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### interested in selling Raffle Tickets for Snowmobile NO?



Then contact the SND office and we will get some out to you! Tickets are \$20 each and we are giving away 20 different guns this year! Drawing will be held February 6th & 7th, 2016 at the State Ride in Marion, ND.





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## Board

# Messases



Happy New Year everyone! Time sure does fly by quickly. We have had a busy fall and December getting everything situated with our new positions. In the middle of it all, we moved all of the signs, posts and supplies from our old storage unit to a larger, heated unit which we will share with ND Parks and Rec. It's going to be a good change for us to have everything more accessible. We had outgrown our old location, and this shop gives us a place to thaw and service equipment.

At the convention in December, we said goodbye to some people that had been involved with SND for many years and have been very valuable to SND. Keri, our past Executive Director, left in September. I want to thank Keri for making herself available to Tari and I helping make the transition of new positions in the office. She will truly be missed. Marty Malachowski, who held many positions on the board over the years, left the Board of Directors. He always made himself available to help with valuable input and knowledge. A big thank you to both of them!

As I write this, we still have raffle tickets in the office ready to be sold. I have found them very easy to sell, we just need more participants selling them. We are giving away 20 guns at the State Ride in Marion this year. Only 1500 tickets are being sold and they are only \$20.00 each. It is a great opportunity to create some funding for SND so please, if you can find some time to sell some, let Tari or I know as soon as possible. Let's sell these babies out!

I ran across a neat website the other morning. All you need to do is punch in your location and it will tell you how much snow is forecast for you. I also lists forecasts for most predicted and popular locations. Find it here: http://howmuchwillitsnow.com/
Here at SND we are looking forward to meeting and visiting with more of you out on the trail. If any of you have questions or concerns, please feel free contact us. Have a great day and continue the snow dance!

### Todd Thronson



# Board Messages

Now that was a great SND convention!

First of all, I would like to thank Laura for all the great work she has done as President! I can only hope that I will be able to continue the great work that she has done, and I am glad that she will continue to be on the board as past President so I continue to learn. I would also ike to thank all the new and "old" board members for stepping up to the plate, to help this organization continue to support the sport that we are all so passionate about. I look forward to working with you all

in the years to come.

President

For those who don't know me, here is a small amount of history. I have been on the SND board of directors for a total of 8 years. I was on the board from 2004-2009, took a break from 2009-2010, then was called back to duty from 2010-2013. Guess I couldn't stay away too long....I had to ask Tari what all committees I have been on over the years. I have been on the Legislation, Membership, Safety Course, Scholarship, Promotion, Budget, Employee Review, Bylaws, Regulations, Awards & Nominations Committees. I guess I have been busy over the years. Funny thing is, when you are working towards something that you enjoy, it really doesn't seem like work!

This leads me into my next Thank You. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who get out and help get the trails ready! It's incredible to think of all the hours that are put in throughout the state grubbing, mowing and signing to just get ready for the season. This is all done with the hopes of a snowy winter. It's the people that make this organization continue!

Now for the SNOW NEWS! The 2016 State Ride will be held on February 6th in Marion, ND at the Marion Community Center. The Board of Directors meeting will be held Friday the 5th in Valley City. If you have never been to a State Ride, I encourage you to attend. If not for the riding itself, it's a great time to get together with other Snowmobile Enthusiasts. Hope to see you there!!!

Troy Klevgard



# Board Messages Deanfellow snowmobilers,

**Vice President** 

We just returned from another successful convention. I hope you were there. It was good to see everyone again. The convention is a great place for the exchange of ideas, to ask questions, air grievances, to put a face to a name of people you talk to on the phone, etc. For example, a group from the northeast came to the board meeting Friday night. They had an issue mostly unique to their trail system. Solutions were discussed and decided on. I don't know if it was 100% what they were looking for, but it should work. That's what those meetings are for.

We also honored two people who have done a lot for SND. The first was Bob Smith. He was the state trail coordinator in the 90's and helped secure many land leases to improve our trail system. Second was Keri Wanner. I don't have enough space to list all she did for the organization. From where SND was when she took the reins to where we are now is awesome. I believe we have the respect of NDPRD as well as the lawmakers we worked with on our legislative package this past year. We've come a long way baby!

