youtu.be</a>

Karen Jarema posted a Day 1 trip video on Facebook. As of 4/27/2017 there have been 1,910,215 views, and the number keeps rising!. She also discovered that the views have been coming from all over the U.S., Canada, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Greenland, Germany, England, Argentina, Malaysia, Italy, and Australia! (Article written by John McGuirk)

Karen's video of Day 1 can be viewed at: https://www.facebook.com/100737713300482/ videos/1505325782841661/

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#### 2018 Top of the Lake Show & Ride Celebrates the Plaisted Expedition 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

aubinway will host a special show Feb 16 & 17, 2018. It will be the 26<sup>th</sup> year for the show with the 1968 Ski Doo Olympique as the featured sled. This year the presenters at the banquet will be the siblings of Walt Pederson.

Walt was the mechanic on the 1968 Plaisted Expedition to the North Pole and he drove a 1968 Olympique. Walt passed away in April, 2016 and his children have done a lot of research on the trip and their dad's involvement with it. They have donated some wonderful artifacts from their dad to display at the Museum. We are extremely honored to have them here! We invited them to come to our next show and Tim & Cathy Pederson will be the presenters during our banquet on Saturday evening. They have some amazing stories about the 43 day incredible adventure from Minnesota to the North Pole! Stay tuned for more information on the Museum Facebook page and our next newsletter. This will be a "can't miss" event!

Charlie & I had the privilege of meeting Tim Pederson and his sister, Cathy, last November, 2016. They called the Museum to find out if we had an interest in some of the items that they had in their possession of the legendary 1968 trip to the North Pole by four men who were the members of the Plaisted Expedition! Needless to say, we said we were definitely interested!

They made the trip from Minnesota to Naubinway and left the outer parka, tool box, and a bag that belonged to their dad, Walt Pederson. Walt was the mechanic on the trip. They also left us with some amazing stories about the trip, which will also be shared with



Above: Tim & Cathy with their dad's items they donated



Above: Tim & Cathy Pederson on Walt's Sno Bike (built by Walt)

the public who come to our 2018 Top of the Lake Show & Ride. We plan on having the Plaisted North Pole Expedition display ready for the show. When they returned this February, they brought the life-size pictures of their dad and Ralph Plaisted and the snowmobile, called Little Lady, belonging to Walt, and a photo album with some amazing pictures. In March, Dave Guenther, ASCOA president, was here. Dave has the replica of Little Lady and he will be bringing it to the Museum for the display!



## Building Fundraiser Form—501c3 Not-For-Profit Corporation

The Museum Board is seeking funding to support the new Bombardier addition. A business, snowmobile club, or person who donates will have their name on the Museum donor wall. Donors will receive a tax-deductible receipt. \$1000 donors will also receive either lifetime membership or a free banner ad on the Museum website for five years.

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The fundraising contribution will be used for support for the new Bombardier addition, and to continue the growth of the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum.

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#### 1966 Vancouver to Maine Story – the First Bridge Crossing

Mitch Magnusson and Monica Dohmen, from MN, visited the Museum on April 1. We found out that Mitch and Monica are doing research on the Trans-Continental Snowmobile Adventure that happened in 1966.

Two friends decided to be very adventurous and ride Polaris Colt snowmobiles from Vancouver to Maine and they did it in 24 days—a total of 4,018 miles! When we hosted the Mackinac Bridge Crossing last December, we found out that two men crossed the Mackinac Bridge in 1966. We were able to obtain an article from the St. Ignace News about the crossing, but the article didn't mention anything about the huge trip they were making.

This is where it really gets interesting. Mitch (8 yrs old) was in Roseau MN when the two men, Jim Langley and Clark Dahlin, made a stop on their adventure. Mitch recently bought 40

acres of land next to his farm and he found the chassis of a snowmobile on the property. He immediately suspected it was one of those Polaris Colts. Monica took on the investigative work and since November, 2016, they have found a 50-year old picture of that stop in Roseau and Mitch is the young boy in the picture (which is how he recognized the unique tail lights on the back of the sled!)

