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Executive Director

Hello everybody! Hope you've had an enjoyable winter so far. I've had a busy one to be sure. I've put many miles on the road and had many conversations with fellow snowmobilers across the state. We had some areas with enough snow to groom and open, but many more areas lacking snow. It is frustrating to say the least but we are a resilient lot though and we will not give up our dreams of a heavy snow year.

Well, we were able to pull off another State Ride without snow.

The Sheyenne Valley Trail Association put much effort into the event making everyone feel welcome. The most popular topic of discussion seemed to be the warm weather we had been receiving. It actually rained on Saturday afternoon, getting all the vintage sleds wet! Everyone took things in stride and enjoyed the day even though there was no snow. There was much anticipation waiting for the gun raffle drawings at the end of the day. As most of you know, SND sold raffle tickets giving away 20 guns at the State Ride. We in the office had the "terrible" job of notifying 20 lucky winners on the Monday following the event. We got to talk to some happy people to be sure!

When we have low snow years such as this one, and several past years, it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain a good base of volunteers. If we could just get a couple of seasons in a row with deep snow, I believe we could expand our current involvement dramatically. As we look forward, we can only hope to keep everyone involved at the level we now have. To all of you out there that are involved with our trail systems, remember your hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you for all you do.

Todd Thronson



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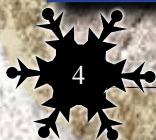
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President

Hello All,

got some bad news, the days are getting longer and the sun is getting higher in the sky. We are having another tough year to get out and enjoy those sleds.

Our club was fortunate enough to get out and groom a couple of times this year. Our club decided that we needed a family fun event to take advantage of the snow. We utilized the power of social media and some club e-mails and invited everyone up to our warming house for a bon fire. It was a little like the movie, "Field of Dreams." If you have it, they will come. Across the white fields came the snowmobiles. Moms and Dads, kids and teens were out enjoying the fire. Telling stories, having a hot dog or brat that was cooked over the fire while drinking some hot chocolate. We figure that we had close to 40 people at the warming house having a fun Sunday afternoon sledding. A few of the people that showed up were invited by club members that met them on the trail. Nice to see that word of mouth, (and social media) made the event a success.

The highlight of my day was earlier when I was waiting for my group. I ran into another group, and they were telling me that they rode the trail from Harwood down to Casselton. They commented that it was the first time they had ridden on our system and that the trails were signed very well. Nothing makes a trail coordinators day like hearing news like that! Keep up the Snow Dance!!!!

It's not about the Miles, it's about the Smiles!

Troy Kleveland



Office Manager

Wow another snow season has come and gone. Crazy how fast time goes by! This season like any other season has had its ups and downs. We were able to get a few trail systems open, but that didn't last long with the warm weather at the beginning in February. Hey, at least we can say we had trails open and groomed this season!!

With the close of a season comes the paperwork. So please make sure that your local trail coordinator has completed all their paperwork and sent it into the office. Also, another item that you could be working on is some award nominations. We have our annual "Of the Year" nomination deadline

fast approaching, so please get them into the office by April 1st. The "Of the Year" awards include; Associate Business, Dealership, Family, Groomer Operator, Snowmobiler and Young Snowmobiler. We also have our SND Scholarship for any High School graduate or college students. Last but not least we have the SND Hall of Fame. If you think of someone out there that is deserving of the SND's Hall of Fame title send an application in the office by April 1st. Thanks again to all the volunteers for another great snow season and can't wait for the 2016-2017 snow season!!

Tari



Board Messages



Vice President

Hello fellow snowmobilers! Hope everyone is having a good winter. Or as good as can be with our little snow. Our trail was open briefly as were a few others but pretty sparse again this year.

I have a favor to ask of all of you. We need nominations for the SND Of the Year Awards. We need an associate member (the associate members can be found in the Sno-Dak news if you need a list), a dealer (there aren't many of those left, are there?), a groomer, family, snowmobiler, and a young snowmobiler. I know it's tough during the low snow years but there are still people out there doing things like signing and fundraising. Let's get them some recognition.

It's so easy, all you have to do is go to www.snowmobilend.org click on the red awards tab on the top of the page and fill out a form. You need to know their name, address, etc., what club they belong to and a few highlights of what they have done for snowmobiling in ND. You don't have to write an essay or anything.