We also elected new officers and board members. Congratulations Troy Klevgard, our new SND president. I remained as vice president, and JoAnne Seifert stayed on as our secretary. I was a little disappointed at how few people are interested in being on the board. I know it is like any other organization, a low percentage of people do a high percentage of the work, but I feel like me & my family do our share. Where are the rest of you? Step up and put yourself out there. You may find it rewarding, you never know. You will certainly get to know some great people.

A big thank you to all who put up signs with no snow in sight. I'm sure that makes it tough. Waiting to put up signs until after it snow was discussed on Friday night. Like Laura said, if we get a fair amount of snow it would make it very difficult to mark things like culverts. Also, if your signs are just in the snow and not the ground, a little melt and they are leaning or laying over. I know it seems like you are just spinning your wheels, but I guess we just keep hoping it pays off. And I guess it does, your club gets their first benchmark payment. So long for now from sunny but cold and barren Grand Forks County!

Sheri Hollmann





# Board Messages

Office Manager I would like to start off this issue by congratulating Troy Klevgard out of Casselton on becoming the new President for Snowmobile North Dakota!! I am excited to be working with him again! Also, I would like to congratulate all the new board members. New with us these seasons are: Tyler Dosch from Region 2, Joel Iverson from Region 4, and Brent Haugen from Region 5. This is going to be a great season!

We just wrapped up another successful SND Convention in December. With the help of the Rough Rider Snowmobile Association we were able to bring in Amber Holt with Backcountry Basics and Bret Rasmussen with Ride Rasmussen Style. They both gave presentations with packed rooms! If you ever want to learn backcountry riding, they are the ones to learn from.

State Ride is right around the corner, can't wait to see what the Sheyenne Valley Trail Association has up their sleeves for this year. It will be based out of Marion, ND on February 6th, 2016. Can't wait to see all of you there!

Memberships are due in the office ASAP! Remember the more memberships you have the more delegates your club will have at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Tari

**Past President** 

Hi everyone,

I hope everyone had a great time at the SND Convention. SND and the Roughriders Snowmobile Association did a great job. The accommodations at the Ramada were great. I would like to thank the vendors for bringing their products to the convention. Also, I would like to thank the speakers that presented at the convention. They gave people tips on how to mountain ride, updating your apps for the snowmobile trails and told you about the issues between snowmobilers

and nonsnowmobilers. Let's just say people who dislike us.

Please check with your local club/association to see if you want to host the 2016 or 2017 SND Snowmobile Convention.

I have enjoyed being the SND President for the last years. Boy, does time go by fast. I would like to thank everyone for all of the hard work they did. I am still part of the board, so if you have any suggestions or comments please contact me. At the convention, a few people approached me with some ideas and comments. I will be bringing the ideas and comments to the board.

Thank you for the hard work you do to keep the trails up.

Laura Forbes

## Eregion Reports



### Jeff Seifert Region 5

It was nice having good weather for trail signing and being able to get it done in just a short time. I would like thank everyone that takes time to get out and sign. Things started out good the first week in December with getting 5 inches of snow in our area but with warm temps and rain it's all gone. last year the only riding I got was out West. I rented; I ended up putting zero miles on my sled. It was nice to see a good turnout for convention. The Rough Riders Trail Association put on a good event. Hopefully the snow starts falling and we can finally start riding.







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### Ecngratulations Keri Wanner





Keri Wanner was the Executive Director for Snowmobile North Dakota, a non-profit organization representing snowmobilers in North Dakota. She had worked with local snowmobile clubs, communities, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department and North Dakota law makers to ensure snowmobilers have quality groomed trails to operate on. That work includes helping to maintain trail leases, applying for grant funds, and working to maintain volunteer support for snowmobile trails. Being an avid snowmobiler and trail user herself, she understands why trails are important, especially winter trails in keeping people active and in the outdoors year round.

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Keri has been instrumental in bringing different programs to the snowmobile community. You could ask her a question and she was able to give you an answer. I believe she ate, slept and breathed snowmobiling. Her enthusiasm and passion for the snowmobiling program was outstanding. Her shoes will be hard to fill and she will be greatly missed!

