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## 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Ride-February 16 & 17, 2018

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The Show on Saturday was a great success with 170 snowmobiles of all varieties from

Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, MN, and Ontario. There were six snowmobiles on display for the Featured Sled, the 1968 Ski Doo Olympique, which represented the Plaisted Expedition to the North Pole. The Plaisted Expedition celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 19<sup>th</sup> in Duluth, MN.

We met Tim and Cathy Pederson in the fall of 2016 when they stopped at the Museum with some items that their dad, Walt Pederson, wore on the Expedition! Walt passed away three years ago and the family is working on resurrecting the amazing story of the trip. They returned a year ago with more display items. We mentioned we were doing our 2018 show in memory of the Expedition and they were excited about being asked to be the speakers at our banquet.

The banquet evening began with an excellent meal prepared by Ethel Toms & her Beary Patch crew. Following the meal were the Top of the Lake Communities Association (TOLCA) Merchant Drawings, award presentations, our tribute plaque for Ellis Sutfin for his contributions to the Museum, and a fantastic power-point presentation by Tim Pederson. The evening concluded with a fundraising auction for the Museum. Our local American Le-

gion group held a dance at the Veteran's Hall following our event, which was new this year. Thank

you to Ted & Sherry Postula for volunteering for the auction and especially to all our volunteers who helped make this show a great success! We can't forget about our kids surprising us with a cake for our 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Greg Busch for his sweet toast to us.

Next year's Show & Ride will be Feb 15 & 16, 2019. The featured sled will be the Johnson snowmobile.



Featured Sled line-up



Above: This decal was made for each participant in the February Show Ride in Memory of Larry & Derrek Rasch, Mike Obey, and Frank Bozek.

Thank you to GEM Forestry, Newberry, MI, for their generous donation! 165 people participated in the memorial ride. Brian Anderson, Dave Pigeon, and Pete Parker, part of GEM Forestry, had so much fun on the ride, they won the Fun Ride Favorite/Antique award!

### Show Awards Winners:

#### **Fun Ride Favorite/Antique –**

Pete Parker, Dave Pigeon, Brian Anderson from Newberry, MI on 1963 Ski Doos. They also received a **Memorial plaque** for their generous donation for the Ride Stickers we had made in Memory of Larry Rasch, Derek Rasch, Mike Obey and Frank Bozek.

#### **Fun Ride Favorite/Vintage –**

Carl Jensen & daughter on a Kawasaki, from Newberry, MI

#### **Tow Strap Award –**

The Kurtzhals gang on Johnsons, Emmett, MI presented to them by last year's winner, Scott Peters.

#### **Featured Sled Award**

Jesse Barta, Houghton, MI, 1968 Ski Doo Olympique-a perfect replica of one of the Plaisted Expedition replica machines.

## Rear Engine Antique Trail Ride #3

The rear engine snowmobile riders returned for the third time prior to the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Ride and Show to ride the old rear engine machines on a 100 mile loop over three days. The ride went from the Museum in Naubinway to Curtis on the first day, then on to Newberry on the second day and returning to Naubinway from Newberry on the third day.

Dave Shope was again the trusty leader of the group, which included five new riders this year. Several of our past riders were unable to make the ride this year. Riders were from Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota and Canada. Ten machines made the ride this year but not without some difficulties. Chains broke, gas tanks leaked, throttle cables broke, carburetors had to be adjusted, parts fell off, tracks were jammed, clutches were boggy but the group was able to overcome most of these problems and complete the three day adventure.

Machines on the ride were Polaris, Arctic Cat, Snowbug, Trailmaker, Polar, Fox Trac, Autoboggon and Eliason. Wyatt Anderson from Goodridge, Minnesota brought along his Kat Kitchen Cutter, which was a welcome addition for our hot dog chef, Bernie Reid. The group stopped and had lunch on the trail each day. Every day we had passing riders stop to see the old machines and to enjoy a hot dog with the group.

As usual Jan McGuirk and Karen Jarema followed the group with the safety sled with its flashing safety light. Charlie Vallier spent most of the first days ride chasing around the area picking up broken machines so that they could be repaired and returned to the challenge. John Ketcher did a great job each day shuttling the group to and from their lodging with the school bus.

