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### Snowmobile issue

## Reader approval enthusiastic

Reader Approval is always the aim of those who work conscientiously in the publishing field.

We, at The Winchester Press, are extremely well pleased that our annual 'SNOWMOBILE ISSUE' has been so enthusiast-

Proof of such a statement, if Rugged individuals in a rugged

**Massey Ferguson** 

In 1969, by popular demand, we ines continues to increase. expanded to an 8-page supplement and included a few briefs on

Dealers and sportsmen (and women) demand still more and ically endorsed by all who are last year more pages were added interested in the popular winter to accommodate this demand and the result was a 12-page tabloid.

any were necessary, is the fact winter climate love the great that when the idea was conceived outdoors, and it appears this 'trails' as the number of mach-

Sales increase, clubs expand, new clubs organize and we feel compelled to keep in stride resulting in 12 pages of interesting stories; safety hints; rules to follow; constructive criticism; and of course attractive endorsements of various types of machines, dealers and repair depots.

We feel we initiated the plan in 1968 and are rather proud when we note many other weeklies, as in 1968, it consisted of a 2-page season will find more and more well as dailies, releasing special pages along the same lines.

If you plan to buy this season an ideal shopping guide. (419 Jaw

If you already own a machine possibly a careful study of the many advanced improvements this year, may suggest a trade.

If you plan to use the old machine another year we know the safety hints and other information will be valuable.

We've attempted this year to carefully blend the paid adver- "May all your 'trails' be happy tising, government regulations,

and safety hints and hope the we suggest the following pages as result is a document you will file away and refer to often.

We draw attention to the fact that each dealer has colourful brochures available and will gladly mail out copies. A telephone call is all that is required.

We hope our efforts meet with your approval and as winter closes in our message to all snowmobilers is simply this: ones - and safe ones."



### Night trail ride popular

One of the most enjoyable snowmobile activities is a group ride at night. Taking a nocturnal journey results in a change in atmosphere. The same old trails become magically transformed into a new riding experience. Add the moon, brightly shimmering stars, frosty breath, stillness of the air and it sums up to an invigorating evening of many

Family riding or club safaris are eagerly anticipated highlights of the season. Whether the event is scheduled well in advance or through impromptu planning, night riders are headed for the best of times. Most such ventures last several hours if the kids are along and some have been known to extend to daybreak. There's no need to hurry anywhere special because the chief objective is to ride at a pace that keeps everyone to-

Sometimes there is a planned stop for a campfire, warm drinks or just a brief rest. Some groups plan a special stop and prearrange firewood or shelter. Food, supplies and necessary equipment can be stocked in advance or towed along in a cutter. Those nighttime campfire gatherings will be remembered long after the snow trickles away with the change of seasons.

Experts suggest a few sensible rules for that jaunt through the dark. Be sure that lighting systems are in top condition. Adequate trail lighting by headlight will keep you out of trouble. Don't outrun the limits of your lights. Good rear lighting is essential to keep the group together. It's also recommended that each rider try to keep the sled behind within sight to avoid separation. Helmets are mandatory because low-hanging tree limbs can be especially difficult to see. Carry a flashlight and spare batteries.



OVERLOADING - Don't overload - use a trailer. Your snowmobile will pull it more efficiently. Keep your eye on children, constantly.

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# Fun dependent on clothing

Winter safety and enjoyment depend on how well you dress for

Not only should you be aware of thermometer readings, but also of equivalent chill temperatures created by wind or by riding a snowmobile.

Temperatures as low as minus 10 degrees Fahrenheit may pose little danger for the well-bundled winter voyager. But when you combine a low temperature with wind, the possibility of freezing

exposed flesh increases sharply. That's the word from the snowmobile people who note that the minus 10 degree reading coupled with a 20 mph wind produces a chill factor of minus 53 degrees! And it doesn't matter whether you're talking about nature's wind, the wind created by the speed of your snowmobile,

### Photographers see winter's splendor on tracks

No season offers more opportunities for a photographer to indulge his creative urge than winter.