### A great partnership for the snowmobiling community



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- Encouraging snowmobiler participation in clubs and associations
- Promoting snowmobiling as a family activity
- Providing safety awareness and education through the Safe Riders! program





# Gill News

### Magic City Drift Busters

At the club steak fry in November, club members proved their tenacity when they arrived at the clubhouse to find that a power outage had just occurred. Not deterred, they improvised with candles and a generator until power was restored. lt may just have been one of the most "romantic" dinners in club history, or at least one that will not soon be forgotten.

And it doesn't seem to take long after the holidays for a little cabin fever to kick in. So make plans to get out on Saturday, January 9th to join us for our club Fun Run. The run starts at 11 a.m. at the Hooterville Bar & Restaurant in Ruthville and will end at 5 p.m. at the same location, with festivities immediately following the run. The route this year includes the

trails to the following destinations north of Minot: Ruthville, Deering, Glenburn, and Lansford. Lansford was a new addition to our ride last year. Each stop on the trails offers a little different small town flair along with something to warm you up. So plan to join us, snow or no snow, for a good time with friends and fellow snowmobile enthusiasts for some merriment, refreshments and maybe take home a prize too.

If you are into old sleds, another great event in the works again this year is the Vintage Show and Ride. The tentative date for this event will be either Sunday, February 28th or the following Sunday, March 6th. So whether you want to "show and share" your vintage sleds and snowmobile gear, or just enjoy the walk down memory lane,

this is the event for you. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more event updates.

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For anyone who is interested in checking out our club, our meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the first Friday of each month from September to March. The clubhouse is north of Minot just west of Hwy. 83 on 86th Ave. A Steak Fry is held at 6:30 p.m. on the third Friday of the month. If there is snow and good weather, the third Friday of the month may be a ride night instead of the steak fry. If weather permits, there are rides on Tuesday nights and on Sunday afternoons as well. Updates should also be posted on our Facebook page: Magic City **Drift Busters Snowmobile Club.** 

### Sheyene Sno-Drifters

Members Sheyenne of the Valley Trail Association are busy preparing for the 2016 State Ride which will be held February 6th. The ride is being based out of the community center in Marion, ND and encompasses trails looping through Spiritwood Lake, Jamestown, Oakes, Fort Ransom and Valley City. We are hoping for lots of snow and have some fun activities planned for along the trail. Even if it doesn't snow, we will have plenty of things to do in Marion to keep you occupied.

Registration will be five dollars per person. There are some commemorative T-shirts for sale already and you can also go online to place an order at www. xtremeprintingonline.com. Click on SVTA in the organization dropdown to get to the order form. Any shirts ordered online will be printed and shipped two weeks after the event.

While you're at the ride, make sure to purchase chances to win a

GoPro camera which will be drawn for at 6:00 p.m. Snowmobile ND will also be drawing winners for their gun raffle at this event. Tickets can be purchased from club members across the state. A ride poster and more information is available at www.snowmobilend. org.



# Gin News

### Minot Area Joy Riders

Saturday February 20th. Registration 11 am - leave at noon. Free will pork feed supper at 5:30

### Rough Riders Snowmobile Association

Well the BIG EVENT for 2015, the SND Annual Convention has happened and from what I was able to hear from attendees it was a success. It seems that everyone really liked the vendor displays of snowmobiles, clothing and other snowmobile related items. seminars by Bret Rasmussen, Amber Holt and Dr. Tim Juelson were well attended. The trail signing and grooming classes were also well attended. We had continuous action on the many Silent Auction items that were available. Vendors were pleased with the turn out and being able to visit with so many snowmobilers. Some of us

even bought stuff.

The Banquet and Awards on Saturday night followed by the Frog Holler String Band kept the spirit of the 2015 Convention going. The Fertile Turtle award was won by the Bismarck-Mandan Rough Riders for \$2,000.00. At the Dec. 8 meeting the decision was made to distribute the money to the following Charitable causes: \$1,000.00 to the North Dakota TAPS program, \$500.00 to the Ruth Meier's Hospitality House, \$250.00 to Aid, Inc. and \$250.00 to Care and Share.

It was just great to have so many fellow snowmobilers from across our great state attend the convention. It makes all the work worthwhile. The planning started in January and of course ended in December. That's how something like this needs to be handled. The motels with adequate display area fill up way ahead of time so advanced planning is necessary.

Here's to all our fellow ND Snowmobilers: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year..
Bob Gregoire, Sectary.