Thanks go out to Curtis Fish & Hunt Shop, Neal's Auto Parts and Engadine Schools for their support for our adventure, to Ted & Sherry Postula for furnishing the hot dogs and to Roger & Karen Jarema for bringing all the great snacks. Sherry Postula surprised everyone with leather key chains shaped like the U.P. which she had made for everyone on the ride - very cool!

It was great to see how everyone pulled together to jump in and fix the various problems and create a lot of fun doing so. After the ride, everyone was already excitedly talking about plans for next year. See you then.

Here is a link for a video of a portion of the ride, by Karen Jarema:  
<https://www.facebook.com/karenjarema/videos/10215665034047021/>

Article written by John McGuirk



## Night Ride & Bonfire

This was the third year for the Night Ride and the first year for the Bonfire.

The Night Ride and Bonfire is a family event, with 60 snowmobiles (and a Tucker SnoCat) that went on the 3-mile ride. The kids had fun playing with the glow sticks that were supplied to everyone. It was a beautiful, star-filled night – perfect for a night ride! Thank you Ketcher family for the bonfire!



## An E-mail message from Don Hamilton, Guelph, Ontario:

"At last year's Naubinway show I was fortunate enough to win one of your fabulous Yamaha Rockers. Not wanting to waste an opportunity and pay it forward, I donated the rocker to the Kelly Shires Breast Cancer Snow Run, a women's only snowmobile ride raising funds supporting people suffering from this hideous disease. The rocker was placed in the silent auction (sold for \$165 C.) helping them to reach a total of \$485,000 for their programs."



Don Hamilton on his Yamaha Rocker

<http://www.breastcancersnowrun.org>

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



The Pedersons, Tim, Cathy & Cheri at the banquet, with Jesse Barta's machine

The Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum first opened in July, 2007. The Museum has never bought snowmobiles for display, but Charlie is always looking for the odd ones for his collection. Somewhere around 2009 Charlie found a 1971 Snobyke for sale in Green Bay, WI. That wasn't too far from us, so we made the trip there and returned with a cute little machine we had never heard of. I did some research on it and found out Walt Pederson made 13 of these. I also discovered he was one of the members of the Plaisted Polar Expedition! Hmmm, there must be more to this story...

I did a little investigative work and found Walt's phone number. I wanted to go right to the source and I actually was able to talk to Walt Pederson! He lived in Minnesota and had some of his books that he wrote, titled "The Adventures of Little Lady", which was the story of Walt's snowmobile on the Expedition, called "Little Lady", written for children. I was able to order some for the museum to sell. He also said he had a box of the MRE food that they took on the trip that they were testing for NASA. He did send me some great photos, postcards made about the trip, a dvd of "To the Top of the World" about the trip, and articles, which we framed and put up in the original Museum. I did call him one other time after that to get some more "Little Lady" books, but he was on his way to California so I wasn't able to get some. Unfortunately, I didn't have any more contact with Walt after that.

Fast forward to 2015 - I read that Walt has passed away. That was heart-breaking for me. Another piece of history and a great story was possibly gone. We had been so busy with our new and expanding Museum building, I didn't do any more research about the Expedition. In Nov. 2016, out of the blue, we got a call from Tim Pederson, son of Walt Pederson! He had some of his dad's items from the trip and wondered if we would be interested in seeing them. Yes!! Tim and his sister, Cathy, arrived with a trunk of Walt's that hadn't been opened since the trip ended. Charlie had to pry it open (drum roll please). Next thing we knew there were pieces of Walt's clothing spread out for all of us to see. With temperatures up to -70 degrees on the trip, it was hard to imagine that even that amount of clothing would keep him warm. Tim and Cathy left a few of the items with us to display. They told us that just that day they had listened to an audio tape Walt had made of the conversation the day they were at the North Pole and the Air Force plane flew over to verify their location! They each had tears in their eyes as they were talking about this. Tim and Cathy headed back home, determined to do some more research and work on reproducing the books and other memorabilia about the trip.

Tim and Cathy returned to the Museum in February, 2017 with more display items for us! They happened to be here during our Show week and had a great time talking to everyone about their father and the trip. That was when we realized it would be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Expedition in 2018, so we asked them if they would be the speakers at our 2018 Feb. Show and the 1968 Ski Doo Olympique would be the Featured Sled. They immediately agreed to be the speakers, which was a huge success! While they were here for our February, 2018 show, they invited us to the 50<sup>th</sup> celebration of the Plaisted Expedition, which will be held on the date the four members made it to the North Pole – April 19<sup>th</sup>, in Duluth, MN. Families from each of the members of the team on this Expedition will be there. This trip is a story from history that needs to be retold!



