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# SND



## Convention

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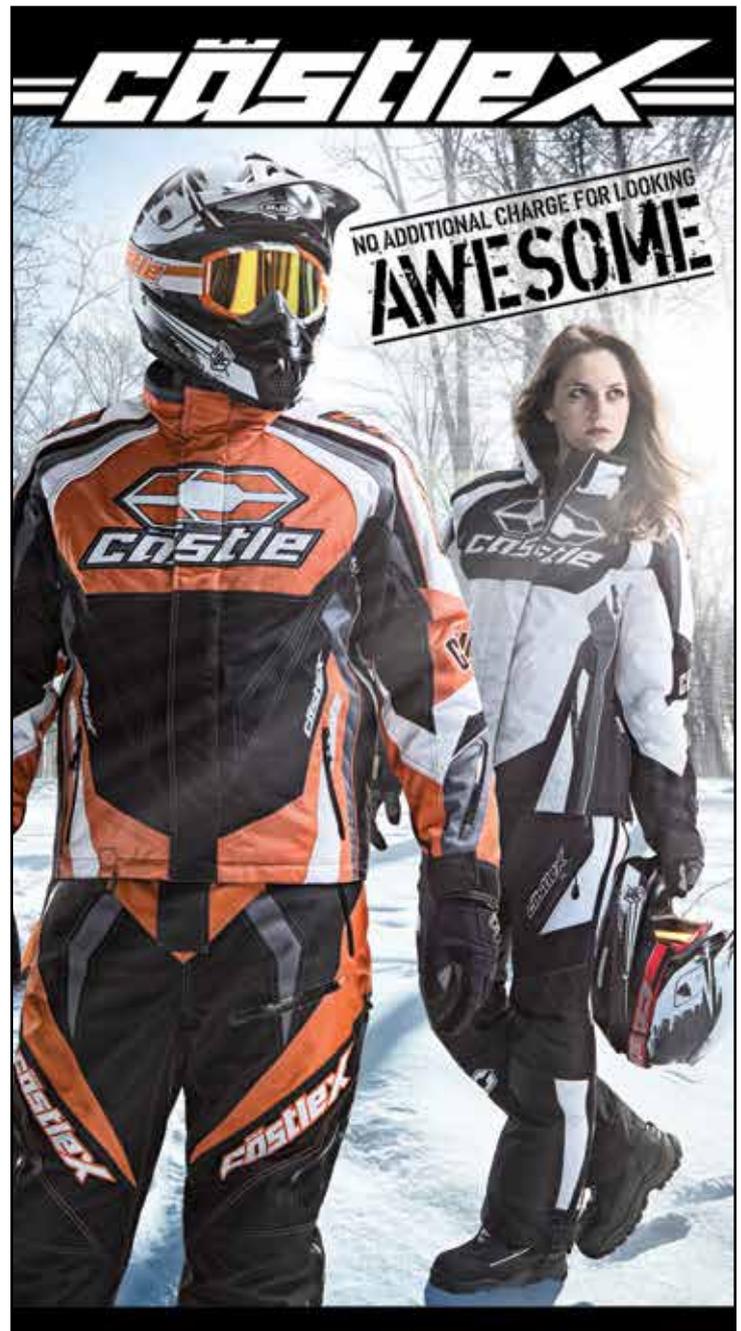
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**Executive Director**

**A**s I sit down to write this article today, I find myself wondering how to recap 13 years in an article meant to fill no more than a page. As of today, I only have a week and a half left in my position with SND. On September 4th, I will transition out of my position as Executive Director for the organization and will move into my new adventure operating Driven. Corey and I opened up Driven a couple years ago to provide custom packages to assist businesses with business operations, marketing and event management. We also host the Driven Elite Backcountry Riding Schools. The schools provide classroom and on-snow rider training and avalanche awareness with the Driven Team. I will also be working part time for the ND Motor Carriers Association as their Member Services Coordinator. We are excited about these new opportunities and look forward to the future.

