



February 2012 Newsletter

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Nomination Night
February 23rd at 7:30 pm at American Legion Tillman Post

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Trail Guides Committee

Chairperson: OPEN

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Chairperson: Mary Beth

Website Committee

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Apparel Committee

Chairperson: Mary Beth

Safety/Education Committee

Chairperson: Al O.

Adopt-A-Hwy Committee

Chairperson: Rick W.

Sno-Phone: 741-NESS

Club Headlines

What's Going On With Our Club...

Take a Friend Snowmobiling Week: February 11-19, 2012. Read more about this campaign and others like it at www.snowmobile.org.

Next General Meeting: February 23rd at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Ave in the Village of Akron. Nominations of Officers and Board members.

Next Board Meeting: March 8th at 7:30 PM at Mazia's Restaurant on Main Street in Clarence.

March General Meeting: March 29th: Election Night. We need all to attend.

Apparel: We sell t-shirts, sweatshirts and caps!! We now have pink t-shirts too!! Call 741-NESS to buy yours today!!

Dice Run: At Buck's and the date is to be announced... Check our website for updates..

Bonfire: We are still planning on having our bon fire, our website will keep you updated on this because it will be a last minute decision.

Snow: Anxiously waiting.....

Come on out and have some fun!

Check us out on-line at www.snoseekers.com

"Thank You" landowners!

Our Landowner raffle is here....
 We drew 2 names from our landowner list.



The following landowners has won a \$50 gift card:

February: Carmello Cimato & Helen Kelkenberg

Congratulations!! We will have a give-a-way each month!
 So please check this out to see if you are a winner!



President's Page

Hello Everyone,

The weather hasn't exactly been working in our favor but as I am writing this, it is snowing heavily. But, unfortunately it is going to be 40 degrees in a few days. Well, all I can say is, with the lake wide open, we are bound to get our snow, sooner or later! So do the snow dance and hopefully by the time you read this you will be able to ride to our meeting!

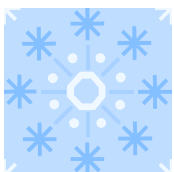
Remember... Please stay off our trails until they are open. You may call our Sno-Phone and/or check our website: www.snoseekers.com. Please help police our trails. If you see someone on our trails, please advise them that the trails are closed and please don't ride them until they are open. Don't assume that the trails are open just because there is 3" of snow. If you get an orange card on your truck window, you will know.. Our trails are not open at this time!

Note: Please attend our Feb meeting on Thurs the 23rd. It's Nomination Night! We are looking to fill a few positions in our club. Please see page 15 for details.

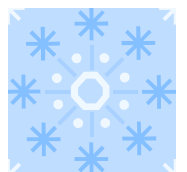
I would like to remind our riders of the dangers of early season riding and of unusual conditions that are prevalent this year. Please be advised of rocks, ruts, wash-outs, and fallen tree limbs. With the weather we have been having... heavy wind, heavy rain and non-frozen conditions, we may not be able to get out and check all of our trails before the snow arrives. So please use extra caution when snowmobiling for the first time this year. Unfortunately the reason I am mentioning this is there already have been a few accidents and fatalities in NYS this year. So please, Enjoy, but ride safe!

Dan

Our March Newsletter will be mailed



We made some updates to our website.
Check it out at www.snoseekers.com





**Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc.
Board Meeting January 12, 2012 Summary
Mazia's Restaurant Clarence, NY 7:30 PM**



Officers present:

President – Dan Dressel

Treasurer – Rick Johnson

Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM – 14 present

Meeting ended at 9:49 PM

Welcome: Welcome to all. Thanks for coming! Bill ordered some “In Memory of Woody” stickers. Take one if you want. We also are ordering a plaque for the Kelkenberg Bridge which was one of his favorites.

