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Yute Air has provided transportation to and from Nome for the Iron Dog Race Officials for two years. Our three race officials will be in Nome to watch the half-way finish of the Pro Class racers, get the Southbound Recreational Trail Riders on the course on Wednesday, February 25, 1998 and be back to the finish line in Fairbanks by Friday, February 27th.

Northern Air Cargo has adopted the McGrath and Galena cargo staging area for our fuel drums, oil and isopropyl. From the hubs of McGrath and Galena, Northern Air Cargo will distribute the fuel, oil and isopropyl to Rohn River Cabin, Nikolai, Ophir, Poorman, Ruby, and Kaltag. Northern Air Cargo also hauls sleds back from McGrath, Galena or Nome at a reduced cargo fare.

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Lynden Transport has agreed to haul any and all racer's sleds to Anchorage from the finish line at Fairbanks, at no charge.

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Air Cargo Express will haul 20 barrels of fuel from Fairbanks to Ruby for the 80 Mile cabin checkpoint.

Awards Banquet

The 1998 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic Awards Banquet is scheduled for Friday, March 13, 1998. The host of the 1998 banquet is the Anchorage Hilton Hotel a Platinum Pack Sponsor. With the record number of entrants in the 1998 race, we are expecting an extra large turnout. If you would like to make early reservations, please call the Iron Dog Headquarters, 563-4414.

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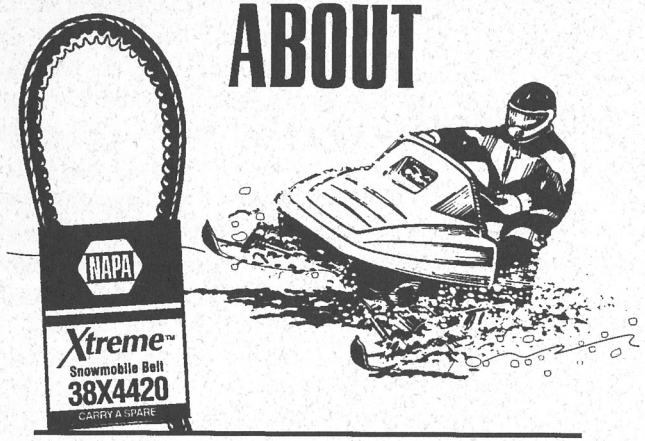
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1998 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic
The World's Longest Snowmobile Race!

1,971 miles:
Wasilla ▶ Nome ▶ Pike's Landing, Fairbanks
Sunday, February 22, 1998
Mat-Su Resort, Wasilla, Alaska
9:30 A.M.
Klondike Inn, Big Lake, Alaska
10:30 A.M.

The 15th Annual 1997 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic festivities begin with a ceremonial "revving of the engines" in the Anchorage Fur Rondy Parade, Saturday, February 14, 1998, an official Fur Rondy Event. The following Saturday, February 21, 1998, the racers and riders will gather at Anchorage's Sullivan Arena parking lot, 16th & Gambell, for the Iron Dog Safety Inspection. This safety inspection is the first and only opportunity the general public has to meet the racers and riders –

face to face, one on one, up close and personal!!! The machines have been prepared and modified to make the race and ride of a lifetime. All the individual and teams safety and mandatory equipment will be laid out for inspection. The original suspension undercarriage will be marked. Machines will be decked out in sponsor decals and ready for the journey up the trail.

The Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic is "The World's Longest Snowmobile Race". 1,971 miles of the most grueling terrain Alaska has to offer on the historic Iditarod Trail. The Gold Rush Classic is Alaskan in every way...it's about endurance; performance and risk! The Iron Dog snowmobilers will brave subzero temperatures, bad visibility, and deep snow to push their snowmobiles and bodies to the limits of endurance to reach the finish lines.

The purpose of the Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic is to provide a reliable, consistent, safe and honorable cross-country snowmobile race and recreational ride in Alaska. This is a team race, consisting of two persons and two snowmobiles, track driven and ski steered.

There are two classes of participation in 1998. Pro Class racers travel a 1,971 mile racecourse from Wasilla to Nome and finish in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Recreational Trail Class riders travel a one-way trail course on the ride of a lifetime, from Wasilla to Nome. Alternatively, riders may opt for a trip from Nome to Fairbanks.

The Pro Class contenders are the racing elite. Two-person teams will race from Wasilla to Nome and finish the 1998 race in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Pro Class teams depart at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, February 22, 1998 and will be escorted, "Indy Style", from the Mat-Su Resort in Wasilla, Alaska to Big Lake, Alaska. At Big Lake, the green flag drops for the Gold Rush Classic official race start, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in one-minute intervals, until all the teams are on the racecourse. The Pro Class teams race 1,971 miles over the Alaska Range, bumping and bouncing through Alaska's interior on the Yukon River across Norton Sound....at full throttle.....full brake.....without missing any of the northbound checkpoints, Skwentna, Puntilla Lake, Rohn River Cabin, Nikolai, McGrath, Ophir, Poorman, Ruby, Galena, Kaltag, Unalakleet, Koyuk, White Mountain and the half-way checkpoint, Nome. After a 36 hour layover in Nome, racers will point their skis toward Norton Sound to Unalakleet, run up the Yukon River to Galena, Ruby and 80 Mile Cabin, turn onto the Tanana River at Tanana, ride the river to Manley Hot Springs, Old Minto, Nenana and finish in Fairbanks on the Chena River.

The Pro Class teams pay $3,100 to enter and vie for a part of the purse. Since a record breaking 31 teams have entered in the Pro Class, the purse is distributed to the first five teams to the finish line. In addition, Arctic Cat and Arctic Recreational Distributors will pay out $10,000 to the first place team and $2,500 to the second place team, if the winners raced on an Arctic Cat in 1998. Bombardier Motor Corporation Ski-Doo will pay out $5,000.00, if the first place team wins on a Ski-Doo and $2,500 to a second place finish on Ski-Doo. Polaris Industries will pay out contingency money for a first place and second place finish on Polaris at $5,000 and $2,500. 1998 rookie teams are eligible for a $5,000 "Rookie Purse" designated specifically for the "Rookie Team of the Year", awarded by Woody's International Engineering and Manufacturing.

The Recreational Trail Class team is made up of two or more riders, each on his or her own snowmobile. They will ride the historic Iditarod Trail for pleasure and accomplishment. This is the trail ride of a lifetime. The entry fee for a Recreational Class group is $700-$850 per person. 1998 marks the first year Recreational Class teams can ride from Wasilla to Nome or from Nome to Fairbanks.

The Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic coordinates all the details, breaks and marks the trail, provides all the fuel, isopropyl,

oil and anti-freeze, and staffs a 24-hour headquarters to advise family, friends and media of the racing and riding results. The trail is also manned by countless volunteers, 24 hours a day, for approximately 10 days. Of course, the Gold Rush Classic would not be possible without the fuel and oil and that's where the Iron Dog gets tremendous help from Tesoro Alaska Petroleum Company, Polaris Industries and Lubrication Technologies.

The demands of the Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic on snowmobiles are extraordinary. That is why Tesoro Alaska's Gold Star Energy is the Official Fuel of this race. Polaris Industries and Lubrication Technologies have provided the oil for the 1998 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic. The Iron Dog ships 150 cases of donated oil and 60 cases of donated isopropyl, to all the checkpoints, where it is made available to each racer and rider on the course.

Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic's Checkpoints

Wasilla, adopted by the City of Wasilla, Anchorage Hilton Hotel & Tesoro Alaska Petroleum Company, is the ceremonial start line of the Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic. The race starts 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 22, 1998 at Wasilla's Mat-Su Resort. The racers will be escorted "Indy Style" to Big Lake's Klondike Inn where they will officially start their race in 1 minute intervals. The team numbers displayed in the racer bios are not necessarily their starting order.

Skwentna, hosted by John and Joyce Logan, adopted by Arctic Recreational Distributors. John and Joyce have been the official checkers at Skwentna since the race started in 1984. Skwentna is a bustling community of over 100 residents, a favorite summer and winter recreation spot. Skwentna is an easy 90 miles from Big Lake area, a bit bumpy on the trail. Hundreds of snowmobile enthusiasts line the river, to cheer the racers and riders on the trail. Skwentna is the first possible layover location. 90 miles from start line; 90 miles into the course.

Puntilla Lake, adopted by Weldin Construction, is the second checkpoint, a lovely lodge at the highest elevation of the race. The lodge offers good food, running water, warm beds, luxuries found a little less often than racers would like later on the trail. The trail from Skwentna to Puntilla might be part of the toughest a racer and rider will encounter, a fresh trail and steep terrain, plenty of hazards, soft snow, willows and a very narrow trail....brute strength and expert riding ability gets many a racer and rider out of trouble. Puntilla is the second possible layover location. 72 miles from last checkpoint; 161 miles into the course.

Rohn River Cabin, is the third checkpoint, a remote BLM Cabin and tent location. This checkpoint is one of the most remote on the trail. Hauling fuel, food, and equipment to such a remote location requires expert planning and coordination. The cabin was built in the 1930's but was recently remodeled. Racers tend to find the cabin a bit crowded and have often found it easier to sleep in a tent. Our volunteers typically erect a ten-man tent, warmed by a small woodstove. Rohn River Cabin is the third possible layover location. 75 miles from last checkpoint; 236 miles into the course.

Nikolai, adopted by Polaris Industries, is the fourth checkpoint, and will offer friendly folks cheering at the first Alaskan village on the trail. Nikolai is a gas stop only; there is no layover opportunity. 74 miles from last checkpoint; 310 miles into the course.

McGrath, adopted by Northern Air Cargo, is the fifth checkpoint on the trail. Residing in McGrath are many of the Iron Dog trail volunteers, trail breakers, trail markers, Official Checkers for Rohn, fuel resupply for Ophir, Rohn River Cabin and Poorman, making McGrath a true hub for the Iron Dog. BJ's Fuel stores all our supplies during the summer months and readies them for distribution in January and February. McGrath is the home of the Takusko House, our official gas stop and checkpoint. Owners, Buck and Sharin Griffith always have the lodge warm and have the stew pot steaming. Racers can even take a hot shower while they take advantage of the last possible non-remote layover until Ruby. 52 miles from last checkpoint; 362 miles into race course.

Ophir, is the sixth checkpoint on the trail, Roger Roberts, "The Loafer from Ophir", graciously donates his cabin for the Ophir gas stop. A team of students from Takotna High School, are the official checkers, trail maintenance workers and general all around good cheer volunteers. The students undertake planning; food, schedules and other race duties for credit in a Vocational Training Class. Ophir is a gas stop only. 63 miles from last checkpoint; 425 miles into race course.

Poorman, adopted by Spenard Builders Supply, is the seventh checkpoint on the trail. Spenard Builders Supply employees man the "most remote" of our gas stops, hauling in two ten-man tents and supplies to last more than one week. They always keep the coffee and juice warm, have a hot pot of delicious stew and chili cooking, and provide comfort if racers and riders need to take an extended rest or layover after the long haul from Ophir. The section of trail from Ophir to Poorman is said to be 99 miles of pure bumps. Eric Johnson, second place finisher in the 1997 Trophy Class, said it best, "I feel like I've been spanked for a week". Poorman is a layover location. 99 miles from last checkpoint; 524 miles into course.

Ruby, adopted by Anchorage Daily News, is the eighth checkpoint. Ruby is on the Yukon River and is a hub to the many villages in the surrounding area. The racers have traveled 596 miles north from the start line. Ruby is a gas stop and a layover option. 72 miles from last checkpoint; 596 miles into course.

Galena, hosted by Carole & Roger Huntington, adopted by Dayco Products, Inc., is the ninth checkpoint. Galena is a great layover location for most racers and riders. Lodging is available for participants at Huntington's Venture, where Carole and Roger Huntington keep the soup hot and

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provide a warm bed and hot showers. Galena is the last layover opportunity until Unalakleet. 52 miles from last checkpoint; 648 miles into course.

Kaltag, adopted by First National Bank of Anchorage, is the tenth checkpoint. Here, the racers will leave the smooth Yukon River and start overland toward Unalakleet. Kaltag is a gas stop only; there are no accommodations for a layover. 96 miles from last checkpoint; 746 miles into course.

Unalakleet, adopted by Lynden Air Cargo & Lynden Transport, is the eleventh checkpoint. Racers have reached the head of Norton Sound when they arrive at Unalakleet. Unalakleet is a community of about 750 residents. Racers and riders find good food, running water, heat and exuberant fans. Unalakleet has a variety of stores and accommodations, and is a gas stop and layover option for the racers. 95 miles from last checkpoint; 841 miles into course.