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



Museum's Plaisted Expedition Display



Left: In March, The Tech class from Dickinson-Irons ISD stopped in to see the 1968 Rustler they restored in 2017.

Right: The 2018 Engadine Consolidated Schools Pre-school class came for a visit, a snowmobile ride, and their Valentine party.



## 50<sup>th</sup> Soo I-500 & 5th Show & Vintage Lap – Feb 3, 2018

The Museum was very proud and excited to be a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> year for the Soo I-500! For last year's Memories at the Mile lap we had 67 antique and vintage machines make the mile lap before the start of the official race. We had a feeling this year would have more, but the I-500 committee told us we had to limit it to 70 machines due to the number of events they wanted to have before such a



Above: The Lap line-up – 97 machines



Above: 1971 racer, Roger Griner, gets ready for the lap



Above: #49 Tim Mazariz King Kat 800, 1971 race

memorable year's race. That morning, snowmobiles kept coming. Ryan Blain, vintage lap participant, had 40 flags to distribute to anyone who wanted to carry a flag around the track in memory of a veteran. Needless to say, the I-500 committee was so impressed, they let all 97 machines make the lap. What an amazing site to behold!

To add to the memories, there were several former I-500 racers participating in our event. One machine that David Schark brought was a 1971 Arctic Cat King Kat 793 driven by Tim Mazariz. Tim was the fastest qualifier at the first I-500 in 1969 on a 744 Arctic Cat Panther. The machine Tim drove this year at the Soo was his original sled. He took 10th place with this sled after starting 49th at the I-500 in 1971. Tim is now 73

years old and lives in Au Gres, MI in the summer and Englewood, Fla in the winter months.

Roger Griner originally raced in the 1970-75 races and he made the lap on his original 1971 Polaris TX machine. Also making the lap was Roger Houle on his 71 King Kat 800; Jeff & Penny Johnson riding I-500 73 Arctic Cat SnoPro and a 2005 Firecat; Terry Spencer on his 1986 El Tigre; and Steve Bishop on his 1973 Polaris Starfire, which raced in 1976.

After the lap, all entries lined up their machines in the parking area for everyone to view. The smiles, stories, and people were plentiful. I wish the 50 years of memories that were float-

ing around that day could be bound into a book. All of us at the Museum were so proud to be able to help former racers relive old memories and others make new memories! A book of photos by SpeedShot Photography is now available.



**People's Choice Winner:** Robert Bloom, 1976 Arctic Cat Z 250



**People's Choice Runner Up:** Pat Power, 75 Merc Trail Twister 440

### Coming Events for the Museum:

- Sept 7 & 8 – St. Ignace Tractor/Snowmobile Show & ASCOA Summer Meeting, St. Ignace, MI
- Sept 15, 2018 – Top of the Lake Swap Meet & Auction, 8am-3pm
- Sept 22, 2018 - Honda East, Toledo, OH (Silent Auction proceeds will be donated to our Museum!)
- Nov 2-4, 2018 – Novi Trade Show, Novi, MI
- Dec 15, 2018 – Snowmobile the Mighty Mac, St. Ignace, MI
- Feb 2, 2019 – Soo I-500 Memories at the Mile, Vintage Lap before the start of the I-500 race & Show
- Feb 15 & 16, 2019 – 27th Top of the Lake Show & Ride. Featured sled – Johnson.

*If you wish to advertise your show or business, you can submit a business card in our newspaper, or a banner ad on our website. Contact Marilyn for information.*

### Top of the Lake Museum Swap Meet/Auction

Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018

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

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

- \$5 admission fee per person (free with a paid Museum Membership) includes admission to the Museum all day; \$10 – 2 place trailer; \$20 – 4 place trailer

#### Raffle Ticket prizes: Drawing, 3 p.m., Sept 15, 2018

- 1st Prize: 1980 John Deere Liquifire
- 2nd Prize: 8 x 10 Storage Shed or \$500
- 3rd Prize: \$100 Gas Card
- 4th Prize: Snowmobile Rocker
- 5th Prize: Snowmobile Print
- 6th Prize: \$50 Cash



**Tickets available at the Museum—\$5/one; \$10/three**

## 2nd Annual Snowmobile the Mighty Mac - Dec 16, 2017

Dec 16, 2017 started out as a very cold day (6 degrees), but once the 104 snowmobiles lined up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Snowmobile the Mighty Mac, the cold was the second thing on everyone's mind. The first thing was how exciting it was to be doing something beyond the ordinary and also a part of history in the making.