But even with all the excitement, I am sad to close another chapter in my life. SND is truly an amazing organization. The amount of passion and dedication the members have for a recreation that depends on Mother Nature to be awesome, is truly outstanding. There are not many other types of recreationalists out there that go to the lengths all of you do. I'm very proud of all of you and feel honored I got to work with such a great group of people. SND has not only given me the opportunity to work with great people but has challenged me in many ways. When I first started, I spent the first three years organizing and creating documents to help guide the Board of Directors and the members. Eventually those tasks changed to new challenges and the opportunity to hire employees to assist with the program. SND's and ND Park's staff made a great team and under the direction of the members and the Board of Directors, SND has grown to be a very successful snowmobile program other states and provinces mirror. One of my proudest moments with SND was the development and implementation of the grooming equipment field test. It was a challenge that had never been done before in the history of snowmobiling and I am thankful I had a part in it.

If I continued to document all those achievements, I could fill the whole magazine. So instead I'll end with this. Another proud moment was accepting the award with my Mom when the membership inducted my father, Dan Vammer into the organization's Hall of Fame. I'm proud because of the man he was and all the good he brought to the world of snowmobiling in North Dakota. But I'm also proud because he always included Mom and me in his SND adventures. Those adventures lead Mom to also serve on the organization's Board of Directors with him and it lead me to an understanding and an appreciation for an amazing organization. An organization, I had the privilege to serve for over 13 years. I bet he had no idea just how much he was truly impacting my life and shaping me for the future when he'd sit me on the snowmobile in front of him to enjoy one of SND's adventures. He was truly a mentor and I only hope I have been able to encourage the snowmobile program staff, board members and members to do the same. So now instead of saying goodbye, I'm going to say till we meet again! Cheers to all of you, to SND and to your next adventures!

*Keri Wanner*



# Board Messages



**President**

**Hi everyone,**

I hope your summer is going well. As I am writing my article it is 100 degrees outside, thank goodness for air conditioning. It is hard to believe that winter is almost here. I have heard we are supposed to get a lot of snow to no snow. We will have to see what Mother Nature brings to our door. I sure hope we get snow and no wind. We have had too many years without it.

I have enjoyed being president of SND for the last 3 years. I have learned a lot about the nonprofit business and have a lot more to learn. So if you are interested in being part of the board come to the annual meeting in December in Bismarck.

This summer I had the opportunity to go to the International Snowmobile Convention (ISC) in Buffalo, NY. I was only able to go for two days but I learned a lot. I went to a few of the meetings to learn what other states have had to deal with and what is working for them.

In the meetings, I learned:

- About the Idaho Lawsuit and where ACSA and ISMA became involved. Where funds stand with the lawsuit, and depending on who our new president is will, depend if we are back in court fighting to keep the land open to snowmobiling enthusiasts. It cost Idaho \$120,000 of their own money (this doesn't include what other organizations donated) to fight this lawsuit.
- The educational webinars will start in the fall and they need speakers.
- The calendar raffles should be shipped to each state by September 2015, to be sold. For every calendar sold the state of North Dakota gets \$5.00.
- 2016 ISC will be held in Rapid City, on June 9-11, 2016.
- The highway reauthorization has been extended to July and the gas tax has not been raised in 20 years.
- They are working on land access issues with the forest services.
- There will be a meeting in August in reference to the Yellowstone Ruling. For the latest information on Yellowstone accesses go to the Blue Ribbon website.
- ACSA is doing a fundraiser with Yeti coolers. A person can buy a Yeti cooler with the ACSA logo on it and 20% of the sales go to ACSA.
- The association fees will be \$1250.00 a year, instead of \$1000.00.
- West Yellowstone is doing a summit on February 19th through 20th, 2016.
- International Safety Week will be January 16-24, 2016.

I had a great time and met many other snowmobile enthusiasts. In June of 2016 South Dakota is hosting the ISC in Rapid City. I hope you can attend. You meet people for other states and provinces that are also snowmobile enthusiasts.

*President Laura Forbes*

# Board Messages

## Administrative Specialist

I can't believe I am already writing for the first issue of the 2015-2016 season, seems like we just finished closing out the 2014-2015 season. Hopefully some clubs have started planning their club meetings or have had the first one already. As you prepare for your local events, make sure to contact the office if you are interested in getting promotional material (maps, trail guides, etc.) to hand out.

Also, as always, I am here to remind you to get your memberships in to me so we can start getting everyone the Sno-Dak News.

For this season we are having a few law changes, the main one I am going to talk about today is the new youth riding requirements. Anyone 10-11 years of age that has received their snowmobile safety certificate and is riding in the presence of a parent or guardian are allowed to ride on public lands. So, if there are any young kids in your area that want to get certified, please contact me at 701-328-5348 to schedule a class!

