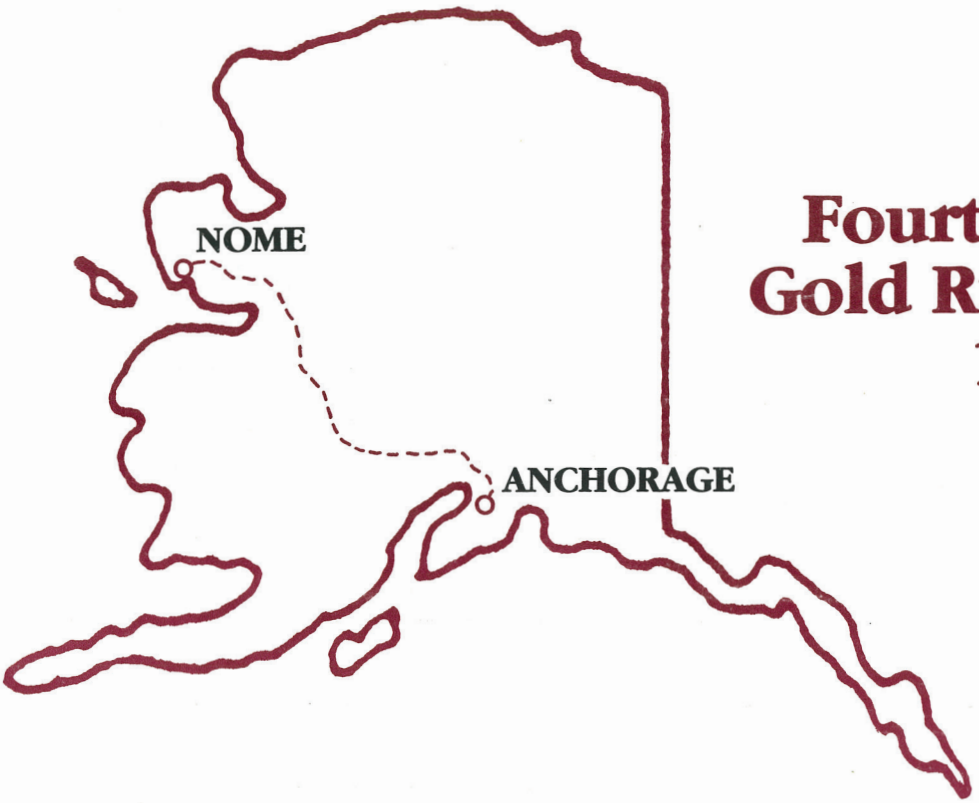
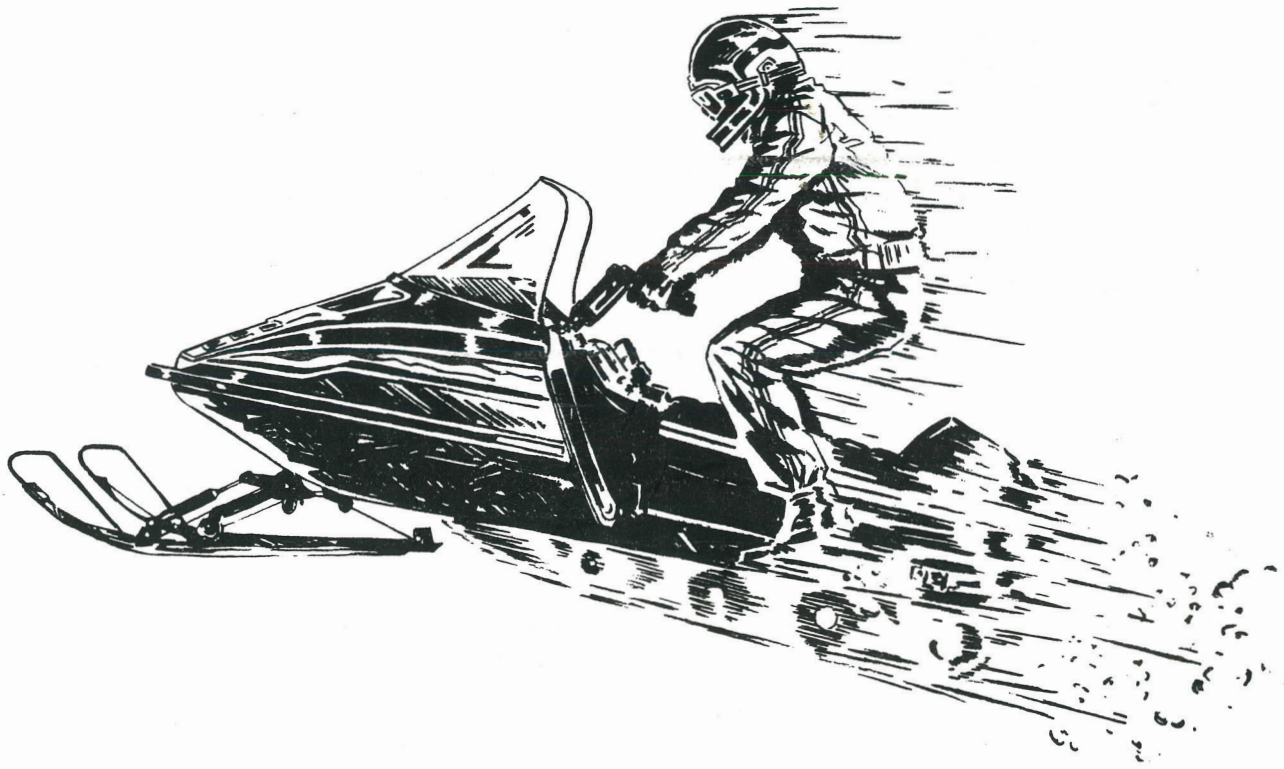