Committees:

- 1) Legal. We received a letter from NYSSA stating the American Bar Association has a new charity chapter that will help clubs like ours with free legal advice and help. Mary Beth applied and we are waiting to hear if we get matched up with someone local.
- 2) Emergency Response. We have updated our emergency contact list and Bill P. will be the main contact for any emergencies whether on our trail system or somewhere else. Erie County would like a copy. We will also give the Trooper and Sherriff's office copies too. We will also be sending a letter to the Sherriff and Troopers that requests them contacting us if there is an accident on our trail system.
- 3) PR/Marketing.
 - A. Advertising invoices went out in December and some money has been coming in.
 - B. Bill ordered the signs that mark our trail entrances. Everyone take the ones you need for your section of trail. Signworks made them for us. We also discussed having our trailheads redone, we can discuss this spring.
- 4) Fundraising.
 - A. Landowner drawing. January winners are: Eving Lennert and Joseph Peruzzini.
 - B. NYSSA super raffle. Going well.
 - C. Enjoy the City Books. We have a few extra books. Should we give them to landowners, give out for 50/50 or use for dice run prizes? Curt needs one. We are looking for someone to coordinate this sale next year. Since this is Sandy's last year of running this sale. Thanks for all you did Sandy!!
 - D. Groomer boxes. No update.
- 5) Social.
 - A. In February we will update our landowner list.
 - B. Dice Run. Scheduled for Sunday, January 29th. Log Cabin, Braun's, Pizza Inn, Campbell's and Buck's are the stops this year. We need a few volunteers for these locations. Rich P., sandy and Mac have already signed up. \$5 a roll, \$20 for 5 rolls. Brent will donate more hot dogs if we need them. We have plenty of cups. Dan will order grill from Ross Rental. Frank wants to make our own coffee because Tim Horton's is too expensive. We have a no snow date of Sunday, Feb 5th. Frank will ask about running the event without snow and having people drive to locations.
 - C. Bonfire. Scheduled for Saturday, Jan 28th with a no snow date of Saturday, Feb 4th. We will have it either on Cummings Road or Clarence Center. We will decide by next meeting.
- 6) Membership. We have 537 memberships as of today! NYSSA is sending out an email to everyone that was a member last year and hasn't signed up yet for this year. Let's hope it helps.

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Greetings from The Phantom Snowmobiler

The Phantom chooses to ignore the fact that he has not been out once this season on his sled. Instead he chooses to talk about trail etiquette. We all see snowmobiles with poor trail-side manners. This is quite possibly because we don't talk enough about them. What is acceptable and what is not.... in no particular order:

- 1) Crossing private property. This is a privilege, not your right. While the phantom maintains a stock exhaust system, he still attempts to slow down and keep his sled's noise to a minimum while passing peoples' houses. Why get them mad. Loud exhaust systems are out! They are not cool anymore. They are kids stuff. They are unnecessary also. There are plenty 175 horsepower sled out there that are quiet. Stealth is in...
- 2) What about waving to the property owner whose land you are crossing? This simple friendly act goes a long way in keeping trails open.
- 3) Stopping on the trail. Pull off the trail as far as you can safely, go and park in single file-not spread across the trail. Safety dictates you stop on a straight section of the trail so people can see you have stopped and hopefully they will slow down. Don't stop just before or after a curve or hill top.
- 4) Signal to on coming traffic that there are other people in your group behind you. Two schools of thought on this topic. Some say you should signal with fingers how many sleds are behind you or at least signal with a thumb that others are following if wearing mittens. Others say that your hand should never leave the handle bars thus lessening the chance you could lose control of your machine. There are those yellow and green handle bar mounted lights that the group leader and the last sledder in line would use-a nice idea if more people had them. The Phantom prefers hand signals. He like the idea of those warning lights but find them a little pricy-although cheap compared to a hospital stay-maybe a good gift idea for the Mrs. next Christmas present....The Phantom can go on and on about trail etiquette, but the moral of the story is a little patience, decency and common sense will improve your snowmobile experience and the image of snowmobilers in general.

until next time

The Phantom snowmobiler-he sees ALL

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7) Groomer/UTV Equipment.