When this issue comes out there will be changes in the SND office. Keri will no longer be with us. She has been a great asset to the organization and will be deeply missed. She is off to start a new adventure and knowing her, she will do amazing! Thanks Keri for all the work you have done to make SND what it is today!!

Tari

## A great partnership for the snowmobiling community



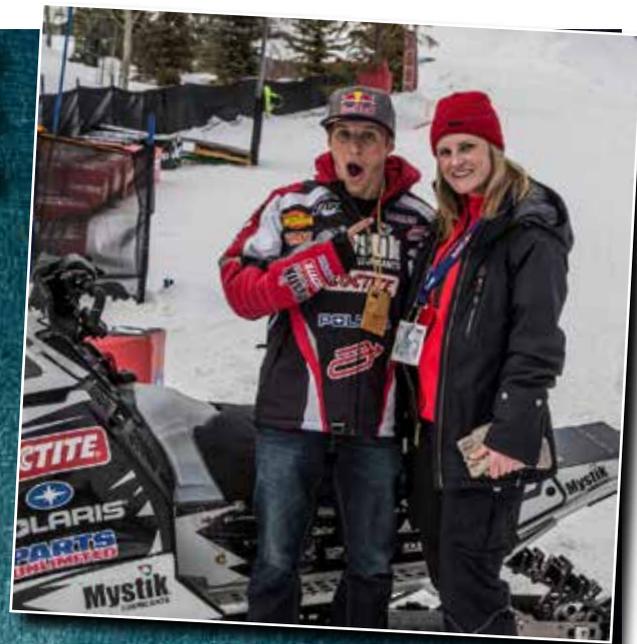
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- Promoting snowmobiling as a family activity
- Providing safety awareness and education through the Safe Riders! program



# PRESS RELEASE

## Polaris Snowmobiles Names New Marketing and Sales Managers



*Julie and Levi*

**MEDINA, Minn. (August 8, 2015)** – Chris Wolf, Polaris VP of Snowmobiles, announced that Julie Benton, who has been with Polaris since 2008, has been promoted to the position of Snowmobile Marketing Manager.

“In her new role, Julie will lead the development and execution of marketing strategies and plans that generate consumer demand and drive retail sales for the Snowmobile Division,” Wolf said. “Plus, demonstrating her passion for excellence, Julie is also simultaneously completing her MBA at the University of St. Thomas.”

She succeeds Andy Kroll, who has joined the Polaris Parts, Garments & Accessories (PGA) ORV Accessories team as Senior Category Manager for RZR Accessories.

“We thank Andy for his three years of service to the Snow team, and wish him continued success in his new role,” Wolf said.

Prior to being appointed to her new role as Snowmobile Marketing Manager, Benton held multiple marketing roles for Polaris PGA, and for the Polaris Snowmobile Division.

Wolf also announced that Scott Kuklock has been promoted to Product Lines Sales Manager for snowmobiles.



*Scott Kuklock*

“Scott has been with Polaris for over 14 years, including seven years as District Sales Manager before he took on his most recent role as Snow Product Line Sales Specialist,” Wolf said. “In his new role, Scott will be responsible for sales planning and execution, which includes retail and wholesale program development, market review, sales forecasts, and competitive analysis. Scott is also enthusiastic for self-improvement, as seen by his pursuit of an MBA at St. Cloud State.”

# club News



## Rough Riders Snowmobile Association

The Bismarck, Mandan Rough Riders have been busy. There's more action getting setup for the next snowmobile season this year than usual. It's near the end of August and the salmon and walleyes are biting. The deer and antelope licenses are being issued (but not for me - darn).

Our club members helped at Action Motor Sports Inc.'s Open House for their new Polaris and Indian Motorcycle dealership building. We have been working with SND to get the 2015 State Snowmobile Convention ready for all of our fellow snowmobile enthusiasts. We have vendors representing Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski Doo, Yamaha, Honda, Benche, Timbersled and a Big Bore - Turbo coming with their products.

There are clothing displayers like Klim, Motor Fist, 509 along with the snowmobile brand name products that will be there presenting their new products and possibly some specials that may interest us.

We have Amber Holt and Bret Rasmussen coming to do special presentations for everyone too. Both of these presenters will be providing valuable information on riding the mountains and snowmobiling in general.