Wind-sculptured snowbanks, snow-laden evergreens and branches wrapped in ice are just a few of nature's subjects. And of course rare opportunities exist for the photographer anytime you mix kids and snow together.

That's where the modern snowmobile comes in handy. Most of our best winter scenery was inaccessible until the advent of these versatile fun machines.

Here are a few tips to make your wintertime shooting more rewarding and less troublesome:

- Avoid carrying your cold camera into a warm, humid building in order to prevent your lens from fogging and to make sure condensation doesn't form inside the camera.

- Watch exposure stops. A light meter is useful anytime, but it's particularly valuable when shooting pictures on the snow. On extra-bright days shoot at least an f-stop higher to compensate for snow reflection.

- Try using filters to get some

unusual effects.
- Experiment with time exposures on a moonlit evening. Catch some strategically placed lights or a cozy fire. The resulting mood shot should be highly satisfying to any photographer, are or povice.



or a combination of both

Cold weather apparel designed for snowmobiles is a must. This would consist typically of thermal underwear and a windproof, waterproof, insulated snowmobile suit with an insulated helmet and face mask. A snowmobiler should also wear waterproof boots with thick inner lining and gloves or mitts with similar cold weather characteristics.

Check the chill chart to see how wind conditions will affect the outdoorsman.

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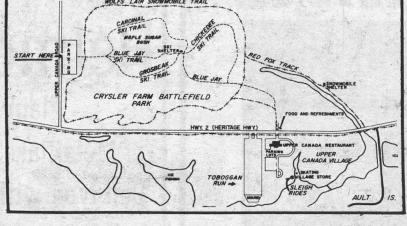
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## WINTER RECREATION

- Cross Country Skiing
- Maple Sugar Bush
- Snowmobiling
- Nature Trails
- Tobogganing
- Snowshoeing
- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides
- Ice Fishing
- Skating

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The St. Lawrence Parks
Commission

Morrisburg, Ontario

### Final preparations

# Advise check list for longer trips

ways follow a prescribed step-bystep safety checklist before each flight. Potential problems are eliminated and equipment deficiencies corrected before the plane is allowed to leave the

Experts also recommend a checklist for snowmobilers before "take-off" on long cross country trips:

Qualification. You must have complete command of your Chaincase oil should be at the machine and know and under- recommended level and all stand its operation. Practice turning, ascending and descending hills, emergency stops and the various handling techniques such as leaning, standing, kneel-

Controls. Freezing water can cause throttle and brake levers to lubricate stick. Be sure that they work freely and that the throttle returns all the way when released. Check your gauges for accuracy. A reliable compass is invaluable. Lights should all be

Battery. On electricstart models, a weak battery can be a the recommended gas-oil ratio as handicap. Be certain that it is at stated in your operator's manual. peak power and all the cells are Carry a reserve supply on trips covered by distilled water. In into remote areas. case of battery failure enroute,

by your service dealer is good field. insurance.

lubrication requirements met.

Skis. Inspect springs, fasteners and wear bar. Replace wear bar fire, protect yourself from the when needed to extend ski life. Try turning the handlebars in either direction to determine steering resistance; adjust and Obtain maps or trail information linkage when

walk by making sure that you have ample fuel before attemptit is good insurance to purchase a reputable brand of gasoline free from dirt and moisture. Mix it at

Repair Kit. It is a must to have first step to assure your rescue. know how to start the engine an adequate repair kit before

leaving for remote areas. Neces-Engine. A properly tuned sary items are pliers, screw-powerhead will be ready to driver, wrenches, extra drive perform whenever you need it. It belt, spare spark plugs, light will start easier, run smoother bulbs and other parts required and save fuel. A periodic checkup for emergency repairs in the

Drive System. While your Survival Kit. Never attempt any dealer is checking out the engine, long trip unprepared for the have him inspect the clutch worst. Carry snowshoes, flares, assembly, pulleys, drive chain, sprockets, track and suspension. first aid supplies, hatchet, water-proof matches, tarpaulin, food, water, map and flashlight. An emergency kit can be a lifesaver, if you know how to use it. Know how to set up shelter, prepare a wind and snow.