Koyuk, adopted by Lubrication Technologies, is the twelfth checkpoint. Koyuk is on the North Shore of Norton Sound. The trail is well traveled by locals who ride their snowmobiles to and from Unalakleet and Nome. Koyuk lies only 169 miles from the finish line for the Recreational Trail Class heading to Nome. It's one of two remaining opportunities to satisfy mandatory layovers. Lodging for the racers and riders is provided by the Koyuk School. 90 miles from last checkpoint; 937 miles into course.

White Mountain, adopted by Yute Air, is the thirteenth checkpoint. At White Mountain, the Pro Class Racers are only 75 miles from the halfway point. They'll find Davis Lincoln and Nora Brown up at all hours, swapping racing stories with those who slow down long enough to listen. The Nome-Golovin Racing Association has marked, broken and maintained the trail. Only 75 miles to Nome....but before seeing the lights of Nome, there are the Topkok Hills. Racers and riders encounter winds that haven't been a factor over the past 1,000 miles. There are several shelter cabins available in Solomon, a small settlement on the trail. More than 12 of the 1997 racers and riders made repeated attempts to get into and out of Nome over the course of three days from the safety of these cabins. Lisa Luther, a member of the first ever All Women's Pro Class team, said "I spent more time in Solomon than I did making a go of the race from McGrath to Koyuk, 608 miles. The weather was brutal, many times I could see the stars and the moon, but I couldn't see the front of my sled." 94 miles from last checkpoint; 1,033 miles into course.

Nome, dedicated to Tesoro Alaska Petroleum, and Jim West, Jr., an "Iron Dog Volunteer Extraordinaire", is the last northbound checkpoint and the halfway mark for Pro Class racers. It's the finish line for the northbound Recreational Trail Riders! Nome is a first class city, home to more than 3,000 people. It is a 36-hour mandatory layover point for all Pro Class racers. Nome, the furthest point North on the trail, has a full assortment of accommodations for our racers and participants. The Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic southbound Recreational Trail Class begins on Wednesday, February 25, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. After the Pro Class racers have completed their 36 hour layover they will point their skis toward Norton Sound, more bumps and bounces into the interior, then race back through the checkpoints where our sponsors and volunteers wait with more hot coffee...veer off to new trail territory on the Yukon River. 75 miles from last checkpoint; 1,108 miles into course.



By the time the Pro Class is ready to leave Nome for their southbound portion of the race to Fairbanks, the Recreational Trail Riders will be at or past Ruby. Using the same checkpoints as the racers and riders used to get to Nome, the 1998 Recreational Trail riders will be the first snowmobilers to hit the new Iron Dog trail outside of Ruby. The Yukon River is the trail from Ruby to 80-Mile Cabin.

80-Mile Cabin, adopted by General Communications, Inc., is a summer fish camp, approximately 80 miles from Tanana. This will be another remote checkpoint for the Iron Dog racers. There are neither accommodations nor facilities; therefore it is a gas stop only. 40 miles from last checkpoint; 1,660 miles into course.

Tanana, adopted by Delta Western, Citgo, Air Cargo Express and Sourdough Fuel, is a small but active village. Tanana is where the racers will leave the Yukon River and begin their trek on the Tanana River to Manley Hot Springs, Old Minto, Nenana and the finish line to Fairbanks. 80 miles from last checkpoint; 1,740 miles into course.

Manley Hot Springs, adopted by Woody's International Engineering & Manufacturing, the sponsor of our Rookie Purse, is a community located just three miles from the Tanana River. This is the only checkpoint headed into Fairbanks that the racers are allowed to leave the navigable waters between Ruby and Fairbanks. The host for the racers in Manley is Robert Lee, owner/operator of the Manley Roadhouse. Manley is a community road accessible to Fairbanks, but the racers and riders will be headed back to the river to make the next two checkpoints, Old Minto and Nenana. 69 miles from last checkpoint; 1,809 miles into course.

Old Minto, is a gas stop only for which fuel has been brought in from Nenana in 55-gallon drums. Racers are driving at top speeds and will have only one more checkpoint before they will have finished this very long and grueling trip. 80 miles from last checkpoint; 1,889 miles into course.

Nenana, adopted by MACtel, Inc., is the final gas stop for the 1998 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic racers and riders. Just a short 52 miles from the finish line. 30 miles from last checkpoint; 1,919 miles into course.

Fairbanks, adopted by National Bank of Alaska, is the finish line where the snowmobile enthusiasts will wait at Pike's Landing for the finishers to punch their throttles for the last time. If the riverbeds of the Yukon, Tanana and Chena Rivers freeze, as they did in the winter of 1997, the 1998 race may prove to be the fastest yet. Look for the racers and riders on Friday, February 27th or Saturday, February 28th. There will be a daylight finish!!! 52 miles from last checkpoint; 1,971 miles from Wasilla>Nome>Pike's Landing – Fairbanks.

Iron Dog wouldn't be the "King of Races" without the countless volunteers, the community support provided at all our checkpoints, and the efforts of the snowmobiling community in Anchorage, Nome and Fairbanks and all the towns between. At last count, there were over 450 people and companies involved with the 1998 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic.

Iron Dog is especially grateful to its sponsors. They carry the "heavy load" by covering the significant cost of putting this race on the trail. Please take a moment to look at the list of our wonderful donors, supporters and volunteers. They are the ones who have made this race happen. And many of them have been doing it for the past fourteen years!

Iron Dog thanks the other "volunteers" who make this race happen, the families & friends of the riders & racers, who have, no doubt, invested much. Iron Dog wishes the best of luck to all the 98 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic riders & racers. Iron Dog thanks the racers and riders ... without them there would be no race.

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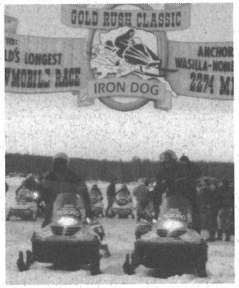


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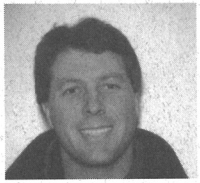
1998 PRO CLASS





markcarr-7
Kenai
1998 Arctic Cat Sno Pro

Mark has raced snowmobiles since he was 12 years old and he has captured his share of wins along the way. He says his 97 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic victory, with teammate Scott Davis, has to rank among the sweetest of all. He is hoping for another good finish. Mark's hobbies include competition shooting and hunting, is married to Glenda and has two daughters Jennifer, 16, and Jamie, 13. He is also a commercial fisherman and commercial pilot. His racing record includes: First Overall in 1987 Arctic Man; 1992 Pike's to Nenana; Class Championships in 1996 USSA 440; 1996 AMMC; 1997 AMMC 440; 1997 AMMC Open; 1997 AMMC Hi-Overall Points; 1997 Gold Star Series, 2nd in points.



scottdavis-7
Soldotna
1998 Arctic Cat Sno Pro

Scott has ten previous top three finishes in the Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic, including 4 wins. He has raced several times in Kotzebue, taking one overall and two class wins. Scott won the Big Lake 500 and the Snow Cross. Scott has enjoyed competing in snowmobile races all over the State of Alaska for 25 years and enjoys racing motorcycles and three- and four-wheelers. Scott also loves to jet ski; snow ski and mountain ride his snowmobile with his kids. Scott has two children Cory, 8, and Carly, 7. He has lived in Soldotna for 35 years and owns and operates Davis Block & Concrete in Soldotna and Anchorage with his cousin Chuck, and brother, Rusty.

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curtisgreen-1
Wasilla
1998 Arctic Cat

Curtis completed the 97 Iron Dog Trail Class. He arrived in Alaska in 1955 from his home state of New Mexico. He resides in the Mat-Su Valley with his wife, Senator Lyda Green. They have three children, Brad, Kristie and Shelton and two grandchildren, Kelsie and Connor. Curtis has been with State Farm Insurance since 1970 and his agency is in Anchorage. His hobbies include snowmobiling (of course) and flying.



williamlongsr-1
Palmer
1998 Arctic Cat

Bill competed in the 95-97, 92 & 93 Iron Dog races. He first rode snowmobiles in 1961 at Antarctica. He rode from Tok to Dawson City in 96 and 95. Bill's hobbies include snowmobiling, power boating, rafting, horse riding and photography. He is married to Katie and has six adult children (4 boys and 2 girls). He is a retired scientist, geologist, hydrologist and college professor.

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ericjohnson-2
Skwentna
1998 Ski-Doo MXZ 670

Eric did extensive racing in the 70's with first and second place finishes racing Talkeetna to Anchorage and two first place finishes in the Big Lake 500. Eric was born in Anchorage, he is President of Northwood Services, Inc. dba Northwoods Lodge, and is the owner operator of Northwoods Lodge, a full service fishing and snowmobile facility. He is also owner and operator of Susitna/Yentna River Barge Service. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, trapping, woodworking and snowmobiling. He is married to Shan and has four children, Brent, 20, Tyson, 18, Stacy 14, and Eric II, 9. His partner in the 98 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic is his son, Tyson.



tysonjohnson-2
Skwentna
1998 Ski-Doo MXZ 670

Tyson took third place in Woody's at Summit Lake and second in the 97 Iron Dog Trophy Class in his first race experience. He has ridden snowmobiles for more than 7 years, riding more than 5,000 miles per season in the Skwentna area during the past 4 years. His hobbies include fishing, hunting, trapping, snowmobiling and snowboarding while he works as a fishing guide at Northwoods Lodge. His father, Eric, is his race partner. His family Shan, Brent and Stacy support his every effort in the 98 Iron Dog Pro Class.

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roberthimschootjr-3
Bethel
1998 Polaris XC 700

Robert has spent the past five years riding "Bush" wilderness out of Bethel. He had two seasons of Motocross racing in Iowa in 1982 and 1981. He grew up in rural Iowa and is a Technician with Prime Cable/General Communications, Inc. in Bethel. His hobbies include snowmobiling, guitars, fishing, hunting and camping. He is married to Barbara and has a son, Alex, 5, and a daughter, Elizabeth, 2.



chrisprovost-3
Bethel
1998 Polaris XC 700

Chris competed in the 97 Iron Dog Trophy Class. He has extensive wilderness travel experience out of Bethel base. This includes a post-Iditarod trip from Bethel to Big Lake and back. He has been across Rainy Pass four times and has done dozens of multi-night camping trips, logging more than 12,000 miles on sno-gos. He was born and raised in California and has lived in Bethel since 1990. His hobbies include winter sno-go camping, down hill skiing, dog mushing, back packing and exercise. He is an attorney practicing law in Bethel and is married to Dr. Ellen Provost. He has one daughter, Rachel, 3. He had a prior twelve-year career as a deep-sea oil-field diver, specializing in hyperbaric welding and non-destructive testing.

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curtischerrier-4
Anchorage
1998 Polaris Indy 500

Curtis rode in the 1997 Iron Dog Trail Class and has competed in the 94 & 95 Kimball Pass Race, Hatcher Pass, 96 Petersville, 97 Pt. McKenzie, Big Lake in 250 mile rides. He is married to Kristina and has two daughters, Katie, 7, and Gabrielle, 4.

mikefoldager-4
Anchorage
1998 Polaris Indy 500

Mike rode in the 97 Iron Dog Recreational Trail Ride. He was born and raised in Alaska and has been snowmobiling for as long as he can remember. His longest trip to date is Naknek to McGrath and back. Just a couple years ago, Mike logged 4,000 miles in the Western Alaska Region. His hobbies are flying and being in the outdoors.

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stevehaynes-5
Eagle River
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600

Steve will go anywhere anytime on a sno-go. He's been Over the Top Tok to Dawson, and watched the Arctic Man from the sidelines, and many or maybe too many Poker Runs (let's just ask Michelle). Steve lives in Eagle River, and loves to hunt, fish, hand-gliding, mountain climbing, ocean kayaking, surfing, gambling and computer "hacking" –oh! and nude Lion Taming. He is married to Michelle and has a son, Weston, 5, and a daughter, Sarah, 3. He is employed at VIP Distributing, Inc.



michaelleary-5
Eagle River
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600

Mike was born and raised in Anchorage and now lives in Eagle River. He is Traffic & Store Manager for Inorex, Inc. He's been riding snowmobiles for 3 years. His longest recreational ride was the 97 Tok to Dawson City and he has logged over 10,000 miles including a ride at Yellowstone. He is married to Linda Leary and Carlile Ent., K&W Trucking. He has two children Kyle, 9, and Lukas, 7. The Leary's are the "Great Alaskan Outdoor Family", loving to hike, camp, fish, snowmobile, jet ski, sail and golf.