- A. Groomer class. There is one scheduled in Eden on January 15th. Steve is going so far, does anyone else want to go?
- B. Groomer Policy. If there are any issues on the trail - we should try to solve them immediately. If it can't be solved, then the trail captain should be contacted with the issue. All work should be documented in the groomer log.
- C. Ranger. The Ranger is at Dale's getting the CV joint fixed. It should be ready in a few days.

8) Trail/Landowner.

- A. Terry's Corner. Bridge work was finished. Re grade work still needs to be done.
- B. Trail heads are up.
- C. GPS signs. We need to check to make sure they are all up. Use street names. Eric needs more signs.
- D. We need to get a letter from the Town of Clarence confirming that Beeman Park was sold to the town this past summer. The Erie Federation needs confirmation. The county would like to keep any money receive from the state for County owned trails. We also need a letter stating that we have permission to use the park for our trail system.
- E. Strickler Road. We had to move a trail for a landowner. We haven't heard back so all should be good.
- F. Mike P. needs a 90 degree sign. Curt will take care of it.

9) Trail Guides. They are in. Who wants to distribute them? We should keep some trail maps in the groomers.

10) Newsletter. No update.

11) Website. Changes should be finished in 1 - 2 weeks.

12) Apparel. No update.

13) Safety/Education. No update.

14) Adopt-A-Hwy. No update.

Federation meetings:

- 1) Niagara Federation. Curt discussed the details of his meeting.
- 2) Erie Federation. GPS issues were discussed. Our trail system looks pretty accurate compared to other clubs. We will need to GPS a few areas to make them accurate. Beeman and Akron Parks were discussed. We also discussed becoming a member of the Farm Bureau.
- 3) Genesee Federation meeting was cancelled.

For the Good of the Club:

- 1) Gas receipt program. We are implementing this program. We handed out a gas receipt form to everyone. We can get .08 back from each \$1 reported.
- 2) Sno-Phone. Dan will ask Scott about the costs involved to see if we can keep the same number or just forward the number to a cell phone.
- 3) We want to get a new computer for our Phase paperwork. What should we do with the old laptop? It will go back with the vinyl machine.

Treasury Report: Rick reviews this month's report. Any questions? No. Dan motions to accept report.

Our next General meeting will be January 26th at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Our next Board meeting will be February 9th at 7:30 pm at Mazia's on Main Street in Clarence.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth
Secretary



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Here are our committees!

Objective of committee formation: Our club has the following committees to help utilize our membership and to make the process easy for you to get involved. We have tried to simplify and specify the responsibilities of our hard working volunteers.

1. **Legal Committee:** Responsibilities include handling our by-laws, insurance, legal actions and correspondence.
2. **Emergency Response Committee:** Help our communities in their time of need. Responsibilities would include coordinating, on our club side, a disaster response team including groomers, equipment and sleds.
3. **PR/Marketing & Advertising Committee:** Responsibilities include signs, selling ads for newsletters and trail head advertising.
4. **Fundraising Committee:** Fundraising items including coupon books, raffles, 50/50 and groomer boxes.
5. **Apparel Committee:** Responsibilities include ordering and distributing our NESS apparel.
6. **Social Committee:** Responsibilities include organization of all activities including Buck's open house, Don George's open house, Labor Day Fair booth, Labor Day Fair Pizza, Bon Fire, Christmas Party, Club rides, and Summer Events
7. **Membership Committee:** Responsibilities include receiving applications and processing memberships. Producing vouchers for sled registrations and decals with the temporary NESS membership cards. Responsibilities would also include distributing applications to various locations around town.
8. **Groomer/UTV Equipment Committee:** Responsibilities include keeping the groomers and drags in working order, organizing the grooming schedules for the winter and organizing groomer education/safety courses. Keeping UTV in working order and organizing UTV usage for trail work.
9. **Trail/Landowner Committee:** Responsibilities include coordination the county trail captains to see that their 3 or 4 mile stretch of trail is being taken care of and handling all landowner issues and requests. All trail openings and closings are determined by this committee. Erie County - Niagara County
10. **Trail Guides Committee:** Responsibilities include distribute maps to establishments and collecting \$.
11. **Newsletter Committee:** Responsibilities would include creating each month and coordinate input from others and have ready to print our newsletter for either print or website.
12. **Website Committee:** Responsibilities would include moderating and update with activities and club news. Keeping the website functional and register users for site.
13. **Safety/Education Committee:** Responsibilities would include Setting up, organizing and running our courses and discussions at meetings.
14. **Adopt-A-Highway Committee:** Coordinate Fall & Spring clean-ups on Rt. 93 in Akron.

