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# CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 35TH ANNUAL CANADIAN POWER TOBOGGAN

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 • SATURDAY, MARCH 1 • SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1997

# Greetings

It is with great pleasure that I find myself on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Power Toboggan championships during its 35th anniversary celebrations

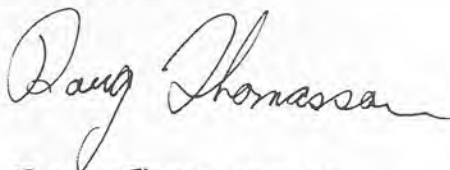
Many thousands of People have contributed countless hours over the years to make the C.P.T.C. a first-class event enjoyed by racers and fans alike. Our 35th is no exception!

For the first time ever we will be holding night racing on the Friday evening, effectively making this into a three-day event. Back by popular demand after its introduction last year, is the Antique Snowmobile "Show & Shine".

As you will see from reading through this program, it has been a very busy year at the C.P.T.C. Raceplex with the ISOC 500, Snowarama, Moto Cross, Personal Watercraft and Drag Races, in addition to our Rodeo and Ice Oval Races.

I would personally like to thank the volunteers, competitors and fans that made all these events such a success. We hope that you enjoyed yourselves and will join us again during this coming year.

Happy Racing,



Doug Thomasson  
on behalf of the C.P.T.C. Board of Directors

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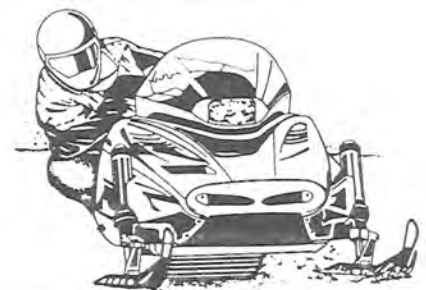
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# Schedule of Events

## **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Night Race 8:00 p.m.  
Hot Laps 7:00 p.m.  
Licensed Warm-up Area  
open 6:00 p.m.  
till 12:30 a.m.  
Fireworks after race

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

Gates open 10:00 a.m.  
Hot Laps 11:00 a.m.  
Qualifying  
Races 12:00 noon  
Cabarets after racing  
at Rec Complex  
James Ave.  
Food & Entertainment

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

Gates open 10:00 a.m.  
Hot Laps 11:00 a.m.  
Races 12:00 noon  
Opening Ceremonies  
and Antique Show  
& Shine 12:30 p.m.

## **TROPHY PRESENTATION**

following races  
at Rec Complex  
James Ave.  
Hot Buffet and  
Entertainment

## **CPTC 1997 REMAINING SCHEDULE**

### **CPTC ICE DRAGS - SEASON FINAL POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP**

MSDRA Sanctioned ..... MARCH 9, 1997  
BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL ..... TBA  
MOTO CROSS RACES - CMA Sanctioned ..... JULY 22, 1997  
AUGUST 10, 1997  
WONDER SHOWS MIDWAY ..... SEPTEMBER 12 - 14, 1997  
DOUBLE B RODEO ..... SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 1997  
CPTC ICE OVAL SEASON OPENER ..... DECEMBER 7, 1997  
ISOC-500 RACE ..... FEBRUARY, 1998  
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1978 - Memory of  
JERRY BUNKE

1979 - B. HULINGS

1980 - B. ELSNER

1981 - cancelled

1982 - cancelled

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1984 - B. BENNETT

1985 - J. PRESTA

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**RACES BY CLASS THAT YOU WILL SEE THIS WEEKEND.  
(\* THESE CLASSES RACING FRIDAY NIGHT AS WELL)**

**\* FORMULA ONE:** (The Indy Car of Snowmobile Racing) The machines in this open body style class consist entirely of twin track designed sleds. Engine horsepower is evened out over the various cc sizes by intake design and carburetor size. The speed and handling of these machines is truly amazing. The winner of Sunday's Formula One event will be crowned the Canadian Champion.

**\* SPEEDY MUFFLER CHAMP 440:** The sleds in this class are limited to single track design and 440 cc engines. Arctic Cat, Polaris and Ski Doo all run sleds in this class. Although the sleds appear reasonably stock, they are anything but. A whole host of chassis and engine modifications are allowed in this class.