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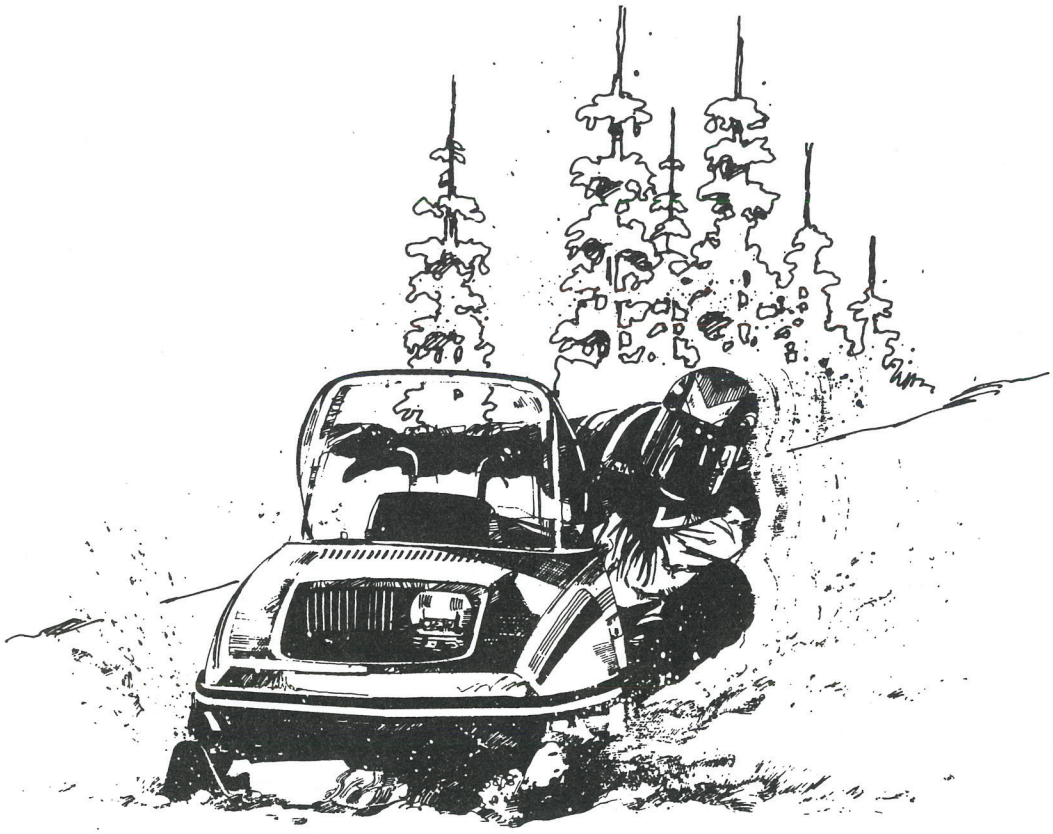
The Gold Rush Classic came into being as the old Winnipeg-St. Paul race collapsed in 1981 due to organizational headaches. High officials of Yamaha Motor Corporation asked Bob Kowalke of Anchorage Cycle Sales if he could organize a long-distance race in Alaska. Bob returned to Alaska and met with many interested snowmobile racers and enthusiasts; they all agreed that the Iditarod trail would provide the ultimate challenge for snowmobilers. In the spring of 1983 the decision was made to schedule the first Iron Dog Classic for the following winter.

