

Snowmobile Trail Is Begun in County

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First Leg Of Trail Already Laid Out From Montello to Harrisville; Plan Tour Feb. 4

Snowmobiling — the fastest growing sport in the nation — has come to Marquette County, and in a matter of a few weeks, the county will have a 40-mile trail laid out for the drivers of the increasing "herd" of buzz-sleds.

Dick Hillary of Montello, president of the Marquette County Tourist Development Corporation said this week that the corporation has begun the laying out of the trail and that part of it, though still unmade, is ready for use. The county becomes the 45th Wisconsin county to lay out a snowmobile trail. Hillary added that "the one we plan will be among the very best, too!"

The trail, starting and ending at Montello (or, for that matter, wherever you want to put down your snowmobile), will be divided into four major segments. The first of these was laid out Sunday by a group of local snowmobilers, including Hillary and Dean Walters, Ken Schuman and Bill Broderick, from Montello northward to Harrisville. As laid out, there are NO fences to cross in this area, and only two gates. Hillary said it is possible to make this stretch in little more than an hour and there is no road travel — all of it is through woods or fields or on marshes.

The second leg of the trail will be from Harrisville to Westfield, and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce will be largely respon-

sible for laying out the trail so that fences and gates are at a minimum and scenic attractions at a maximum.

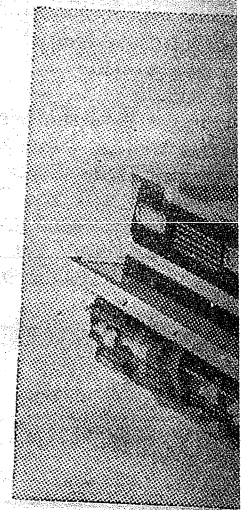
The third leg of the trail will be from Westfield to Oxford, probably via the wilderness area in the Oxford Bluffs. The responsibility for laying out this segment of the trail will be in the hands of the Oxford members of the Tourist Development group.

The final leg of the circle will be from Oxford to Packwaukee and on to Montello, possibly via the frozen surface of Buffalo Lake. Everyone will have a hand in laying out this section.

Hillary told the Tribune that he hoped that the entire trail is laid out in time for an opening "grand tour" of the entire run on Sunday, February 4th.

"This year will be largely a trial run period," Hillary said. "We hope to have the route marked with simple rag markers of a bright color. Next year, however, we plan on having the trail completely marked with permanent wooden markers, a map made available to all snowmobilers and in all likelihood an insurance system set up so that liability to property owners can be taken care of properly. We may also organize a snowmobile club for the area and have regular tours and guiding services."

As soon as the trail is completed, the Tribune will publish a map.