**\* PEPSI 250/SPRINT:** This class is a combination of the Formula 250 class and the Pro Sprint class. The sleds in both the classes have similar speeds and handling characteristics, and allow them to be run together. The Formula 250 is a single track sled of no more than 250 cc engine displacement. The Pro Sprint class is single track sleds with 500 cc air cooled engines or less. All sleds must have a stock exhaust pipe.

**FORMULA THREE:** (The Nascar of Snowmobile Racing) This class is based on any production qualified stock chassis. Engines are limited to 600 cc's in size and the hood of the sled must match the engine brand. The engine must come from a qualified production based snowmobile and match the chassis manufacturer. Once these requirements are met, the builder can modify virtually every engine and chassis component on the sled. These sleds usually clock the highest speeds on the race track.

**MODIFIED II:** Only single track snowmobiles can compete in this class. The engines are limited in size to 500 cc's and must originate from a stock production snowmobile. Carb size is also limited based on the number of cylinders.

**STOCK CLASSES:** Beausejour usually runs only three stock classes. The sleds must remain stock. Only changes for safety reasons and some changes to improve handling are allowed. The three classes are as follows:

**STOCK C:** 500 cc maximum with 38 mm carbs and single exhaust.

**STOCK D:** 440 cc liquid cooled 34 mm carbs and single exhaust.

**STOCK E:** 440 cc air cooled 34 mm carbs and single exhaust.

**\* EARLY MODEL:** (Sponsored by Snowstompers Snowmobile Club) This class is for 1975 and older stock production snowmobiles. Engine and chassis modifications are allowed. This class has lots of local racer participation and always provides great racing.

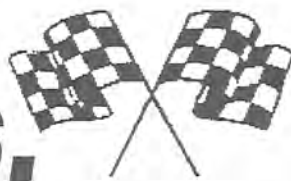
**LATE MODEL:** This class consists of sleds that are 1982 and older and have leaf spring suspensions. The engines must be air cooled and all components must be basically stock.

**\* RELIC ONE:** (Sponsored by Wescan Electro Build) The sleds in this class are 1970 and older. The chassis must originate from a stock production sled. Modifications are allowed to most components and clutches can be changed in the interest of safety. This is a great class for taking snowmobile race enthusiasts on a trip down memory lane.



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## HOW IT STARTED ...

### A CPTC HISTORY

by E. Walterson

The "Canadian Power Toboggan Championship Races" destined to be held annually at Beausejour, Manitoba was conceived on a very cold January evening in 1963.

That evening, a special meeting of the Beausejour Lions Club was held in the dining room of the Howland Hotel owned by a long standing business family in town - THE RUMAKS. I was President at the time and the sole purpose of this meeting was to consider a proposal to stage a fresh annual event to replace our Ice Show and the crowning of a Carnival Queen. It had been very successful for years but attendance and interest was starting to drop off.

We met with two young gentlemen from the Dept. of Industry and Commerce, Province of Manitoba who I had come to know very well during the past year in my capacity as Chairman of the Beausejour Industrial Development Corporation. They were assisting us to attract industry to our community and visited us regularly. They were helpful and did their job well.

During one of these many meetings, I mentioned that the Lions Club was looking for a new and different event to sponsor. they said, leave it with us and we will come up with some ideas. By early January they had put a package together and asked me to call a special Lions meeting as soon as possible. I did just that and here we were at the Howland Hotel and in walked Ron Kinney and Gary Gault with a sealed brown manila envelope.

A few Lions had met Ron & Garry casually during their regular visits to town but I knew them well. I had full confidence in their abilities to analyze and implement a plan of action. This combined with their many contacts in government and in the business sector made them an invaluable team to work with.

The sealed brown envelope became a very contentious issue that cold January evening and the atmosphere heated up considerably!

Inside the envelope was a plan of action to stage a new and unique celebration annually in Beausejour. It was something that hadn't been tried before but could well put Beausejour on the map.