They also found and talked to 80-year old, Jim Langley, who now lives in Denver. Monica has also talked to the policeman who escorted the duo from the west side of Maine to the Atlantic coast! We gave her the name of the man who was in charge of the Mackinac Bridge when they crossed it (and he signed the snowmobile hoods along with several others dignitaries along the way.) Of course, she is now going to try to contact him. Monica is also going to put together a book for the Museum with pictures and articles about the trip! We let them know we would love to have Jim be our lead snowmobile to cross the Mighty Mac this December. They are going to work on that. In addition, they are searching for any information about the hood of one of these machines. We also found this story in the Legends of Polaris book that we have for sale here. I have a feeling there will be more to this story in the coming weeks and months! Stay tuned....

## Top of the Lake Museum Swap Meet/Auction Saturday, Sept.16, 2017

**Location**: behind the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum, on the North side of US 2, Naubinway, MI

**Hours**: 8:00am-2:00pm. Following the Swap Meet will be a **Consignment Auction** beginning at 2:15

- \$5 admission fee per person (free with a paid Museum Membership) includes admission to the Museum all day;
   \$10 - 2 place trailer;
   \$20 - 4 place trailer
- All snowmobile/atv/recreation vehicles and parts welcome. Shop early for the vintage races, show rides and Dec. Bridge Crossing!
- For more info, call Charlie at 906-477-6298; email <u>info@snowmobilemuseum.com</u>; check out our Facebook page at Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum; or our website: www.snowmobilemuseum.com

# Upcoming Events: (Events Charlie & crew will be attending)

- May 28 St. Germain, WI Show & Swap
- July 14 & 15 ASCOA Summer Meeting, Hutchinson, MN
- Sept 8 & 9 St. Ignace, MI Tractor/Snowmobile Show (Museum), Little Bear Arena
- Sept 16 Top of the Lake Swap Meet & Auction
   J. A. Bombardier Addition Grand Opening
- Sept 23 Honda East Show, Maumee, OH
- Nov 3 & 4 A-1 Swap Meet, Chesaning, MI
- Nov 3 & 4 Novi Show, Novi, MI
- Dec 16 Snowmobile the Mighty Mac #2
   (online registration, St. Ignace Visitor's Bureau)
- Feb 16 & 17, 2018 Top of the Lake Show & Ride, honoring the Plaisted Expedition 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Raffle Ticket prizes: Drawing, 3 p.m., Sept 16, 2017 Tickets available at the Museum—\$5/one; \$10/three

- 1<sup>st</sup> 1972 Rupp American snowmobile (donated by Gary Scodellaro)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 8'x10' Storage Shed or \$500 Cash (donated by Charlie's Sheds
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chamberlin's B & B One Night Stay
- 4th \$100 Gas Card
- 5<sup>th</sup> Snowmobile Print (donated by the Museum)
- 6<sup>th</sup> \$50 Cash (donated by a Museum member)



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Above: Santa, aka Greg Busch!



The Hornbacher sisters drove Yamaha Sno Scoots, fixed up by their dad for this trip, over the Mackinac Bridge! Sarah, on the right, received the award for Youngest Driver (must be 16.) We now have a Yamaha Sno Scoot in the Museum!

#### **Snowmobile the Mighty Mac**

(written by Karen Jarema & Marilyn Vallier)

The Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum in conjunction with The St. Ignace Visitors Bureau, offered a unique experience for antique and vintage snowmobile enthusiasts on December 17, 2016. Antique and vintage snowmobiles, equipped with wheel kits, drove over the Mackinac Bridge. (This has only happened two other times in the Bridge's history – 1966 and 1979. Keep reading for those stories)



Every year people, tractors, 4 wheelers, trucks, etc are given this opportunity. Last September the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum participated by displaying sleds at the Little Bear Arena in St. Ignace while the Antique Tractors were driving over the Bridge in an event that brought over 1300 tractors. Charlie and Marilyn Vallier, two of the originators of the Top of the Lake Museum in Naubinway, asked if snowmobiles would be allowed to hold such an event. Three months later the event happened!