That first race was to be held in mid-February of 1984 but objections by various dog mushing groups and delays for B.L.M. hearings pushed the start off until late March. By this time there was no longer enough snow on the first 250 miles of the trail so the starting line was moved to McGrath and 30 racers and their machines made the first miles by airplane. Even so, the first race was the longest snowmobile race ever held and it was an unqualified success. John Faeo and Rod Frank arrived in Nome fourteen minutes ahead of Scott Davis and Steve Deptula, with Darrell and Kenny Howard close behind in third.

The second race, now renamed the Gold Rush Classic, left Big Lake on February 14, 1985. This race, the first to travel the entire 1,100 mile Iditarod Trail, was, indeed, a classic as 15 teams battled brutal weather and trail conditions. Some 72 hours after leaving Big Lake, Scott Davis and Gary Eoff beat John Faeo and Rod Frank by just 3½ seconds in a photo finish. David Morgan and Homer White arrived in Nome a few hours later in third place.

The third Gold Rush Classic again saw snowmobilers battling adversity and terrible trail conditions. Twenty teams left Big Lake on February 19, 1986 and just 51 hours later, John Faeo and Dan Zipay arrived in Nome. Making a late charge but finishing an hour later were Mike Lie and Tony Richardson and Scott Davis and Steve Tachick overcame some serious mechanical problems to grab third.

Now in its fourth year, the Gold Rush Classic is well established and is widely recognized as the greatest challenge in the sport. The race that was once the object of so much controversy is now widely accepted as the crown jewel of snowmobiling.



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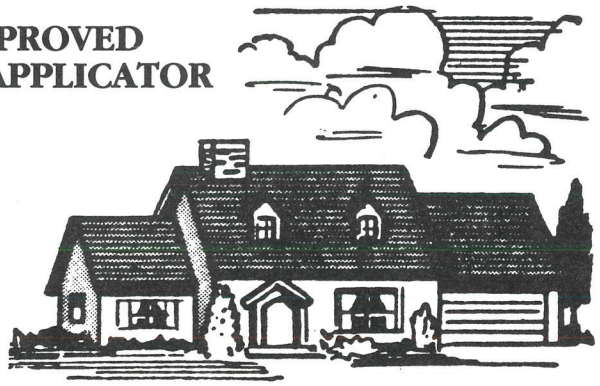
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9.	Scott Davis - Mark Torkelson	Yamaha	1-15-87
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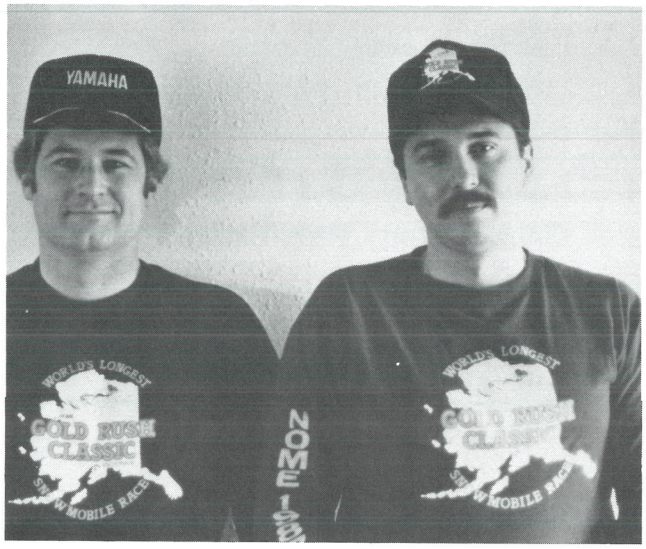
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Pat Reilly/Rick Thornton



Pat Reilly and Rick Thornton are both active snowmobile racers from Anchorage. Pat was raised in Anchorage and has been a snowmobiler since 1966. For many of those years, he has been a tough competitor on the racing circuit and has entered races all over Alaska. In 1984 Pat was high point champion in Class V for the Alaska Motor Mushers and was also the High Point State Champion in 1986. Pat, 31, and his wife April own Rain Proof Roofing and have two sons, Chris and Michael.

Rick Thornton moved to Alaska in 1975. Soon after he began snowmobile racing and has been heavily involved since. He has won many races, including the Big Lake 500, and was Motor Mushers High Point Champion in Class VI in 1985. Rick, 31, is the Assistant Manager of Washington Hardware Co. and he and his wife Penny have one son, Justin age 8.

This is the third Gold Rush Classic for Pat and the second for Rick. Due to mechanical problems, the frustrated racers only made it as far as McGrath last year. Pat and Rick have changed to Yamaha Exciters and hope to have a more successful race this year.