Clayton McDonald - '64 champ - Dryden, ON  
(center - Eyfi Walterson)

The kicker came when the presenters asked the Lions club to put up a cheque for \$500 before seeing the contents of this package. However, they offered to help co-ordinate the event along with a working committee of the Lions. they would do this on their own time and in essence the \$500 as far as I was concerned was really seed money to cover initial expenses and would not end up in their pockets.

Now the negative arguments rose in pitch and intensity. "What! We can't buy a pig in a poke!" "Why should we buy an idea!" "It isn't right for the Lions club to spend money this way."

There was some support but no one was prepared to bring this to a vote in case it was defeated and we would never know what might have been. We weren't going anywhere fast!

In desperation I offered to write a personal cheque for \$500 in order to open the envelope, see the contents and then the meeting could decide to go for it or not. There was much hesitation and comment that this was not expected of me. I was confident that if we got past this hurdle, we would make the right decision. I wrote the cheque and the contents of the envelope were revealed.

The proposal was to hold a celebration to be called

WINTER FAREWELL (good-bye to winter) and finishing with the running of the CANADIAN POWER TOBOGGAN RACES on the weekend. This name was later officially registered to prevent anyone else from using it. We realized that not all the proposed events would be successful but there was agreement to try them all the first year. this consisted of the crowning of a WINTER FAREWELL QUEEN who reigned over the rest of the events such as HORSE & CUTTER RIDES, MAYORS SNOW SHOE RACE, SMOOSH RACES and miscellaneous events.

Ron and Garry had done their homework well. They had already checked with the weather bureau to determine what weekend was most likely to offer more moderate temperatures. Going back several years indicated that the third weekend in FEBRUARY gave the best odds. The meeting enthusiastically endorsed the plan. I got my money back and the rest is history!

The Founding Fathers of this, now famous, event held annually at Beausejour, are the 1963 members of the Beausejour Lions Club as follows:

ARNI MELTZER  
SID MELTZER  
DR. STAN ROBBIE

GORDON ALBRIGHT  
EYFI WALTERSON  
HAM MITCHELL

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To the hundreds of community volunteers during the past 35 years, who have worked so hard to keep the Canadian Power Toboggan Races (C.P.T.C.) going - pat yourselves on the back! This event has definitely put this community on the map.

To all our visitors, we sincerely hope that you leave here today feeling that BEAUSEJOUR is "**A GOOD PLACE TO STOP!**"

*Eyfi O. Walterson*

*Past President - Beausejour Lions Club 1963*

*Past President - Canadian Power Toboggan Corp. 1971*



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← 1968 races at "Colmer's Park",  
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# Norm Chura



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## ANTIQUÉ SNOWMOBILE

# "Show & Shine"

If you enjoy "classic" snowmobiles, the pit area at annual Canadian Power Toboggan Championships is the place to be.

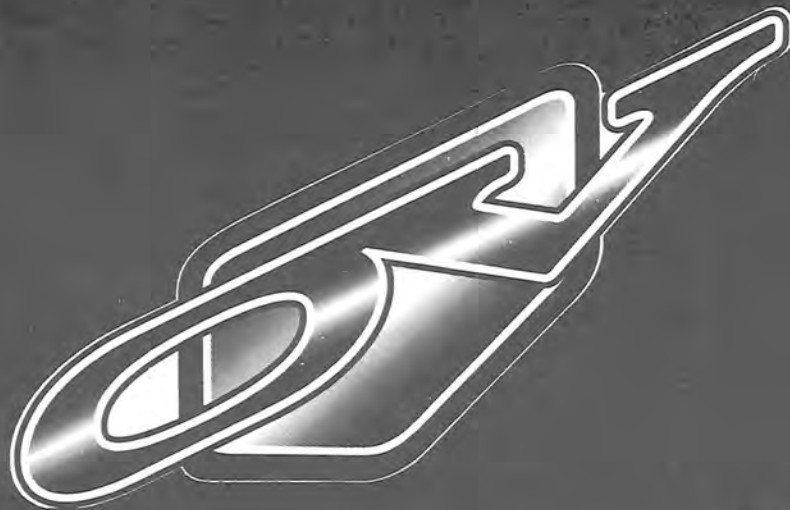
The Antique Snowmobile "Show & Shine" event debuted at last year's Championships and was a popular gathering place. Snowmobile enthusiasts of all ages were treated to a wide selection of machines from the fifties, sixties and seventies. Ski-Whiz, Bolens, Snowscoot - they were all there. In addition, there were some minty, early Polaris and Arctic Cat racing machines.

