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NSSR Forest Lake, Mn News – February 11, 2017

“Ice Blast”

National Straightline Snowmobile Racing held its first race of the NSSR 2017 Super Series on Forest Lake in Forest Lake, MN for the “Fastest Show on Ice”. Temperatures ranged from a 31 degrees F in the early morning to 45 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 a bit on the warm side with mostly Sunny skies holding for most of the day. It was great that Ole Man Winter showed up earlier in the week to cool down the ice and finally get a race in the books!



Racer entries included 85 entries on the Pro track and 120 on the Radar Run track making a great number of entries at 205 hot rods and close to 800 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.

It was great weather to get the spectators out to watch some fast passes on the ice and the track held up well for racing action until mid-afternoon. More important, the racers had a great time finally getting the sleds out and meeting up with fellow racers and spectators. The Radar Run track had some great hot rods including vintage sleds, many running near or above the 100 mph mark.

Thirty seven of the Pro Entries ran at speeds of 120 mph or better in this competition. Our competitors continue to come from throughout the Midwest and included racers for North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan.

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 only two World Records at this race due to the warmer weather.



The first new World Record was in the Pro Max class with the Kyle Shilts/Bikeman Performance Artic Cat setting a new record at its debut and posting an amazing 174.193 mph pass with a backup speed of 171.769 mph. Kyle is always glad to have his Dad Kerry Shilts tuning his Hot Rod☺ Boyd Burke was excited to bring his 1979 Polaris out to set a new record at 81.279 mph with a backup pass of 80.446 mph of in the Vintage Mod Stock Mod Class.

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 continued to bring their Polaris iron out in these classes and have set some impressive records in their competition. This is a great class for the beginner to come race with the Pros of NSSR! Congratulations to Kyle Shilts and Boyd Burke on their new World Records!

Vintage sleds 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.

Top Speed of the day honor was captured by Kyle Shilts Bikeman Performance sled at the 174.193mph in the 1000 foot mark. Keep an eye on this sled as they will tune to bump this number up in our upcoming events.

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 racing throughout the day!

This NSSR Super Series event in Forest Lake, MN was hosted by Vannellis by the Lake, Waldoch Sports, Straightline Performance, PowerMadd, Castle Clothing, 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 18, 2017 in Green Bay, Wisconsin as part of their Battle on the Bay. We would like to thank all our sponsors who make these races possible! See www.racenssr.com and facebook under National Straightline Snowmobile Racing for more information on results and upcoming events.