### Dakota Trailblazers

The Dakota Trailblazers were lucky to be your hosts for the first Snow Run in our area on December 12th - We had the same stops as usual: Big Dog in Surrey, the Branding Iron and White Buffalo in Granville and Big Reds in Deering. We did switch things up a bit this year though - Big Reds in Deering was our start/stop location from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm. If you were able to make it out that

day, we hope you had a great time running the ditches on fantastic snow (fingers crossed - this article was due before the ride) and drew a hand that put you in the green. Looking ahead into January, we have planned a group snowmobile weekend at Lake Metigoshe from the 29th to the 31st.. They say it is ND's best kept secret, and when it comes to great snow with great

riding so close to home, it's right on the money. We'll enjoy a couple of days playing in the meadows and squeeze in some out of this world potlucks. Maybe we'll see you out there!

**Happy Snowmobiling!** 















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If you have never snowmobiled the Turtle Mountains, you've been missing out and now is your chance. SnowGoer has listed Bottineau and the Turtle Mountain area in the "honorable mention" categories for 'Best Overall Snowmobiling Area' and 'Area Most Likely to Visit in the Future' as well as 'Best Area Catering to Families'.

In addition to riding the trails all weekend, you will be welcomed by Metigoshe Ministries' famous hospitality. Delicious and hearty meals (and an always-full cookie jar!); spacious and comfortable bedrooms; and a peaceful setting on the shores of Lake Metigoshe.

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The cost is \$120/person or \$180 per father/son pair (\$60 for each additional youth) and is an "all inclusive" price including accommodations, Friday evening snacks, three meals Saturday, and Sunday brunch. It even includes the cost of your guides for the weekend!

Reserve your space now by registering online at www.metigosheministries.com or calling our office at 701-263-4788.



## North Dakota Parks & Recreation

The Snowmobile Convention is always a great opportunity to get together and I enjoyed catching-up on what's happened in the past year. Throughout the years at these conventions I have gotten to know most of you more than just professionally. Now it is to the point that our children play together and my wife is off visiting where I hardly see her and the convention has become their time to socialize with their friends they have made along the way. Snowmobile North Dakota and the sport of snowmobiling is truly a family activity that we at North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department are proud to be a part of. The countless hours of volunteer time and the wealth of knowledge the organization contributes is amazing and key to the trail system's success.

During my time at the legislative session last winter visiting with legislators and other people at the Capitol I am amazed at the heritage surrounding snowmobiling. I've heard countless stories about when they were kids cruising on Scorpions, Sno-Jets and of course the El Tigre or Pantera. If they were from the Red River Valley it was "Snocatten" but no matter what you call it or what you rode, many have developed that connection to the sport. One gentlemen I visited with had ridden snowmobile in three different continents including above the Arctic Circle.

I strongly feel some great legislation was passed last session

that ensures the success of the State Snowmobile Trail Program long into the future. The registration increase for both residents and non-residents and the increase in the portion of state gas tax that the snowmobile fund receives is a smart funding matrix for the program. This will ensure more funds are available to be placed where they are needed on the ground grooming trails.

I hope by the time you read this, trails are open and you're riding whatever you desire whether that is the vintage Scorpion or the newest sled on the market. I hope the tachometerInvite your friends to come play in our backyard and take them snowmobiling on North Dakota's over 2,000 miles trail.



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Valcourt, Québec, December 15, 2015

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snocross championships. In 2015-2016 the team will compete primarily on the ISOC National snocross series with Pro Open driver John Stenberg and Pro Lite driver Elias Ishoel XPS Lubricants joins Makita Industrial Tools and GMC Trucks – both recently re-signed to multi-year partnerships - as major sponsors of the 2015-2016 Warnert Racing team.

"XPS Lubricants is excited to be working with Warnert Racing again," said Paul Prudhomme, XPS brand manager. "Elias Ishoel and John Stenberg continue the Warnert Racing tradition of putting the team and its sponsors on the podium. XPS is developed like a mechanical part during engine development, and we've proven no other oil protects Rotax engines as well as XPS. We look forward to the brand energy, onsite and online activation Warnert Racing brings representing the XPS brand."

"We have been working with BRP since the beginning of our team and XPS has been there nearly as long, it's great to have XPS back again as a part of our program," said Mark Warnert, co-owner of Warnert Racing. "One of our championships and many of our biggest victories were with XPS on the sleds and drivers. We know we can do fun things with them in our marketing program, too."