As if that's not enough to keep snowmobiling on my mind, I just received email notice that my new mountain sled has been built and will ship in a few weeks. Now that's

enough to keep me excited and thinking snow even in August while I'm hooking chinook salmon and walleyes.

We hope to see many of you in Bismarck Dec. 4 -5, 2015 for the convention.

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# North Dakota Parks & Recreation

Greetings sled heads!!

We are into October already. Holy smokes, where does the time go? I hope everyone had a great summer and fall so far!! Only a month or so and the snow should hopefully be flying!!

The 2015 legislative session had the SND and NDPRD teams extremely busy with snowmobile bills. There have been some law changes to the snowmobile code that I wanted to make everyone aware of. First off, the youth riding age has been lowered from 12 years of age to 10. So, those 10 and 11 may now obtain their certification card and operate on snowmobile trails and public lands but the requirement is that they also have to be directly supervised from a parent or guardian! With the age change, we are changing up our certification program somewhat to allow for the lowered youth age.

The 2nd change is that the in-state snowmobile registration fee went from \$40 every 2 years to \$50 every 2 years. This fee increase will be pumped right back into the snowmobile trail program. Additionally, the out-of-state snowmobile permit also increased from \$15 per year to \$25 per year. You should have received your snowmobile registration renewals from the North Dakota Department of Transportation with an insert from Snowmobile North Dakota and North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department highlighting the fee increases and how they fund the snowmobile program.

Next subject is safety courses. If anyone is interested in scheduling a class, please give us a call at 701-

328-5348 or to view the current snowmobile class training dates go to [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov). Remember, now anybody ages 10 and up whom doesn't have their drivers license is required to have a snowmobile safety certificate when driving on public lands.

If you have any other questions please feel free to call me at 701-328-5357.

Be safe and enjoy the upcoming snowmobile season!!

Erik Dietrich  
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# Region Reports

## Dale Deibert- Region 1

Dale Deibert reporting for Snowmobile North Dakota from Region 1 in Minot. I can't believe it is already time for another snowmobile season, where has the summer gone! The Dakota Trailblazers Snowmobile Club had a club get-together at the end of July at Ralph and Linda Liebelts cabin on Lake Metigoshe. It was a fun weekend of pontoon rides and excellent potluck meals. Many thanks to Ralph and Linda for their hospitality. It is time to get your sleds registered for the next two years, and also remember to get your liability insurance on your sled, which is required by law. That's all for now and hope to see you on the trails this winter.

Dale

## Jesse Fritz- Region 2

One of the most radical things about North Dakota is the ability for the weather to change so quickly. I had a good reminder of this on a recent Motocross trip to Dickinson. When my family and I arrived on a Friday the temperatures were crowding 100 degrees. We awoke the following morning to low 40's and a cool, wet rain. Although it was mid-August, it felt like the beginning of a late October snow!! I thought to myself, "Winter is coming!" Early snow predictions from the Farmer's Almanac and Weather Channel have the amounts all over the board. I'm hopeful we can utilize our grooming equipment statewide this season. That's something we've had trouble with the last few years. I'm extra excited to ride this year because my oldest son Kristian will be able to join me on the trails. This past legislation session brought a few changes to the snowmobile community including allowing 10 year olds to ride on the state trails with an adult. Early fall is when most clubs get together to start discussing the season for the first time. My local club is no different and our first meeting will be in the books by press release of this issue. We normally have a steak fry, membership drive, trail signing, and moon howling get together at our south warming house in Late October. I'm hopeful the weather will be in the middle of another radical change around that time!!

Special thanks to Keri from Region 2 for her excellent work as Executive Director over the years! You will be missed!!!

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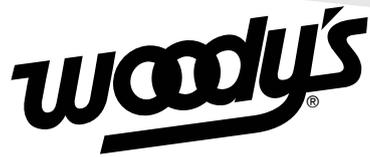
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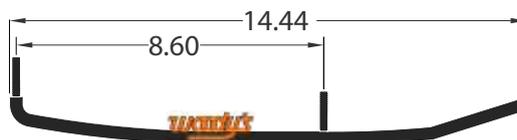
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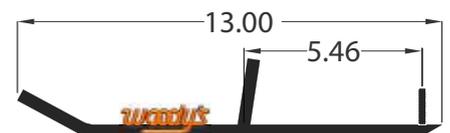
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# BRP/SKI-DOO DEALER WINS AMERICAN COUNCIL OF SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATIONS DEALER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Valcourt, QC June 19, 2015, BRP dealer Duluth Lawn and Sports has been recognized for their long time support of organized snowmobiling with the American Council of Snowmobile Associations Dealer Of The Year award. The award is given annually to retail dealers that have proven to go above and beyond in supporting their local and statewide snowmobile clubs and organizations.