How do you want to join in on the fun?



Sled of the Month Page

WINTER DREAMING



Sitting here thinking of all the money I spent to enjoy a Buffalo winter... I have a new snowmobile, boots, jacket, bibs and gloves. All I need is a little "SNOW"!!!!!!

Then it started to snow and snow. It kept snowing all through the night! The next morning it had snowed so much that all of the schools were closed, the

thruway was closed, with a lot of stranded motorists and the highway crews could not keep up with the amount of snow. I got ready and jumped on my snowmobile to see if I could help..... When I got on the trail I saw the club had already been on the trails grooming and they were smooth as glass.



I met up with a group of club members who were going to the thruway to assist stranded motorists, so I volunteered to go with them. When we got to the thruway there was a group of 200 – 300 snowmobilers there assisting the motorists. The thruway personnel were excited to see such a turnout to assist with rescuing the stranded people. We received a lot of publicity for our services we provided. When we finally finished I was dead tired so I went home and parked my snowmobile.

I looked down at my Odometer to see how many miles I had put on my snowmobile and noticed it was at ZERO. I looked up and saw the sun was shining and all of the snow was gone. I looked down again and realized I was sitting on my new lawn tractor which I had purchased. I looked at the calendar and it was January, but this is Buffalo, the grass was green and there was no snow. I realized it was all a dream and if nothing else it was fun while it lasted. I guess if I want to ride, I will have to take my lawn mower for a few hot laps around the house!!!



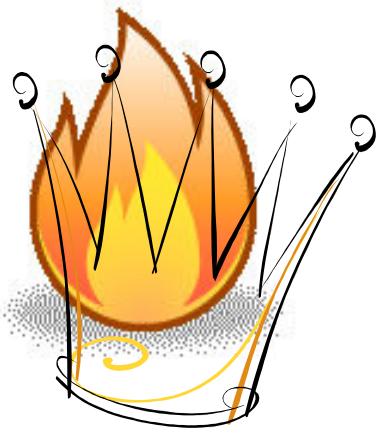
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I had a '96 Artic Cat Cougar and now ride a '07 Artic Cat Jaguar!

Well, hopefully will be riding....

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**Feb 23rd: Nominations
Mar 29th: Election Night**

Come and make your vote count!!!!

Officer positions open:

President: Dan Dressel, Vice President: Randy Wdowka, Treasurer: Rick Johnson and Secretary: Mary Beth Kiesel. Officer positions are a 1 year term.

Current Board members:

Al Wolbert, Frank Schroeder, David Faron, Bill Perrone, Randy Wdowka, Kevin Kruschke and Eric Glassman. Board member position is a 2 year term.

Board members whose terms are up at the end of March are:

Bill Perrone, Al wolbert, Kevin Kruschke and Eric Glassman.

Please come out and show your support.

All voters must be a member in good standing as of our February 23rd meeting in order to be able to cast a vote at our Annual Election Night on March 29th.



Northern Erie Sno-Seekers, Inc. General Meeting January 27, 2012 Summary Tillman Post Akron, NY 7:30 PM



Officers present:
Vice President – Randy Wdowka
Treasurer – Rick Johnson
Secretary – Mary Beth Kiesel

Meeting called to order at 7:41 PM – 23 present
Meeting ended at 8:58 PM

Welcome: Welcome to our first meeting in 2012! Dan was unable to run the meeting tonight so we will give it our best shot.