Route. Study the area which you plan to travel beforehand. and try to learn of potential hazards such as highway cross-Fuel Supply. Avoid a long, cold ings, steep ravines, thin ice covering avalanche country. Above all, never attempt a long ing a long trip. When topping up, trip if you have doubts about your

Communications. Leave word where you are going and when you can be expected to arrive at your destination or when you will return. In case of trouble on the trail, you have already taken the



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# Rules to follow when snowmobiling

Proposed by a committee comprised of representatives from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation; Michigan Conservation Commission; Minnesota Conservation Department; Department of Lands and Forests, Ontario, Canada; U.S. National Park Service: and representative snowmobile manufacturers.

1. I will be a good sportsman. I recognize that people judge all snowmobile owners by my actions. I will use my influence with mote sportsmanlike conduct.

3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs, or other natural features.

4. I will respect other people's property and rights. 5. I will lend a helping hand

when I see someone in distress. 6. I will make myself and my vehicle available to assist search

and rescue parties.

7. I will not interfere with or other snowmobile owners to pro- harass hikers, skiers, snow- travel unless specifically authorshoers, ice fishermen or other

2. I will not litter trails or winter sportsmen. I will respect camping areas. I will not pollute their rights to enjoy our recreation facilities.

8. I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles in areas where I use my vehicle. I will inform public officials when using public lands.

9. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas posted for the protection or feeding of wildlife.

10. I will stay on marked trails or marked roads open to snowmobiles. I will avoid country



### Wintertime sports more enjoyable in organized groups

Organizing for wintertime Work is also on a club agenda. snowmobile activity makes a lot Warm weather months are used of sense. Weekend cookouts, to prepare and maintain snownighttime trail rides, trips to a mobile trails. Many areas would race, rallies, meets with other be unfit for winter travel were it clubs, ice-fishing derbies and not for the local trailbreakers. rides for charity are a few of the Clubs also assist the home town many snowmobiling events people can enjoy in common.

There's a serious side to crowds during otherwise offorganization as well. Capable season winter months. Dozens of leadership will recognize the northern villages and small cities positive advances that can be have benefited handsomely from made through sensible, rather the winter bonus produced by an than restrictive, legislation. enthusiastic band of snow riders. Developing and maintaining snowmobiling areas and trails is most productive through organi-

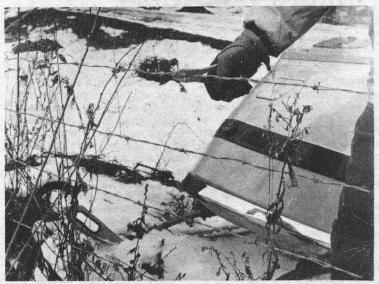
It also takes hard work to build a good image for snowmobile riders. Community service is one concept where a club can make clear gains in good will. Local clubs frequently form emergency search and rescue teams. In recent years, these service groups have provided invaluable assistance in time of need.

by staging races, rallies and other functions that bring in

There are several ways to get organized. While you can assemble a fun group with just a few friends and neighbors, it is also possible to develop a strong organization affiliated with a state federation or national association. You will find strength in numbers as well as the vitality that is inherent in a well organized club fueled by plenty of hustle and active participation.