Duluth Lawn and Sports was chosen based on their past and present promotions and partnerships. In business since 1991 at the Duluth location, owner Pete Gassert has been the driving force behind the activism, but the entire staff gets involved. The dealership has been an active member of the Black Woods Blizzard Tour for nearly two decades, raising thousands of dollars for ALS research each year.



# SKI-DOO BULLETIN

## SKI-DOO RACER ISHOEL SWEEPS PRO LITE AT ISOC FINALE

Ski-Doo X-Team racers Marica Renheim and Kurt Bauerly wrap up season Championships Valcourt, QC, March 18, 2015, BRP Ski-Doo X-Team racer Elias Ishoel rode at a torrid pace no one could match to take both Pro Lite wins at the ISOC Snocross Racing season finale March 13-15 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Ski-Doo racers Kurt Bauerly (Pro Vet), Marica Renheim (Pro-Am Women) and Garret Goodwin (Adaptive) joined him on the top step of the podium to wrap up a great season for the ISOC X-Team Racers and the MXZx 600RS sled. Ishoel taking the win Saturday Bauerly and Renheim won season championships in their classes; Ishoel grabbed second in the penultimate Pro Lite class and Tim Tremblay placed second in the Pro Open class.



Young Elias Ishoel really stole the show all weekend as he put on a demonstration of skill and determination around the brutally punishing Lake Geneva track – even winning from the back row after being penalized for jumping the start on Sunday. His downhill leaps were aweinspiring as he made his way to the front of the pack in each of the finals.



In Pro Open, former champion and top contender Tim Tremblay had a rough weekend but managed to retain his second place in the season points championship standings.

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# SKI-DOO BULLETIN

## BRP INTRODUCES ADJUSTABLE LIMITER STRAP FOR SKI-DOO MOUNTAIN SLEDS

**Valcourt, QC, March 12, 2015 – BRP** has developed a quick and easy way to change the handling of a mountain snowmobile with the flip of a lever. Riders can choose more or less chassis transfer to keep their skis higher or lower depending on snow conditions, terrain or riding style.

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The tMotion Adjustable Limiter Strap's slim design fits tightly along the running board without intruding on the rider's feet. It uses a unique spring-loaded cam to shorten or lengthen the limiter strap, which allows the lever to be very compact because it doesn't directly move the strap. The net effect between short and long positions is significant; equal to two hole positions on a conventional limiter strap adjustment, letting a rider tune their snowmobile's handling effortlessly.



The tMotion Adjustable Limiter Strap is a bolt-on accessory for 2016 models with tMotion rear suspensions, and can be retrofitted to earlier tMotion equipped machines with the addition of a new front suspension arm – the kit will be offered in both 2016 and pre 2016 configurations.

A video of this product can also be viewed at: <http://www.ski-doo.com/videos/gallery>  
For information on all the genuine BRP clothing and accessories to fit your ride visit [www.store.ski-doo.com](http://www.store.ski-doo.com) or your local Ski-Doo dealer.

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In Sport class Kamryn Anderson had a breakout weekend, finishing on the podium twice with a third place on Saturday and a second on Sunday – his first top three finishes of the year on the longest, toughest (and most fun) track. Notable Lake Geneva Finishes: Adam Renheim 4th Pro Open on Saturday John Stenberg 5th Pro Open on Sunday Maxime Taillefer 6th Pro Lite Saturday Maxime Taillefer 5th Pro Lite Sunday For more information on Ski-Doo snowmobiles visit [www.ski-doo.com](http://www.ski-doo.com), or the On Track blog site for racing specific information.



# SKI-DOO BULLETIN





# Who Let the Dogs Out!!!

The Iron Dog Brigade celebrated their 40th anniversary at the International Snowmobile Congress held in Niagara Falls, NY , June 10 – 13, 2015.

