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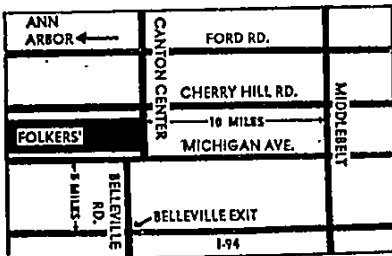
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*The Most Popular Winter Sport Is...?*



Is snowmobiling the most popular winter sport in Observerland?

It would be a good guess, and one indication of its popularity is that the Michigan International Snowmobile association, the sanctioning body for Michigan snowmobile activity, is in the process right now of moving its offices from East Jordan to Westland.

ON ANY weekend the trailers, loaded with a snowmobile or two, are dragged out of the garage and head for snow country.

If you look at those trailers, you will notice most of them are loaded double -- that's one of the oddities of snowmobiling as a sport.

Despite its being mechanical in nature, and therefore fast, it is really a family sport. "About 90 per cent of our machines are sold for family use," one local dealer said, and that is one reason for its popularity.

Kids like it, too, and although the days when just anybody could drive a snowmobile are over (ages 12-16 must be certified beginning in January), it is one way to keep a teenager happy before he is old enough to drive.

A psychologist at Michigan State University says people take up sports like snowmobiling because it puts risk back into people's lives which have become pretty much routine.

While this may be true, and "getting away from it all" is obviously the big appeal to snowmobiling, it is not

as risky as skiing. And if risk alone is the attraction, why are so many women finding it the best way to get outdoors in the winter?

"IT'S A LOT like riding a motorcycle," one experienced rider said. But it isn't.

Even though the handlebars on most snowmobiles are similar to a motorcycle, a snowmobile is a lot steadier.

At slow speeds, a press on the hand-lever throttle and you motor around as if it were a tiny car. At high speeds, in deep snow, the machine begins to bank into turns like a boat.

One lady we talked to said she had a whole Girl Scout troop putting around on snowmobiles in an afternoon of instruction.

At the other end of the scale, it takes at least three years to reach the status of a professional racer, if that is your cup of tea.

THE STATE of Michigan is sliced up into three regions, with Observerland in "region three," the upper part of the lower peninsula in "region two" and the upper peninsula in "region one."

Down here, they are treated as recreational vehicles, and are restricted pretty much to trails. Up north, they can be used on the shoulder of the road, and even on unplowed roads.

And that's as it should be, because there aren't any snow-bound farmers here. When you see those trailers heading out the expressway, you know they're out after fun.



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