Pat and Rick are sponsored by: Spenard Builders Supply, Olympic Stain, Western Sheet Metal, A.S.C. Pacific, Carlile Trucking, Western Insulfoam, Uresco, and Malarkey Roofing.

Our special thanks to Bob Kowalke and everyone at Anchorage Cycle Sales for their help and support in preparing for this year's race.

David Morgan/David Booth

David Morgan and David Booth are both from Nome. David Morgan was born into a famous snowmobiling family. His grandfather and father have been Polaris dealers since 1957 and his grandfather also built one of the first "snowmobiles" in Alaska in the late 1920's. David has had many high finishes in Nome and Kotzebue races. This is the third time for Morgan to race the Gold Rush Classic. Morgan is 24 and single.

David Booth has been in Alaska seventeen years. He started riding snowmachines at the young age of eight. Booth started racing a few years ago and holds the record for the slowest time in the Nome-Golovin race. David, 23, trains by riding treacherous snowmachine trails with Morgan's girlfriend, Tami, and loves ptarmigan soup.

Morgan and Booth will be riding Polaris Indy 400's in this year's race.

John Faeo/Dan Zipay



John Faeo and Dan Zipay have decided to try their luck and race the Gold Rush Classic one more year as a team. After winning last years race, John was ready to retire from snowmobile racing but Dan convinced him to race just one more time. Both men have enviable racing records. John began racing in 1972 and has captured high honors in every race in the State, including being the only racer to win the Talkeetna to Anchorage five times, the Big Lake 500, Valdez, Nome to Golovin, and Kotzebue races. John and his partner Rod Frank won the first Iron Dog Classic and placed second in the Gold Rush Classic the following year. John, now 31, was born and raised in Anchorage, he is a longtime employee of the Alaska Railroad. John and his wife Vicki, have two sons, John age 8, and Scott age 3.

Dan Zipay began racing in 1974 and he too, has an impressive list of victories to his credit. Just to mention a few, he has won the Talkeetna to Anchorage, Nome to Golovin, Big Lake 500 and the Midnight Sun 600. Last year Dan and John were fortunate enough to team up for the first time, and come out on top, to win the Gold Rush Classic. A partner in Zipay Trucking, Dan, 31, and his wife Lisa have two children, Alexandria age 2, and Daniel age 9 months.

John Faeo and Dan Zipay were the eighth team to sign up and are riding Polaris 400 Indys'. They are sponsored by Polar Equipment, E J Bartell's, Nelson Kogane Bookkeeping, Starting Line Products, McKinley Title and Trust, Dean's Automotive, D.J.'s Alaska Rental, the Brokers at Dean Whitter, Jim Puler, Ken Hatch, Gary Klopfer, James Arnout, Hanson Trucking, Alaska Excavating and Equipment, Alaska Power Sports and H.R. Redmond Co.

Scott Davis/Mark Torkelson

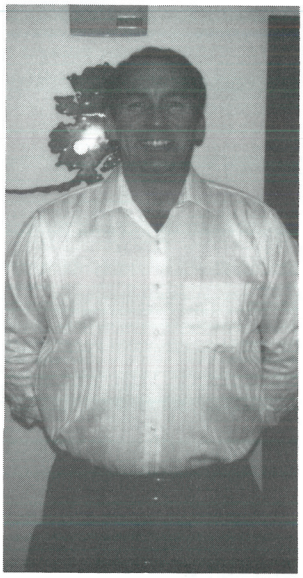
Scott Davis will be making his fourth trip to Nome and Mark Torkelson will be making his third. Scott has lived in Soldotna for 23 years and has been riding and racing snowmobiles for nine years. Scott is also a well-known motorcycle racer, having won sixteen state championships. Scott, 27, is married and is a partner in Davis Block Co.

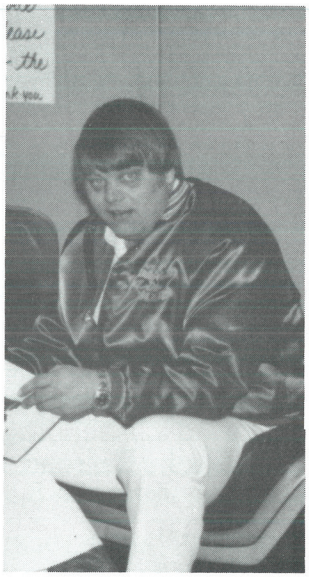
Mark Torkelson is recognized as one of the toughest snowmobile racers in Alaska, particularly in cross-country events. He began racing in 1972 and has a long string of top placings, including winning both the Valdez Mayor's Cup and the Hatcher Pass 60 twice.

