

# Exceptional Snowmobiling



In our lives there are certain activities that we get involved with and enjoy so much they become part of our lifestyle forever. For me one of those at the forefront has been snowmobiling. It all started as a young 11 year old boy growing up in a small mining town in Northwestern Ontario, Canada. My father and I were out on an ice fishing trip in the winter of 1969 and all of a sudden a bright yellow machine came towards us as we made our way into the lake. The man on the snow machine, as they were called in those days, was someone my dad knew from the mine where he worked as a mining engineer. His name was Carson Hoy and he was trapper out on his line with his brand new 1968 Ski Doo Olympic 16 HP. Carson looked at my wide open eyes and asked me if I wanted a ride.

I hopped on the sled as fast as I could and that was the beginning of my lifetime interest in the sport of snowmobiling!

Now over 40 years later I am still riding sleds in all parts of North America, visiting snowmobile factories and seeing races with today's best snocross pilots on the planet. It has been a fun journey and one I don't see ending anytime soon. My interest in the sport has lead me to become a snowmobile magazine publisher, snowmobile web site developer and producer of snowmobile trade shows. My next project has been writing this book, Exceptional Snowmobiling: Riding, Technology & Racing.

Inside you will read about snowmobiling around North America ncluding, NW Ontario, Minnesota, West Yellowstone Park, Montana, Lake Chelan, Washington, Revelstoke, British Columbia, Whitecourt, Alberta and Lac St Jean, Quebec.

You will find out about my visits to the Arctic Cat Factory, Thief River Falls, MN the Polaris Factory in Roseau, MN as well as the Ski Doo Factory in

Valcourt, Quebec. You will meet some of the sports leading race figures like Captain Kirk Hibbert an icon in the sport, his son Tucker Hibbert todays

leading racer, Blair Morgan the sports winningness rider of all times, leaping Levi LaVallee who recetly tried a double back flip at the Winter X Games and many others.

My goal is to give you an interesting insight into the sport from someone who has enjoyed all that is has to offer. I hope you will enjoy reading it as much as I did writing Exceptional Snowmobiling: Riding, Technology & Racing.