Steve and Mike are dedicating this ride to the Pennies for Miles to benefit the American Red Cross Alaska Chapter.

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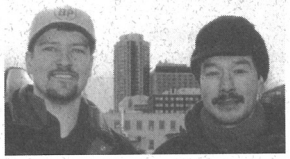
bretrobinson-6
Anchorage
1998 Polaris

Bret rode to McGrath from Big Lake in 1994. Born in Palmer, he currently lives in Anchorage and works as a corporate pilot and aircraft mechanic. His hobbies are flying, fishing and snowmobiling (a Polaris rider for 20 years). He is married to Vickie and has two children, Randall, 8, and Kristopher, 7.

ericrobinson-6
Anchorage
1998 Polaris

Eric has been riding for 25 yrs. He is a lifelong Alaskan. His girlfriend is Dianna. They have two children, Kristen, 10, and McKinzie, one. He has entered the Iron Dog once before in 1995 and had to scratch.

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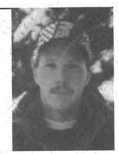
Dwayne has been an avid rider on the Yukon River near his home in Galena for many years. The 98 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic will be his fifth run with Todd Palin. The Drake-Palin team set a course record for the Wasilla-Nome-Wasilla run in their 1995 victory. He finished fourth in the 97 Iron Dog and has won many local races including the 150 Grad Prix in Fairbanks and the Puget Sound 200. Dwayne currently works as a mechanic for Delta Western in Dillingham and also works as a mechanic for his family's business in Galena, Huntington's Ventures. Dwayne has five children, Crystal, 13, Dwayne II, 12, Norman, 9, Carole, 6 and Tyler, 5.

toddpalin-8
Wasilla
Polaris

Todd finished top rookie in 1993, was first place Champion and is course record holder in the 95 Iron Dog, and finished 4th in 97. 1998 will be his sixth entry. He won the 97 Gold Star Superstar; finished third in the 98 St. Patty's 200; and finished fourth in the 97 Stump Jump. He and his wife, Sarah, who is Mayor of the City of Wasilla, have three children, Track, 8, Bristol, 7 and Willow, 3. In addition to many other activities, he and his family commercial fish in Bristol Bay, near Todd's birth place of Dillingham.

Standing in tribute to their Alaskan heritage, Dwayne Drake and Todd Palin have dedicated their performance in the Iron Dog as an example for other young Alaska Natives of what hard work, teamwork, determination and focused talent can accomplish. In cooperation with some Boy Scout troops in Alaska, pledges for each mile Todd and Dwayne travel during the 98 Iron Dog will be sought to support Boy Scout activities.

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mikebrown-9
Anchorage
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600

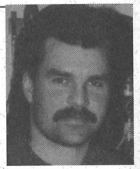
Mike has a very small racing history. He raced in the 94 Talkeetna/Anchorage, 95 Sheep Creek Stump Jump, 95 Sheep Creek/Petersville, and 96 Tolsona 300 in Glennallen. He was born and raised in Anchorage and likes golf, baseball, softball, snowmobiling, hunting and water skiing. His wife is Dawn and they have a one-year-old daughter, Michelle. Mike works for a truck equipment shop, Bob's Services.



chrishubble-9
Anchorage
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600

Chris and Mike have been riding together since 1994. He has raced the 94 Talkeetna/Anchorage. He has been a Polaris fan, but is making the switch since they performed so well in 97 Iron Dog. He is married to Theresa and they are expecting their first child in June, 1998. His hobbies include, snowmobiling, hiking, golf, water skiing and camping. He is the owner/operator of Pacific Asphalt and Hansen Hub Caps.

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Eagle River
1996 Polaris EFI 500

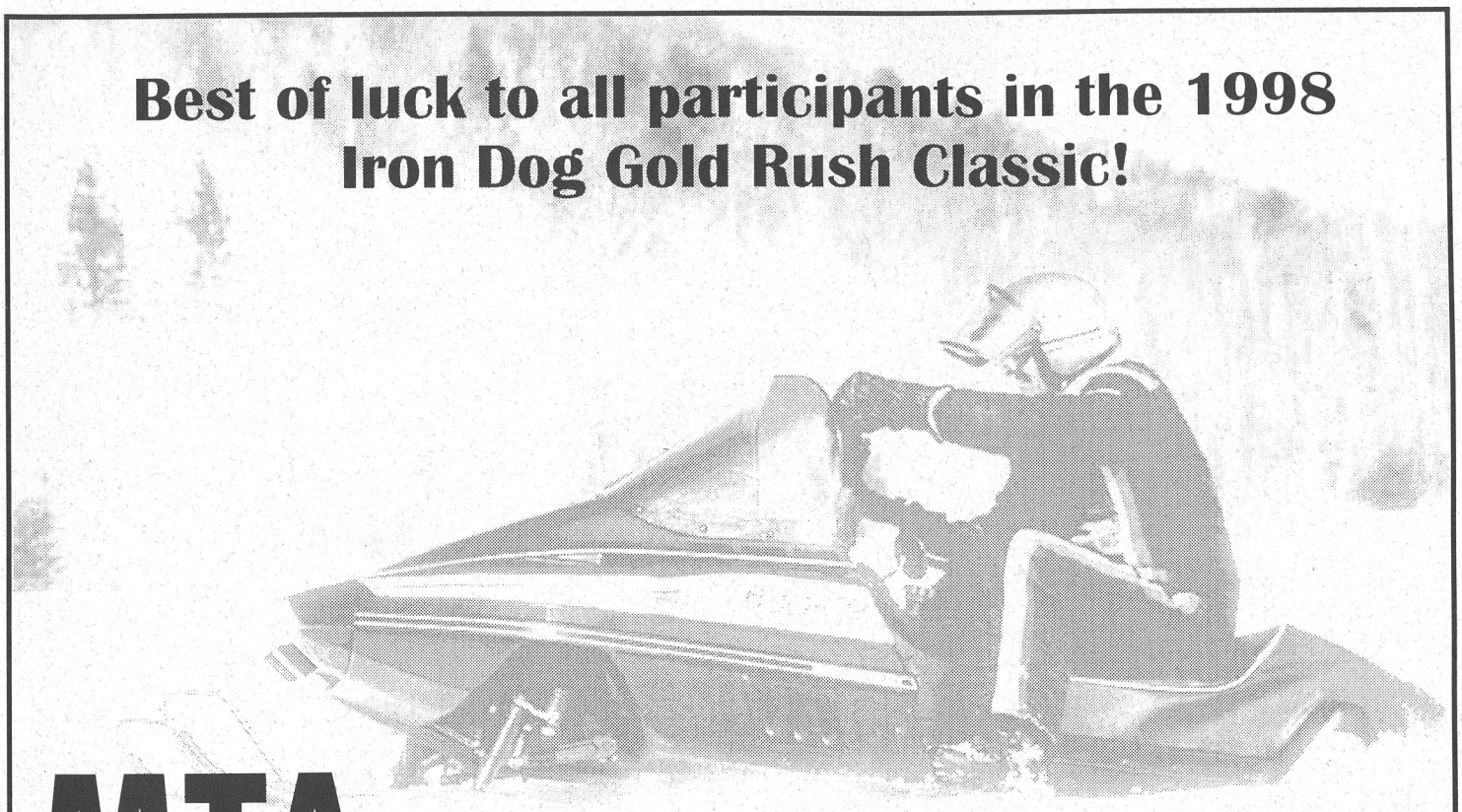
Rob has run the 93 and 94 Iron Dog. Rob's racing career started at a young age. He has raced just about everything that makes noise and has a throttle. He is married to his beautiful wife, Vickie and has two wonderful daughters, Alyssa and Tiffany. He wants to thank all of them for letting him go on the 98 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic and participating in the World's Longest Snowmobile Race again.

janmasek-10
Willow
1997 Polaris EFI 500

Jan raced in the 96 & 97 Iron Dog. Jan has entered the Iditarod Sled Dog race 7 times. Jan is married to Beverly Masek, Republican Legislator from District 28 and a four time Iditarod racer. His son Michael, 12, has ridden with Jan since he was 3. He is an international consultant for Gillette International, Pratt & Whitney Canada, Anheuser-Busch, Miller Brewing, Breckenridge Microbreweries, Pilsner-Urquell International.

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Best of luck to all participants in the 1998 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic!



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traceybrassard-11
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Tracey began racing with the Alaska Motor Mushers in 1987, competing in most of the events on the schedule, and has been doing it every year since. The 1991-92 season was his best, placing in the top 3 in the field and winning the 25th Anniversary Anchorage to Talkeetna to Anchorage Race. He was born in Texas, then moved to Anchorage in 1970, and has looked forward to every winter since. He began snowmobiling in 1975 and has enjoyed it to this day. He's been married 8 great years to Patti and has 2 beautiful girls, Emily, 7, and Amy, 2. He enjoys hockey, downhill skiing, fishing and hiking. He has worked as a heavy equipment operator throughout Alaska for 17 years and is employed by Summit Paving and Construction and Alaska Power Sports.

Tracey is looking forward to this awesome adventure with his partner and longtime friend, Ken Lee.

kenlee-11
Eagle River
Polaris



Ken has been racing snowmobiles for 14 years in Alaska. He won the 89 Anchorage to Talkeetna to Anchorage Cross-Country Race. He was Hi-Points Champion racer in the 86-87 Race Season, and placed 2nd in 87 & 88 in the Talkeetna Cross Country Race. He has run the Iron Dog 4 times but has not placed yet. Ken was born in Pensacola, Florida, and lives in Eagle River. He has lived in Alaska 21 years. He enjoys hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, flying and adventures. His wife is Jana; they have 3 children, Janaya, 13, Kari, 8, and Kenney, 5 months. Ken works at Cal Worthington Ford.

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ronaldscottschneider-12
Anchorage
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600

Scott has no racing experiences and is a rookie in the 98 Iron Dog. He is from Wyoming and lives in Anchorage. His hobbies are snowmobiling, dirt bike riding, working on cars, computers and his son. He is married to Janine and they have a son, Cory, 2. He works for Frito Lay as a route sales person.

charleswebsterjr-12
Anchorage
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600

Charles has never participated in any snowmobile races. He built and raced a drag racing car when he was 20. He started building a dirt track car next, got it about 70% complete, then sold it. He is originally from Knoxville, Tennessee. He has lived in Anchorage for 7 years. His hobbies include snowmobiles, motorcycles, off road and on, fly-fishing, golf, softball, running, and basically anything fun he can do outdoors. He has a new son, Takotna, 1 month old. He is single but has an extended family for support, his stepbrother, Scott, his father, Chuck, his stepmother, Cathi, his nephew, Cory, and his sister-in-law, Janine. He is a bartender and assistant manager at Hot Rods Night Club.

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rollinbraden-14
Soldotna
1998 Arctic Cat Powder Ltd. 600



Rollin has 33 years of riding experience but has never entered a race. He has owned Riverside Auto Supply, Inc. for 24 years. He was born in Texas and was raised and introduced to snowmobiling in Northern Minnesota. He moved to Soldotna in 1966 and never missed a season of snowmobiling. His other interests include hunting, fishing, horses, motorcycles and his girl friend, Susan West. When she isn't competing with him, she is coaching and cheering. He has two wonderful kids, Melinda, 17, who is attending beauty school in WA state, and son, Max, 20, working at Riverside Auto. Rollin's nickname is "Bear Bait" because of a bear mauling by two brown bears on September 19, 1984; the mauling resulted in a hospitalization of 8 days.

williamgreen-14
Soldotna
1998 Arctic Cat Powder Ltd. 600



William was born in Anchorage and presently resides in Soldotna. He enjoys hunting, fishing, flying and especially any motor sports. He is married to Cecilia and has 2 children, Charity, 2, and Brook, 19. He is employed by G&S Construction as a job superintendent. He does specialty welding and machining as Pentech.