### **Ingles Performance**

XPS Lubricants is a sponsor for Ingles Performance this season also, supporting the team and defending Pro Open championship winner Danny Poirer's return to East Coast Snocross competition and select ISOC National snocross series events. In addition to Poirier, Ingles Performance includes drivers Mathieu Morin, Joe Bishop, Leo Patenaude and Nathan Patenaude.

### **USXC Sponsorship**

XPS Lubricants is the presenting sponsor of the Sport 600 class for the USXC X-Country Snowmobile Racing 2015-2016 season. Cross-country rules dictate stock snowmobiles be used, so it is the perfect venue for XPS synthetic two-stroke oil, which is engineered precisely for Ski-Doo's industry-leading 600 E-TEC engines.

No other oil is designed as an actual mechanical part during engine development like XPS with its custom blend formulations and carefully engineered additives. XPS Lubricants is BRP's brand of premium, high-quality lubricants and cleaning products that meet the high performance and quality standards of all BRP products, including Can-Am Spyder motorcycles, Can-Am off-road vehicles, Ski-Doo snowmobiles, Sea-Doo personal watercraft and Evinrude outboard engines.

For more information on XPS products visit: www.xpslubricants.com

### BRP 1 + 1 SEAT LETS YOU HAVE TWO MACHINES IN ONE

Valcourt, QC, December 8, 2015 – BRP is all about giving their owners functional choices and options. Nowhere is that more evident then with the 1+1 seat and LinQ backrest system. This is a simple and effective solution for snowmobilers that need the versatility to carry a passenger, but want the ability to change back to the look and feel of a sport orientated sled. By combining the new 1 + 1 seat with a passenger backrest that features the unique LINQ quick attachment

system, riders can change back and forth from a one up to a two up configuration in a matter of seconds giving them the versatility to tailor their ride as desired.

Snowmobilers appreciate the clean, integrated look that the 1+1 system delivers plus the quality of construction and fit to their Ski-Doo snowmobile. The design is solid black that matches any sled, with the same fit and functionality of the original seat. But the

added benefit is an ergonomically correct position for the passenger so both people will enjoy the ride. Finally the backrest matches the seat and sled perfectly, while being quick and easy to install and remove. This is also where the LINQ system provides a simple, effective solution by not taking up space on the tunnel so riders can carry a bag or auxiliary fuel caddy where brackets are on lesser designs.

Once installed, the LINQ allows an owner to securely change from one up to two up configuration by sliding the seat of choice on, pulling two straps, flipping two levers and lifting or lowering – all in less than 30 seconds.

The new 1+1 seating from BRP provide owners of Ski-Doo models from 2008 through 2016 three choices in how they meet their needs:

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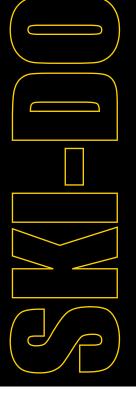
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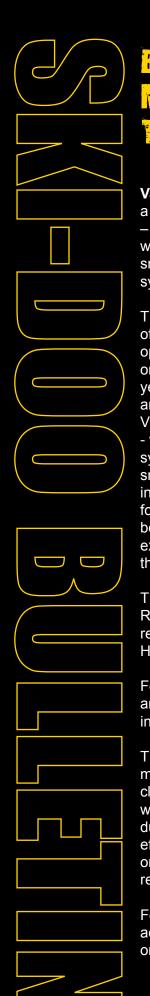


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# BRP CONTINUES TO IMPROVE SNOWMOBILING'S MOST POPULAR HELMETS THE MODULAR 3 AND BV2S

Valcourt, QC, December 3, 2015 – BRP has taken the helmet that started a revolution and reworked it with a new shell and improved visor in 2014 – now in 2015 the helmet has seen further improvements. The Modular was introduced in 1998 as the first helmet designed specifically for snowmobiling with standard dual pane visor and breath evacuation system, along with the much hailed moveable jaw piece.