Saturday, December 17, vintage snowmobiles (minimum of 25 years old) that and had front wheel kits with a minimum 2" wide wheels and no cleats or studs on the track, were allowed to drive over the Bridge under their own power.

the award for Youngest Driver (must be 16.) We now have a Yamaha Sno Scoot in the Museum! Wow! I have to say that the "Snowmobile the Mighty Mac" was a success!! With only two months notice, 39 brave souls came up with a vintage machine (and one antique,) a wheel kit, and the time, to come and make the adventurous five-mile crossing of the

Mackinac Bridge! Pictured here is Santa, aka Greg Busch, who also happened to be very nervous going across the Bridge, but he did it!! We also had Dan Heatherington, who carried with him a picture of a good friend who passed away two years ago. He was carrying the picture for his friend's family. Dan bought this man's Ski Doo, which Dan brought for the ride. Another rider, Tom Lewandowski, made the crossing. This was the first time he drove a snowmobile! We also had five women make the crossing and no, I wasn't one of them! I had a blast watching them drive up to the toll booths and cheering them on. A school bus was available to shuttle the drivers back to the South end of the Bridge after leaving their trailers at the Welcome Center.

We want to thank the Mackinac Bridge Authority for allowing this event to happen, the Welcome Center for letting us use the parking lot for a staging area, the St. Ignace Events Committee (Visitor's Bureau) for handling the registration, and the Mackinac Grille for the great lunch! The weather was perfect – 19 degrees, big fluffy snowflakes and no wind Everyone who crossed the Bridge plans on doing it again next year. We hope more can join us for the next crossing on December 16, 2017. Register online with the St. Ignace Visitor's Bureau.

#### Snowmobile the Mighty Mac Awards Ceremony Winners:

- Best Wheel Kit Virgil Morell
- Farthest Traveled Paul Kopetski (from Indiana)
- Oldest Snowmobile Roger Jarema (64 Comet)
- Craziest Dressed Driver Greg Busch (Santa)
- Youngest Driver Sarah Hornbacher, 16
- Oldest Driver Bill Taylor, 68

#### **Welcome New Members**

- Scott Sykora Auctions Clare, MI (Lifetime)
- Bruce Schoblaska Sobieski, WI (Lifetime)
- Ted and Sherry Postula
   Goetzville, MI (Lifetime)

Our Museum t-shirts are showing up in lots of places around the world! Send us your vacation pictures wearing your favorite Museum shirt.



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Kevin Dennis, Hawaii

Greg Busch, Cancun

#### J.A. Bombardier Addition is Open – Feb. 2017

hank You It's April and the J.A. Bombardier addition is open, but not complete. As they say, it's a work in progress. We started the addition last summer after receiving the Graymont Grant, which was used to begin the process for Phase I. We then received a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) in October, which is being used to complete Phase II. We also received nineteen \$1000 donations for the \$1000 Challenge, started by Roger & Karen Jarema last February! Those names are on our Donor Wall.

We are so amazed at the generosity of so many people to help the Museum out again. We built the original building in 2013, received the 33 snowmobiles from the J.A. Bombardier Museum creating the need for an addition, and now donations and grants have made it possible to accomplish this again. The doors are open, with some machines in the addition, but we are currently waiting on the floor polisher before we finish moving everything in. Stop & see it!!

#### Engadine Consolidated Pre-School Visit – Feb, 2017

re want to have the Museum known as a great educational experience. Every year the Engadine Consolidated Pre-School class reminds us that 4-year-olds love snowmobiles! They don't need to know all the details about how they operate, or the size of the motor. They pick out their favorite totally by looks – the size and color.