However, if you want to apply for the SND scholarship, you do have to write an essay. That form is also on the awards page. You (your parents) have to be SND members and you have to have passed the snowmobile safety course to apply. The amount available varies for year to year on how much is raised on events like to silent auction at convention and raffle ticket sales. Still pretty easy!

A big thank you goes out to all who put up signs this year and will soon be taking them down, to everyone who helped raise funds for grooming, organized events, promoted safe snowmobiling, attended club meetings and functions, and anything else that promotes our sport.

Happy Trails!

Sheri Hoffmann



Think SNO...



Board Messages



Past President

Mother Nature has not been very cooperative this year. Everyone knows when there is no snow then people are not interested in snowmobiling. What they don't understand is that we still need to maintain the 2800 miles of trails by grubbing, signing, grooming, land leases from landowners, maintain the equipment and be active with legislation. Our SND staff does a great job in keeping the snowmobile committee informed of legislation updates, changes in the trail system, signs, advertising and signs. What really keeps the trail system going is the volunteers. They maintain the trails by grubbing, grooming, signing, getting the land leases, maintain the equipment and support SND with legislation. I have noticed people are not interested in being part of the organization. When I go to the different events the average age is 55 years old, very few new people and not as many people participating.

I would like to see more people involved with SND and we are always looking for new ideas. Making memories with families and friends is priceless. I remember as a kid we would have at least one snowstorm a year and it seemed we always had snow. When we would be snowmobiling we would see other snowmobilers having a great time, just like us. When it was below zero we still went snowmobiling. I remember one time putting duct tape underneath our eyes so we wouldn't get frostbite on our face. We wore face masks and scarfs to stay warm and we didn't have hand warmers on our snowmobiles back then. I believe we are spoiled now!

One thing to remember is without volunteers the North Dakota trail system will fade away.

Laura Forbes

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Region Reports



Jesse Fritz Region 2

Another chapter out of the Snowmobile North Dakota winter season has come to an end. For most it was marginal at best and others it was plain junk! Parts of region 2 were blessed with enough snow to rid the cob webs, test groom and hold a fun run or two. It definitely could have been better, but it could have been worse. Remember 2011-2012??? We as snowmobilers get frustrated on low snow years when we can't utilize our equipment. It's no fun pulling into the garage after work and noticing that snowmobile sitting over in the corner that barely has a tank of gas ran through it. We aren't the only ones frustrated. Think about the snowmobile dealerships across the state. Most are sitting on many new models that just won't sell. Some even have holdover models that are brand new but 2, 3 and 4 years old. And then you have the snow removal industry. It's hard to get a paycheck when your pay loader is sitting in the shop all season. Retail businesses have to preorder snow plows, snow blowers, shovels and other supplies before the winter season. You can bet they are also sitting on inventory. In some cases the farming industry is affected because of lack of spring runoff. Snowmobile North Dakota has several new groomers across the state with low hours on them and the list goes on. The bottom line is it sucks when we don't get snow! I truly believe we will get an epic snowy season in the near future and I can't wait!!

As most of you know, snow bikes are becoming very popular nationwide. Currently in North Dakota you cannot register a snow bike or ride it on the state trail system. The Board will be working on getting this changed in the offseason. More on this to come.....

Perry Brintnell Region 3

Hello snowmobile enthusiasts,

Well over the weekend I went down to support the Sheyenne Valley organization with the state ride. Mother Nature just wasn't very good to us but I say kudos to the group putting it on they tried and that's about all you can do when dealing with Mother Nature. Up here in the north on the Red River south system we had fair snow to groom for about 3 weeks then the warm weather hit unbelievable. But I'm still glad to see and hear of clubs putting on different events. Ridge Runners are trying for a youth ride

On Feb. 14 and an adult ride on Feb. 20 all we can do is plan and hope. Anybody that will be in the neighborhood of Fordville April 2 will be our annual steak Fry and dance. Music this year will be Rhyme or Reason.

