



snowmobiling

"Anything you can do I can do better!" That's a line from an old popular song but it's also a common challenge between two current day snowmobilers!

And why not? There seems to be no end to the kinds of challenges put to a snowmobile. And there seems to be no limit to the ways snowmobile enthusiasts use their versatile machines.

First it was simply 'over-the-snow' driving. Then longer excursions through woods and nature trails. Along came cross-country marathons and competition, camping and safaris for two-and three days at a time.

THEN RACING at high speeds approaching 100 mph on tracks banked with snow to keep the speeds up. Jumping events were introduced. Now come snowmobile rallies, performance competitions and precision drill teams--on snowmobiles.

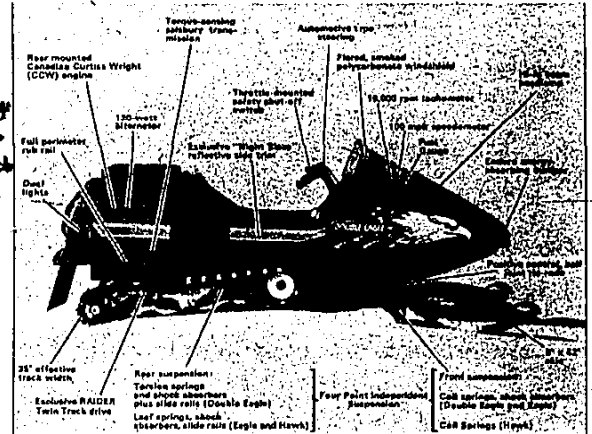
The latter follows the style of college marching bands and crack military drill teams. Groups of eight up to 80 snowmobiles perform intricate maneuvers in small open fields. In addition to the fun, snowmobilers learn the fundamentals of driving, timing, turning as well as competing.

Still the most popular use of snowmobiles is for traveling through remote country sections where Mom, Dad, and the kids can explore nature's winter wonders as a family unit. Today's machines provide a variety of dual seating on one machine as well as sled-tow arrangements so the kids can be towed behind one machine. But the range in cost of machines make some basic models ideal for younger family members to try their hand at driving.

A WORD OF CAUTION, however, Michigan laws are very definite on who can drive snowmobiles and where they are permitted. Check with the Secretary of State's office for the latest laws.

Snowmobilers should be aware of pending changes in the laws.

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