One of the highlights of the display were two immaculately restored Bosak snowmobiles which were built by Mike Bosak from the Brokenhead area in the 50's. This year promises to be even bigger and better, so invest in a Pit Pass and check out this historical "feast for the eyes".



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# ISOC "GMC 500" RACE

by D. Neduzak

In an historic meeting, two snowmobile racing institutions combined to produce one of the most exciting events to be held this year in snowmobile racing. The world's oldest organized snowmobile race (est. 1963, The Canadian Power Toboggan Championships) in Beausejour, was the site of the start of the world's oldest cross-country snowmobile race.

Beausejour's first-class facility was used to start 212 racers in flights of 5 sleds one minute apart. The racers then followed an enclosed 60 mile loop to return to the track for their first fuel stop. The course then turned south to follow a grueling cross-country run which included ditch-running, open fields, switchback river running, low bridges and desolate swamp. The first night's stop was in Roseau, Minnesota - site of the Polaris factory.

Day 2 started with approx. 1/3 of the racers missing due to various ailments such as burned pistons, failed suspensions, seized crankshafts, broken bones and bruised egos. The speeds did not drop off despite the brutal terrain of the course.

Day 3 started from Thief River Falls, home of the Arctic Cat factory. The starting grid was shrouded in a "pea soup" fog. The race was delayed by an hour, but the visibility was still terrible as whiteout conditions prevailed. Road running was the course of the day to the finish in Bemidji, Minnesota.

The race was won by Polaris, with Arctic Cat second and Skidoo third - a very good representation from all the brands involved.

World-class drivers, in Pro 440 Liquid, 440 Fan class, Women's and Legends (40 years +), from the U.S., Canada, Finland and Sweden made this a truly international affair.



212 racers getting ready to start the ISOC 500 race



racers exiting CPTC grounds at ISOC 500 race



"Le Mans Start" at ISOC 500 race



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by Lorna Greig

Mark your calendar now for September 13th and 14th ... the weekend Beausejour goes western for the 4th annual Double B Rodeo!

Wild bucking broncos, fire breathing bulls, breakneck barrel racers, steer wrestlers and ropers, mutton busters and some of the best two steppers around ... they're all part of the colour and excitement at the Double B, one of Manitoba's fastest growing rodeos!

And don't forget those boots! Cowboy boots were the official footwear for the weekend and two lucky fans who arrived in runners went home owning FREE Brahma boots thanks to Manitoba's own Canada West Shoes.

Regina's Prairie Rodeo brought more than good stock; they brought the top rough stock riders in Canada! Fans cheered bronc and bull riders from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Montana, Australia and New Zealand as they strutted their stuff in the arena ... and on the dance floor Saturday night. Barrel racers, calf ropers, steer wrestlers and steer undecorators from all over Manitoba kept the excitement level high and local 8 and under mutton busters got the crowd in a frenzy!

And when they weren't rodeoing or dancing, fans were oohing and aahing at the Friday night fireworks display or enjoying the great games and rides on the Wonder Shows midway.

This year, the rodeo committee is working hard to guarantee you an even better show with harder bucking rough stock, faster running timed event stock and the party of the year at the Saturday evening western dance. BULLRUSH will be back to supply the terrific live music!



So join us! Whether you're from Manitoba or Minnesota, North Dakota or "You Name It" ... whether you want to ride a bull or watch the show ... Beausejour's the place to be September 13th and 14th for the Double B Rodeo!

For information on getting involved as a competitor or as a volunteer, call Lorna Greig at 268-3511. Riders make the show and volunteers are always needed for everything from selling advertising to grilling burgers, from arena security to special fund raising activities like the pancake breakfast the CPTC Rodeo Committee recently put on for the big ISOC snowmobile race.