Many people don't know exactly what being an Iron Dog means. The Brigade was formed to be a "social and honorary type of organization that could make a solid contribution to furthering the sport and industry, and to be a speaker's bureau that would be available to promote the sport. Over the years the organization has grown to 125 members who are inducted at their annual meeting during the International Snowmobile Congress each June. Membership is by nomination with the main requirement being that the nominee having served at least 15 years in the sport of snowmobiling either in industry, journalism, pioneer, government or volunteer service. Many of their members are also members of the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame.

A formal banquet was held to celebrate the anniversary. Approximately 30 Iron Dogs met along with their guests to induct new members and honor some of their Brigade as well. This year's inductees included Frank Roy, Kim Raap, and Dale Hickox.

At each Congress, you can clearly see the "Dogs" presence as they volunteer their service to help make the event run smoothly. They serve as greeters, ticket takers, auctioneers, and speakers among other things.

At the awards banquet, they announced the recipient of the George A Eisenhuth Distinguished Service award. This year's recipient was Dennis Burns of Canada.

By Mary Anne Grabow, International Snowmobile Media Chair.

# PRESS RELEASE

## Snowmobile Sales Continue to Grow in North America



**HASLETT, MI, JUNE 23, 2015:** The International Snowmobile Manufacturers are pleased to report that snowmobile sales in North America continue to show a positive growth pattern in 2014-2015 with sales increases that outperformed the US and Canadian economies. Supported by a strong snowmobile sales season and great snow cover in 2013-2014, sales of new snowmobiles in 2015 grew 8% in the United States and 4% in Canada.

Snowmobilers and outdoor winter enthusiasts purchased snowmobiles at a rapid pace early in the year responding to heavy snowfall the previous year along with strong positive levels of confidence. Sales slowed somewhat in December due to light snow cover, but finished on a strong note as heavy snow and cold winter weather engulfed much of North America in January, February, and March.

Sales of new snowmobiles sold in 2015 in the United States reached 58,299 units compared to 54,028 units in 2014 and 48,536 units in 2013. The sales report underscores a 20% increase in a two year period!

Sales in Canada in 2015 were 50,752 new sleds sold, up from 48,758 units in 2014 and 44,022 units in 2013. Canada has reported a 16% increase in new sled sales over a two year period!

Snowmobiling continues to be very popular throughout North America. Miles ridden and usage of snowmobiles increased over 10% and positive expanding economic impact reports were the rule in the snow-belt. Snowmobilers generate more than \$34 billion dollars of economic activity in North America annually. Snowmobilers continue to express a high level of interest in purchasing new snowmobiles in the future and are actively participating in the Go Snowmobiling campaigns and club membership. Recent surveys by ISMA show that approximately 70% of all snowmobilers are members of organized snowmobiling clubs, associations/federations throughout North America. The continued growth in interest in snowmobile club/association activity paints a bright picture for snowmobiling worldwide.

Sales in Northern Europe (Finland, Norway, and Sweden) were somewhat flat this year and sales in Russia declined due to well-known issues related to currency value, political challenges, and decline in oil prices which impacted on the Russian economy.

Recent surveys continue to show that snowmobilers are active outdoor enthusiasts, participating in many outdoor related activities such as fishing, hunting, camping, etc.

Joining the increase in sales of snowmobiles, the sale of Parts, Garments, & Accessories continues to be strong, with an increase on the purchasing of snowmobile related gear, trailers, clothing, and other related accessories. Snowmobilers continue to purchase the new high tech products for their enjoyment and eagerly embrace new equipment used for communication, global positioning, riding directions, and mapping.

Snowmobilers are also improving their safety awareness as a growing number of snowmobilers are participating in avalanche awareness and related safety classes, preparing them for mountain and trail riding.