For some reason, the big black homemade airsled with the shark-type teeth painted on the front is always a big hit with most of them! They are fun to watch. After their tour through the Museum, Charlie and a couple of the parents take them for a spin on an older snowmobile. Charlie brings his Hus-Ski and a couple other machines and I'm not sure who has more fun. Teacher, Diane Miller, even supplied one of her snowmobiles and a cutter for some of the kids to ride in. After their adventure outside, they came





back in to have their Valentine party/lunch. The perfect ending to a perfect day! This has become a yearly ritual for the pre-school class and we look forward to having them next year!

#### Website Information: Visit us on the web at: www.snowmobilemuseum.com

Featured are various snowmobiles, 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 go to the Museum. Please contact Marilyn if you interested in any information about the Museum or the website. Also, visit us on Facebook: "Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum"

#### New in our Gift Shop



Left: Rush Creek Trail" print by Ken Zylla



Above: Hus-Ski hat





Coasters





Right: Polaris 1:16 scale Below: Coat hooks (not painted)









Items in our gift

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## Soo I-500 Memories At The Mile Lap



February 4, 2017, was the 49<sup>th</sup> running of the Soo I-500 and our 4<sup>th</sup> year for sponsoring the Memories at the Mile Lap and Show. There were 66 machines that made the trip, all successfully, around the one mile oval track just before the start of the big race. There is such a variety of machines that make the lap – everything from a 1963 Polaris K-E-95 to a 1991 Yamaha Venture. Louie Hunt and Paul Buckler also made the lap with their 1972 and 73 Polaris Starfires, which raced at the I-500 back in the 70's.

This show is a fun show, for those who want to add to their Bucket List. The 2 awards that we hand out are People's Choice and People's Choice Runner Up. Our winners this year were Lenny Longuski with a 1975 Polaris TX 440 and Runner Up was Greg Busch with his 1971 Ski Daddler XX 1650 racer. Congratulations guys!

The weather actually cooperated this year – warming up into the 20's, and a mild wind, which tended to bring out lots of people to watch the race and check out the vintage snowmobiles on display. We want to thank the I-500 Committee for their support and help with putting this show on!

Next year will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the I-500 and they are planning on a parade in downtown Sault Friday night. The I-500 Committee asked us if vintage sleds would want to join in! More info will be in the next newsletter. You can watch the video taken by Karen Jarema, of the trip around the Lap at https://youtu.be/ULBTWWVK3ls

#### Gordon Breeding - A Museum Legend

Gordie Breeding was at the Antique Snowmobile Club of America (ASCOA) meeting in Rogers City, March 4, 2017. Gordie used to live in Alpena when we first started our Naubinway Show. He and his late wife, Nellie, came every year for many years. Gordie donated his 1963 Arctic Cat 450 and his red flannel suit to the Museum! We love it and it always reminds us of Gordie. He is 93 now and his new wife, Rose, drove him from Florida to be at the

Rogers City Show! He is such an awesome man-a legend to all of us here!











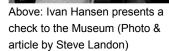
Gordie & Rose Breeding Rogers City Show



Gordie's 1963 Arctic Cat 450



Gordie at our 2000 Show & Ride



#### White Pine Lodge Show Donation

Ivan Hansen, owner of the White Pine Lodge in Christmas, Michigan, presented a donation to Charlie Vallier following the Seventh Annual White Pine Lodge Vintage Snowmobile Show, Ride and Swap on March 10 & 11, 2017. Monies raised from the annual event go to help fund current and ongoing projects at the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum.

Blowing snow and occasional whiteout conditions on area roads caused by lake effect snow didn't keep diehard snowmobile collectors and enthusiasts from attending. Thanks to Hansen and his wonderful staff, the event was a total success.

#### **Museum Map Update:**

Check out our map in the entryway, and put a pin in it to show where you are from! Our list of visitors from foreign countries is growing – Switzerland, Austria, Norway, France, Germany, China, Australia, Brazil, Sweden, New Zealand, Denmark, India, Poland and Columbia during the last 3.5 years in the new building! The only state missing a pin is Rhode Island.