At our last board of directors meeting we discussed what might be legal to drive on our trail systems and how to license them, this being tracked motorcycles and tracked OHV's. Polaris has bought out Timbersled and Arctic Cat is rumored to have something out there as well. My personal thoughts go both ways. If trail is firm everything works but when trail is soft narrow track stuff sinks in. Another concern is the side by sides are they too wide to be on the trails. This is all stuff that needs to be discussed within the clubs and then get ideas to directors this is all stuff that will be going to legislature in a year's time.

We'll keep thinking snow and hopefully it will happen



Joel Iverson Region 4

First and foremost I would like to send out a big THANK YOU to all the folks that helped with the State Ride event that was recently held in Marion, ND. We had a great number of volunteers which made things run smoothly and the actual turn-out was pretty good considering the “No Snow” conditions. We were even graced with a little rain in the afternoon! Not the kind of moisture the vintage sleds were hoping to see I’m sure. One can only imagine the turn-out if we had rideable snow.

Thanks again to all that helped.

As one of the new Board Members, I thought I should make a brief introduction.

Joel Iverson - Valley City, ND, representing Region 4.

Number of years snowmobiling: 40+

Originally from Mekinock, ND which is NW of Grand Forks.

My wife and I have lived in the Valley City area for the past 30 years.

Hobbies/Likes: all motorized sports, (yes, this includes snowmobiling and motorcycles), hunting, fishing, Mountains (both summer and winter), shooting sports and the list goes on.

I’m also involved with the Sheyenne Sno-Drifters as the current club President and my wife Chris is serving as the Secretary and helps keep it all together. Most of you guys can relate, behind every successful man there’s a good woman keeping him in line.....

If anyone in Region 4 has any snowmobile related topics or questions they would like to discuss please feel free to give me a call (701-490-2566). I will do my best to answer or get an answer for you as well as bring it to the board or appropriate committee for discussion if needed.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this we’ve received enough snow for you to have hit the trails one more time before we have to put the sleds away.

Hope to see you on the trail or at a club meeting.

Think Snow!



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club News



Rural Cass

The Rural Cass Snowmobile Club has really been enjoying the snow we've gotten lately. On Sunday January 24th we had a family ride ending at the warming house. We had bonfires and roasted hotdogs over the open fire. We also had hot cocoa for the riders and Rice Krispy bars. The last count was 42 in attendance and it was a gorgeous day for it. We plan

to have more family events in the future to celebrate the great family sport that snowmobiling really is. We have been grooming the trails as allowed but have had some wind and a little breakdown to attend to. Hopes are to be grooming this weekend again. We continue to ramp up to our big event SnowJam which is scheduled for February 20th headquarters at Hagge's Bar

and Grill in Mapleton. Children are welcome until 9:00pm and we'll have great door prizes, raffles, and games along with a vintage show and cash prizes. We hope you all can make it to the Red River Valley to enjoy our trail system this season.

Joanne Seifert

Rough Riders Snowmobile Association

We had enough snow to launch the groomer and our Trail Coordinator, Don Schmidt got the groomer PMCS (Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services) and necessary repairs done. Don groomed from Hazelton to Bismarck and then the warm temperatures and lack of additional snow put a halt to additional grooming. Our Club ride scheduled for February 13 looks doubtful but as all snowmobilers know we hope for snow and prepare our sleds for that to happen.

The Club ride Jan 22-23 in Deadwood, SD had 31 members attend. We rode the trails which were in good shape on the north side of the hills and not so good on the south and west hillsides. It was just too warm there too. Most of us attended the SnoPro races in the evenings and watched some amazing snowmobile racing (and flying). Tucker Hibbert was outstanding in his 5 victories in 5 races. One race was won in the last 200 feet in which he started in last place if I recall correctly.

The town of Deadwood has certainly been made into a town that all types of excitement can be had. The snowmobiling, the restaurants, the gambling and the shopping all served by trollies or motel shuttles makes it a very convenient and enjoyable destination.

Bob Gregoire, Secretary



Club News



Sheyenne Sno-Drifters

The ND State Snowmobile Ride has been declared a success even though there was no snow to ride on. The Sheyenne Valley Trail Association hosted the event out of the Marion Community Center which gave us plenty of room to accommodate those came to try their luck in games of chance, watch videos and photo shows, eat some chili, or just visit with friends and swap snowmobile stories. Many thanks to those who attended—there was good representation from around the state. We had one person attend on their motorcycle and we even saw some rain. The people's choice winner of

our vintage snowmobile display was a John Deere Liquidator while Zack Anderson, Junior Division winner, showed off his favorite Kitty Cat. The winner of the GoPro raffle was Lakken Paulsrud and we had great participation in the silent auction. We still have a few t-shirts available so if you missed out please contact a member of the Sheyenne SnoDrifters.