The newest version of the Modular 3, keeps all the great features of previous designs like standard one touch adjustable sunshade operation, push button jaw piece that can be easily operated with gloves on, quick release chin strap and room for eyeglasses inside, while improving in key areas. Last year BRP added the new rear shell that has an edgier design that features more consistent sizing. Plus the Clear

Vision Technology visor that has improved quality in clarity and durability - which when combined with the proven BREATH EVAC mask system - deliver on one of the most important aspects of this pure snowmobile helmet, clear cold weather vision. These visors are injection moulded in one piece rather than glued or taped together for a consistently clear view. For 2015 Quality Control (QC) has been further tightened to assure customers get a product that will exceed expectations and an anti scratch coating has been added to

the inside lens for easier cleaning – even at -40°C – that won't be easily damaged.

The Modular 3 comes in six different colors to match your style. The Men's X-TEAM Rush Helmet and Ladies' Diva Helmet feature high quality ink transfer graphics that resist scratching, plus there are four solid colors available too: White, Grey, Black and Hi-Vis Yellow.

For those that want the extra security of a heated visor, you can add it as an option to any Modular 3 Helmet, or get it standard on the Modular 3 Electric SE Helmet available in black.

The top of the heap BV2S helmet has also seen upgrades for 2015 with the tightening of manufacturing tolerances, and the same anti-scratch coating as the Modular 3 to keep vision

clear for extended time. These helmets deliver picture window-like, ultra clear 180° vision through their dual lens injection moulded visors and include an effective fog-resistant mask system. Features like the one touch sunshield, integrated rear light and quick-release chin-strap separate it from the crowd.

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### New App Based on Feedback from 250,000 Snowmobilers

**Minneapolis**, **Dec. 1**, **2015** - Polaris Industries Inc. (NYSE: PII) announced today the release of its completely redesigned Snow Trails by RiderX<sup>®</sup>. At the core of this must-have mobile application for snowmobile enthusiasts, is a new map, purpose-built with feedback from over 250,000 hardcore riders.

The all-new Snow Trails by RiderX takes the riding experience to the next level with offline functionality. The app's new mapping engine is specially designed for areas with no or low cell service. Snow Trails even offers statewide trail downloads so riders can rest assured they always have the right trail maps with them – no matter what kind of cell coverage area is ahead.

Snow Trails also features in-depth information on local ride areas, including trailheads and parking areas. Riders can view snow depth to determine the best places to ride, and find nearby medical, fuel, food and lodging so they're always prepared, no matter what.

Riders even gain access to their own virtual garage, where they can create personalized maintenance logs for all their outdoor recreational vehicles, so their equipment is always ready for the next adventure.

To view trails and maintenance options online, visit riderx.com. To download Snow Trails by RiderX, visit your app store and search for "RiderX."

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### Renew Inventory Finance Agreement through 2022

**MINNEAPOLIS** (**December 7, 2015**) – Polaris Industries Inc. (NYSE: PII) today announced a renewal of its U.S. joint venture with Commercial Distribution Finance (CDF), a business of GE Capital, through 2022. The terms of the extension are consistent with the prior agreement. The joint venture, Polaris Acceptance (PA), was formed in 1996 and the current agreement was to expire in February of 2017. In addition, Polaris has extended the term of its Canadian dealer financing arrangement with CDF through 2022.

"For nearly 20 years, this mutually successful partnership has provided a valuable source of wholesale floor plan financing along with high-quality service to Polaris dealers," remarked Polaris Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Scott W. Wine. "This extension signals our commitment to offer a source of continued dealer financing stability through 2022. In the interim, our partner CDF will transition to new ownership under Wells Fargo, a move that they expect to close in the first quarter of 2016. PA will remain a competitive tool in our offering to dealers, while supporting Polaris's working capital, liquidity, and balance sheet strength."

"We are honored to continue our relationship with Polaris," said Steve Battreall, president and CEO of CDF. "We are dedicated to providing their North American dealers with flexible financing solutions and excellent customer service in order to help them continue to grow today and in the years ahead."

Currently more than 1,700 dealers participate in the programs across North America, often with multiple Polaris brands in their dealerships.

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# Safe Riders! Campaign Celebrates 20th Anniversary!

HASLETT, MI, DECEMBER 14, 2015: The Safe Riders! You Make Snowmobiling Safe© safety campaign was initiated in 1995 through a partnership with the snowmobile manufacturer members of ISMA – Arctic Cat, BRP, Polaris, and Yamaha and the state and provincial snowmobile associations and clubs located throughout the snow-belt of North America. The goal of the campaign is to keep safety a 'top of mind awareness' subject while snowmobiling. The content of the campaign was created with input from all corners of the snowmobile world and continues to live and grow in ideas and outreach.