Leading the pack was 80 year old Jim Langley, who drove here from Denver, Colorado to participate as the Grand Marshall. Jim and his friend, Clark Dahlin (who has passed away) made a historic Vancouver to Maine Transcontinental trip on 1967 Polaris Colts in 1966!

The story can be found in "The Legend of Polaris" book, pages 52-53. Their machines were specially equipped from the Polaris factory with brake lights, windshield wipers, a Minnesota license plate, turn signals and wheel kits to make them legal to travel through each state. On their way through Michigan, they had to cross the Mackinac Bridge, making them the first to cross on snowmobiles. Louis Leveille was manning the toll booth that day and he remembers charging them \$1.50 each, the motorcycle rate. (Louis came to the lunch to meet Jim again.) The pair traveled on to Portland, Maine to finish the 4,018 mile trip in 24 days. For Jim to be making this Mackinac Bridge crossing again, 51 years later, was a very emotional experience for him. "It was one of the best days of my life!" He was kind enough to autograph the Legends of Polaris books and snowmobiles for the drivers that day.

There were a few breakdowns along the way, 96 officially finished the trek across the 5-mile long suspension bridge, which stretches over Lake Huron and Lake Michigan and connects the Lower Peninsula to the Upper Peninsula. All drivers and cheering fans were offered lunch at the Mackinac Grille in downtown St. Ignace.

After lunch awards were handed out. Monica Dohmen was introduced to explain how the Jim Langley adventure story began. Her friend, Mitch Magnusson, found this 1967 Polaris Colt that made the Transcontinental Trip on property he purchased and recognized it. As a child, he was in Roseau MN when Jim and Clark drove through there. Mitch ended up in a picture taken with them and remembered the extra taillights and other special features on the machines.

Mitch told his friend, Monica, about his find and she did an amazing amount of research to uncover the story behind it. They contacted the original owner, Jim Langley, contacted him and asked Jim to come on our Bridge Crossing as the Grand Marshall. Jim was so excited, he drove here from Denver, CO to speak to the 150 gathered about his adventures and how the Transcontinental Trip idea began.

Two brave women who also made the trip across the Mackinac Bridge were introduced at the lunch presentations. One was Christy Healy whose husband, Carl, and two of his friends made the trip last year. Carl passed away in June, 2017. Christy and her friend, Jerry Cooper, decided to make the trip this year in memory of Carl! The other woman was Betty Redman, who drove across with her daughter and son-in-law, in memory of Betty's late husband, Brad. Brad always told Betty to conquer her fears. Betty also made a very generous donation to the Museum! We are honored to be a part of so many great stories! It sounds like we will see them next year, too.

Next year's date to Snowmobile the Mighty Mac is Dec. 15, 2018. Lunch will be at the St. Ignace Little Bear Arena. Registration will be online through the St. Ignace Visitor's Bureau. See you on the Bridge!



Bridge Crossing, Dec 16, 2017



Jim Langley on his original 1967 Polaris Transcontinental trip machine

### Snowmobile the Mighty Mac Awards Ceremony Winners

- Farthest Traveled – Jim Budzinski, Marietta, GA
- Best Wheel Kit – Jerry Gengler, Chesaning, MI
- Oldest Snowmobile – 1963 Ski Doo, Matt Vandembosch, Dewitt, MI
- Best Costume – Donna Johnson, Warren, MI
- Youngest Driver – Tucker VanHaitsma, Allegan, MI (12 yrs)
- Oldest Driver – Jesse Foster, Fenton, MI (82)
- Grand Marshall Award --Jim Langley, Denver, CO



Left: Doug Lubahn sporting the Museum Show shirt in Florida.

