

Our 56th Annual OHSC Open House and 12th Annual Vintage Show & Ride was this past Saturday Feb 24, 2024. It was a Total Success!!

Mother nature could have been nicer, but she sure could have been worse - we had a great day other than no snow. Worker prep day, on Friday, we had over 30 folks show up and help out - it was done by 1:30 - 2pm!! And the mud/water was miserable - thankfully it was cold and frozen all day Sat!!!

We had (124)-registered show sleds - with many new folks to the hobby and nothing but positive comments and thanks all the way around.

The World-Famous Rake Dog's Version 2.0 were a major success - served 500 of Rake Dogs and everyone was kept happy with our tables full of great sweets, hot chocolate, hot coffee and of course the Rake Dogs with all the trimmings.

We did have a couple boxes of hot dogs and buns left over, and they were donated to a local church, Calvary Baptist Youth Group for their event coming in the next week or so. The church already reached back to thank us profusely.

"Love that Carmel Corn " trailer was here again, and a big hit - already planning on next year too. This year they had a new flavor - strawberry cheesecake Caramel corn - it smelled amazing.

Both parking lots were quite full, and the sides of Fairview Road were pretty full all day long too. The parking crews did a great job.

The memorials for our recently passed members were well received, with several family and friends from the honorees there to share in the memorials. The 50/50 was won by a gal that couldn't stay for the drawing, so she put her name/number on back - and was able to return shortly after the drawing and claim her prize. The raffle sled was won by a grampa/guy from Armada Mich - who was on site and was very excited to win this - he even had a trailer with him so got to take it home. He and his grandkids will be here next year to draw the winning ticket for the 2025 event/raffle sled and ride the one they won!!

The Vintage Snowmobile Clothing Show came off very nicely - had 20 people that had dressed up in their vintage best and each one was introduced and shared some story on their clothing - many were "it was my grandmas/grandpas, great grampa's etc, or I got it at a yard sale and love the looks of it. I was able to share some history on many of the items and brands. It was fun and good comments afterwards.



Big thanks to everyone that bought tickets for our 120cc youth sled raffle - sorry you didn't win but you can try again next year, and the money is used for some great things in our West Branch MI community - college/trade school scholarships, shop with a cop, food bank and much more. It all stays local. This year we are going to treat ourselves to a new sound system. We have been using the current system from way back in the Erskine Marine - Mid Michigan Vintage shows - so it's been in service for quite some time and ready to be replaced/updated.

Thank you all that bought tickets, donated at the event, joined our club or pitched in somehow.

And of course we are already working on the 2025 event. Feb 22, 2025 and we will be raffling a really nice 2004 Polaris 120 youth sled - bright red in color.

Doug Lubahn, OHSC Trustee, Show Host.