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bobgilman-15
Wasilla
1998 Yamaha VX 700 XTC

This is Bob's 11th Iron Dog and he has 7 top three finishes including three wins. He has completed and placed in numerous races across the state and the Lower 48. Since his first race in 1980, Bob won the 440 class in the Pike's-Nenana race on his partner Steve's machine, which he borrowed just before the race start, the first time, the two met. Bob has lived in Wasilla for 15 years; he is 35 years old and still un-married. Hobbies include flying, sheep hunting with a bow, mountaineering, mountain biking and travel. His son Garrett is 9, and daughters Crystal and Alberta are both 17. Bob has recently returned from a mountain climbing trip in Argentina and the French Alps. Bob is racing for Yamaha this year with Steve Potter, whom he is confident, will be the first rookie to win the Iron Dog.

stevenpotter-15
Fairbanks
1998 Yamaha VX 700 XTC

Steven's prior race experience includes: 1st in class 94 Pike's-Nenana 102 Mile Cross-County; 95, 2nd overall; 97, 1st in class (setting a new course record); 1st in class/ overall 95 Archie Ferguson & Willie Goodwin Sr. Memorial Race (Kotzebue); 97 Alaska Motor Mushers Club Races 125 mi. Grand Prix; 500 mile Grand Prix, 1st in class and 3rd overall. Steve and his wife Shelley live in Fairbanks and have been married almost 3 years. He has two beautiful children, Rene', 16, and Chad, 9. Steve moved from Spokane, WA to Fairbanks at age of 3. He has worked as a heavy equipment operator for the State of Alaska DOT for over 12 years. The winter months are his favorite time of the year since that is when he can take advantage of his favorite past time...snowmobiling! Whether it's riding in the mountains with friends or participating in an occasional weekend race, Steve loves every bit of it. Getting the opportunity to run in the Iron Dog fulfills a long time dream, not to mention providing him with the ultimate challenge in the field of snowmobile racing.

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jimcooper16
Anchorage
1998 Ski-Doo MXZ 670



Jim raced the 95 & 97 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic. He enjoys hunting, fishing and snowmobiling and works for Shoreside Petroleum in Seward.

paulsindorf-16
Palmer
1998 Ski-Doo MXZ 670



Paul has raced the 96 & 97 Iron Dog. Paul was the 91 & 90 AMRA State Pro Class Champion, ATV, and the 91 & 90 AMRA City Pro Class Champion, ATV. His hobbies include Motocross racing, skiing, hockey, mountain biking and snowmobiling. He is married to Lisa and has two daughters and two sons, Heather, 8, Melanie, 7, Kristofer, 5, and Jonathan, 16 months. He works as an Inventory Analyst for ARCO Alaska, Inc.

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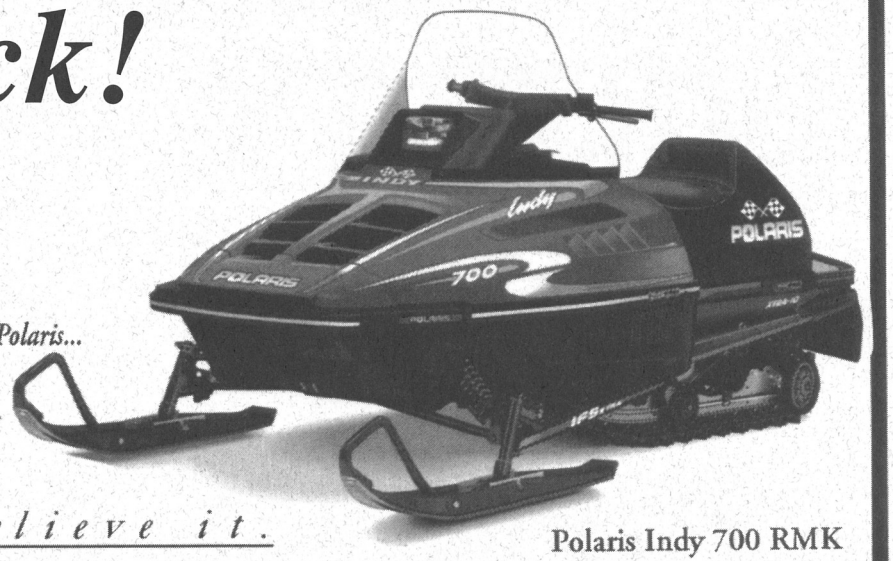
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Tim was born in Longview, Texas and grew up in Alaska. He's been riding snowmobiles most of his life. His first snowmobile, in the 70's, was a Polaris Gemini 250. He graduated from West Valley, Fairbanks, in 1990. He enjoys basketball, Motocross and flying small planes.

delvin rock-17
Grayling
Arctic Cat ZR 600

Delvin enjoys track, skiing and basketball. He's been riding most of his life. His first snowmobile was a Yamaha Enticer 250. He has two sisters, Bev from Anchorage and Judy from Wasilla. His mother lives in Grayling and Delvin has recently moved to Anchorage to practice for the Iron Dog and Blow-em-out!

charles bairdIII-18
Eagle River
1998 Polaris XC 700



Charles raced in the 97 Big Lake Klondike 400. He lives in Eagle River with his beautiful wife, Hope, and he has 4 children, Charles IV, 18, Timothy Marie, 16, Jamie Elizabeth, 16 and Shawn, 11. He likes to fly, snowmobile, hunt, fish, etc. He is a journeyman power lineman and belongs to IBEW Local 1547. He was born and raised in Alaska.

steve foster-18
Anchorage
1998 Polaris XC 700



Steve raced in the 97 Big Lake K-400. His hobbies include snowmobile riding, fishing and hunting. He is married to Tracy and has one daughter, Stevie Lynn. He is a member of IBEW and is employed at Alcan Electric as a journeyman power lineman

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gene lamay-19
Palmer
1998 Yamaha VMAX 700



Gene raced in the 94 Iron Dog and finished 5th. Gene is from Anchorage and now lives in Palmer. He is a welder/fabricator, specializing in racecar fabrication. He is married to Andrea and has two children, Melissa, 10, and Ben, 6.

mark torkelson-19
Wasilla
1998 Yamaha VMAX 700



Mark has been racing since 1972 and has a long list of snowmobile racing championships. Competing in the Iron Dog since 1985, he placed first in 1989. He won the 87 Talkeetna-Anchorage race and 84 & 85 Hatcher Pass. Mark owns North Shore Enterprises in Big Lake, Alaska. He spends his free time snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, and riding four-wheelers. Mark has a son, Travis, 18, and a daughter, Lindsey, 15.

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david booth-20
Nome
1998 Polaris XC 600



David raced Nome-Golovin, the Ferguson-Goodwin in Kotzebue, the 87 Iron Dog and the Elim-Koyuk "make-your-own-trail-race". He is a carpenter looking for a job. He and Cheryl have two girls, Devola, 10, and Dana, 8. They have a dog, a cat, a horse and some fish.

russell rowe-20
Nome
1998 Polaris XC 600



Russell has raced the 97 Nome-Golovin 200 second place; 97 Nome Cannonball, 1st place "C" class; 97 NSRA Grand Prix; 96 NSRA Sno-Cross. Russell lives in Nome and is 18 years old. His hobbies include flying, hiking, fishing, motorcycling, snowboarding and snowmobiling. He lives with his mother, Chris, and father, Jim; his brother Ben is at school in Colorado. He is currently employed by Jim Blanning at Morgan's Snowmobile Sales & Service in Nome. He lived his 1st and 2nd grade years in a cabin 35 miles north of Elim and that is when he began snowmobiling.

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dusty vanmeter-21
Kasilof
1998 Yamaha XTC 700

Dusty placed fourth in the 94 Iron Dog, his rookie year; second place in 97 Big Lake to Skwentna to Big Lake; first place in the 97 St. Patties Day Race, Lake Louise (Sno-Cross and cross-country); 1st place 97 Woody's Gold Star 350; 2nd place, 97 Tesoro Gold Star 350; 1st place, 97 Open Money Sno-Cross; 1st place, Open Trophy Sno-Cross 97; overall points champion, 97 Alaska Gold Star Race Series. Dusty lives in Kasilof, is married to Evelyn, and has 2 daughters, Kaitlyn, 5, and Shaelyn, 2. Hobbies include hunting, fishing and sno-going. Dusty is a commercial fisherman.

daniel zipay-21
Anchorage
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The 97 Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic was Dan's 12th entry in the race. His winning years include 86-88, 1992 and 1994.

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james sweetsir-22
Anchorage
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James has been racing A.M.M.C. circuits for the past 4 seasons. He has also raced the Fairbanks Pikes-Nenana since 1995. James is from Galena and now lives in Anchorage. His only hobby is snowmobiling. He is married to Sheila; they have one son Brenden, 7, and are expecting another child in April. James has been employed with Doyon Drilling for 6 years. He also works part time at Alaska Power Sports.

homer white-22
Fairbanks
1998 Polaris 700 XC



Homer raced in the 79-82, 84-89, 96 & 97 Nome-Golovin; the 81, 85-86, 92, 94 & 97, Kotz; the 92 Arctic Man; 97 Nome Cannonball; 85 Iron Dog, 3rd place, 5th place 86 Iron Dog, 4th place 91 Iron Dog, DNF in 94. Homer, originally from Nome, moved to Fairbanks in 1991. He is married to Yolanda, has three children, Andrew, 7, Cody, 4 and Sydney, 1. He works at Prudhoe Bay as a mechanic-welder for K & K Recycling.

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evan booth-23
Nome
1998 Polaris 700 XC



Evan has been racing since 1987. The 98 Iron Dog will be his 7th entry. He has also competed in numerous races in Nome and Kotzebue. Evan was born in Richland, WA and was raised in Nome, where he presently lives with his wife, Crystal, 6 year old daughter, Taylor, and son, Chase, 5. Crystal is expecting a new addition to the family in late January. He enjoys hunting, fishing when time permits and riding motorcycles in the summer and his snowmobile in the winter. He is employed by the State of Alaska, DOT.

john faeo-23
Wasilla
Polaris Indy



John is the only person to participate in every Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic. He has won overall 7 times – 84-88, 90, 91 and 96, placed second in 85, 92 and 97, and placed third in 89. This year he and his partner Evan Booth will combine their many years of racing experience to meet the challenge of a new race route. John has worked at the Alaska Railroad for 24 years as a machinist. His hobbies include flying, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities. He enjoys spending time at the family remote cabin. John and his wife Vicki have 2 sons, John, 19, and Scott, 14.

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earl sommer-24
Fairbanks
1997 Polaris 700 XC



Earl raced Pike's - Nenana 95 & 91; 97 Tanana 440; plus numerous races along the Yukon villages. Earl is from Nulato, Alaska, but currently lives in Fairbanks. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, racing snowmobiles and boating. He is married to Joyce, has two daughters, Kristie, 9, and Katie, 7, and one son, Terrance, 4. He is employed through Local 1547 as a journeyman wireman.

darryl thurmond-24
Galena
1998 Polaris 700 XC

Darryl raced: 89-92 100 miler - Galena;

93-94 Norton Sound 200 miler - Kaltag; 97 Tanana 440 miler - Fairbanks. Darryl is from Galena and is married to Roxanne. They have two daughters, Rachel, 12, and Danielle, 5. His hobbies are boating, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing. He is a diesel mechanic for Galena Electric Utilities.

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john**bahnkeiii-25**
Nome
1998 Ski-Doo MXZ 670

John's races include: 2nd place 95 Nome/Golovin March 95; 97 Kotz-Kiana - 2nd place, Nome/Golovin 3rd place; Arctic-Ferguson (Kotz), 2nd place; Nome Cannonball, 1st overall. John has lived in Nome for 25 years. His hobbies include snowmobile riding/racing, motorcycle riding (off road), all outdoor activities, boating and canoeing. John is currently employed with NAPA Auto Parts. He is single and has no children. He has been snowmobiling for 20+ years.

james**dick-25**
Seward
1998 Ski-Doo MXZ 670

Jim was born and raised in Seward, he has been riding snowmobiles since he was three years old. He started racing in 1987, has placed three times in the Iron Dog. This year marks his seventh entry in the Iron Dog. Jim has raced in the 89-91 I-500. Jim works as a truck driver for Marathon Fuel Co. He is married to Lisa, and has three children Jenna, 5, Chelsey, 4, and Amber, 1.5.

