

THIS FAMILY LIKES SNOWMOBILING



Who rides snowmobiles?

"I've always hated winter," says Mrs. Mary Gilbertson, secretary of the Livonia Sno-Flakes and now in her third year of riding.

"I'm the kind who doesn't even like to shop when it's snowing. I've never been involved in sports before.

"Last winter, though, we were out riding one night and it was 14 degrees below zero. It was so cold that when you breathed, your breath condensed on your hood, and little icicles hung down, you know?

"But you dress for it. One of my daughters went up to Houghton Lake one weekend and she didn't want to wear one of those suits -- you know -- she said it made her look fat.

"That was the last time she did that."

"I DON'T know just what it is, it's so pretty, so quiet in the woods.

"There are all the shapes the snow makes, and you are away from it all.

"Next year, we are going to get another machine, I think, for Brenda -- she's 14 and really interested. I think you get more machines because you get to like it, and it's not much fun riding with somebody else.

"The older one (Debby, 16) is getting a little old for it, I guess."

It's mainly a family affair, and this two-child, two-snowmobile family is nearly a statistical average, she says.

Whatever the fascination, it draws suburban housewives out into the snowfields when, previously, they would hardly get out of their station wagons.

Probably only camping draws out as many families in Michigan, and sure enough, the Gilbertsons camp, too.

STANLEY GILBERTSON was the family member who got the rest interested.

"When I was a kid in Minnesota, I would have given my right arm for something like this," he says, with the memories of staying only on the cleared roads, or not going very far.

"Sometimes when you stop a machine and get off, you sink in up to here." A hand cuts off at mid-thigh. "It's really tough to walk.

"I was brought up with snow, I know what it's about.

"I used to ski a lot, I suppose I would still be all right."

But with two kids, a wife, and a sport which is so easy to learn, (Mrs. Gilbertson claims she taught most of a Girl Scout troop the basics in an afternoon. Snowmobiles are the thing.

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