Committees:

- 1) **Legal.** We have applied to the ABA for their charity division for free legal advice. We are waiting to hear if we get matched up with an attorney locally who would be able to help our club with legal advice. We are so excited about this!
- 2) **Emergency Response.** We have our contact list ready to give to the Erie Federation. The letter to the Trooper and the Sherriff departments are being distributed. John G. suggested we also give one to the Amherst Fire Control that contacts the local fire halls. We have a card that they can put on their bulletin boards for reference to call us if they can when there is an emergency on our trail system.
- 3) **PR/Marketing.**
 - A. We are still getting in payments for the ads in the newsletter.
 - B. We have put up new trail signs that mark our trail entrances and also at some of the intersections. This way, riders will know when they are riding on our trail system.
- 4) **Fundraising.**
 - A. NYSSA super raffle. We sold all the tickets we had previously ordered. Rick has ordered some more tickets and we should get them next week.
 - B. Enjoy the City Books. We sold 137 books this year. Mary Beth, Randy and Ray were the top sellers. Thanks to all who participated.
 - C. Groomer boxes. Chantel has delivered our donation boxes to the local establishments.
 - D. 50/50. Ray ran the raffle tonight. The winner was a guest in the bar. He won \$45 and the club won \$45. Congratulations!
- 5) **Social.**
 - A. We would like the trail captains to know that we will update our landowner list at our February board meeting.
 - B. Dice Run. The weather is killing us!! We are going to have our Dice Run the week after Boston/Holland has their Dice Run. Frank says we are good with volunteers, but may need a few laptops. Please check the website for details.....
 - C. Bonfire. Frank says if we have snow, we will have our bon Fire on Saturday, Feb 4th. We will have it on Clarence Center and Utley. We may have a non-snow Bonfire event at a local park. Please check website.....

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- 6) Membership. We have 572 memberships as of today! We had 761 members last year at this time. NYSSA sent out an email to everyone that was a member last year and hasn't signed up this year as of 1/11/12. NYSSA is trying to help anyway they can. Al asked if we have heard anything from NYSSA about the lower amount of money we may receive next year due to the lack of groomer hours. We can ask at the next Fed meeting.
- 7) Groomer/UTV Equipment. The Ranger is all set. It's been repaired.
- 8) Trail/Landowner.
 - A. We had a problem this year with people riding our trail system when our trails are closed. We try to inform our members through our sno-phone and website about our trail conditions. One of the members spoke up and asked if we could contact the people who write the safety course to let them know that the 3" rule doesn't imply automatic trail openings. The safety course book needs to state to "contact your club for information". People see 3" and assume trails are open so they don't even check the club's website or phone. We need to have them change that. Gus, who teaches the railroad section of our safety course, would like us to try to get that changed. We also made up a note that we can put on vehicles that are using our system when it is closed. We have them tonight if anyone would like some, so if they see a vehicle they can put the flyer on their windshield. We do what we can for our landowners. I will also post in the newsletter too.
 - B. We were informed by the Erie Fed that the County would like some information about Beeman Park. We are in the process of getting the information to the Erie Fed guys.
 - C. We moved a trail off of a landowner's property - it was mistakenly put there. It was on Strickler Road. A landowner requested it. So it is all set.
- 9) Trail Guides. Mary Beth brought the box of maps... Who needs them? Please write down how many you are taking on the lid of the box.
- 10) Newsletter. Did everyone get their newsletter on time? We will be mailing the February one so we have a due date for inserts on Sat. Feb 4th.
- 11) Website. Mary Beth had a copy of the home page and the photo gallery. She had to move each picture over manually into the new program. It should be up at the end of this week.
- 12) Apparel. No update.
- 13) Safety/Education. No update.
- 14) Adopt-A-Hwy. Spring: April 29th. Fall: Oct 7th.

Federation meetings:

- 1) Niagara Federation. Curt mentioned that we need to re-GPS S46 for Phase I. We are also looking for someone to help with the canal banks. The state has given us permission and now we need permission from each town.
- 2) Erie Federation. We need to get them some paperwork. Our GPS system of our trails is pretty accurate compared to some of the other clubs. We also became a member of the Farm Bureau this year.
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- 2) Sno-Phone. Should we forward our number to a cell phone or just get a cell phone. TracFone? Sprint? Verizon? Let's get some pricing and options.