Scott and Mark will be riding Yamaha Exciters this year. They were the ninth team to sign up.

Ellis Smith/Billy Norman

Ellis "Smitty" Smith and Billy Norman have both been racing for years and are entering their fourth Gold Rush Classic. Smitty has been a snowmobile racer for many years and was very successful during the 70's, including winning the Kenai to Homer race. Now retired from racing, he only takes his racing helmet off the shelf once a year for the Gold Rush Classic. Smith, 43, is married to Sherry and has two children.





Like Smith, this is the fourth Gold Rush for Billy Norman. Billy who lives at Big Lake, began racing in 1980. He was forced to scratch from the inaugural Iron Dog Classic in 1984 while riding a Manta but he did finish in 1985 with partner Jim Knapp. Billy, 39, and wife Sandy have three children.

Smith and Norman were the first team to enter. They are riding Yamaha Exciters and are sponsored by Ace Supply, and Billy Norman Realty.

Bob Dickerson/Lynn Lythgoe

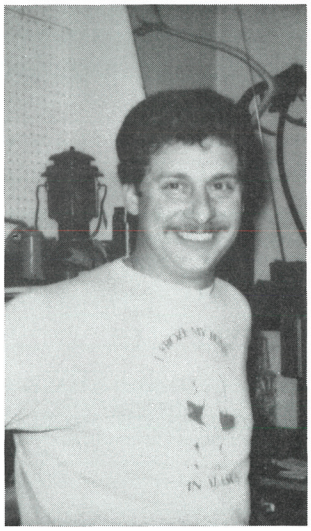
Bob and Lynn are both entering their second Gold Rush Classic. Bob has lived in Anchorage for 22 years and is an active outdoorsman. Although he has no racing experience, he has been riding snowmobiles and motorcycles since 1966. Bob, 37, is married and has two children. He is employed as Field Manager for the Excavation Company, specializing in land development.

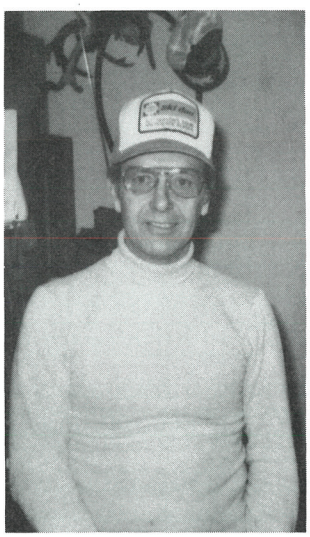


Lynn has lived in Anchorage for 26 years and has been riding snowmobiles and motorcycles almost that long. While he does not have a substantial racing background, he has ridden extensively. Lynn, 36 is married with two sons, and two daughters. He is the President of L.H. Construction Inc., and the Excavation Company.

Bob and Lynn are riding Yamaha SR-V's. They are sponsored by L.H. Construction and The Excavation Company.

Rodney Price/Robert Tierney



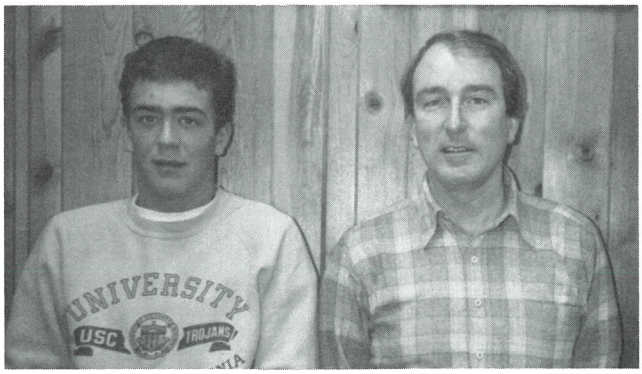


Rod Price, a familiar name to Alaskan Snowmobilers, and Bob Tierney should prove to be a strong team for this year's race. Rod has been racing snowmobiles since he arrived in Alaska in 1968 while in the Air Force. He has numerous class wins and overall finishes on his record and is making his fourth trip to Nome in the Gold Rush, having ridden with Ellis Smith to a ninth place finish in 1984, forced out of contention by mechanical problems, again with Smith, in 1985 and combining forces with Mark Torkelson in 1986 for a seventh place finish. Rod has also been active in the business end for some years and is presently General Manager of Miller's Equipment and Recreational Center, the Alaska Ski-Doo Distributor. Rod, 41, is married to Pam, President of the Gold Rush Classic, and they have one child, Race Allen.

