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## Vintage snowmobile show draws a crowd

The 2026 Ogemaw Hills Snowmobile Club Open House and Vintage Snowmobile Show Feb. 28 was another great success. We had over 350 show sleds at the Frank Alley Trail head north of West Branch and at least 1,000 people attended the show. The place was packed and a good time was had by all. Many of the vintage sled owners came from out of state.

In honor of the nation's 250th birthday, the grounds were proudly decorated with over 20 full-size U.S. flags. A big crowd helped hold the 20 ft by 40 ft U.S. flag during our opening ceremony. During the parade laps later in the day, 50 full size flags were displayed on sleds. The flags were brought by the Blaine family.

The vintage sled ride on the trails was canceled due to poor trail conditions.

The raffle sled was won by Ryan from Dewitt. He bought his winning ticket at the Novi Snow Show in November. He and his kids are excited to pick up the 2003 Arctic Cat Z120 soon.



Please see **VINTAGE, 8** ▶ The snowmobile show grounds were decorated with full-size U.S. flags. Photo by Amy Hensel

# VINTAGE

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The crowds enjoyed hot coffee, cocoa, baked goods and over 800 fire-roasted world famous rake dogs.

The crowd-judged vintage sled clothing show was a blast; about 20 folks of all ages showing their finest and shared stories of family legacy tied to most that were very cool. Many honored their parents, grandparents and other family in the stories.

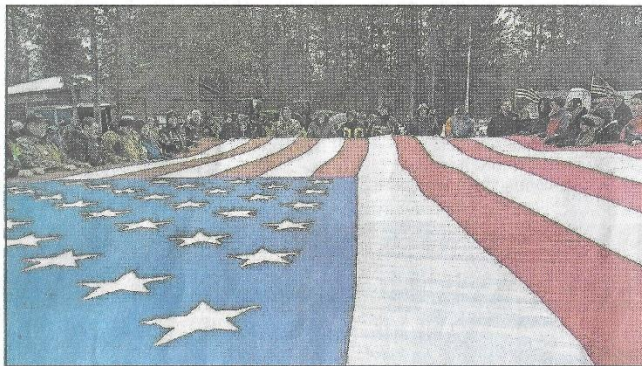
OHSC has been collecting youth-size snowmobile helmets for The Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum in Naubinway, MI, to use for their elementary student program. Our members donated 12 helmets. Club President John Hurry and his wife LouAnn delivered them on their way north after the show.

Congratulations and thanks to Doug Lubahn for organizing the show.

Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the show. Mark your calendars for the next Vintage Snowmobile Show & Open House Feb. 27, 2027.



Ogemaw Hills Snowmobile Club hosted a Vintage Snowmobile Show Feb. 28 at the Frank Alley Trail head north of West Branch. Photo by Amy Hensel



Show attendees hold up the 20 ft by 40 ft U.S. flag during the national anthem.

Courtesy photo



The crowd enjoyed over 800 fire-roasted rake dogs. Photo by Amy Hensel



Youngsters zip around the parking lot on vintage snowmobiles. Photo by Amy Hensel



OHSC donated youth-size snowmobile helmets to The Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum in Naubinway. Courtesy photos

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