Our Museum t-shirts are showing up in lots of places around the world! If you have a picture of our shirt in a cool place, send it to us for our Traveling Shirt spot

## Mike Hetteen Visits the Museum



Mike & Janet Hetteen & Charlie

Mike Hetteen and his wife, Janet, from Roseau, MN, visited the Museum on March 20, 2018. Mike brought tubs full of his memorabilia from his dad, Allan Hetteen, one of the co-founders of Polaris. He left an unbelievable amount of pictures and information about the history of Polaris!! Our volunteers, John and Larry will definitely be busy in the Library for a while! Mike saw a



Mike with some of his donations

jacket hanging on the library wall that belonged to David Johnson, another Polaris co-founder. Janet sent us a picture of David's wife, Eleanor, holding the same jacket! Janet took a picture of the jacket to show Eleanor that David's jacket went to a good place. Thank you Tony Rolfes for loaning us David's jacket!



Chris & Brendan, crew members of CHC Construction, arrived on Friday night and worked through the night and all day Saturday to finish polishing the floor in the new addition. They drove here from PA to do this job!

We have applied for a grant for our next big project in the addition - the Soo I-500 race display. We are on the look-out for Soo I-500 memorabilia for our display. Please spread the word for us! We will take items on loan or as a donation. The Soo I-500 has an amazing 50 years of history and we would like to share that with our visitors.



Curtis Groomer keeps Trail 2 from Curtis to the Rexton "T" in shape



Michelle Vallier-Labadie recently became a marketing ambassador for Sled Star Designs. Sled Star Designs supply their customers with one of a kind custom graphics printed on the best quality materials. For more information, visit their website at: [www.sledstardesigns.com](http://www.sledstardesigns.com)

They are planning on doing a wrap design for one of Charlie's Hus Skis. Be on the lookout for Michelle on the trails North of Newberry next year – promoting this company from Bend, Oregon.



Above: Ivan Hansen and Michelle Ellis presented a check to the Museum for \$760, the proceeds from the March White Pine Lodge Show in Christmas, MI. Thank you!

Photo by Steve Landon



Thank you to the Wayne Flatt family for donating the shelves!! They just purchased "The Anchor" in Naubinway and didn't need them. What a great asset to our gift shop! Lori Vallier has been doing a fantastic job setting up the shop!

**New in our Museum Gift Shop**  
Gift Shop gets a new look-and new items!



"Three of a Kind" print



Above: Wood picture frame



Above: Camo Hat



**Kids clothing!**



Above: Bottle openers

*Items in our gift shop can be sent to you; call (906-477-6298) or email us! Check out our gift shop online*

**Website Information: Visit us on the web at: [www.snowmobileMuseum.com](http://www.snowmobileMuseum.com)**

Featured are various snowmobiles, gift shop items, and you can become a member online. You can advertise on the website with a banner ad for \$100 a year. All proceeds go to the Museum. Please contact Marilyn if you interested in any information about the Museum or the website. Also, visit us on Facebook: "Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum."



## Museum receives Operational Support Grant



The Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum has been awarded a grant of \$11,250.00 for Operational Support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA – ART WORKS). The grant was awarded through the MCACA peer review process and was one of approximately 310 applications to compete for the Operational Support Grants by MCACA for the fiscal year 2018 funding.

The grant is for Operational Support for costs associated with the operation of the museum. It requires a 1:1 match and will help the museum to leverage \$11,250.00 of support from its annual income and the many donations received from supporters. In particular the Museum has received grants from the Graymont Community Economic Development Fund and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. It has also received significant donations from the Antique Snowmobile Council of America, The Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Shows, Inc. (Waconia), many snowmobile clubs, its internal \$1,000 Challenge program and many Museum members.

The MCACA peer review process allows for each grant application to be competitively considered by a panel of in-state and out-of-state arts and culture professionals. This ensures the taxpayers, who support this project through legislative appropriations, and all other visitors or residents in Michigan will have access to the highest quality arts and cultural experiences.

## Museum receives a grant from Enbridge Energy

Alex Iseri, Director of the Mackinac Economic Alliance (MEA) and Emma Cook, Analyst, Community Development of Enbridge, were at the Museum on Dec 18, 2017 to make a presentation of a \$4500 check. This is a result of the grant that Alex and the MEA worked on, making it possible for us to purchase video-conferencing equipment. This equipment will be available for large group meetings in our meeting room or smaller groups will be able to use it in our new, sound-proof Library. Call the Museum for availability and fee.

