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Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan—

Saturday, Feb. 3 will signal the high point of Winter Carnival activities in the eastern section of Michigan's Upper Peninsula with the 22nd running of the International 500 Snowmobile Race.

Sault Ste. Marie, famous as the site of the historic Soo Locks, changes its traditional reputation as a mecca for summer tourists to that of an exciting winter racing community every February. The longest closed circuit snowmobile race in the country draws thousands of enthusiasts to an event patterned after the Indianapolis 500 automobile race.

Time trials will be held this year on Jan. 30 and Jan. 31. During the time trials and throughout the race, speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour are reached on straightaways. A two-lap computed record time of 94.2 miles per hour was established in 1986.

A field of 35 snowmobiles is expected for the International 500 with race time scheduled for 9 a.m.

Each year, machines become more sophisticated, but surprisingly, local drivers and amateurs have had excellent success competing with professionals.

In addition to excellent snowmobiling, the winter sport enthusiast has 17 different cross-country ski networks available nearby. This year, the Algonquin cross-country trails include an illuminated loop for night skiing.

Downtail skiing at the Searchmont alpine complex just north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, offers a 700-foot vertical drop. A unique attraction is a cozy trip on the Agawa Canyon Snow Train offering an exciting view of the Canadian wilderness in the middle of winter.

Spectator sports, including world class college hockey at Lake Superior State University, are available for evening entertainment. The beautiful city of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, a few minutes away in Canada, offers a special appeal for visitors. An additional unusual attraction is the Vegas Kewadin casino, found within the Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, city limits.

Call 1-800-647-2858 for Sault Ste. Marie tourist information.

Sault Ste. Marie is located in the eastern end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula at the terminus of Interstate 75.



500 MILE TEST—The International 500 Snowmobile Race, set for Feb. 3 in Sault Ste. Marie, is the longest closed circuit snowmobile race in the country.

Snow sleds illuminate frozen Lake Cadillac

Cadillac, Michigan—

Some 10,000 snowmobilers will converge on Lake Cadillac Jan. 31 -Feb. 3 for the North American Snowmobile Festival.

Guided snowmobile safaris through some of the northland's most scenic and best groomed trails are a festival highlight. All trips start near the headquarters tent on Lake Cadillac and the longer safaris run to a restaurant or village where meals are available.

The festival snowmobile torchlight parade at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 winds its way across frozen Lake Cadillac. Free torchlights are provided

to riders wearing a festival button.

Other outdoor activities include tree demonstration rides on this year's hottest machines, a radar run competition race and helicopter rides.

The Cadillac Civic Arena is the site for the Jan. 31 Kick-off Party and chili cook-off, Vegas Night activities Feb. 1 and the Pizza-Party and award ceremony Feb. 2, when a snowmobile, cash prizes and merchandise will be raffled off.

Cadillac is located in northwest Michigan at the junction of US-131 and M-55. Call 1-800-22-LAKES for more information.