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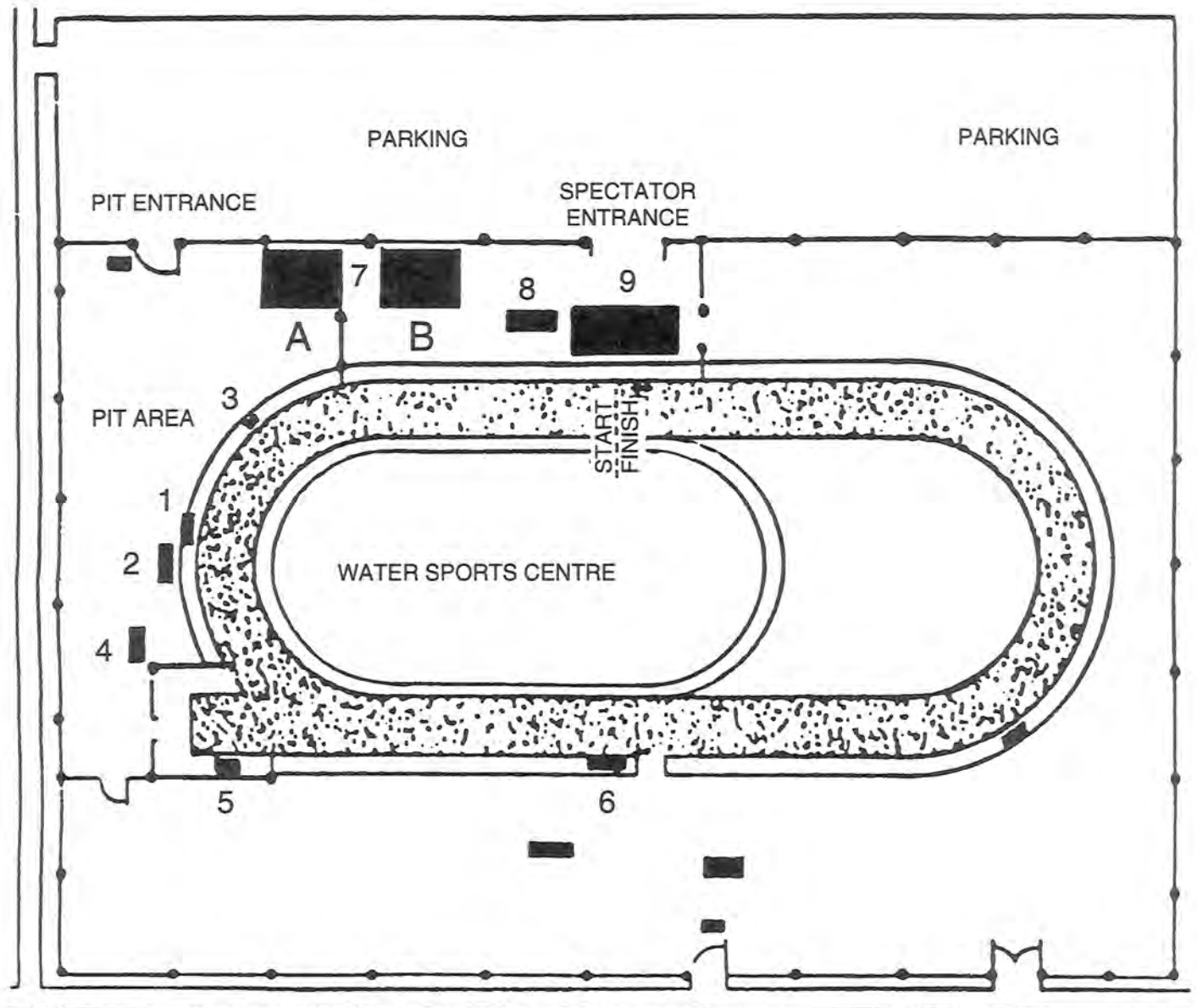


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Schedule of Events

Friday, March 7

Family Fun Skate 6:00 - 8:00
Practice 10:00 - 3:00

Saturday, March 8

Hot Laps (Ice Ovals) 10:00 am
Woody's Triple Crown Pro Formula Feature
Cabarets after racing at
CPTC Raceplex, 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 9

Gates Open 9:00 am
Hot Laps 10:00 am
Races 11:00 am
Opening Ceremonies
Antique Show & Shine 12:30 pm
Canadian Championships Race

Trophy Presentation

Following Races at Rec Complex - James Ave.
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March 6th & 7th, 2004**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Town of Beausejour is the Snowmobile Capital of Canada; and

WHEREAS numerous International Snowmobile Races are held within the Town of Beausejour; and

WHEREAS the Town of Beausejour wishes to encourage the citizens, businesses and organizations to become involved in Snowmobile Month.