## St. Ignace Snowmobile/Tractor Show

The snowmobile/tractor show will be held **Sept 7 & 8, 2018**, in conjunction with the Owosso Antique Tractor Parade & Show in St. Ignace, MI. In addition this year, the **Antique Snowmobile Club of America** will be holding their Summer Meeting in conjunction with the snowmobile show. ASCOA members will have their antiques on display inside the Little Bear Arena, along with the snowmobiles on display for the Museum Show. The ASCOA holds their Summer & Winter meetings in different areas of the Midwest each year and have chosen this show to hold their Summer meeting this year.

1400+ tractors were at this show last year, so we are asking for the snowmobiles to come to the Little Bear Arena on Thursday between 3:00 and 8:00 or very early Friday morning to avoid the congestion in town on Friday morning. Snowmobiles will be displayed inside the Arena and the tractors will be outside. This is going to be a fun award event and all snowmobiles are welcome!

- Location: Little Bear Arena East, Downtown St. Ignace
- Times: **Friday, Sept 8, 10:00 am-5:00pm; Saturday, Sept 9, 10:00am-3:00pm.** Award presentations at 3:00pm
- Cost: Free Admission and Free to display snowmobiles.
- Registration forms are available at the Top of the Lake Museum. Please call or email for a form. We recommend calling the Museum for pre-registration at 906-477-6298 or [info@snowmobilemuseum.com](mailto:info@snowmobilemuseum.com).

This was the first visit for the local Homeschool kids and they had a great time! Up to 50 kids of all ages, from the Curtis, Engadine, Gould City, Germfask, and Newberry areas gather together often for field trips. This time they chose the Museum. Charlie gave them the grand tour and they finished their visit in the meeting room with our activity sheets. Charlie asked them a few questions to see if they were paying attention to him earlier. He did get the correct answers! We are so glad we can be a part of their education!



## Welcome New Members!

- Don Swanson, Dewitt, MI
- John & Debbie Obrecht, Romeo, MI
- Alan Bilacic, Turner, MI
- David Timm, Pinckney, MI
- Darby Larsen, Kalkaska, MI
- Wyatt Anderson, Goodridge, MN
- Jack & Patty Thomas, Newberry, MI
- Tom & Jean Alanen Mass City, MI

## Waconia, MN Show & ASCOA Winter Meeting

Jan. 26 & 27, 2018

Waconia, 2018 – the year of the Mercury and there were some awesome Mercs on display in the ballroom! The Antique Snowmobile Club of America held their 2018 Winter Meeting in conjunction with this show. Charlie has been a member of the Club for many years and is Michigan Director so a drive to MN for these two events only made sense. Thanks to Steve & Alan Bilacic, we were able to take the Twin Track and the 1969 Prototype with us. The Waconia Committee was excited to have these one-of-a-kind machines on display for everyone to see. While Charlie was scoping out the many events going on outside, Marilyn was inside with these machines, enjoying the warmer temperature and talking to Cec Becker and Gary Gilbertson, who created both of the snowmobiles we brought. There were so many people asking questions about the Twin Track, and I was also in charge of keeping the video we have of the Twin Track going around a track playing. We also met Doug Hayes, who won the Soo I-500 in 1976 on a Merc. He had a picture of the winning snowmobile and we talked to him about getting a copy for our I-500 display. The show had 950+ machines for their ride on Sat., a swap meet, with a banquet, very interesting speakers and an auction on Sat and concluded with races on Sunday. The Museum brought 2 Merc rockers for the auction, painted for this

event. The Waconia Committee ended up donating the money they received from the auction back to our Museum! We also were able to bring the Twin Track and 69 Prototype back to the Museum to keep on display for 2 years. Thank you Steve & Alan!



1974 Mercury Twin Track and the 1969 Prototype they built – Cec Becker and Gary Gilbertson



Above: Jim Langley was at the Waconia Show. Jim was the Grand Marshall at the Mackinac Bridge Crossing in Dec.



Merc display



Merc rocker for the Waconia auction

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



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

**Return form to: Top of the Lake Museum  
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Naubinway, MI 49762**

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

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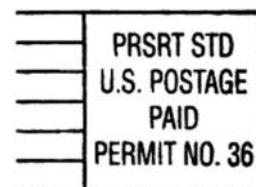
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