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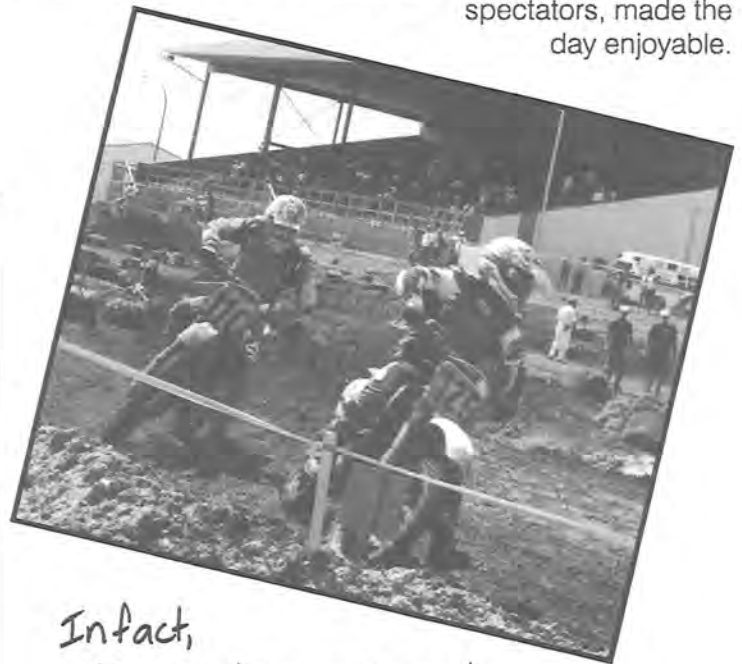
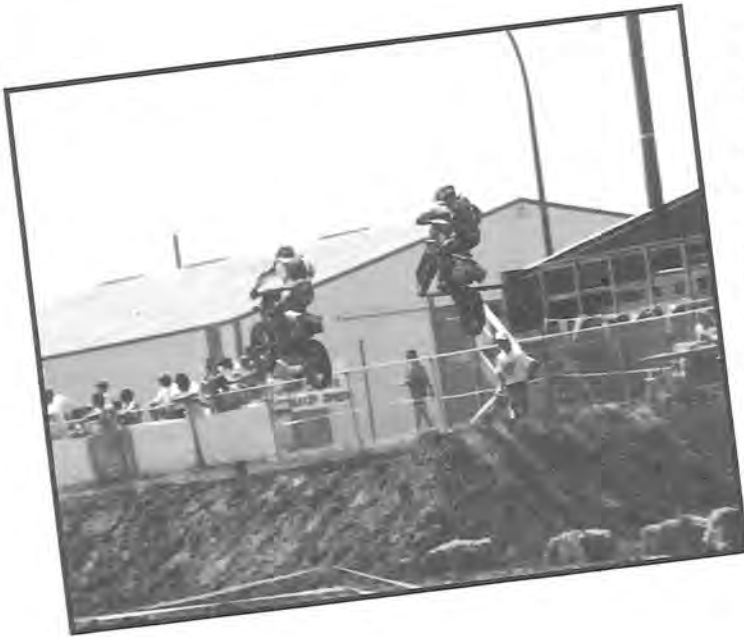
by L. Hlady


The first Moto Cross Race was held in Beausejour on July 14, 1996 at the C.P.T.C. grounds.

A hard clay track became muck when approximately four inches of rain came down the day before the race. Although the track was muddy during practice, the hot July sun and the die-hard racers soon helped to dry it out.

The tight track, constructed by volunteers in front of the main grandstand, made for close racing and excellent spectator viewing. Everyone enjoyed the thrills of the jumps, and especially the spills into the Manitoba mud.

Even though the bikes were caked in clay and the riders unrecognizable, the well organized event, with excellent facilities for racers and spectators, made the day enjoyable.



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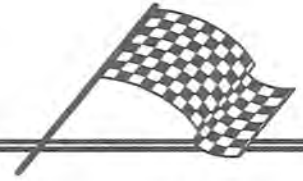
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# M.S.D.R.A.