### Safety rules for safe snowmobiling

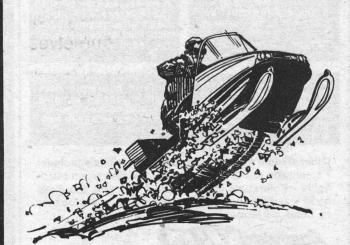


### SPECIAL SAFETY RULES

- 1. ALWAYS WEAR A SAFETY HELMET.
- 2. WEAR CLOTHING SUITED FOR THE CLIMATE. AVOID LOOSE CLOTHING.
- 3. BECOME FAMILIAR WITH ALL CONTROLS BEFORE STARTING.
- 4. BE EXTRA CAREFUL WHEN OPERATING IN CROWDED AREAS.
- 5. BE EXTRA CAREFUL WHEN CARRYING PASSENGERS.
- 6. USE EXTRA CARE WHEN PULLING SLEIGHS, OR CUTTER, USE PROPER HITCH.
- 7. DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO OPERATE YOUR SNOWMOBILE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS AND PERSONAL SUPERVISION.
- 8. STAY OFF LAKES, RIVERS AND RESERVOIRS UNTIL ICE IS SAFE.
- 9. SLOW DOWN AT NIGHT AND USE EXTRA CARE,
- 10. DO NOT LITTER. RESPECT OTHERS' PROPERTY.



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Manager Winchester Branch

Gary Shaver

# General safety rules

1. Know your controls. Read the owner's manual carefully. Learn how to stop engine quickly in emergency.

2. Always check the fuel level before starting.

 Never add fuel to a running engine. Before adding fuel, shut off engine and use an approved safety container. Remember that gasoline can be a hazard.

4. Check throttle to make sure that it is free and not frozen.5. Check your brake for prop-

er adjustment.
6. Make sure that steering

and skis are adjusted properly.

7. Keep all shields and safety devices in place - as instructed in owner's manual.

8. Make sure track is not frozen to the ground when starting your snowmobile.

9. Do not operate engine inside where fumes can collect.
10. Stop the engine whenever you leave the snowmobile - even for a moment.

11. Don't leave your keys in the ignition.

12. Carry a tool kit and know how to use it.

13. Make sure the machine is equipped with emergency gear-spare spark plug, extra drive belt, tools and flashlight.

14. Always properly maintain the snowmobile. Frequently check all bolts, guards and parts. Follow manufacturer's maintenance and storage instructions.

15. Drive at a reduced rate of speed until you are thoroughly familiar with your machine and the terrain.

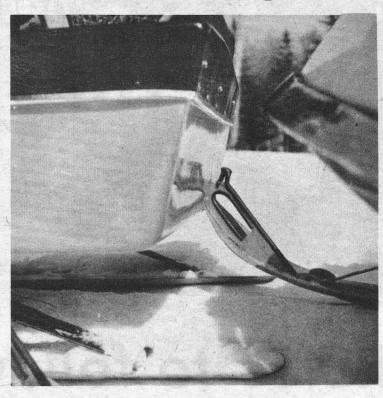
16. Don't tailgate.

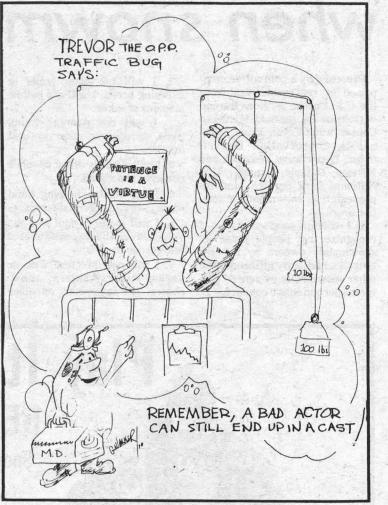
17. Avoid ski and sledding

18. Respect the rights of others courtesy pays.

19. When travelling any distance, use the "buddy" system.20. Don't venture out alone

20. Don't venture out alone without notifying someone where you are going and when you plan to return.







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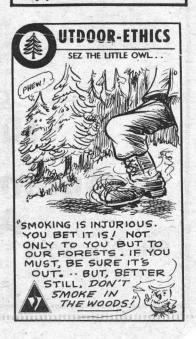
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# Snowmobilers take note

Local people will judge snowmobilers by your conduct. In many areas, there are no regulations regarding snowmobiling. Your actions could result in harsh by-laws depriving others of fun and enjoyment.





### Winter recreation for the entire family

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That's Crysler Farm Battlefield Park, a snow covered Family Recreational Region with all the trimmings!