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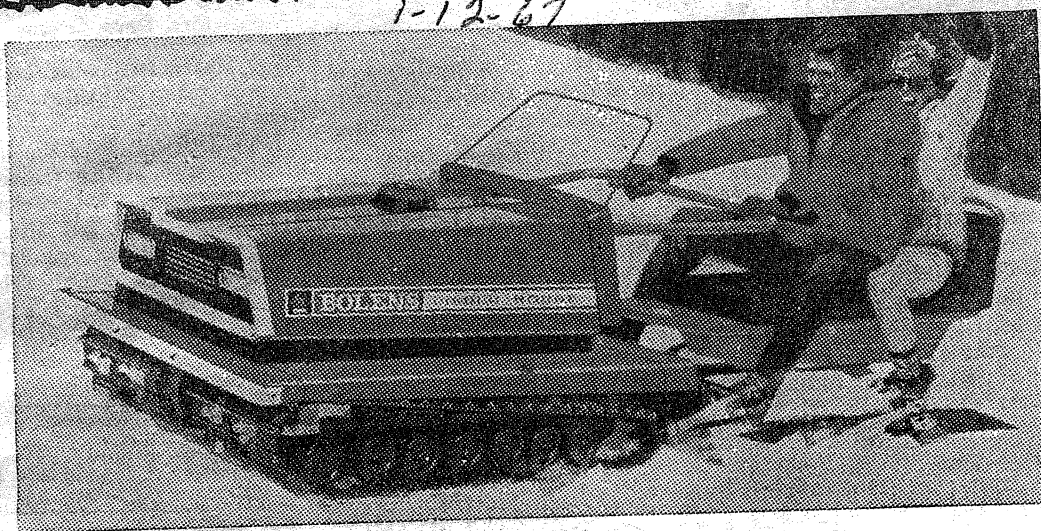
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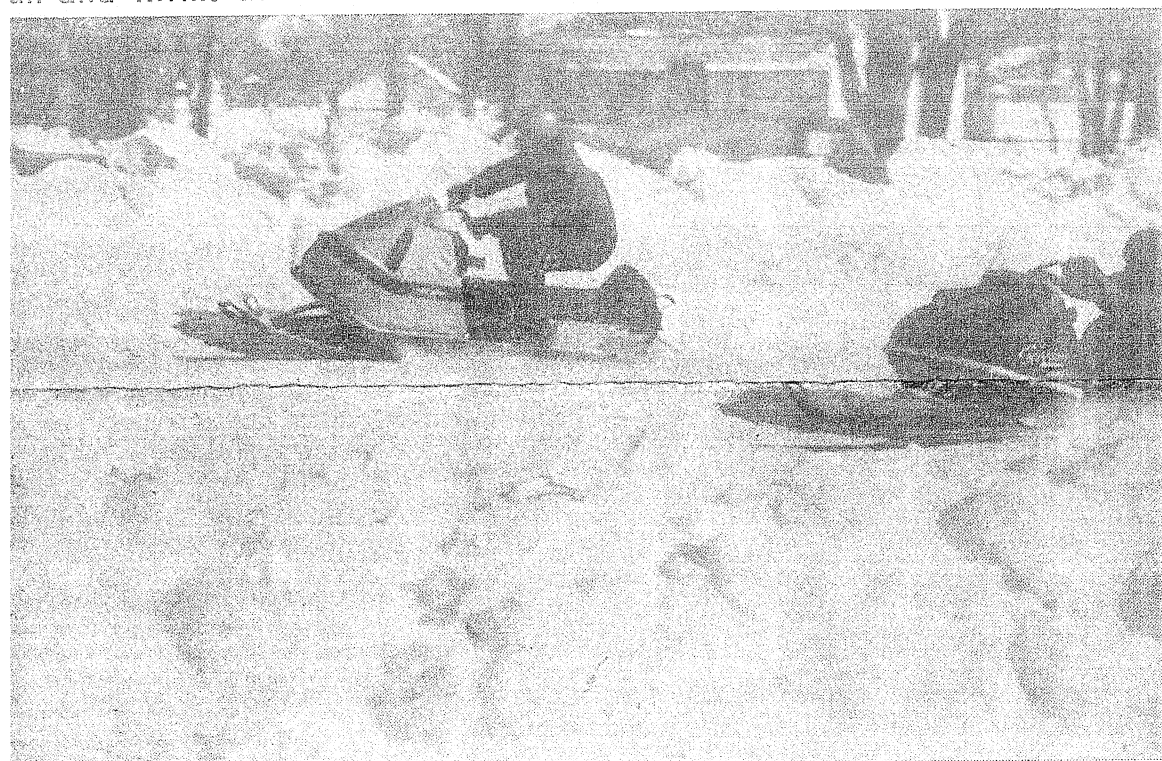


Up, up and away! This snowmobile racer soared high and far from the track at the Oxford races last Sunday and was lucky to escape with bruises. The camera caught him just as his machine went over the top at full speed. A

second later it crashed six feet straight down and a dozen feet out from the top of the bank, narrowly missing several bystanders below. The operator, though bruised, suffered less than his machine, which was damaged. The races were run

with a minimum of spills. Two machines rolled on the track early in the races, and another later in which the driver suffered a sprained wrist. This was the only mishap where the machine left the banked oval track.

Fun and Thrills at the Oxford Snowmobile Races



A pair of roaring snowmobiles track erected at the Oxford park snowmobile races Sunday. A crowd of about 300 watched the events.