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brent**carter-26**
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Brent has been Korey's pit mechanic since the 93-94 season. He has traveled with Korey to all his races and to Minnesota on two different occasions for the I-500 and the Grand 500. He has particpated in local races with clubs like USSA, Alaska Motor Mushers, Gold Star and Aurora International.

korey**cronquist-26**
Eagle River
1998 Ski-Doo MXZ 670

Korey, with the help of CC and FAST, has held many title records. He holds the Alaska State speed record in the 600 foot set at over 110 mph. He has competed nationally at several MSR World National events taking 3rd and 5th at Lake Geneva and West Yellowstone Snow-X. He has won many local events, Hatcher Pass x-country, ice endures overall, drag racing championships and oval racing championships along with high point titles in AMMC and USSA.

Korey's hobbies include snowmobile racing, testing, and riding. He enjoys the outdoors and water rafting (Sea-Doo) riding. He works at CC Ski-Doo and with FAST on many projects like M-10 development, Ace Pipes, shocks, etc. Korey is an ASRA board member. He is the 97 Water-Cross Drag Champion, 0-600 cc and 600 cc up classes.

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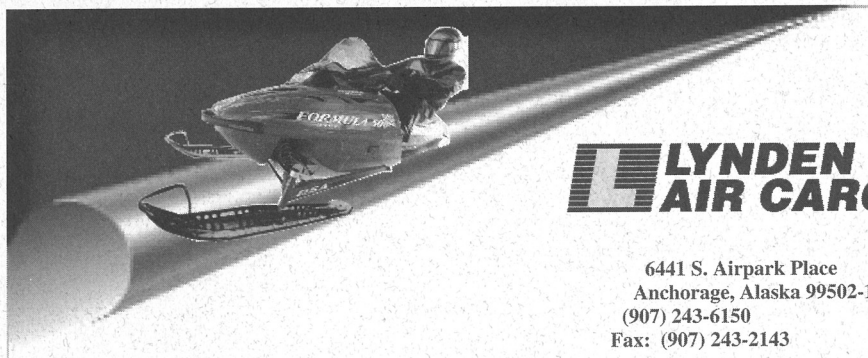
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rusty**goodman-27**
Anchorage
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joe**beech-28**
Skwentna
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Joe placed second in the 96 Iron Dog in his rookie run. Joe's home is located somewhere near Rainy pass. He works as a heavy equipment operator for various businesses throughout Alaska. He has been riding since the mid-60's and participated in many races during the early 70's.



timgeiermann-28
Big Lake
1998 Ski-Doo MXZ 670

Tim and his partner, Joe, are the "Winningest Rookie Team" in Iron Dog history, with a 2nd place finish as rookies in 1996. Tim lives in rural Big Lake with his wife Susan and children. Tim has owned an excavating business since 1977. Tim has been riding Ski-Doo snowmobiles since 1969.

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jessebeardsley-29
Arlington, WA
1991 Polaris SKS 500

Jesse and his family have been involved in snowmobile and auto racing since 1972. Jesse's family raced with The Dirty Dozen in the Midnight Sun 600, the Big Lake 500, the Talkeetna to Anchorage race, the Hatcher Pass race, and the Junior 200 race. This is his rookie year in the Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic. Jesse grew up in Alaska, but is now living in Washington State. His interests include hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, four-wheeling and snowmobiling. He is a construction worker and auto mechanic. He is currently single 37 and has no children. His faith and love for the Lord temper his strong drive and competitive spirit. He lives life on the edge!

garyhammer-29
Burtrum, MN
1996 Polaris 600 XCR

Gary has not run in any races yet but has enjoyed snowmobiling for the past 25 years. He has been dreaming of the Iron Dog Race since the first time he heard of it. The 1998 Iron Dog Classic is his first competition and he is looking forward to it. Gary is married to Arlene, has two children, Andy, 18, and Annette, 17. His hobbies include fishing, snowmobiling and traveling. He is employed in road construction with Central Specialties.

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peter**demoskijr-30**
Fairbanks
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Peter has raced in 94 Galena 200 Mile finished 1st place; 94-97 Fairbanks Pike's Nenana; Fairbanks Tanana Fairbanks 440; 96 Kotzebue 3rd place. This is his first time entering the Iron Dog. Peter is originally from Koyukuk, Alaska, but is currently living in Fairbanks. His hobbies include snowmobiling, outdoor activities, baseball, basketball and running. Family: Euphrasia Dayton, Justina Demoski, 14, Gareth Demoski, 10 and Quintin Demoski, 5. Employed as a seasonal worker through Local 302 Operating Engineers.

tom**kriska-30**
Koyukuk
Undeclared



Tom's racing experience: 95 Unalakleet-Kiana first place; few 100 milers won, 91 Galena-Nulato-Galena, Pike's-Nenana twice, placed 6th both times; won the 96 Yukon 800 & 3rd in 95, and 4th in 97 and other snowmobile races over the years. Tom's hobbies include riding, racing and guiding, being out there doing something. He has marked 12 years of sobriety.

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earles**mailka-31**
Kaltag, Alaska
1997 Polaris 600 XC

Earl has a lot of racing experience in the local area surrounding Kaltag, 100 Mile Gal-Nul-Gal, 200 Mile Kal-Unk-Kal, and the Tanana 440. He does a lot of riding around Kaltag and to make the visiting treks to neighbors in other villages. He hunts for wolves and maintains a trapping line. He is a hunting guide, like to play

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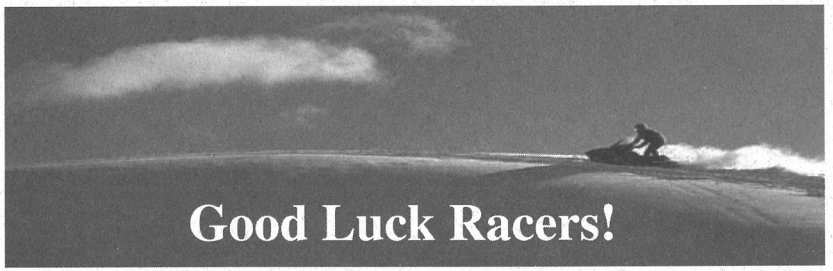
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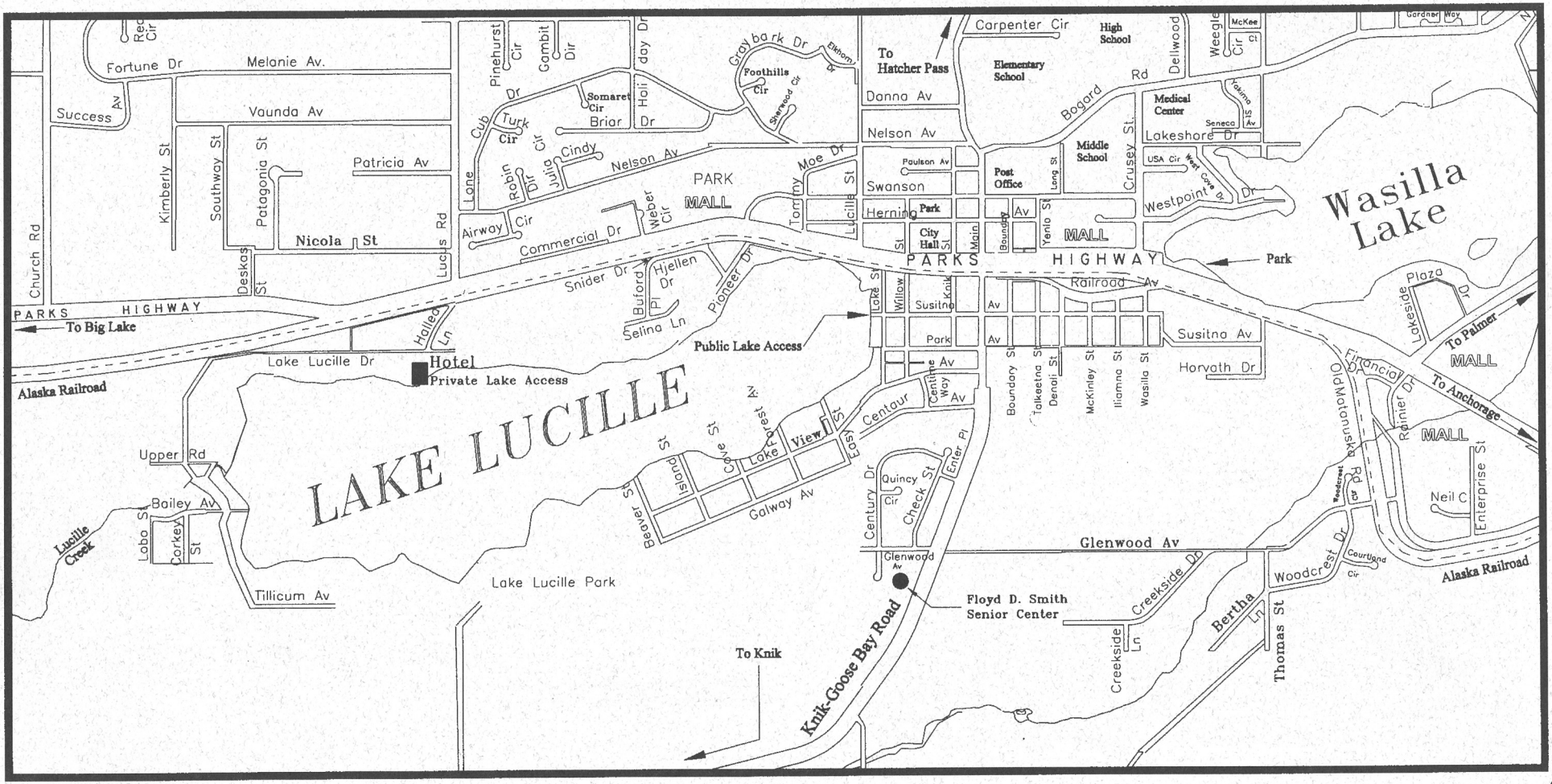
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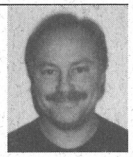
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baseball, basketball, and fish. He estimates that he snowmobiles more than 10,000 miles per year on his four snowmobiles. He is married to Marion, and has two children Molly and Lloyd.

justin**esmailka-31**
Kaltag, Alaska
1997 Polaris 600 XC

Justin lives in Kaltag and his hobbies include sport fishing, hunting, hunting guide, baseball, and basketball. He lives a subsistance lifestyle and considers it a hobby. He is married to Georgiane and has thee children, Elliott, 10, Devon, 6, and Travis, 3. He has been racing snowmobiles since 1990 and has a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, place finish in the Kaltage Portage 200.

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rod**frank-32**
Wasilla
1997.5 Polaris XC 700

Rod began racing in 1969, competing for six-packs of pop. Many accomplishments and victories in the following ten year period includes: high point champion in his class, 71-74 and 80-83 seasons; overall-all AMMC high point champion during the 72-73 and 73-74 seasons, the Talkeetna to Anchorage; Jack Helms Cup; Mat-Su Grand Prix; and Kenai Scratch Race. In 1980, rod competed in the Pike's Nenana race, with an exciting finish in second place, losing by only seconds, and on only one ski. Rod went on to race and win the 83 Iron Dog and finished second in the 84 Iron Dog with the closest finish margin ever of only seconds. Rod's enthusiasm for snowmobiling has continued during recent years and has drawn him to compete again. Born in Anchorage and he recently moved to Lake Lucille with his wife, Kathy, and children, Justin and Krista. His interests include hunting, fishing, flying and working on his new home. Rod has worked for the Alaska Railroad since 1976.



rodney**reese-32**
Big Lake
1998 Polaris XC 700

Rod ran in the 97 Iron Dog as a Recreational Trail rider, enjoying the experience so much, he has decided to compete this year. He has raced various local races since 93 including Hatcher Pass and Talkeetna to Anchorage. He has lived in Alaska since 1975 and moved to the Big Lake area in Oct. 1994. He is employed at Spenard Builders Supply-Wasilla. He thanks his wife, Toni, and children, Kyleigh, Arron and Kately, ages 7, 5 and 3, for their loving support. His outdoor activities include snowmobiling, jet skiing, boating, all sports, along with hunting and fishing.