The campaign features significant support material including

- A 22 minute safe riders DVD created to serve as an adjunct support to snowmobile safety trainers around the world,
- A Safe Riders! safety brochure that highlights key safety awareness facts,
- A Snowmobiling Fact Book which contains great information about the snowmobiling community, industry, and helpful safety tips that is especially good to give to people who are new to the sport and to government officials,
- A snowmobile poster series highlighting key snowmobile safety issues,
- · The safe riders! logo reflective decals and
- Many excellent print public service announcements, radio public service announcements, and some amazingly effective TV ready public service announcements.

All of the safety materials are available from the ISMA Office and can be obtained by filling out an order form and visiting the ISMA web site at www.snowmobile.org.

The key guidelines presented in the campaign are all highlighted on the posters:

- 1. Smart riders are safe riders take snowmobile safety training.
- 2. Snowmobiling and alcohol don't mix don't drink and ride.
- 3. Ride safe, stay on the trail and always respect private property.
- 4. When night riding slow down expect the unexpected.
- 5. Ride smart, ride right stay in control.
- 6. Know before you go always check local ice conditions.
- 7. One is the loneliest number never ride alone.
- 8. Cross with care don't become roadkill.
- 9. For riders in mountainous terrain: Always know the risks and be prepared and follow the avalanche safety guidelines:
  - · Get the gear
  - · Get the training
  - Get the forecast
  - Get the picture
  - Get out of harm's way

The campaign has been very effective and is used in support of safety training across North America. Hundreds of Thousands of information pieces have been sent to safety trainers and to snowmobile enthusiasts free of charge. In addition, the campaign highlights many positive aspects of the snowmobiling lifestyle which include posters highlighting 'snowmobilers care about the environment and improve the environment in their

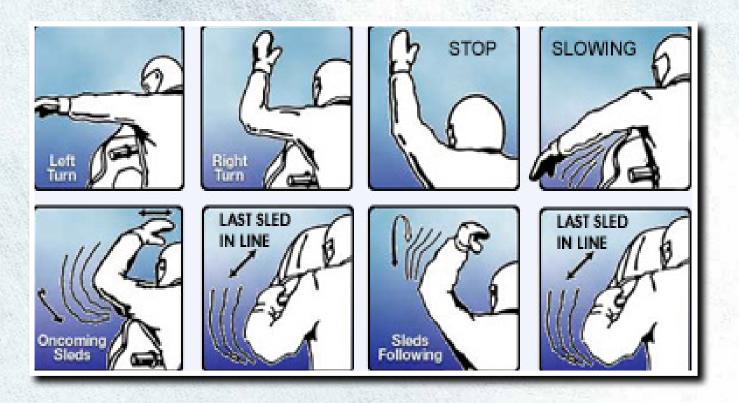


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riding areas.' The campaign notes how snowmobiling is 'a large \$27 billion dollar business,' and 'snowmobile tourism works' wherever it is tried. There is a special recognition poster highlighting that snowmobiling is a fun family activity and another poster encouraging winter enthusiasts to join us today and go snowmobiling. If possible, we encourage, individuals, clubs, and associations to participate in the upcoming Snowmobile Safety Week. Safety Week this season will be January 16-24, 2016. When conducting any snowmobile safety training, please consider posting photos and a brief update on our www.Facebook.com/GoSnowmobiling page. Please visit us on Facebook and make sure to "Like" our page so we can share our winter updates with you throughout the snowmobiling season.

Remember to always be a Safe Rider!

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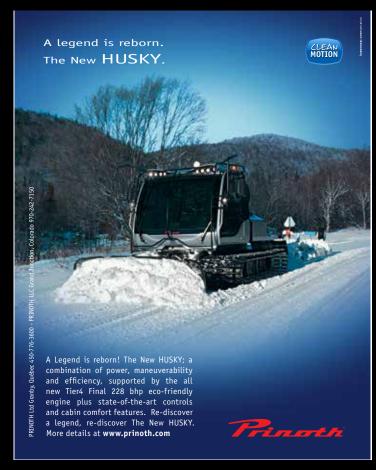






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