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NSSR Forest Lake, MN News – February 14, 2015 “Ice Flake Festival – Sweetheart Shootout”

National Straightline Snowmobile Racing held the second race of the NSSR 2015 Super Series on Forest Lake in Forest Lake, MN for the “Fastest Show on Ice” on Valentines Day. Temperatures ranged from a -8 to +7 degrees F with a stiff breeze of about 15 to 28 mph from the Northwest during the day. The 1000 foot shaved ice track was aimed to the Northeast. Temperatures were darn chilly with the wind and presented some challenges for the racers during the course of the day with Sunny skies holding for most of the day.

Racer entries included nearly 80 on the Pro track and 140 on the Radar Run track making a great number of entries at just over 220 hot rods and 750 safe passes between the two shaved ice tracks. Those snowmobile race enthusiasts are having a blast running their sleds, kid’s minis, atv’s, and motorcycles on the Radar Run Track at NSSR. There are nearly 30 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.

NSSR Racers posted five new World Records at this race with three of those being in the vintage stock classes. These folks knew not to stay home and sit on the couch by getting out and challenging the brisk wind chills. The Radar Run track had some hot rod Vintage Sleds, many running near or above the 80 mph mark. Nearly 31 of the Pro Entries ran at speeds of 120 mph or better in this competition.

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. Vintage Sleds were able to make headway and there were three new World Records established at this event. Devin Spindler of Wisconsin came to bump up the record he had set two weeks ago in Spicer, MN on his 1979 Polaris Centurion bumping the speed up to 94.529 mph. Young Mr. Cameron Parent of the Parent Race Team set two new Vintage records on their Yamaha Enticer 250 and 340, setting speeds at 66.976 mph and 56.213 mph. John Anderson on the James Brown Vortex 500cc Open Mod came out swinging to bump his old record up to 135.211 mph. These small Open Mod sleds just fly and it is like straddling a 2 by 12 plank with a big motor and a pair of skis in front of you, so not for everyone to try this kind of racing! Last year, Scott Kostman of Wisconsin came out swinging on his 2014 Artic Cat XF 8000 to take the Stock 800 Single pipe record away from Dan Graunke on his 800R XP Ski Doo. He returned to debut another World Record setting day with his stock twin two stroke Artic Cat, bumping his old record up to 117.391 mph! A great job by Scott Kostman and team on his Artic Cat - Congratulations!



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! How many passes can you put on your vintage sled in one day?



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 out of eight competitors at a total variance of 1.418 mph on his 1983 SRV Yamaha.

Top Speed of the day honor was captured by Rick Schellbach on his Super Mod 1620 cc Laydown Sled at 157.664 mph in the 1000 foot mark. Rick continues to work on this new nitrous sniffing entry to break the 160 mph mark this season.

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 Menomonie 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 events on Saturday, February 21st, 2015 in Fairmont, MN and then in Chetek, Wisconsin on Saturday, February 28th 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.