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RECREATIONAL TRAIL RIDERS

keith**bohnet-50**
Scotts, MI
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ronald**centers-50**
Kalamazoo, MI
Undeclared

Ron is from, and lives in, Kalamazoo, Michigan. His likes doing stupid stuff (in the word's of the wives) with his brothers. He's married to Nancy and has a daughter, Colleen 16, son, Kyle, 9. Ron is the owner/pilot for Michigan Balloon Corporation, which offers rides, lessons, sales, service in/of Hot Air Balloons. The company also does promotional work for other companies using Hot Air Balloons.

william**centers-50**
Portage, MI
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archer**bishopiii-51**
Anchorage
1997 Arctic Cat ZR 580
Archer lives for speed, skiing, boating, and flying. He is a Telecommunications Masters student.



ray**debenham-51**
Anchorage
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600

Ray has participated in the 95, 96 and 97 Iron Dog races. He is President of Kiana Investment, Inc. & Debenham Investments and is managing partner of Debenham Family Partnership, Debenham-Alaska Scholarship and MODEB Properties. His business focus is real estate management and construction. Ray received Alaska's Small Business Entrepreneur Award in 96 and also was awarded Alaska's Small Business Award in 84. He is on the Board of Trustees of Alaska Pacific University. Ray earned his BA degree from Alaska Methodist University of 72 and participated in the Harvard Business School OPM Program in 84. Ray has been married to Rita for 38 glorious years and has 4 children, Debra, Julie, Michael & Shaun and one grandchild, Tanner Ray.

guy**moss-51**
Zephyr Cove, NV
1997 Arctic Cat 580

Guy has no racing experience. He has done sport riding in the Sierra Nevada around Lake Tahoe, sometimes at as high an altitude as 10,000 feet, all above 7,000 feet. Guy lives at Lake Tahoe, NV (Zephyr Cove). He has worked as a Division Chief for Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District for 30 years. His hobbies are flying, boating, snowmobiling, skiing, and fishing. Guy is married to Rosey and has three children Gary, 30, Bryan, 27, Stephanie, 26 and 4 grand children, Allison, 4, Grant, 2, Thomas, 2 and Elizabeth, 1. The Iron Dog Race is his first venture with long distance snowmobile racing or traveling.



randall**moss-51**
Anchorage
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600

This is Randall's fourth Iron Dog, having participated in the 95, 96 and 97 races. Randall has lived in Anchorage for 27 years and owns Randall Moss Insurance Agency. He enjoys flying and riding motorcycles. He is married to Sharon and has five children, Kell, 30, Eric, 28, Blake, 25, Bradley, 22 and Aimee, 19.

bill**o'hara-51**
Big Lake
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600
Bill raced everything from 96 to 76 and the 94 Iron Dog. Bill is married to Maggie and they live in Big Lake. He is the Owner of Bill's Cat House.

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john**bergelin-52**
Fairbanks
1996 Polaris Wide Track GT 488

John did some "Bush League" racing in U.P. of Michigan in the late 60's and early 70's. He used snowmobile to "pioneer" trails for the cat trail on the North Slope in the late 70's. John is single, has no children and has been an Alaska resident for 25 years. He has been a mining engineer/placer miner for 30 years and currently lives in Fairbanks.

robert**camilli-52**
Eagle River
1997 Polaris XCF 440

Bob has no racing experience but has been riding since childhood. Bob's wife is Cindy. They have two daughters, Heather, 15, and Jennifer, 12. Bob is the co-owner of Emulsion Products of Alaska. He enjoys hunting, fishing, snow machining and most any outdoor activity.

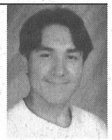
claude**sternberg-52**
Eagle River
1994 Polaris Indy 500

Claude is married to Peggie and has three children; Debbie Pitzer of Anchorage, Cindy Camille of Eagle River and Stacy Faulkner of Elho, Nevada

jim**weymiller-52**
Fairbanks
1995 Ski-Doo Skandic 500

Jim has ridden snowmobiles for 20 years, not racing, just riding. Jim is married to Mary and has two children, Jerry, 31, and Gina, 30, and two grand children Jordan, 5, and Ella, 3. His hobbies along with snowmobiling, are hunting and fishing, bowling, and curling. Jim just wants to ride and see the country!

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harold**charles-53**
Nome
1998 Polaris XC 600

Harold has been a Norton Sound Racing Association Junior Class competitor for two seasons. He placed third in the 65 mile Junior Cannonball Run last spring and second in the 1996 Junior Cannonball. He has been recreational riding for 6 years and has a total of 15,000 miles on three snowmobiles. Harold has lived in Nome

for 12 of his 16 years. He is a junior at Nome-Beltz Junior-Senior High School. His hobbies include snowmobile racing and riding, four-wheeling in his Dodge Power Wagon and camping. He will be riding with his father, Mark Fuerstenau. His mother's name is Alice and he has one brother, Charles, age 10. He is employed as mechanic's assistant at Morgan's Snowmobile Sales & Service and Burger King after school and on Saturdays. When he's not working he's riding. He also played wing-back and cornerback for the Richmond (Michigan) Blue Devils J.V. Team last fall. Harold would like to thank Mark and Alice Fuerstenau (mom and dad), Charles Fuerstenau (brother), and Grandpa Charles for all their tremendous support.

mark**fuerstenau-53**
Nome
1998 Polaris XC 600



Mark frequently rides the trails in the Nome area and to surrounding villages. He started riding motorcycles at age 14, trail riding throughout Michigan. He has been excited getting back into riding over 30 years later; he has been a recreational rider for over 20 years. Mark is a formerly an ardent motorcycle trail rider. Mark is originally from southeastern Michigan and has lived in Alaska for 20 years, Nome for 16. He and his wife, Alice, have two sons, Harold, 16, and Charles, 10. Mark is an elementary school teacher, youth worker and Community Development Specialist for the State of Alaska. He enjoys family activities including camping and snowmobiling. He plans to write about his experiences on the trail with his son, Harold. He is the former editor of the Nome Nugget Newspaper.

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gary**baugh-54**
Anchorage
1995 Polaris XLT 600



Gary rode in the 97 Iron Dog Recreational Trail Ride. He likes to hunt, fish, fly, ski and bike race. His wife is Barbara and they have 3 children, Andy, Kathleen and David.

bruce**boyd-54**
Wasilla
1998 Arctic Cat ZR 600



Bruce has lived in Alaska since 1973. He is a salmon and halibut commercial fisherman in waters of Bristol Bay and off the coasts of Kodiak and Dutch Harbor. His hobbies include hunting, hunting and hunting, according to his wife Marcia. Bruce has been riding snowmobiles since 1968, logging thousands of miles, and he participated in the 97 Iron Dog Trail Class.

joseph**grohs-54**
Chugiak
1998 Arctic Cat Powder Special 600



Joe has 16 years riding experience in the Cantwell, Petersville and Eureka areas of Alaska. Joe has lived in Alaska since 1981. Joe and his wife, Julie, have two sons, Erek, 12, and Lee, 9. Joe and Julie are both veterinarians and own the Alaska Equine and Small Animal Hospital in Chugiak, Alaska. The whole family enjoys snowmobiling and they are presently building a winter cabin near Petersville. Joe's hobbies include snowmobiling, hunting and fishing.

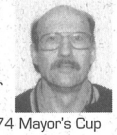
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jack**bronner-55**
Anchorage
1997 Polaris XLT 600



Jack has been an avid cross-country snowmobile driver since 1969 and has raced during 1971-75 in many events including the Midnight Sun 600, Big Lake 500, Hatcher Pass 60, Tok 200, Mat-Su 60, Oval Races and more. Jack was raised on a farm in Iowa, has lived in Anchorage since 1969 with his wife, Beverly, they have one daughter, Chauna Swain, and one grandson, Tyler (at age 8 he wants to go to Nome with grandad). Jack is a retired Air Traffic Controller and currently operates a small construction firm building residential housing. When not working on snowmobiles, Jack enjoys flying his Super Cub, driving a riverboat to his cabin, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family.

larry**witaschek-55**
Eagle River
1997 Polaris XLT 600



Larry has raced the 72 Hatcher Pass snowmobile race, the 76 Big Lake snowmobile race, the 74 Mayor's Cup snowmobile race, and several local x-country snowmobile races in 72-97. Larry is from Denver, Colorado, and now resides in Eagle River. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and golf. He has three children, Jo, 33, Jody, 31, and Jenny, 25. Larry is a general contractor.

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william**fields-55**
Hazard, KY
1997 Yamaha VMAX600 XTC



In 1997 William and a friend, 80 years old, made it from Wasilla to Rainy Pass area, attempting the trail to Nome. With poor trail conditions, they turned around and rode back out to Deshka Landing. He has ridden on trails in the Fairbanks area mountains. He keeps his 96 Ski-Doo SLE snowmobile in Fairbanks. He has been on several dog-mushing trips in Alaska, in White Mountain, Denali Park, and Brooks Range. He is married to Linda, and has 2 daughters, Ashton Paige, 8, Kirsten Sierra, 4. He is General Manager/Owner of an Anheuser Busch Beer Distributorship in South Eastern, KY. He has been traveling in and to Alaska for 15 years. He enjoys fishing in Cooper River, Kenai area, Lake Creek and the Illiamna area; William restored a 1941 Howard DGA 15 Airplane and received his floatplane rating in Alaska. He enjoys 4-wheeling in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, open water kayaking, professional photography, and old cars, (he has a 1921 Franklin and 1931 Model A Ford). He has 5 freefall skydive jumps! His next step is to move to Alaska and ride in other Iron Dog races and classes!
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lee**hilde-56**
Eagle River
1998 Polaris XC 600

Lee has been riding snowmobiles recreationally for 30 years and has raced in Haines during the 92 racing season. Lee lives in Eagle River but was born in Hibbing, MN. His first snowmobile was a 68 Ski-Doo Olympic. He owns and enjoys riding his 10 horses.

barry**wharam-56**
Wasilla
Polaris XC 600

Barry has not raced he just likes to ride. Barry is originally from England - Sehelens, now lives in Wasilla. His hobbies include fishing, hunting and the outdoors in general. Barry is a maintenance systems specialist for ARCO.

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adam**sholton-57**
Anchorage
Undeclared

Adam's prior experience has been recreational riding. Adam was born and raised in Alaska and resides in Anchorage. Adam is a pilot.

paul**sholton-57**
Anchorage
Undeclared



Paul has been a recreational rider since 1995 and his longest ride to date is 100 miles. Paul loves skiing and bird hunting, traveling and white water rafting.

michael**murphy-57**
Anchorage
1997 Yamaha Mountain Max 700

Mike was born and raised in Bethel and resides in Honolulu, Hawaii. Mike is a pilot.

andrew**hodson-58**
Nome
1997 Polaris XLT RMK 598

Andrew is originally from Chicago, but lives in Nome. He is a loan officer at First National Bank of Anchorage in Nome. He enjoys snowmobiling and is very excited to be a part of the 1998 Iron Dog Recreational Trail Ride and is looking forward to the ride from Nome to Fairbanks.

jim**stimpfle-58**
Nome
1998 Polaris EFI 500



Jim raced in the 94 and 97 and rode the 95 Iron Dog. Jim is 49 and lives in Nome. He says one of his hobbies is not sleeping at night during the winter months. He is a Real Estate Broker and is married to Bernadette, has six children Megan, Ian, Maddy, Eric, Sean and Josh.

tom**boling-59**
Anchorage
1997 Polaris 500

Tom finished second in the 95 Iron Dog Trophy Class. Tom has been an Alaska resident for 14 years. He is Operations Administrator for Providence Health System in Alaska.

randy**comer-59**
Anchorage
1997 Polaris 500

Randy has ten years riding experience in Alaska. Randy has lived in Anchorage since 1984 coming from North Carolina. Randy feels fortunate to be riding with this group; it is life's great experience.

wilson**hughes-59**
Anchorage
1997 Polaris 700

Wilson has raced in five previous Iron Dogs, but never a round trip. He first ran the race in 1986 with his son, Paul, who says dad's too slow to ride with now. Wilson is looking forward to not turning right at Ruby and to seeing the bright lights of Nenana and Fairbanks. Wilson has lived in Anchorage for 28 years and is employed by GCI - Alaska's Premier provider of Telecommunications Products and Services including Long Distance, Local Service to half the state's customers, Cable Television to 75% of the viewers in the state, and a variety of other services. Wilson feels very fortunate to be riding on Team Interstate Battery/ Eagle River Polaris.

greg**jones-59**
Anchorage
1997 Polaris 700 SKS

Greg has never raced but has covered many miles training racers. He rides 2000/3000 miles a year. Greg has been an Alaskan resident for 34 years. He is a Vice President of GCI's Rural Services.

vern**monette-59**
Anchorage
1997 Polaris 500

Vern has raced in three Iron Dogs including 1st place in the Trophy Class. He has had many adventures in Alaska.

greg**pearce-59**
Chugiak
1994 Ski-Doo Mach Z 780

Greg has been a recreational rider since childhood, and raced in Hatcher Pass Mat-Su 500. Hobbies include hunting, fishing, flying, horse riding and working at GCI.

dana**pruhs-59**
Anchorage
1998 Polaris 700 XC

Dana has one previous Iron Dog and is looking forward to seeing his hometown of Fairbanks. He has been an Alaska resident for 41 years and is President of Pruhs Corporation. He looks forward to riding with his good buddies, who are fearless and not afraid of the mild temperatures expected on this trip.