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by Ken Day

With months of summertime planning and preparation, it was finally going to happen; an I.S.R. sanctioned Snowmobile Ice Drag Race at the Beausejour C.P.T.C. Raceplex. M.S.D.R.A. members and volunteers held the First Points Race of the 1996-97 race season at this race site. This was to be the first time ever that M.S.D.R.A. would hold a sanctioned drag race on an oval race track facility. Track preparation was definitely the biggest issue.

To accommodate bigger open modified sleds that boast over 200 hp, it was critical to have as much race track length as possible. This was achieved by weeks and weeks of continuous flooding and grooming of the entire south-east pit area, which would be the designated staging area and start line. Determined C.P.T.C. members and volunteers went all out to ensure an absolutely smooth and safe race track and indeed it was! The final product exceeded everyone's expectations.

The first race at the complex was scheduled for December 1. However, due to weather conditions and what not, the first race was finally run on January 26th. With temperatures hovering in the -30s range, drag racers from across Manitoba, Minnesota and North Dakota got together to do battle. With racing conditions being near perfect, the event was run with great success. Most comments received from drivers and pit personnel were about a superb pit area and staging layout and extremely fast track conditions. Congratulations to all involved!

Points Race #2 and #3 this season were held on the Red River in Selkirk, Manitoba February 8th and 9th.



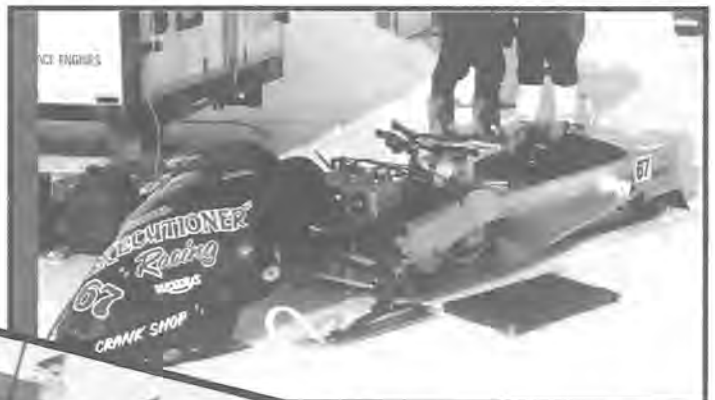
This event featured a 2-day (Saturday - Sunday) back-to-back Points Race. A vast majority of racers were quite thrilled with a 2-day race weekend, so we look forward to a repeat of this event in the future.

Race #4 of the Drag Race season took the M.S.D.R.A. to another first time race site, Shoal Lake, Manitoba on February 23rd, for the Thunder and Ice Festival. h

Race #5, the Points Final, is scheduled for March 9th back here at the C.P.T.C. Raceplex. Usually noted as the biggest Points Race of them all, this draws drag racers from all parts of Canada and the U.S.A. What better place to hold a season Final Points Race than at this excellent facility!

This is M.S.D.R.A.'s 11th year as a Drag Race Association, and it appears this season will be another success. Being able to hold 2 Drag Race events at a facility such as this makes snowmobile racing more exciting for racers and fans alike. there's no doubt that if M.S.D.R.A. and C.P.T.C. members and staff continue to work together, snowmobile drag racing on this track can only get bigger and better. Bravo to all involved!

Don't forget, next weekend - Sunday, March 9, 1997 - M.S.D.R.A. Drag Race Points Final - Beausejour, C.P.T.C. Raceplex; 500 ft. ice track; 800 c.c. max. engine displacement; I.S.R. rules apply.



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# ICE OVAL RACING

## The Beausejour Report

by Mike Furnish

The weekend of December 7 & 8, 1996 saw the start of a long and busy winter racing season at the Canadian Power Toboggan Championship Raceplex in Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada.

The season-opening ice oval races saw a moderate turnout of competitors coming from as far afield as Alberta and Wisconsin. These racers however, provided some very hot action in several of the classes.

Brian Sturgeon and Troy Pierce were neck-and-neck in their Stock D meetings with Pierce winning the final. Sturgeon does not have a Formula 3 machine this year. His prime ride now is a Champ 440 sled, the class that everyone is jumping into.