Here you will discover nature as it was meant to be seen. Four cross country ski trails take you through a peaceful forest better known as the Crysler Park Maple Sugar Bush. It is not uncommon to see animal tracks in this region for it is within the boundaries of the Wildlife Sanctuary. Snowshoeing may be enjoyed throughout 3,500 acres of picturesque parklands. For the snowmobile enthusiasts, miles of groomed and marked trails are available. For those who seek a truly exciting outing the toboggan run on the Memorial Mound will provide family enjoyment.

For a truly unique and charming outing, take the family for a horse drawn sleigh ride through the streets of Upper Canada Village.

In addition to Crysler Farm Battlefield Park the St. Lawrence Parks Commission is responsible for over 6,000 acres of winter playground which includes the 1000 Islands Parkway, Long Sault Parkway and numerous other parks along the banks of the St. Lawrence.

After a full day of activities, relax to a hot meal at Upper Canada Restaurant (weekends only). Tickets for the sleigh rides and skating may be purchased at the Village Store where a fine selection of souvenirs, handicrafts and other gifts are available.

Parking facilities are available at both the entrance to the trails via Upper Canada Road (interchange 120, Hwy 401) and lots adjacent to the Restaurant and Village Store.

A well planned recreational program complimented by Eastern Ontario hospitality is "not so far away". Your equipment is all you require to participate in the activities. You will enjoy it!

All winter activities are subject to favourable weather conditions.

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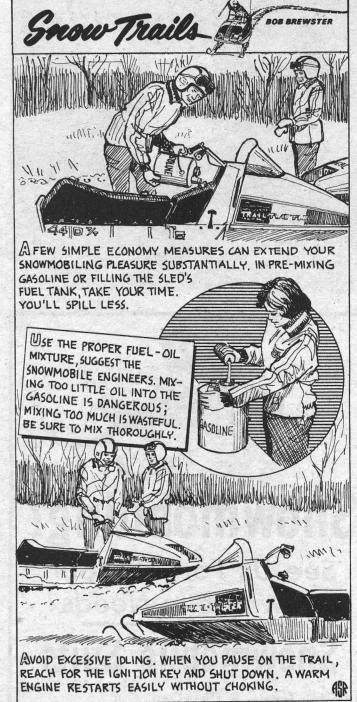
## Pack in, pack out

Snowmobilers, skiers, hikers take note: Snow won't disintegrate the carelesslydiscarded litter it hides along trails, on frozen streams, and at campsites during wintertime.

That's why trail specialists urge winter outdoorsmen to follow a policy of "pack in, pack out". That means to take out everything you take into an area in winter, including cans, bottles, cartons, and other debris.



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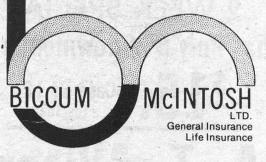
### Snowmobiling this winter?



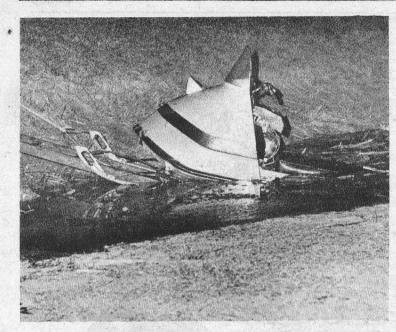
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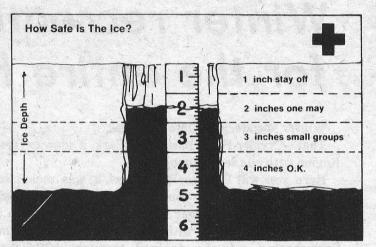
If you find it necessary to cross an unmarked waterway, try to determine ice thickness by chopping a hole or inquiring locally. The decision to cross must be weighed against the possibility of finding a safer, though longer, route. Bear in mind as well that an early snowfall can insulate the ice preventing an adequate buildup in thickness. Avoid river channels, flowages with fluctuating water levels and dam spillways.