I also want to send a huge thank you to the many volunteers from the local clubs who worked together to put on the event. From arranging the venue and refreshments, to developing fun (and challenging) games,

gathering door prizes, and traveling the cities along the trail to make sure those other cities know we appreciated their support of our trail system, everyone played a valuable part. It is their efforts that keep our system alive and hopefully we will get to ride on those trails again very soon!

Chris Iverson, Secretary





North Dakota Parks & Recreation

Greetings from the Northeast, I hope this edition finds you all well. This has been a great season so far. Decent temperatures along with some good early snowfall primed the region with some great snowmobiling conditions. I've spent several weeks out and about in my pickup/sled and watched quite a large number of folks out enjoying the trails.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who put in long hours to get these trails up and running each year. We've got some fine quality trails right in our backyard, keep up the good work!

This year's Snowmobile Safety classes have been going great as well. We taught roughly 100 kids throughout the state. A big shout out and thanks to the clubs and various parents for hosting and providing mid-lecture snacks. Without the encouragement of the clubs and parents we wouldn't be able to reach as many kids. We are winding down on the Snowmobile classes for the year but picking up on the OHV classes. For any parents whose kids are just turning 10 now, or any age between 10 and 16 for that matter, you can enroll them online at "www.parksandrec.com" under the OHV/Snowmobile tab. Or you can sign up next fall when we shift back to the snowmobile season. Ride Safe,

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Polaris Snocrosser Corin Todd Takes Third in Snocross at 2016 Winter X Games to Earn Bronze Medal

Paul Thacker Earns Silver Medal in Adaptive Snocross

MEDINA, Minn. (Jan. 29, 2016) – Racing in the Winter X Games for just the second time, Polaris snocross racer Corin Todd (Leighton Motorsports) earned the bronze medal in the snocross final as he finished third in racing held Jan. 28 at Aspen, Colorado. Earlier in the day, Polaris racer Paul Thacker celebrated after finishing second in adaptive snocross to win the silver medal.

Todd got off to a strong start in the 20-lap final, coming out of the first corner in third, then holding off all challengers before steadily stretching his advantage to earn a spot on the podium and win a medal. The Otego, New York, racer finished ninth one year ago in his first Winter X Games final.

Todd finished third in his X Games heat race, which qualified him for the final. In the same heat race, Ross Martin (Judnick Motorsports) finished fourth to also reach the final, and Andrew Carlson (Carlson Motorsports) finished ninth. In the other heat race, Polaris racer Kyle Pallin (Team LaVallee Mystik, Loctite, Polaris, Red Bull) finished sixth, Iain Hayden (Rockstar Energy OTSFF Polaris) was seventh, and Trevor Leighton (Leighton Motorsports) was eighth.

Except for the annual Winter X Games, the Polaris racers compete full-time on the ISOC National circuit. Todd, in just his second season of Pro Open racing, earned his first Pro Open podium finish on Jan. 22 in Deadwood, S.D., where he finished second in the final.

In ISOC National Pro Open points, Kyle Pallin is currently in fifth place, Corin Todd is sixth, and two Hentges Racing teammates who have been sidelined with injuries, Kody Kamm and Petter Narsa, are ninth and 10th, respectively. Ryan Springer (Carlson Motorsports) is 11th in Pro Open points, Trevor Leighton (Leighton Motorsports) is 13th, Andrew Carlson (Carlson Motorsports) is 17th, and Ross Martin (Judnick Motorsports), who has been racing despite an ankle injury, is 18th.

The ISOC National schedule resumes Feb. 5-6 in Salamanca, New York.

Thacker Wins Silver Medal

Alaska native Paul Thacker was a top snowmobile freestyle rider and was featured in several extreme riding videos before a riding accident in late 2010 left him partially paralyzed. He never lost his passion for snowmobiling, and he continued to ride and race. Everything fell into place for the Polaris rider on Jan. 28 as he finished second in Winter X Games Adaptive Snocross to earn an X Games silver medal.