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jeff**allen-60**
Anchorage
1997 Polaris XLT RMK 600



Jeff's experience is recreational riding only out of Anchorage. Jeff is married to Susan Wilhour-Allen,

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the bright star closest to the north celestial pole, and the brightest star in the constellation Ursa Minor. Its position is indicated by the "pointers" in Ursa Major. Polaris is a yellow supergiant about 500 light-years away.
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and has a daughter, Lindsay Elizabeth, 10. He is co-owner of Carlile Enterprises, Inc. and K & W Transportation.

bert**bailey-60**
Big Lake
1998 Polaris RMK 700

byron**dehaai-60**
Anchorage
1997 Polaris RMK 700

Byron has been riding in Alaska since 1992 and rode the 94 Tok to Dawson. He grew up on a farm in South Dakota and moved to Alaska after getting married to Linda in 1990. Byron has one son, Aaron, 1.5. He is employed at Pro-Care Auto Center in Anchorage as a mechanic. He enjoys hunting, fishing and snowmobiling.

robert**groeneweg-60**
Anchorage
1998 Polaris 700



Robert started riding in approximately 64. He rides between 1 to 2 thousand miles per year, mostly backcountry. He broke trail for the first Iditarod Sled Dog Race. He has lived in Alaska for 39 years. His hobbies are work, snowmobiling and fishing. He is married and has 2 children, Greg and Geri and is self-employed.

michael**lindeen-60**
Anchorage
1996 Polaris XLT 600

Michael has been a recreational rider since 1969, but has no racing experience. He has ridden Tok-Dawson, Rainy Pass and back, this is his the thirrd year of riding with Bob and crew. Hobbies include hunting, fishing, traveling, and diving. He is married to Karen, and has 2 children, Tanya, 13, and Mason, 10. Michael owns an excavating company.

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brett**dodson-69**
Anchorage
Undeclared

Brett was born and raised in Alaska, he enjoys flying, fishing, hunting, snowmobiling, rebuilding aircraft. He is married to Maria and has worked for ERA Aviation for 14 years.

john**oney-69**
Anchorage
Yamaha SX 700

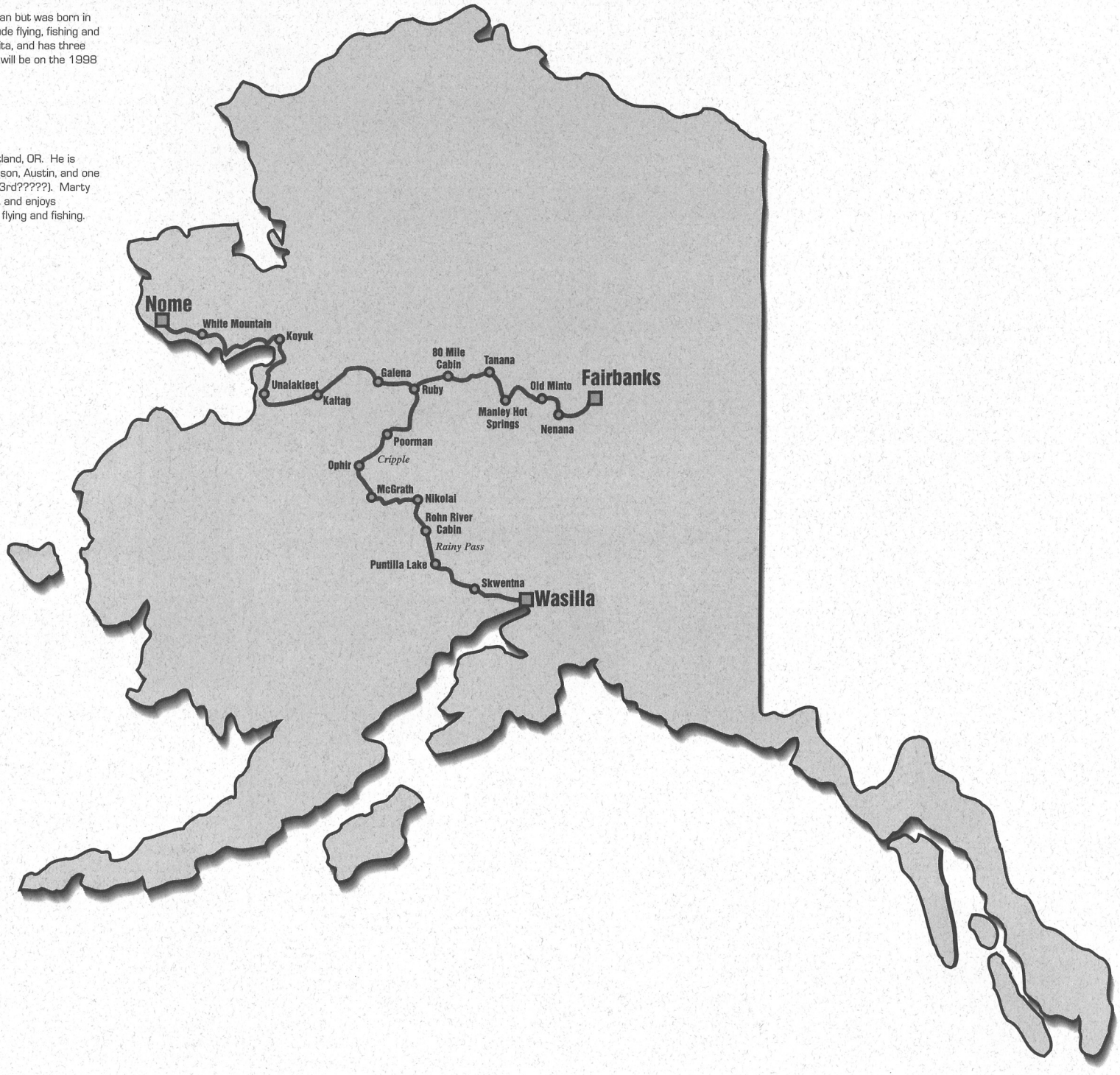
Tony is a recreational rider, entering the 98 Iron Dog is his first cross-country trip. He was born and raised in Alaska and he likes to fish, hunt, snowmobile, fly, ski, and sail. He is single and is a commercial pilot for ERA Aviation with 10 years of experience.

tony**oney-69**
Anchorage
Undeclared

Tony, Sr. is a long time Alaskan but was born in Oklahoma. His hobbies include flying, fishing and hunting. He is married to Rita, and has three adult children, one of whom will be on the 1998 Iron Dog trail with him.

marty**torrance-69**
Anchorage
Undeclared

Marty is originally from Portland, OR. He is married to Tracy, and has a son, Austin, and one on the way (Brandon-March3rd?????). Marty works for Tucker Rocky Dist. and enjoys snowmobiling, motorcycling, flying and fishing.



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Wasilla to Skwentna	89	Nome to White Mountain	75
Skwentna to Puntilla	72	White Mountain to Koyuk	94
Puntilla to Rohn	75	Koyuk to Unalakleet	98
Rohn to Nikolai	74	Unalakleet to Kaltag	95
Nikolai to McGrath	52	Kaltag to Galena	98
McGrath to Ophir	63	Galena to Ruby	52
Ophir to Poorman	99	Ruby to 80 Mile Cabin	40
Poorman to Ruby	72	80 Mile Cabin to Tanana	80
Ruby to Galena	52	Tanana to Manley Hot Springs	69
Galena to Kaltag	98	Manley Hot Springs to Old Minto	80
Kaltag to Unalakleet	95	Old Minto to Nenana	30
Unalakleet to Koyuk	98	Nenana to Fairbanks	52
Koyuk to White Mountain	94		
White Mountain to Nome	75		
Northbound Mileage	**1,108**	**Southbound Mileage**	**863**

Total Overall Mileage 1,971

The 1998 field is made up of 106 racing and riding participants, breaking an all time record. Racers and riders come from all areas of Alaska, including the following Alaska communities.

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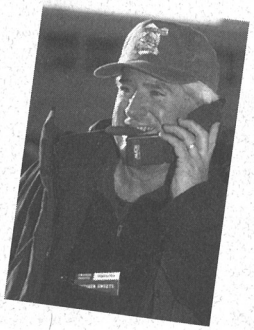
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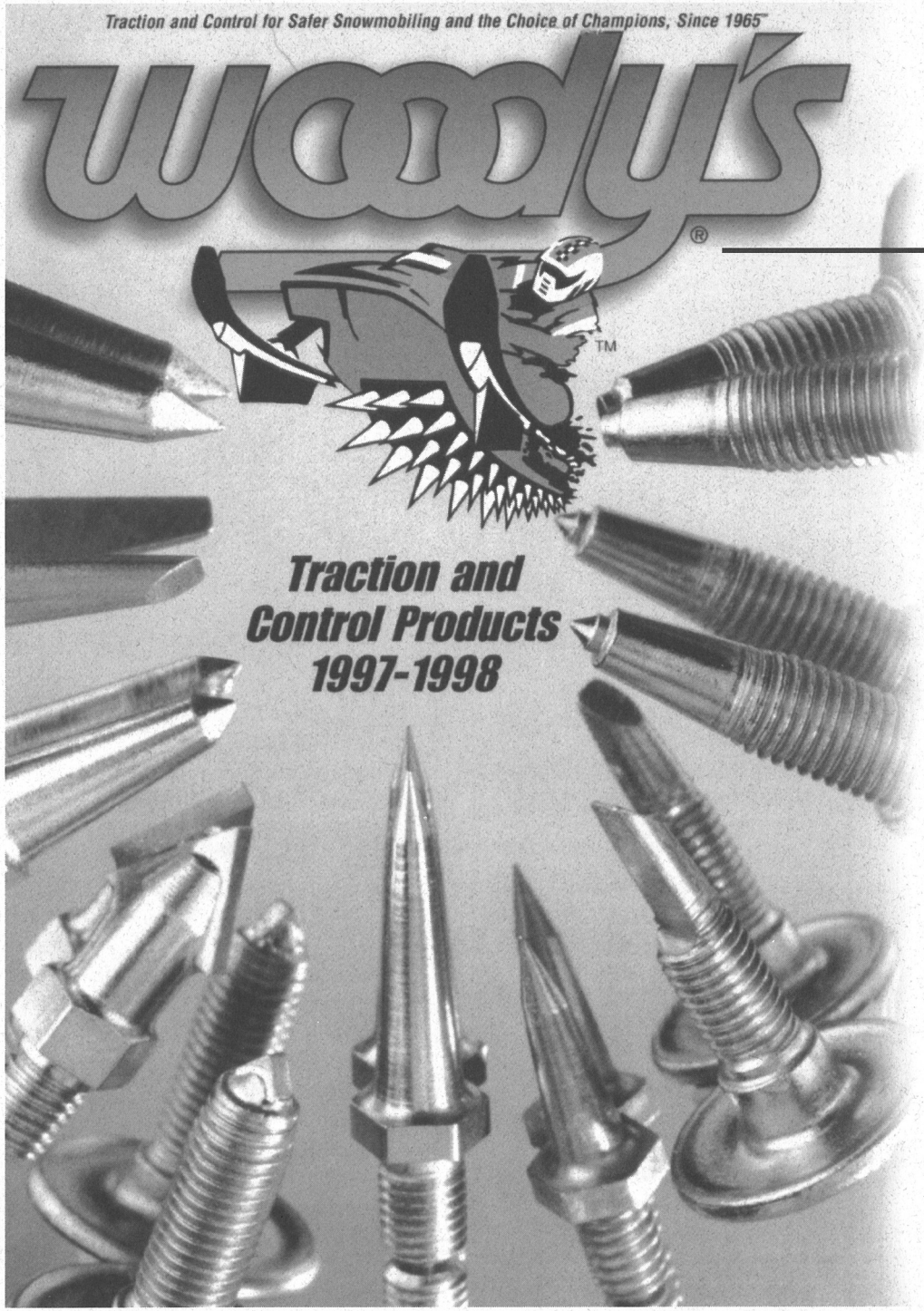
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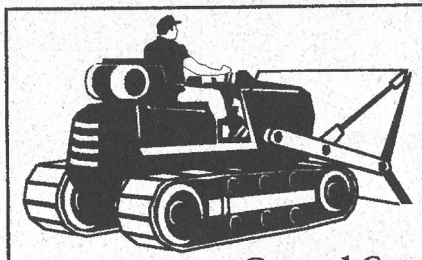
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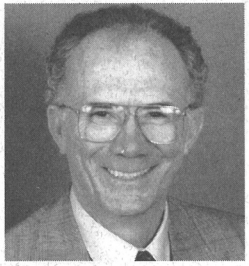
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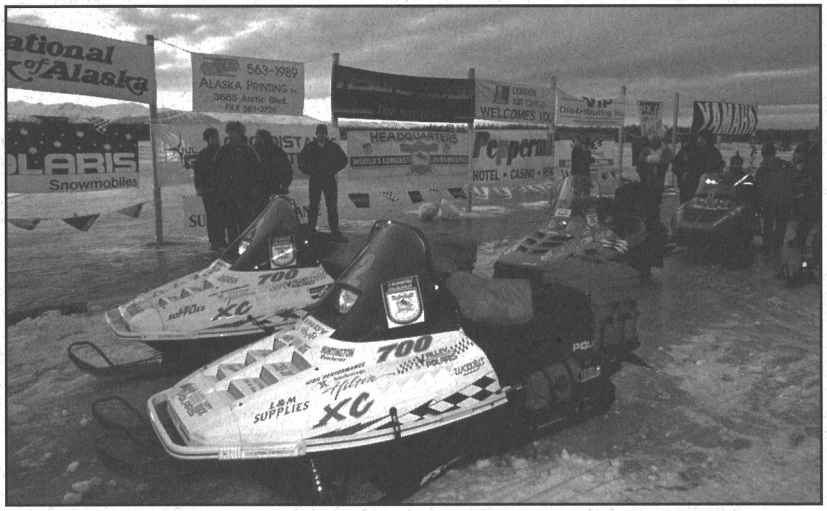
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Arctic Cat Presents