#### 1979 Snowmobile Trip from Goodrich, MI to Yellowstone

When Dallas Fisher saw an article about the Museum hosting the Snowmobile the Might Mac, he contacted the Museum and informed us that he and three others crossed the Bridge in 1979. The video link below was made by Greg Busch, who went to see Dallas and interviewed him about the trip. The MLive article below was written by Brandon Champion, from Greg's interview:



http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/

2016/12/1979 snowmobile crossing of ma.html#incart river home

By Brandon Champion | bchampio@mlive.com

video by Greg Busch, Dec 2016: https://youtu.be/YHyJ7aSRps8

1979 Mackinac Bridge snowmobile crossing part of epic journey to Yellowstone





#### Where in the Museum is Bucky?

We have a new addition to the Museum! The Museum staff and friends welcome "Bucky!" Thanks to our nephew, Hunter Dennis, for trapping this little beaver and to Greg Busch for bringing him back to life (sort of!) This little guy is going to move around the displays—you never know where he will be when you stop in!

## Diablo Rouge 50th Reunion

The weekend of Jan 14, 2017 was the time for the red Diablo Rouge and yellow Hus Ski snowmobiles to come out of the woodwork (or storage sheds.) The town of Port Washington, WI, where the Bolens Sprint was made, became center stage for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Diablo Rouge snowmobile.



Bruce Schoblaska, aka the GoGo Diablo man, spent almost a year organizing and planning for the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Diablo Rouge. Bruce lives in Wisconsin, not far from Port Washington, so plans were set to host the show where the Bolens factory was moved to in 1969. Thank you to Bruce and his family for all the hard work putting on a great show! He also asked Charlie to be one of the speakers.

All Diablos were engineered by a Hus-Ski / Bolens team of engineers and were originally assembled in Point Claire, Quebec, at the Hus Ski plant. Some parts were made at Bolens in Port Washington and shipped to Pt Claire. Other parts were made at the Hus Ski plant. Bolens produced the Diablo from 1967 till 1969. Bolens closed the Hus Ski plant in 1968 and the next year, started to produce the Bolens Sprint Snowmobile that was then made in Port Washington.

There were about six Bolens employees at the banquet. John Seyfert worked 46 years; Gene Kermitz 45 years; Kim Jentges 9 years; Dick Schmidt over 40 years; and Al Due 26 years. It was an added bonus to be able to talk to these men about the "good ole days"! There were also Diablo fans from every Southern province in Canada, Connecticut, New York, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, Iowa, and Wisconsin.



Above: Diablo Rouge reunion-a great turnout, even with no snow!

We especially want to thank Bruce Schoblaska for the donation to the Museum. At the banquet he announced he would match any donations made to the Museum up to \$1000. On behalf of Go Go Diablo, Bruce more than doubled the donations to total \$1000! Check out the new Go Go Diablo plate on our Donor Wall.



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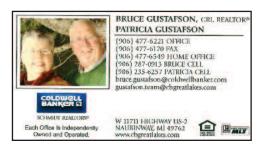




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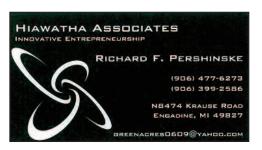


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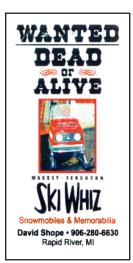
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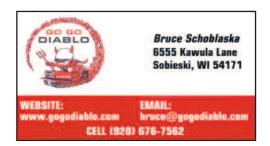


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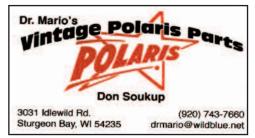
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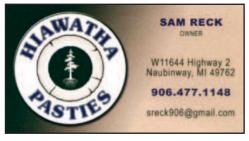
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