One of the reasons a few of the big names were missing at Beausejour was because of a shortage of Champ chassis. This was caused by the major manufacturers' successful lobby to have the Champ 440 class replace Formula One as the World Champion class at Eagle River in 1998. These chassis were just being shipped to many of the teams and there's a lot of work required to get one of these machines dialed-in and running with the pack.



Dave Wahl's  
virgin' Champ sled debuts

All but one of the Champ sleds on hand in Beausejour was an Arctic Cat of one form or another. However, no-one could touch Dave Wahl's "Skidoo", built at the Wahl Bros. shop in Greenbush. It won't remain black and it won't be "Wahl red". Skidoo says it must be yellow. His Wahl Bros-built "Skidoo" with Rotax engine,

Polaris Tunnel and the odd Cat part was uncatchable on the Beausejour track. Watch out when nephew Terry debuts his Champ sled in Brainerd. This duo could possibly dominate the class the same way they have F-1 for the past few years.

Jeremy Johnston and Joe Presta flew into the hay bales in spectacular fashion while trying to catch Dave Wahl in the Champ final, giving 2nd place to Brian Sturgeon.

Presta's mishap was not a fine welcome for a fellow returning to racing after ten year hiatus. The way that



Jeremy Johnston's  
'Champ' sled hits the bales

he was running though, you would never have known the guy had been away all those years.

As for Johnston, last year's Formula One "Rookie of the Year" managed to walk away from his first major crash and headed straight to the pits to get ready for the F-1 final.

Speaking of twin-trackers, Johnston's was one of two Formula One machines sporting Arctic Cat power plants. Apparently it is the same engine as in the Champ, with the exception of the carb size and type of ignition.

As a closing comment on the Champ 440 sleds, Dave Wahl figures that having fewer moving parts and weighing 75 lbs. less than an F-1 sled, his machine could run as fast as the twin-track under the right conditions. Enough said?

## CPTC - RACE RESULTS

### ICE OVALS

SEASON OPENER - DECEMBER 7-8, 1996  
(results of finals in each class)

#### FORMULA ONE

- 1 Terry Wahl - 96 Skidoo
- 2 Dave Wahl - 96 Skidoo
- 3 Darcy Ewing - 94 Gemini
- 4 Jeremy Johnston - 97 Arctic Cat
- 5 Brian Bewcyk - 88 Skidoo

#### CHAMP 440

- 1 Dave Wahl - 96 Skidoo
- 2 Brian Sturgeon - 96 Arctic Cat (crashed)
- 3 Jeremy Johnston - 97 Arctic Cat (crashed)
- 4 Joe Presta - 96 Arctic Cat

#### FORMULA THREE

- 1 Chad Lofton - 96 Polaris
- 2 Shane Wahl - 96 Arctic Cat
- 3 Barry Lavallee - 97 Skidoo (DNF)

#### STOCK D

- 1 Troy Pierce - 97 Polaris
- 2 Brian Sturgeon - 97 Arctic Cat
- 3 Scott Johnson - 96 Polaris

#### PRO SPRINT

- 1 Kieth Hayman - ?? Arctic Cat
- 2 Darcy Ewing - 94 Gemini
- 3 Bruce Wispinki - 90 Skidoo

#### 250 SPRINT

- 1 Kieth Hayman - ?? Arctic Cat
- 2 Darcy Ewing - 94 Gemini
- 3 Kirby Funk - 88 Skidoo

#### LATE MODEL

- 1 Norm Chura - 74 Mercury
- 2 Kurt Gretsinger - 76 Polaris
- 3 Bob Bachman - 72 Chaparral

#### EARLY MODEL

- 1 Norm Chura - 74 Mercury
- 2 Bob Bachman - 72 Chaparral
- 3 Kurt Gretsinger - 76 Polaris

#### RELIC

- 1 Loren Machart - 70 Skidoo
- 2 Bob Bachman - 70 Skidoo
- 3 Don Zelinsky - 70 SnoJet

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# The Voice of Snowmobile Racing - Kathy Kennedy



*Kathy introducing the racers at the finals line-up.*

For years now, Kathy Kennedy's voice and knowledge of snowmobile racing has been keeping the spectators that attend the races in Beausejour informed and entertained.