Under the Authority vested in me, I, Harvey J. Giesbrecht, Mayor of the Town of Beausejour, declare the month of February, 2003 as “**Snowmobile Month**”.

Under my Hand, at the Mayor’s Office this 1st day of February, A.D. 2003



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Greetings

I would like to welcome everyone to the 41st Annual Canadian Power Toboggan Championships. It is an exciting year for our organization, as the volunteers and committee have been putting in many hours of hard work to make this year one to remember. As we look forward to this year's celebrations it is important first to look back to the last 41 years and thank all of the support the organization has had. To say thank you to all of the volunteers from the past and present who make this event possible for year to year, to the 41 years of directors for their insight and determination through the good times as well as the tough times. The support of this great community from all of the businesses, who sponsor our events from year to year, and a thank you to the town and municipality for their support and cooperation.

With the success of the Moto X, Rodeo and Sno X, we are looking ahead with a positive attitude.

All of the proceeds from the events have always gone straight back into promoting the events or the upkeep of the facilities.

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Congratulations to the Executive, the Directors and all the volunteers who made this 41st annual Canadian Power Toboggan Championship possible. The Beausejour, Brokenhead, Tyndall and Garson area has some of the finest volunteers in the Province. Volunteers give communities a sense of identity, and the identity given to this area by all of the volunteers is one of caring, compassion and community spirit – and for that I thank you!

It is amazing when one realises that these are the 41st Championship races. There are very few communities in Canada that can boast hosting a major sporting event for 41 years in a row. This shows the commitment, the resolve and the dedication of the residents of our area.

Good luck to all the competitors. Enjoy the show.

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The Canadian Snowmobile Historical Museum is proud to host the 4th Annual Vintage Show & Shine Event, in conjunction with the Canadian Power Toboggan Championships in Beausejour on Sunday, March 9, 2003. Again this year, wall plaques will be awarded to all participants who bring out a Vintage Sled to show, everyone is welcome! Every year this has been a very popular event, primarily with the CPTC offering such a great venue for us to hold it. Please stop by the multi purpose building and check out this years Vintage Display and take a walk through memory lane.

The C.S.H.M. has had a very exciting season thus far and our membership is growing rapidly. We started out the season with a huge display at the Mid Canada Snowmobile Show, with a display of 15 assorted Vintage sleds. One other larger event that we hosted, was our very first Vintage Snow Drags, participants traveled as far away as Saskatchewan and Ontario along with great support from the surrounding area. Everyone had a super time, the weather was great, next year will only be bigger and better.

The Canadian Snowmobile Historical Museum was established in 1999, we are very dedicated to promoting and preserving the rich heritage of the early years of Snowmobiling, of which we all enjoy today.

Our Mission:

To be a community of people dedicated to the leadership, in the collection, restoration, preservation and the displaying of Snowmobiles, along with the History and all related Memorabilia.

Our Values:

*Building on heritage, we aspire to:
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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the C.S.H.M. we would like to extend our congratulations to the CPTC for Celebrating 41 years of the Greatest Show on Snow!

Regards,
Bob Krawchuk
President of the C.S.H.M.

CPTC Nostalgia Wanted



The new Canadian power toboggan racing champ Allan Fanset of Charleswood

Charleswood boy wins Canadian champ title

The Board of Directors of CPTC requires your help in collecting any CPTC or snowmobile racing memorabilia. Any newspaper articles, magazine stories, photographs, decals, patches, clothing and apparel, or knick knacks relating to snowmobiling racing in Canada would be appreciated. Your generosity in the past has increased the size of our archives and allowed us to present displays such as the hugely successful 40th Anniversary celebration of last year.



Check out our wall displays under the grandstand. If you have any such items, big or small, and would be willing to donate them or lend them to us, please contact Dale Neduzak at 204-338-8215, or email at dalegiz@shaw.ca or contact any CPTC Director.



These drivers really lean into the corners in this 650 class race.



Gerald Malby gets the checkered flag at the time of his win in the 650 class final. He lapped the machine seen behind him during the 10-lap race.



An unusual position for Beausejour snowmobile racer Andy Baker is first out of chutes but on Sunday, Jan. 28th, in the Super Stock I event he was certainly out front as the flag went down. Andy won four first places in the C.C.R.A. sponsored Manitoba Invitational meet and split the Driver of Meet award.



