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“Ice Blast”

WOW – Finally We Have ICE! National Straightline Snowmobile Racing held its first race of the NSSR 2016 Super Series on Forest Lake in Forest Lake, MN for the “Fastest Show on Ice”. Temperatures ranged from a -8 degrees F in the early morning to +9 degrees F in the afternoon with only a slight breeze from the Southeast during the day. The 1000 foot shaved ice track, 3500 feet shaved with shutdown, was aimed to the Northeast. Temperatures were actually nice with Sunny skies holding for most of the day. It was great that Ole Man Winter showed up during the week to help make some ice and finally get a race in the books!

Racer entries included nearly 100 on the Pro track and 110 on the Radar Run track making a great number of entries at 210 hot rods and close to 900 safe passes between the two shaved ice tracks. These snowmobile race enthusiasts are having a blast running their sleds, vintage rides, kid’s minis, and ATV’s on the Radar Run Track at NSSR they bring to the race track. There are nearly 40 classes on the Radar Run track that have trophies presented for first, second, and third places. Some of these stock and improved stock classes are seeing over a dozen entries at each event, lending to some great bragging rights for the ride home.

What do you do when the weathermen said to stay home on the couch in this blistering cold weather? Well, NSSR Racers and Fans don’t listen and knew not to stay home and sit on the couch by getting out and challenging the great winter day – yes sir, we are Minnesotans! The Radar Run track had some great hot rods including vintage sleds, many running near or above the 100 mph mark.

Thirty two of the Pro Entries ran at speeds of 120 mph or better in this competition. Going out on a limb here, but do the math on that with four passes per sled and it adds up to over Fifteen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Miles Per Hour (15,360 mph). Add up the other 68 sleds with four passes and an average of 100 mph and you now have over Forty Thousand Mile Per Hour (40,000 mph) - more than enough to even make NASA jealous!

NSSR is the only ISR Affiliated Speed Run organization where you can set World Records on the 1000 foot shaved ice competition. World Records in the Stock and Pro Classes were far and few between at this event. NSSR Racers posted three World Records at this race. The ice was good and there was no headwind, but the colder ice robbed some horsepower when pulling those picks out of the ice.

The first new World Record was in the Pro Stock 1500 class with the Mach Z/ Crankshop Ski Doo trailered in from Indiana and formally known as a “tar biscuit”. Rani Waldoch was having a blast taking his new rocket down the track and setting a new record at its debut posting an amazing 150.522 mph pass with a backup speed of 149.220 mph. Rod Spindler out of Wisconsin wasted no time this summer do some rework on those Polaris mods and came out swinging to take the new 440 Improved Stock Record at 106.270 mph and backing it up with a stout 106.142 mph. Congrats to RPS Racing on getting this record previously held by Janna Grussendorf on the Forest Lake Raceway that has stood for nearly ten years! Interesting to see if Janna will come out for revenge on her Hot Rod Polaris! NSSR’s Professional Trail Stock Classes are intended to provide a platform for new racers to compete on the Pro Track with a moderate budget. The Konsela family out of Wisconsin has embraced these classes and set some impressive records in

their competition. Tim Konsela on his 2003 Pro X 440 fan ran an impressive 81.203 mph with a backup speed of 81.05 mph to set a new World Record in the Trail Stock 440 Fan class – Congratulations Tim on this new World Record!

Vintage are more exciting than ever and these classics come out swinging. It is neat to see all these vintage sleds running in the Pro Classes and in the Radar Run. Even better, they are all having a blast! NSSR is seeing more and more Vintage Sleds coming out of the garage to race and spend a day with the family on the ice. What is neat is you can race all day and you run when you are ready to make a pass. Even better, the racing on the Radar Run track has unlimited runs if you buy the all day race pass!

The Dial In class is a great place to race on the Pro Track if you have a sled that does not fit a particular class and you don't have to be there with a great tune up. This class is growing and has some great paybacks. With this class you make four runs and try to be as consistent as possible with the speed of your first run. The first run sets the benchmark and then we add up the differences of the next three runs. It takes some skill to make four runs consistently over the course of 6 hours of competition with changing weather and ice conditions. Congratulations to Ken Ehrreich in taking the win in this class at a total variance of 0.751 mph on his 1983 SRV Yamaha – just amazing.

Top Speed of the day honor was captured by Rick Schellbach on his Super Mod 1620 cc Laydown Sled at 162.711 mph in the 1000 foot mark. This speed was challenged all day by Dave Borchert on his Turbo charged Yamaha and Dave led the Battle all day long posting an amazing 159.116 mph. Two Stroke versus Four Stroke power battles will continue in the Chetek, WI race coming up on February 27th. Rick continues to work on this new nitrous sniffing entry to break the 165 mph mark this season and take a new record in this class.

NSSR was honored to have the American Snowmobiler Magazine Staff on site at this race to document the competition of the day. A special thanks to Mark Boncher and Ross Halvorson for attending this event. I can't wait to see the video and write up on this one!

All records require a run within 2% to back up their World Record run and nearly 600 fans and race supporters were on hand to witness the record setting runs throughout the day!

This NSSR Super Series event in Forest Lake, MN was hosted by Vannellis by the Lake, Waldoch Sports, Straightline Performance, PowerMadd, ProLine Performance, Wahl Bros Racing, McDonald's Liquors, B&L Trailers of Princeton, and Bellman Oil of Bremen, Indiana. A special thanks to John Waldoch of Waldoch Sports for the use of the new John Deere Tractor and broom to keep the track clean. Also, a big thanks to the City of Forest Lake, the Washington County Sheriff's Office, and the Minnesota DNR for their support and cooperation to make this event happen.

Ron and Stacy Bray of NSSR welcome you to our next event on Saturday, February 27, 2016 in Chetek, Wisconsin as part of their Winterfest Celebration. We would like to thank all our sponsors who make these races possible! See www.racenssr.com for more information on results and upcoming events.