Bob Tierney and his family arrived in Anchorage June of 1967, moved to Bethel, Alaska where he was introduced to snowmobiles and has been enthusiastic ever since. Bob moved back to Anchorage and started racing at Big Lake, Hatcher Pass Sixty, Palmer Classic, Big Lake 500, Big Lake Enduro's, and many smaller events. Racing continued till 1976. Wins, loses, and DNF's, usually finished top five in class and top ten overall. Bob averages about 3000 miles a season on a snowmobile. Bob, 55, and his wife Claudia have two daughters, Robyn and Suzan, and five granddaughters.

Rod and Bob were the third team to enter and are riding Ski-Doo Formula MXLT's. They are sponsored by Bombardier, Inc., Miller's Equipment, and Alcan Electric.

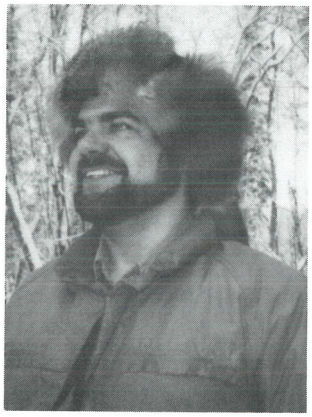
Paul Hughes/Wilson Hughes



Paul and Wilson Hughes are sixteen year Alaskans who look for every opportunity to enjoy the challenges of the Great Land. Paul enjoys mountaineering and winter camping in addition to snowmachining. Wilson spends most of his spare time boating in the summer and snowmachining in the winter. Paul is a senior at Service High School. Wilson is an electrical engineer.

Paul and Wilson originally signed up in the trophy class but decided to go into the money class. They will be riding a Yamaha SRV and a Yamaha Phazer.

Doug Lyman/Melinda Lyman





Doug and Melinda are the Gold Rush Classic's first man and woman team. Doug and Melinda live in McGrath and mine for gold.

Since the first practical snowmachine came out, Doug and Melinda have depended on them for work and transportation as most of us would depend on a car or pick-up. They have used them for recreational purposes, trapping and work. Not until now have Doug and Melinda taken the time for a trip as long as the Gold Rush or for competition.

Doug and Melinda are riding Yamaha SRV's and were the second team to sign up for the race.

Bob Gilman/Jim Wilke



This will be the first Gold Rush race for this team, although both are experienced snowmobilers. Bob moved to Alaska from Montana in 1977 and began riding snowmobiles soon after arriving. He spent his first few winters in Alaska trapping in the Kotzebue area, piling up 14,000 miles in the winter of 1980. He also began his racing career during this time, the high points being a 2nd overall in 1981 in the Kotzebue race as well as a 3rd overall, first in class in the 1985 Kotzebue race. Bob has also raced in the Anchorage area races as well. The self-employed owner of Gilco Construction, Bob, 24, is single and makes his home in Wasilla.

Jim Wilke began racing in 1967. Active in snowmobile racing in the Nome area during the 70's, he recorded numerous high finishes in the Nome-Golovin and Kotzebue races, including first in class, 3rd overall in the 1976 Nome-Golovin and second in class in the 1979 Nome and 1980 Nome and Kotzebue races. Upon moving to Anchorage, Jim retired from competition, serving for the past three years as President of the Gold Rush Classic. Jim, 35 is a bartender/truck driver and he and his wife, Lisa, live in Anchorage.

Terry Beilke/Gene Benson



Terry Beilke and Gene Benson have the honor of being the only out-of-state entrants coming all the way from Oregon.

Terry Beilke has been riding snowmobiles for nineteen years. Terry is an agricultural chemical applicator farmer and a snowmobile mechanic. Terry, 34, and wife Debbie have two children Lyle 3, and Erin 5. Debbie seems to think her husband is nuts for entering this race.

Gene Benson has been riding snowmobiles for eighteen years. He is the shop foreman for Automatic Transmission Specialties in Salem. He is one of only two people who has ridden across the state of Oregon on a snowmobile and is looking forward to the challenge of riding across Alaska.

Gene and Terry's motto is: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

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Frankie Lane/Chip Fields

Frankie Lane and Chip Fields are both from Kotzebue. This is Frank's second time to race the Gold Rush Classic. He was raised in Kotzebue and works for Kotzebue Electric Corporation. Frankie, 23, is an avid snowmobiler and races the Kotzebue race every year.

Chip Fields was born and raised in Kotzebue. This is his first time to run the Gold Rush and he is very excited about it. Chip, 21, is a student at the Tech Center in Kotzebue. He also races the Kotzebue race every year.