1987

The new CPTC press booth provides a perfect vantage point to view the racers as they cross the finish line, ground floor houses media personnel, upper left is Harry Taylor's bailiwick while the open area on the upper right provides another great spot for cameramen.



1987

HEAVY CROWDS AT CPTC RACES

Perfect snowmobile racing weather attracted record crowds to Beausejour's CPTC race track on Sunday, March 1st, and fans watched Jacques Villeneuve return to dominate the high-powered racing sleds. CPTC volunteers kept the track in top shape and while a few events saw tumbles and bumps it was a fatality-free event; as well, the starting gate (above) was kept busy as the over 400 entries were put through their paces with precision.



1989

Wes Singbell, of Beausejour, chalked up wins in both the Formula I and II races at the CPTC track this weekend. Good luck at the big one on Feb. 25th and 26th.

Manitoba Beaver Photo by Dale Chymyshyn



1989

Darcy Ewing of Big Lake, Minn. was Sunday's big winner at the Canadian Power Toboggan Championships. Ewing has won in the past and seems to be continuing in his winning ways in Beausejour at one of "his favorite events."

Manitoba Beaver Photo by Doug Germaine



1989

This years Retlic Class featured a top speed of 80 kmhr. Winner was Dean Zielke of Beausejour.



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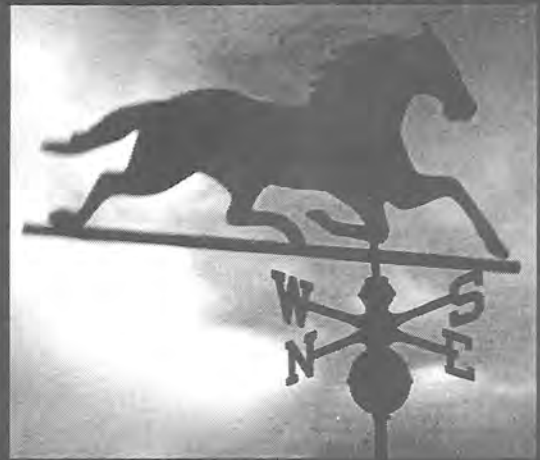
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Philip Adam "Flip" Merwin, 28, of Wausau died Saturday, January 18, 2003, in Eagle River, following a snowmobile racing accident.

Flip was born on June 18, 1974, in Wausau. He was baptized August 18, 1974 and confirmed May 21, 1989. He leaves behind his parents, Ralph and Jane (Oatman) Merwin of Wausau; paternal grandmother, Adeline Merwin of Beitz, of St. Paul. He also leaves his uncles and aunts, Dave and Naomi Oatman, Lori Merwin, Al and Joanne (Merwin) Hugunin, Mickey and Carol (Oatman) Campbell, and Tom Oatman; his cousins, Kathy Campbell, Angie (Oatman) Dusick, and Sean and Nicole Hugunin; and his special friend, Maria Bristol. He was preceded in death by maternal grandparents, Willis and Eileen Oatman and paternal grandfather, Archie Merwin.

Outgoing and personable, Flip quickly became friends with everyone he met. His dynamic personality and his work ethic were well known and he was always willing to lend a hand to a friend in need. He used these talents and attributes to start his own business, Flipside Graphics. Flip was an avid snowmobiler and snowmobile racer for many years and also assisted numerous friends with all forms of motorsports.

Flip lived his own life to the fullest and touched the lives of many others. He never took himself or anyone else too seriously. He was truly a special person and his ever-present, slightly crooked smile will remain in our hearts forever.

January 22, 2003
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We will be running WSA classes at our event. There are 3 distinct driver experience levels. Sport classes are the entry level class for new drivers. Semi-pro is the next level of driver experience. The pro class is exactly as it implies, the top level pro racers. WSA also has an excellent junior and women's program. The following is a list of race classes:

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First-time racers are welcomed at our races where they will have an opportunity to get a feel for the rush of organized competition at an entry-level environment. At the same time, top-notch racers and veterans will find a challenging and competitive environment to test their skills.

We've also realized that one of the reasons behind the success is our "family friendly" approach to snowmobile racing, which has led to another full schedule of Kids Pro-Ice racing and the addition of Kids Cross racing to keep racers big and small busy all winter long.

One of the features that has created a lot of anticipation for the coming season is the Pro-Ice Triple Crown, where the Champ 440 racers will square off in a special 25 lap featured event. The class will be open to all Semi-Pro and Pro drivers who are qualified and approved, with the triple crown winner walking away with a wealthy purse at the end of the series. A number of other stops at first rate tracks in Minnesota and Wisconsin will complete the Pro-Ice and Kids Pro-Ice schedule.