Snowmobile trailblazers offer a few hot tips about ice. When traveling down a river bed, approach bridges carefully. Snow from the roadway can form a ridge on the ice that may reduce your overhead clearance. Slow down when crossing glare ice; it's much easier to maintain control than to regain it. Add studs to your track and carbide runners to your skis if much of your snowmobile activity involves running on ice or hardpack. Avoid spinning your machine, even for fun. A crack or an ice ridge can trip you, resulting in a hard spill.

trust it. Ice can be thick enough to support a semi-trailer load of snowmobiles and then yield with a single footstep. It can be glassy Cracks and slush are part of its

about 500 pounds and don't forget

There's only one safe generaliz- that traction is greatly reduced ation about riding on ice-don't on ice. Combine these factors and multiply by the number of riders traveling together; it's obvious that the chances of a mishap are considerably raised. Some people smooth or as wrinkled as a prune. assume that four inches of ice will support an adult skater, but it won't necessarily support a kid on a snowmobile. Even six inches Consider the fact that you and can be a safety borderline where your snowmobile can weigh a group of machines is concerned.



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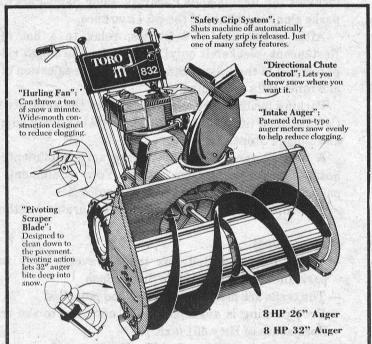
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## Cross country skiing easy to maneuver

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skiing equipment and head into the extra exertion and vigorous the wilds. After you have had striding required. enough of making your own way, When going cross-country, use your waiting machine offers a agliding walk, much like skating. change of pace.

country skiing have several common characteristics. Both North American snowbelt and rolling country without difficulty. require plenty of snow and open consequently ski shops everyspaces; skis are used for flotation where are now offering an excit-sidestepping at right angles to the and controlling direction and, of ing variety of special equipment slope. course, either way you get to enjoy the outdoors in winter. Have you ever considered going both ways, on the same day?

Snowmobile to the area you wish to "ski touring enthusiasts sport. Ski-touring enthusiasts sport. Ski-touring enthusiasts sport special joy in breaking your own ing knickers and colorful kneep stockings. Ski clothing is preferand other woodland creatures in their town behild the special points of their course of the special points. wish to "ski-tour", put on your able to snowmobile wear due to their natural habitat. You cert-

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### BE CONFIDENT BE SAFE

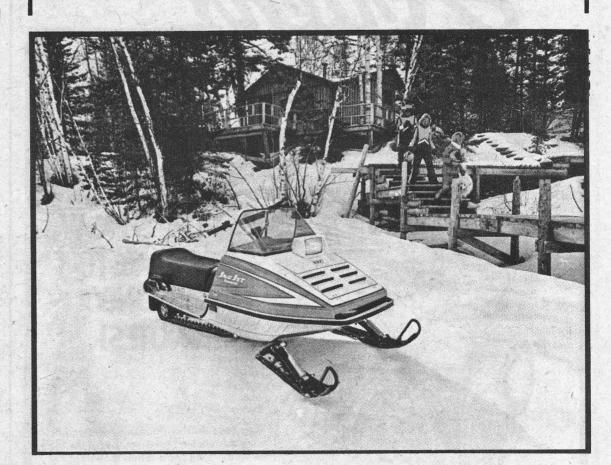
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### Tune-up key to fuel conservation

The fuel shortage has stimulated interest among snowmobilers on ways in which they can on the manifold. If the gasket is conserve gas and still enjoy their defective, have it replaced.

favorite sport.

these suggestions to offer: Tune up for economy. Proper ignition timing and clean spark plugs assure extra mileage. Be sure your engine is perking efficiently.