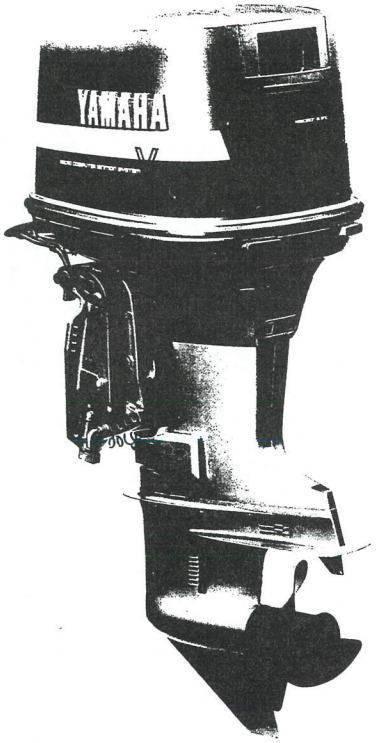
Frankie and Chip will both be riding Yamaha's this year.

Drew Loyer/Samuel Hill



Drew Loyer and Samuel Hill are sixteen year Alaskan residents, and have been avid snowmachiners since arriving in Alaska. They enjoy boating, hunting, and fishing in the off-winter months, and spend as much time as possible snowmachining in the winter. They have built cabins in the Talkeetna mountains and manage to make these their "winter retreats" whenever possible. Drew owns his own excavation company, D&S Unlimited, and Sam is a General Contractor, his firm being Designs in Wood, Ltd.

Drew and Samuel first signed up in the trophy class but decided to upgrade to the money class. They will be riding Arctic Cat Panthers.

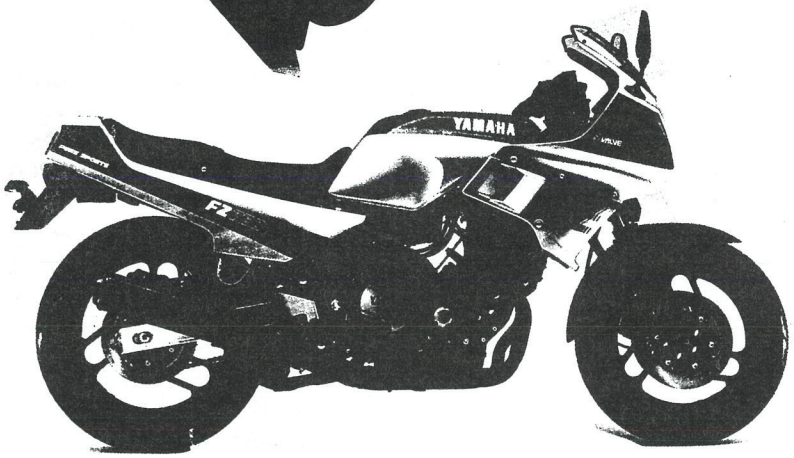


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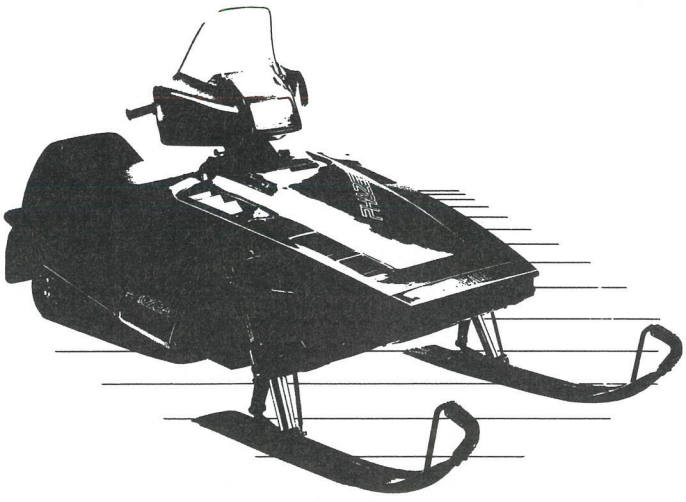
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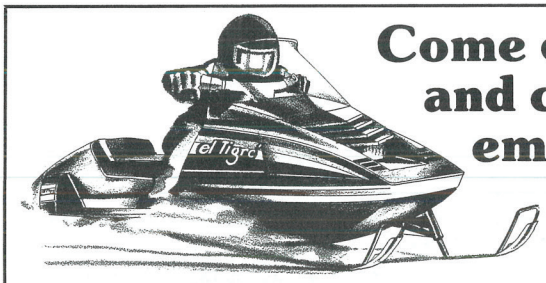