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Did you know...

NESS participates in the Adopt-A-Hwy Program for Akron, NY. Two times a year we pick up trash. From time to time we even find treasures. We had our Spring clean up on Sunday, May 1st at 9:00am. It took 2 1/2 hours to get the job done. We also did our Fall clean-up on Sunday, October 2nd at 9:00am. We will have another one this Spring on April 29, 2012! We meet at Maple Rd and Rte 93 at 9:00 am. Our Fall pick up is scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2012.



Thanks to Ron Rosenberg, Mike Schifferle, Rick Weitz, Rich Pfentner, Dan Dressel, Curt Watts, Frank & Bev Schroeder and the others for working this fall clean up. We had a great crew! They had breakfast first at the Newstead Fire Hall. Does it get better than that? We couldn't have been successful without the support from our members. Do you want your name added to our list?

Come on out this spring and join in on the fun!

FROM THE TRAIL COORDINATOR SIDE

I would like to thank all who have helped with our trail installation and ALL the landowners who make it possible. Since the beginning of this season, we have received many phone calls regarding our trails and you guessed it, the lack of snow.

There might just be a chance that mother nature might help us out and give us a little reward for the hard work everyone has put in to the trail system. The trails cross many farmers' fields with winter crops and fall plowed fields. We all want to ride our investments and the farmers would like to protect theirs.

So when the right time comes and it is safe for everyone, it will happen. The one good thing is that our club doesn't have broken stakes to replace. The trail captains are just getting tired of keeping them up right due to the ground not being frozen.

Thanks for help.

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- 3) Don G's and Buck's are both having a major sale this Saturday. Go check it out. Don G's will now be closed on Wednesdays.
- 4) We bought a new club computer for Curt, our trail coordinator, for all of his required input for the State.
- 5) We purchased a few stickers for our groomer in memory of Woody. We will also be putting a plaque on the Kelkenberg Bridge. He loved that Bridge!
- 6) Elections: They are coming up in March. We will be voting for Pres, VP, Sec and Treas. Trail Coor., St. of Arms also. We have 4 board openings: Bill, Al, Kevin and Eric. We will have nominations at our next General meeting so let's get some more faces to help. You must be a member in good standing by Feb 23 in order to cast your vote as stated in our revised bylaws.
- 7) We received an email stating that people are putting their sled registrations on their sled in the wrong place. They have been receiving up to a \$200 fine and \$80 surcharge. The sticker goes on the cowl or hood – not on windshield or tunnel.
- 8) The Adirondack Park's lawsuit has been rejected. This means that the clubs will be able to ride on state park land on trails. The environmentalists were trying to keep the trail system out of the parks.
- 9) We received an email from a member who wanted us to police our trail system when the trails are closed. We made the information card to help with this issue. We have to get permission from our landowners every year! Please respect this and stay off our trails until they are open!!
- 10) Mary Beth wants to get an article in the Clarence bee about our sled season without snow!

Treasury Report: Rick reviews this month's report. Any questions? No. Mary Beth motions to accept report. Randy B. seconds. 22 in favor – 0 opposed. It's carried.

Our next Board meeting will be February 9th at 7:30 pm at Mazia's on Main Street in Clarence.

Our next General meeting will be February 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Tillman Post in Akron.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth
Secretary

Snowmobile History

- 1) When was the first Polaris snowmobile made? According to the Polaris's website, the first Polaris snowmobile was made in December 1955 and January 1956. The first Polaris snowmobile rolled out of the shop and into the snow in January of 1956.
- 2) When was the first Ski Doo snowmobile made? The first Bombardier snowmobile went on sale in 1959.
- 3) When was the first Artic Cat snowmobile made? The company's first name was Polar Manufacturing but was soon changed to Arctic Enterprises. The company made their first snowmobile in 1960.
- 4) When was the first Yamaha snowmobile made? Yamaha's first Snowmobile, the SL350 (2-stroke, twin cylinder) was introduced on 1968. This was the first Snowmobile with slide valve carburetors.



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