Starter Ron Holtz of the Oxford Lions Club gives the starting flag to the racers.

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The winners in the first annual Oxford Lions Club Snowmobile rally Sunday were listed as follows:

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2nd Snowmobile 1969 Trail Leg is Laid Out

The second leg of the County's planned snowmobile trail was laid out between Harrisville and Westfield last week, and a good start made on the last leg from Oxford to Montello. The Montello-Harrisville leg had been laid out previously.

The final leg, Westfield to Oxford, is still not mapped, but the Tourist Development Corp., which is carrying out the project, hopes that it may be done by the time the first tour is made Sunday.

The Harrisville-Westfield leg was laid out Sunday through the efforts of Paul Thaalcker, who contacted the land owners for permission; Dr. Charles Pace, who used his snowmobile and Ed Brunner who rode the route with Thaalcker as trail-blazers.

Dick Hillary was in charge of the Oxford-Montello route.

As soon as completed, the route map will be reproduced in the Tribune.

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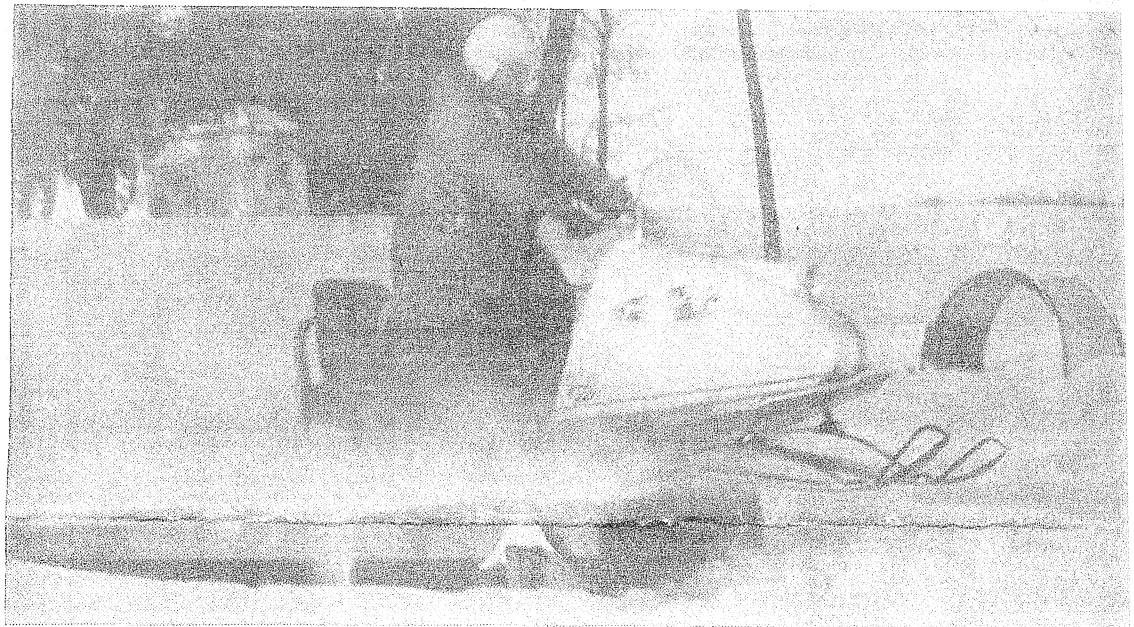
Snowmobiles Take off on Trail Ride —



This is almost all of the 19 snowmobiles which made the 15 mile round trip cross country to Harrisville Sunday in the County Snowmobile Club's first trail ride.

All of the machines finished in good order and there was no need to use the "ambulance, shown in the foreground being pulled by John Upham's 35-horse power machine, the biggest one on the trail. In all 24 persons made the trip. More trail rides are planned.

Flying Snowmobile —



A little pre-trip warm-up was provided by snowmobiler Dean Walters at Montello Resort Sunday, part of the trail ride to Harrisville. Dean roared his machine off the resort pier at near top speed without trouble.