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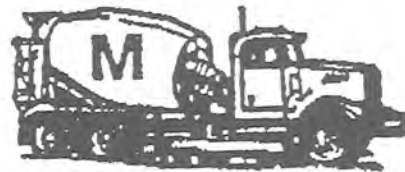
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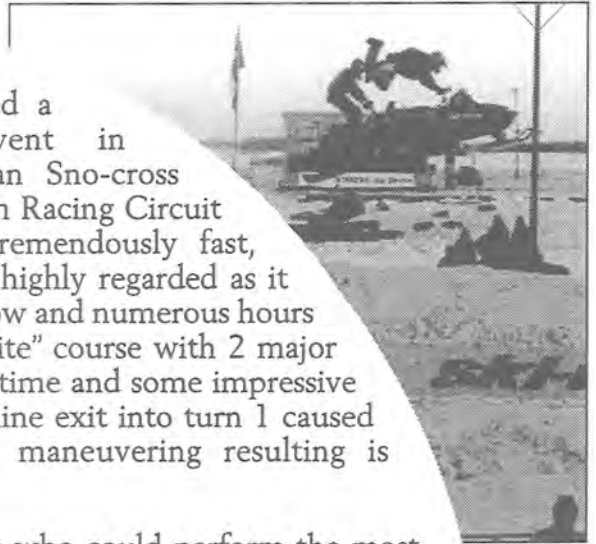
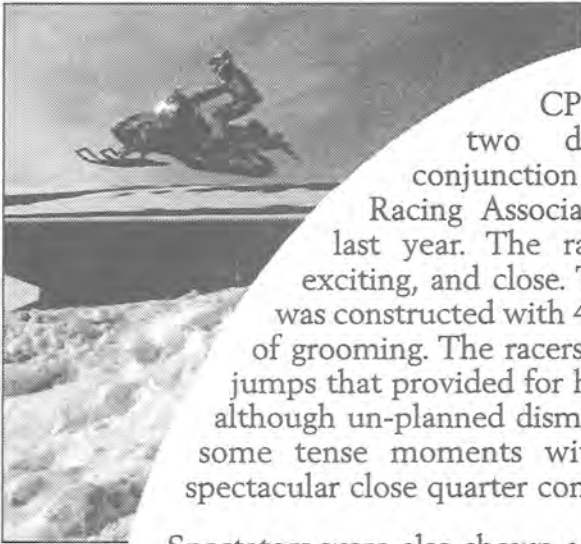
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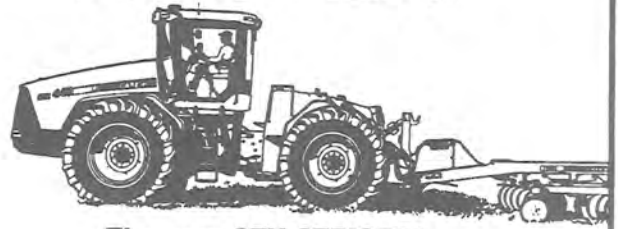
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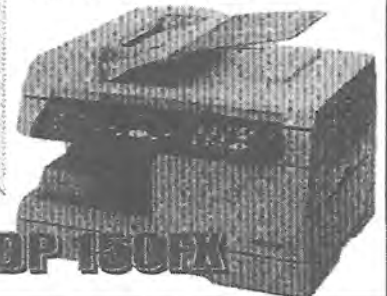
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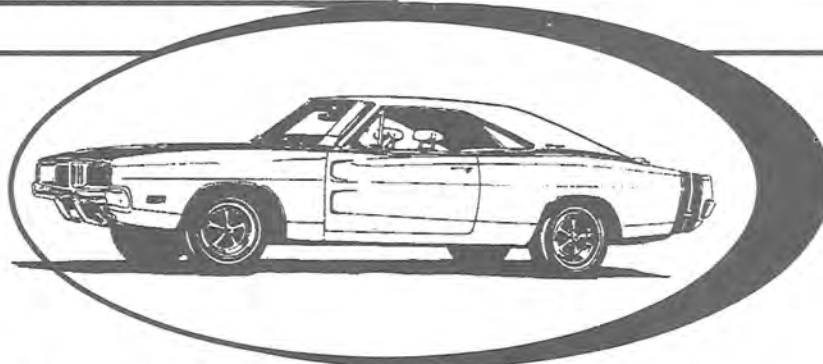
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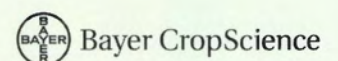
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