He shared his excitement with friends and fans via social media, telling them: "After 9 years of X Games, all the hard work, sacrifice, dollars spent and days on the road finally came to fruition. Silver medal in SnoX today. Literally couldn't be happier. Such an indescribable feeling of finally making it happen. So many people have been in my corner for so long, I can't thank you all enough... Thanks to my family, immediate and extended. Wouldn't have happened without you. Beyond excited."

Before his injury, Thacker, now 42, had competed in the X Games in snowmobile events including freestyle, best trick, long jump, and speed and style. Plus, in 2009, Thacker was the first rider ever to jump at least 100 yards on a snowmobile, flying 301.5 feet on a Polaris 600 IQ®.



Polaris Snocrosser Jake Angove Earns Two Top-5 Finishes in ISOC Racing at Deadwood, S.D., Moves into Second in Points

MEDINA, Minn. (Jan. 25, 2016) – Polaris snocross racer Corin Todd (Leighton Motorsports) earned two top-five finishes and reached the podium once in the weekend's Pro Open racing, and Jake Angove (Judnick Motorsports) did the same in Pro Lite racing during the ISOC National tour stop in Deadwood, S.D., Jan. 22-23.

Todd is in just his second season of racing in the Pro Open class, and he earned his first Pro Open podium spot after finishing second on Friday night at Deadwood's Days of '76 Rodeo Grounds. Angove finished second in Saturday night's Pro Lite final to reach the podium.

Other Polaris racers to earn top-three finishes on the weekend included:

- Nickolas Lorenz (Lorenz Racing), who won one Sport final and finished second in the other
- Jacob Yurk (Team Vermillion), who won a Sport final
- David Blunt (Team Blunt), who finished third in Pro-Am +30
- Elina Ohman (Team Southside Polaris), who was second in Pro-Am Women
- Adam Peterson (Peterson Racing Inc.) won and Taylor Cole (Plaisted Racing) finished third in Friday night's Sport Lite final.

Pro Open: Todd Earns Two Top-Five Finishes

In Friday night's Pro Open final on the tight rodeo grounds track, Corin Todd finished second and Ross Martin (Judnick Motorsports) finished fifth in his return after missing a race with an ankle injury. Kyle Pallin (Team LaVallee, Mystik, Loctite, Polaris, Red Bull) also cracked the top 10 with a ninth-place finish.

In Saturday night's final, the same three Polaris racers earned top-10 finishes as Todd finished fifth, Pallin was eighth, and Martin was 10th. Trevor Leighton (Leighton Motorsports) was 11th, Andrew Carlson (Carlson Motorsports) finished 12th, and Ryan Springer (Carlson Motorsports) was 14th.

After the season's first eight rounds of Pro Open racing, six Polaris racers are in the top 13 in points in this order: 5. Kyle Pallin; 6. Corin Todd; 9. Kody Kamm (Hentges Racing); 10. Petter Narsa (Hentges Racing); 12. Ryan Springer; and 13. Trevor Leighton.

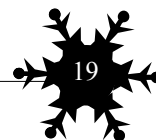
The Hentges Racing team got bad news over the weekend as Petter Narsa sustained rib injuries and is out indefinitely. His teammate Kody Kamm was injured at the tour's previous stop in Minnesota and is out for the season.

Pro Lite: Angove is Second in Points

After finishing fifth in Friday night's Pro Lite final, Jake Angove stepped onto the podium with a second-place finish on Saturday night. That moved him from fourth to second in Pro Lite points after eight races. James Johnstad (Cottew Motorsports) finished eighth Friday and 11th Saturday at Deadwood and moved up one spot to sixth in points. Cole Cottew (Cottew Motorsports) finished seventh on Friday, which boosted him to ninth in points.

Polaris Racers Fill Pro-Am Standings

Five Polaris racers finished in the top nine in the Pro-Am +30 final, led by David Blunt (Team Blunt) in third. That podium finish moved him into fourth in points. The other top Polaris finishers in the final at Deadwood were: 6. Paul Richard (ALA Racing); 7. Blain Graham (Graham Racing); 8. Scot Adams (Never Enough Racing); and 9. James Blunt (Team Blunt).