Check the fuel system. Make sure that all fuel line fittings are

Adjust your carburetor pro-Snowmobile engineers have perly. When functioning correctly the carburetor meters the precise amount of fuel required by a sled from idle to "full bore." qualified mechanic determine

**ICE SAFETY** 

to stop for a bit, reach for the ignition key and shut down. A warm engine restarts easily

without choking. Slow down. Exhilarating highspeed runs across the flats are Better let a factory-trained or part of the broad spectrum of snowmobile pleasure. Why not whether yours is okay. Some literally cool it a few times and carbs have air filters which loaf a little? Wide open throttle should be cleaned occasionally. running can increase fuel con-

Take care in refueling. Topping

off the machine's fuel tank or premixing gasoline in a portable container provides an opportunity for minor fuel spills. Take a little longer and spill a little less.

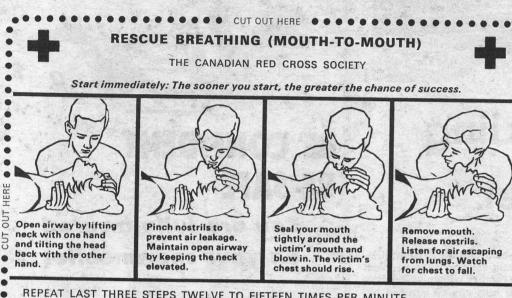
Check the condition of your belt. A worn, slipping drive belt results in the engine doing some work for nothing. The proper size drive belt, in good condition, should follow factory recommeans improved acceleration and better use of energy.

Adjust your drive chain correctly. A quick check should sive amounts of oil as compenascertain whether or not chain sation. tension meets specifications. Follow procedures outlined in the

other energy parasite. Follow the owner's guide recommendations for the right amount of slack in

the track. Use the proper fuel-oil mix. Lubricating oil is also a petroleum product. While mixing too little into the gasoline could damage the engine, mixing too much in is wasteful. Owners mendations. Drivers can also avoid abusive operational modes which tempt them to use exces-

These suggestions will not only help conserve fuel, but they'll save you money besides.



REPEAT LAST THREE STEPS TWELVE TO FIFTEEN TIMES PER MINUTE. IF AIR PASSAGES ARE NOT OPEN: Check neck and head positions, CLEAR mouth and

For infants and children, cover entire mouth and nose with your mouth. Use small puffs of air about 20 times per minute.

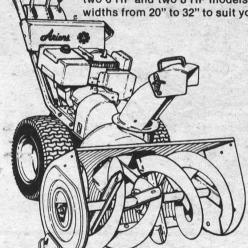
USE RESCUE BREATHING when persons have stopped breathing as a result of: DROWNING,

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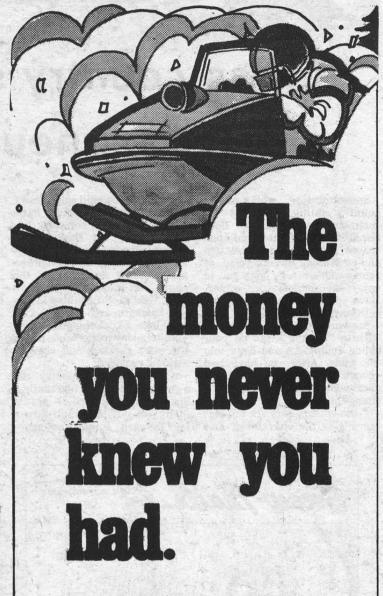
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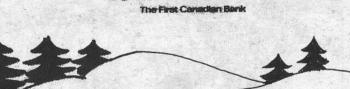
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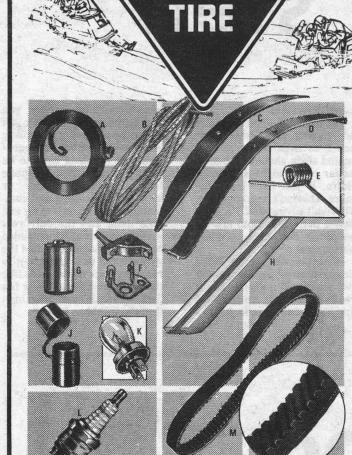
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# Arctic introduces economical sled

If you're one of the 750,000 snowmobilers out there who hasn't bought a new sled in the last four years, the Arctic Cat Jag 3000 was built for your strong consideration.