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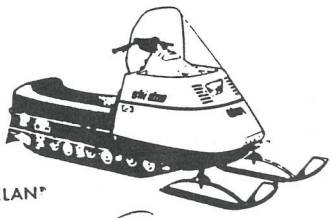
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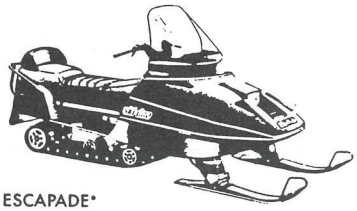
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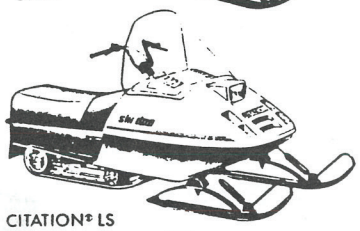
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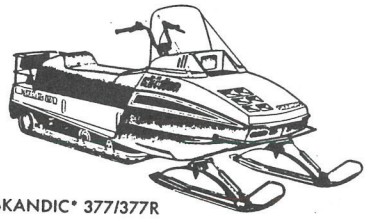
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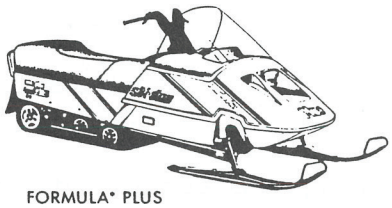

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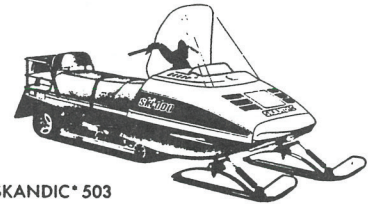

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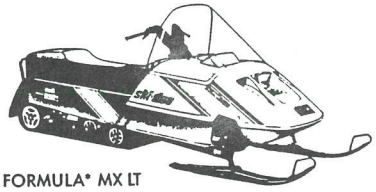

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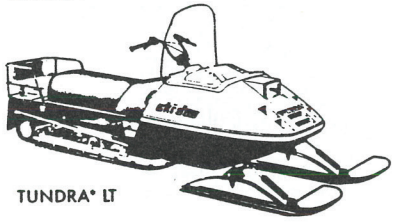

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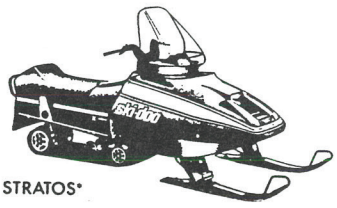

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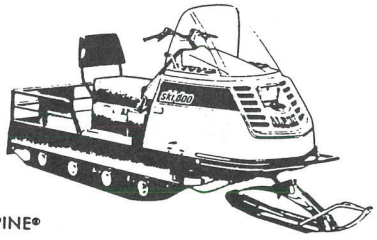

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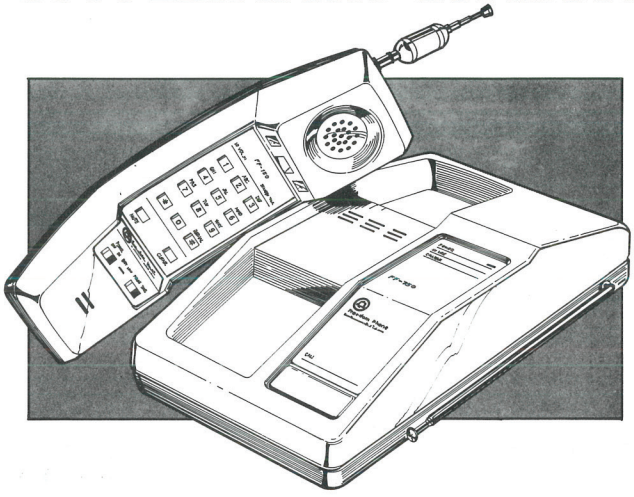
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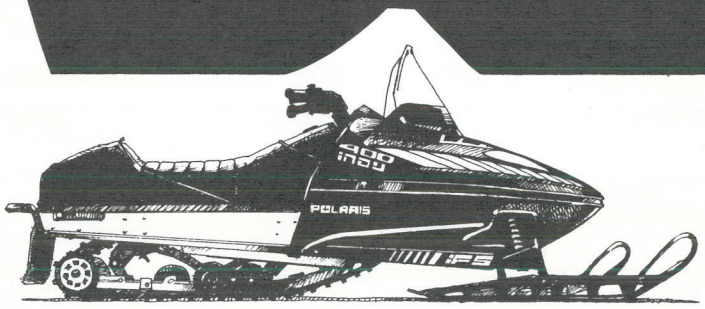
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