In the Pro-Am Women final, six Polaris racers finished in the top eight spots, led by Elina Ohman (Team Southside Polaris), who finished second at Deadwood and retained her lead in the points race. She was followed by: 4. Jakki Farmer (Fort Fremont Racing); 5. Amanda Duitsman (Plaisted Racing); 6. Hadley Mensing (Octane Racing); 7. Jennifer Martel; and 8. Markki Farmer (Fort Fremont Racing).

Lorenz & Yurk Win Sport Finals

Jacob Yurk (Team Vermillion) and Nickolas Lorenz (Lorenz Racing) each won a Sport class final at Deadwood, and they remain 1-2 in points, with Yurk holding a solid lead after eight races.

Lorenz won the Friday night final and was followed by Yurk in fifth, Evan Daudt (Daudt Racing) in seventh, and Adam Peterson (Peterson Racing Inc.) in ninth. Yurk won Saturday's final and Lorenz stepped onto the podium as the runner-up. Jake Geeseman (Wollenberg Motorsports) was sixth, Peterson finished eighth, and Evan Daudt (Daudt Racing) was ninth.

In Sport Lite racing, Adam Peterson (Peterson Racing Inc.) won on Friday, Taylor Cole (Plaisted Racing) finished third, and Jordan Wolfe (Wolfe Racing) was fifth. Wolfe improved one spot on Saturday, finishing fourth to lead all Polaris racers.



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Valcourt, QC, February 4, 2016 – BRP products were recognized with 11 design awards from four separate design organizations worldwide in 2015, a record for the company since receiving its first from Design Canada in 1984. Of special note, the Can-Am Spyder F3 roadster launched just last year has already won four prizes across three different continents, demonstrating yet again that innovation is firmly entrenched in BRP's very DNA.

"I am very proud that our products attracted the attention of so many major design organisations from all over the world, especially as we reach a new record in a single year thanks to multiple new original products across many of our brands," noted Denys Lapointe, senior vice-president, Design, Innovation and Corporate Image. "The teamwork within the Design & Innovation group and its intense collaboration with BRP's Product Development Centre, among many others, was instrumental in achieving this milestone."

The Can-Am Outlander L ATV claimed the coveted red dot award for high design excellence. The Red Dot Design Awards is a prestigious international design competition based in Germany that receives more than 17,000 entries each year from all over the world. These four awards bring our cumulative total of red dot awards to 19. The Outlander L model represented BRP's first entry into the mid-cc segment of the all-terrain vehicle category.

Launched in 2014, the Evinrude E-TEC G2 outboard engine for its part garnered three prizes, among which the Good Design award. The historic Good Design awards, the oldest and most important award program worldwide, are hosted by the Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design and the European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies. Thousands of manufacturers from all over the world submit their products each year.

The Can-Am Spyder F3 roadster was recognized by Good Design Japan among many others in the product design industry. The new Spyder F3 introduced a muscular design, cruising-riding position and custom fit for a thrilling ride.

For its part, Good Design Australia rated the reliable Sea-Doo SAR (Search and Rescue) model highly, among others.

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BRP REVOLUTIONIZES SNOWMOBILING ONCE AGAIN WITH DEBUT OF ALL NEW REV PLATFORM AND 850 E-TEC ENGINE

- A brand-new REV Gen 4 platform designed for Ski-Doo Summit, MXZ and Renegade models sets new benchmark for effortless and precise riding
- The new Rotax 850 E-TEC engine is the most powerful 2-stroke snowmobile engine in the industry and was developed specifically for the new REV platform

Dallas, TX, February 23, 2016 - BRP (TSX:DOO), the number one snowmobile manufacturer in the world presented a new snowmobile platform and a new engine together for the first time in 20 years during its semi-annual dealer meeting in Dallas, Texas. The combination delivers Ski-Doo snowmobiles that are effortless with precise handling and thrilling power. This new platform/engine combination, available on 2017 Summit mountain, MXZ trail performance and Renegade crossover models, pushes the limits of innovation and creativity to unmatched levels. "We revolutionized the snowmobile in 2003 with the original REV platform by completely changing how consumers rode. Once again, we challenged ourselves to re-think a snowmobile from a blank sheet of paper by designing it around the rider to give them the best experience on snow," said José Boisjoli, BRP's president and CEO. "The new Rotax 850 E-TEC engine is the most sophisticated snowmobile 2-stroke engine in the world, delivering an unmatched combination of power, responsiveness, fuel economy and oil economy, all in a lightweight, unique and durable package. The project's code name was ICE, for Incredible Consumer Experience, and I am confident that is exactly what these new vehicles will be for snowmobilers."