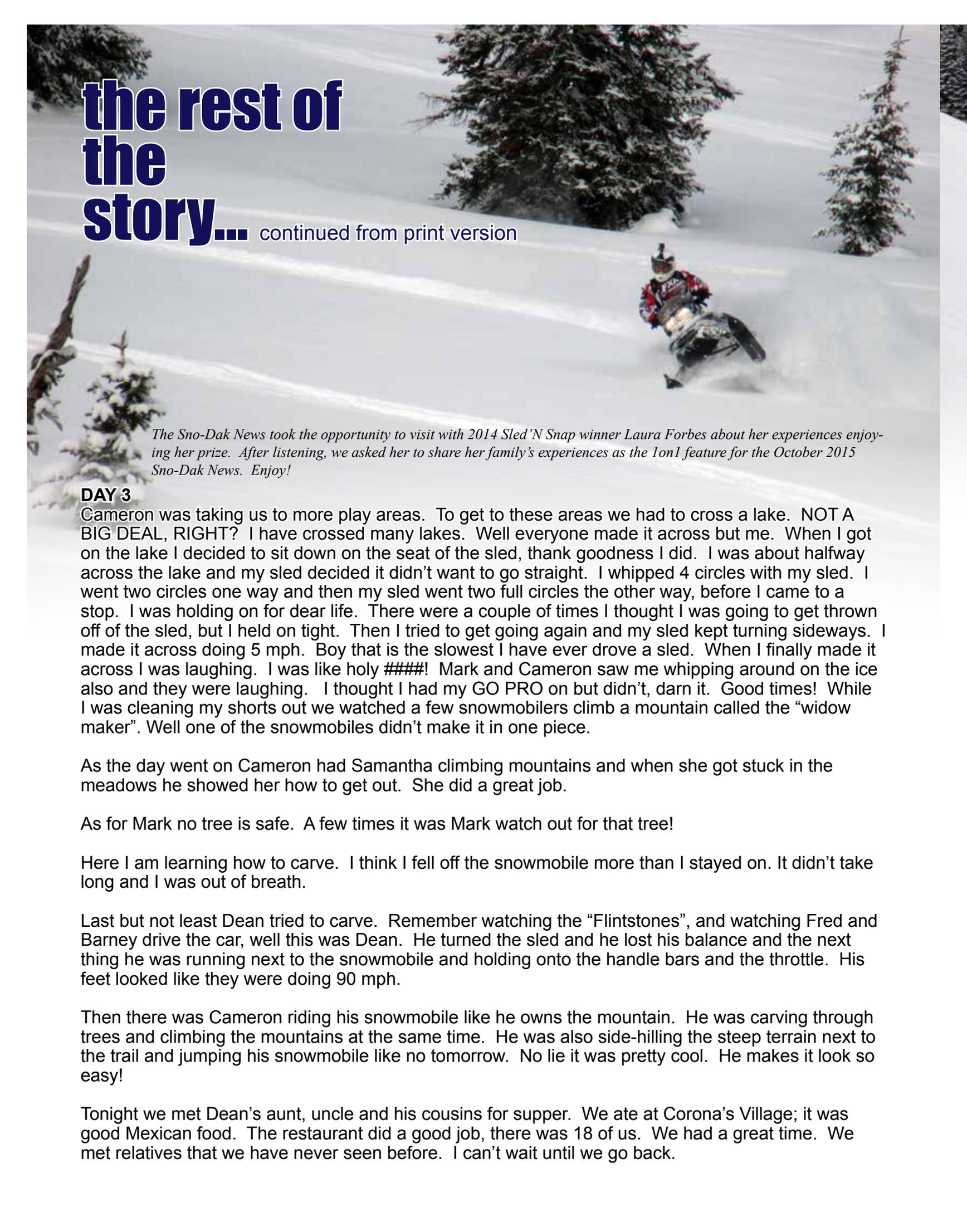
The 2015-2016 year is shaping up to be another successful year for the industry. Carryover snowmobile product inventory is at its lowest level in many years and new products have been displayed and are being widely accepted by the buying public. Early shows and events have reported excellent crowds and advanced orders for products is strong. Snowmobile dealerships are well positioned to take advantage of the growth potential in this sport and are optimistic in their outlooks and planning.

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# the rest of the story...

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*The Sno-Dak News took the opportunity to visit with 2014 Sled'N Snap winner Laura Forbes about her experiences enjoying her prize. After listening, we asked her to share her family's experiences as the 1on1 feature for the October 2015 Sno-Dak News. Enjoy!*

## DAY 3

Cameron was taking us to more play areas. To get to these areas we had to cross a lake. NOT A BIG DEAL, RIGHT? I have crossed many lakes. Well everyone made it across but me. When I got on the lake I decided to sit down on the seat of the sled, thank goodness I did. I was about halfway across the lake and my sled decided it didn't want to go straight. I whipped 4 circles with my sled. I went two circles one way and then my sled went two full circles the other way, before I came to a stop. I was holding on for dear life. There were a couple of times I thought I was going to get thrown off of the sled, but I held on tight. Then I tried to get going again and my sled kept turning sideways. I made it across doing 5 mph. Boy that is the slowest I have ever drove a sled. When I finally made it across I was laughing. I was like holy #####! Mark and Cameron saw me whipping around on the ice also and they were laughing. I thought I had my GO PRO on but didn't, darn it. Good times! While I was cleaning my shorts out we watched a few snowmobilers climb a mountain called the "widow maker". Well one of the snowmobiles didn't make it in one piece.