Kathy comes by her talents honestly, as she is news and sports anchor at 92 CITI FM and CKY radio in Winnipeg.

Kathy brings with her a wealth of announcing experience. She's done it all, from grass drags, the ISOC 500, to the world's best ice oval snowmobile racing. Kathy's knowledge comes from her love of the sport of snowmobile racing and the fact that she is married to Howard Wiebe, another true enthusiast of snowmobile racing and the sport itself. Howard (AKA "Putski" to 92 CITI morning ) is always in the booth with Kathy, lending his expertise.

As with any professional, the ease with which Kathy does the announcing is truly amazing. She makes an extremely difficult job look effortless. She also makes the race organizers' job easier, as she can coast through the steady stream of last-minute line-up changes. Kathy makes the time in-between races interesting and informative, and has a knack for getting the spectators involved with the excitement of the races.

Race organizers and fans alike look forward to Kathy continuing to be the Voice of Snowmobile Racing in Beausejour for many years to come!

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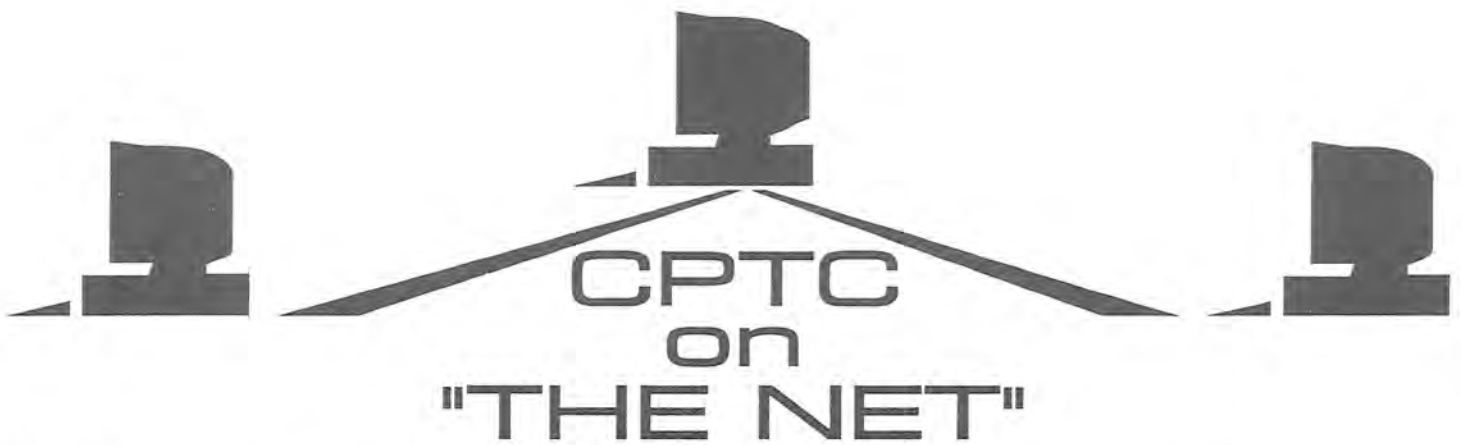
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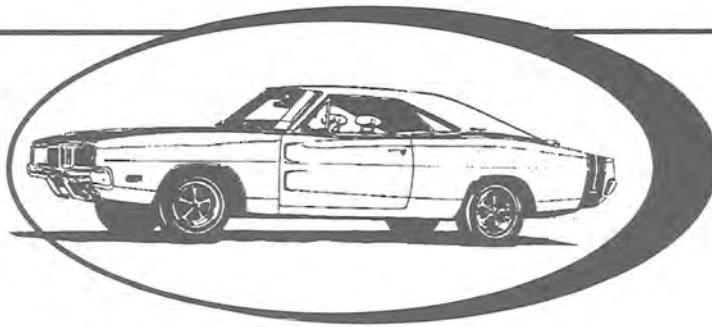


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#### JUNE

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