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BRP REVOLUTIONIZES SNOWMOBILING ONCE AGAIN WITH DEBUT OF ALL NEW REV PLATFORM AND 850 E-TEC ENGINE

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Under the hood is the next generation of BRP's E-TEC direct-injection technology in the form of the Rotax 850 E-TEC 2-stroke engine. It unleashes 165 horsepower, 10 more than its predecessor. Riders will also appreciate its 30% quicker response, which instantly delivers the extra power. This new powerplant provides Ski-Doo sleds with the best power-to-weight ratio in the industry for both mountain and trail segments. Even with these improvements in performance, snowmobiles with this engine cover 40% more distance per litre of oil and maintain the same impressive fuel economy when compared to the Rotax 800R E-TEC engine.*

More than 90 new accessories will be available for the new Ski-Doo models when they go on sale in the fall, adding function, features and style. The collection includes everything from windshields to GPS systems to several new items for customizing the fit to a rider's style. Also of note are redesigned fuel caddy and tunnel bags using BRP's exclusive and popular LinQ cargo system. The cargo bag can be attached to the top of the fuel can, so owners of shorter-tracked sleds can now attach both items, a feature requested by consumers.

Much of the Ski-Doo riding gear line was also redesigned for 2017 with dynamic color offerings and improved fit and style.

Full details on the 2017 Ski-Doo snowmobiles, Spring Fever promotion and spring tours are available at the all-new www.ski-doo.com.

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X-TEAM GRABS WINS AND HITS PODIUMS IN HUGE WEEK OF RACING

Valcourt, Québec, February 2, 2016 – Ski-Doo X-Team racers were everywhere this past week capturing medals and trophies throughout the snow belt. Success came in many different disciplines as the season is in full swing for most circuits.

X-Games: It started in Aspen, Colorado at the world-renowned ESPN Winter X-Games with Adam Renheim grabbing a silver medal in snocross, Mike Schultz gold in Adaptive snocross and Joe Parsons taking home the gold in freestyle competition.

In snocross, four Ski-Doo pilots qualified for the ten sled final, on what turned out to be a very tough course to pass on. Renheim had qualified strong and used his start position and experience on rough tracks to get through the first lap in second place where he held position without being challenged to the finish.

In the Freestyle competition Parsons landed a spectacular back flip while sitting backwards on his sled to claim the gold medal!

Rocky Mountain Snowmobile Hillclimb Association (RMSHA): Jay Mentaberry kicked off the season strong in Bellevue, Idaho by winning two classes and the Stock King of The Hill title on his Freeride 800R E-TEC. Winning in a class gives the rider a chance to compete for King of The Hill titles in Stock, Improved and Open Mod classes – Jay's wins in Stock 1000 and 800 Open Mod put him in the running for two King titles and he capitalized in the Stock category to bring home the trophy. Blaine Mathews, another young gun on the X-Team, also grabbed a win in the highly competitive Stock 800 class, with Mentaberry finishing second.

East Coast Snocross (ECS): In the top Pro Open class Ski-Doo X-Team racers Danny Poirier and Mathieu Morin finished first and second both Saturday and Sunday, and were joined by Jake daSilva (finishing third) Sunday in a Ski-Doo podium sweep. The Pro-Lite class also brought a Ski-Doo podium sweep on Saturday with Leo Patenaude, Conner Roscoe and Hunter Patenaude doing the job. On Sunday Hunter Patenaude took the win with Roscoe grabbing a third place finish.

Canadian Snocross Racing Association (CSRA): In action on Sunday Stale Eggen of Norway finished second in Pro Open, while Yannick Boucher won and Ryan Hunt took third in the Pro Lite division.



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