The Jag is a middle of the line sled that offers most of the features of the high priced stuff, still lets you do it all at a pretty good clip in satisfactory comfort and yet bears a price of \$1,545.00. For the \$1,545.00 you'll be picking off quite a sled that is an effective demonstration that a quality snowmobile package doesn't have to cost a lot. In every major criterion for evaluating a trail riding snowmobile, circa 1977, the Jag ranks from satisfactory to excellent.

In the area of performance, the Jag should be satisfactory for anyone serious about a trail riding snowmobile. Powered by a Spirit 3000, a free air twin with 336 cc's capable of producing 30 horses at 6 grand, the Jag won't snap your helmet off, but it's definitely a Cat and not a dog. Snap the throttle at any speed and you get a nice surge of power along with a feeling that, as they say, "the Spirit is gonna move ya." In fact, during two acceleration runs on hard pack through the quarter mile with the 30 sleds tested at Grand Portage, the Jag bested five pumping run where a higher percentage of the Jag's 30 horses were needed just to overcome resistance, the El Tigre-bred sports sled still bested three

As last year, Arctic's Spirit features the high horsepower, slow rpm concept. In examining the Jag or any Spirit-powered Arctic, you should think in terms of horsepower, not displacement. For instance, on the Jag 3000, with performance greater than most 295's on the market, the displacement is actually 336 cc's. The extra displacement permits the engine to more than match conventional performance, running at about 1,500 to 2,000 rpm slower.

As a sidelight that should interest any potential Arctic buyers, last year's complete conversion to Spirit engines was achieved satisfactorily without any real problems, which speaks well both for Arctic's research and development, and quality control. According to Arctic, last year's warranty claims on a per engine built basis were the lowest in the company's manufacturing history. Incidentally, warranty claims on the Jag Spirit engines were the lowest.

The Jag has all the Arctic quality features. The engine sports CDI, a 120-watt alternator and is fueled through a single 30 mm Mikuni slide

Taking a trail filled with deep moguls at a rapid speed on the Jag gives the feeling that for some reason you entered a rodeo and the chute just opened. One roller coaster ride over the deep moguls gives you a liberal arts degree in riding the Jag under the worst of conditions. Both the seat and suspension can handle the deep moguls and not give your body any punishment at all.

Under all other test riding conditions, the Jag performed in a more than satisfactory fashion - acceleration and straight line stability across snow capped lakes are excellent, hill-climbing agility, taking the skill of the rider into consideration, is adequate and the easy steering, seat and suspension make a four hour trail ride relaxing enjoyment and not a macho badge of honor.

One thing that will be a macho badge of honor with the Jag after that four hour ride is its remarkable gasoline economy. During a 20 mile trail ride through all types of riding conditions, snow types and terrain, including plowing two feet deep powder, the Jag came through with over 23

miles per gallon.

The old myth about free airs not cooling as effectively or being as dependable as fancooled sleds should be buried as far out of sight as Jimmy Hoffa. It just isn't true anymore. This isn't true anymore. This isn't saying that FA's are better than fans. Both are dependable. Both give excellent performance.

Dual purpose is an often heard phrase bandied about this sport and industry, but it really does apply aptly to the Jag. You can handle it as a luxury machine where you just get on and steer it. Or you can jump on, really get into it, and treat it like the fun machines that all sleds used to be when just riding a snowmobile through fresh powder or around body leaning and challenging tight turns was an end unto itself and the only real justification that you needed to buy a new sled. Handled the way most of us learned how to ride way back when, sleds like the Jag stand for the best fun and adrenalin pumping high that the sport has to offer.