As the day went on Cameron had Samantha climbing mountains and when she got stuck in the meadows he showed her how to get out. She did a great job.

As for Mark no tree is safe. A few times it was Mark watch out for that tree!

Here I am learning how to carve. I think I fell off the snowmobile more than I stayed on. It didn't take long and I was out of breath.

Last but not least Dean tried to carve. Remember watching the "Flintstones", and watching Fred and Barney drive the car, well this was Dean. He turned the sled and he lost his balance and the next thing he was running next to the snowmobile and holding onto the handle bars and the throttle. His feet looked like they were doing 90 mph.

Then there was Cameron riding his snowmobile like he owns the mountain. He was carving through trees and climbing the mountains at the same time. He was also side-hilling the steep terrain next to the trail and jumping his snowmobile like no tomorrow. No lie it was pretty cool. He makes it look so easy!

Tonight we met Dean's aunt, uncle and his cousins for supper. We ate at Corona's Village; it was good Mexican food. The restaurant did a good job, there was 18 of us. We had a great time. We met relatives that we have never seen before. I can't wait until we go back.

# one on one interviews

## DAY 4

The last day on the mountain, it was snowing and when we arrived on the mountain there was 6 to 12 inches of new snow. Cameron took us to more meadows to play in. There was one spot where we had to climb the mountain at an angle. Cameron and Dean went up and Samantha sat there shaking her head no. Cameron came back down to her to talk her through it. She still was not going. So Cameron had her ride on his sled, she was standing on one side and he was standing on the other side. Once they got to the top he was telling her how it was not that bad. So he took her back down the mountain to her sled. They rode the sled the same way back down the mountain, about three quarters of the way down. He asked her if she was going to use the brake. They were cruising pretty fast. Good Times! She rode her sled up the mountain no problem. We all told her good job and kept riding. We were still riding on the side of the mountain. We rode about a few hundred feet and Samantha's snowmobile started tipping towards the bottom of the mountain and she flew off of the snowmobile like Superwoman. Now that I got on my GoPro, Sweet! The guys rolled the sled over and Cameron told Samantha how to get the snowmobile out, in which she did. Awesome!

We rode to a play area where there was a hill to jump. Boy, Cameron got some good air. Mark was also jumping and he also got some good air but the landing was rough. Let's put it this way, helmet met the handlebars! LOL! I think at the bottom of the hill he was cleaning his shorts out.

We decided to go back to the loading area because it was snowing harder than it was earlier. The new snow was as deep as the bumpers on the snowmobiles and still falling and visibility was poor. So Dean followed Cameron and we were going up this one hill and when Dean made it to the top it looked like he was making his own trail. I was wondering why he went the way he did because I saw trees and rocks. The next thing I saw was Dean's snowmobile was on one ski. He made it to the bottom and snowmobile in one piece. I forgot to tell you he was riding Samantha's snowmobile. At the bottom of the hill we asked Dean what happened, he stated he couldn't see and he hit a rock and he went sideways. We told him we thought he was trying to show off, LOL!

Then we crossed the lake that I made the four circles on, well let's just say I went across it very slow. We had one more mountain to climb. We made it to the top. Cameron went down then Dean. Well Dean only made it halfway down the mountain and tipped the snowmobile over. The rest of us made it down no problem. At the bottom we asked what happened and he said he needs to go back to North Dakota to learn how to ride.

We stayed at the Hilton Garden Inn in Laramie. The people and accommodations were great. They had a great breakfast. One night we ate supper at the restaurant in the hotel. The food was great but I have to rave over the duck wings and mozzarella sticks. They were so GOOD!!!

## DAY 5

We didn't leave Laramie until 10am because the interstate was closed due to the amount of snow they received. The roads were bad for about 100 miles.

Well we made it back in one piece. We had a lot of fun. If you would like to ride the back country and play in some awesome powder, then give 3C Guiding a call or email them.  
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