During the 1997•98 Snowmobile Season, Arctic Cat will be supporting the following events:

K400
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SHEEP CREEK STUMP JUMP
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Statewide Contingency

Awarded to Arctic Cat Racers in 440 and 600 STOCK classes, by event. Contingency Award Certificates will be redeemable at all Alaska Arctic Cat Dealers for parts, accessories or towards a new Arctic Cat Snowmobile. Racers must submit claims, per back page instructions

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	440 & 600 Total Posted
Klondike 400	$250	$200	$150	$100	$50	$1,500
Nome to Golovan	$250	$200	$150	$100	$50	$1,500
Pikes - Nenana	$250	$200	$150	$100	$50	$1,500
Cannonball	$250	$200	$150	$100	$50	$1,500
Archie Ferguson Memorial	$250	$200	$150	$100	$50	$1,500
Arctic Circle Cross Country	$250	$200	$150	$100	$50	$1,500
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	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	440 & 600 Total Posted
AMMC	$150	$100	$75	$50	$25	$6,400

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The Perpetual Cup will be awarded to the winningest STOCK ZR440 or 600 racer in Alaska during the 1997•98 season. The individual with the highest dollar amount of Contingency Award Certificates from ARDI gets it! In the case of a tie, then the racer with the most 1st's gets it! In the case of another tie, an elaborate scoring will be used to pick the winner! This Cup is passed on from year-to-year with each season's winning name and year engraved into the Cup. An additional award to the Cup winner is a free trip to the yearly Arctic Cat Performance Race Seminar, held at Thief River Falls in Autumn 1998. Airfare and Hotel accomodations will be paid.

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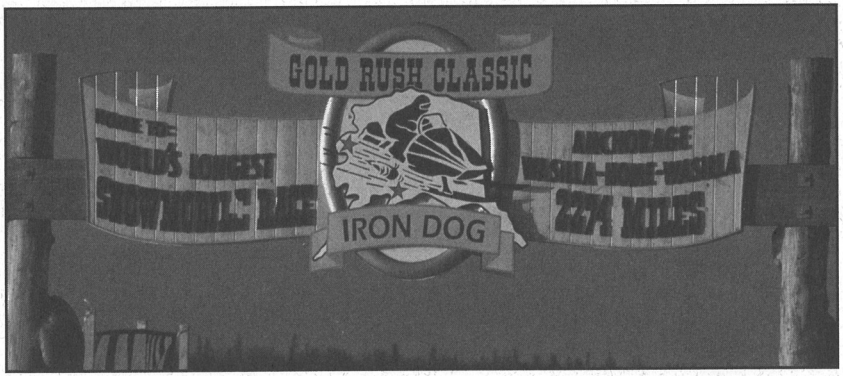
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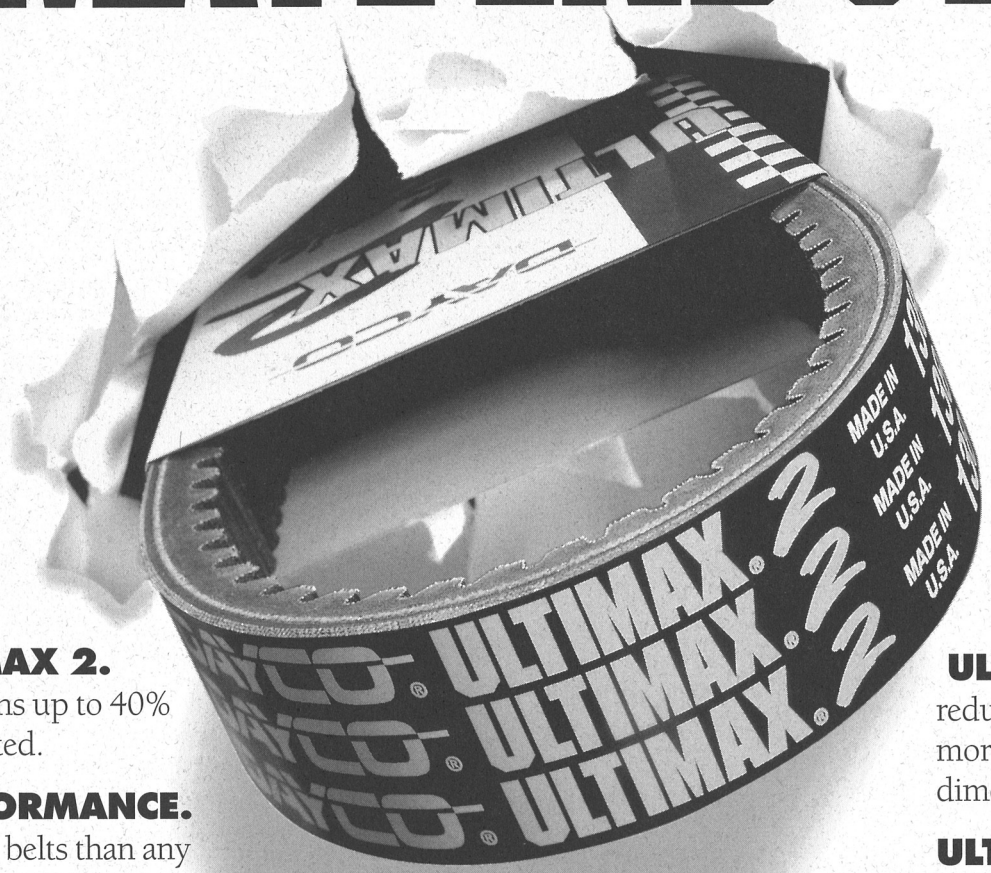
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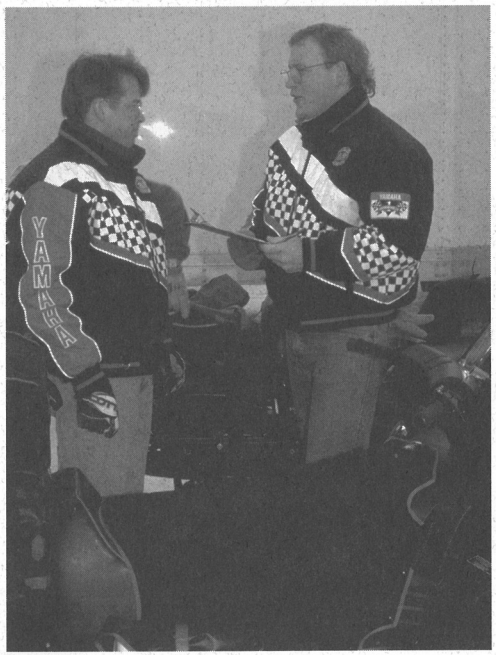
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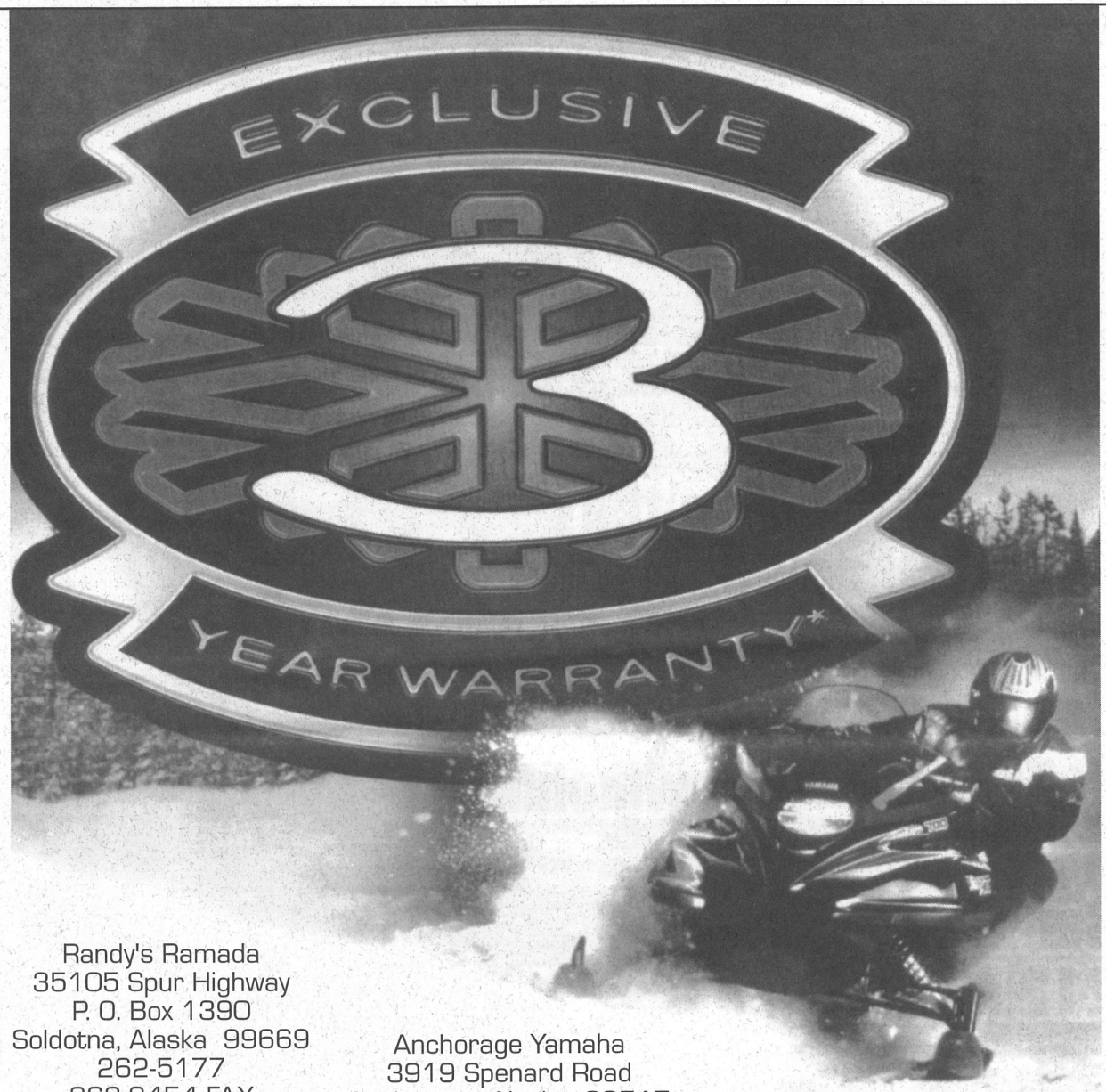
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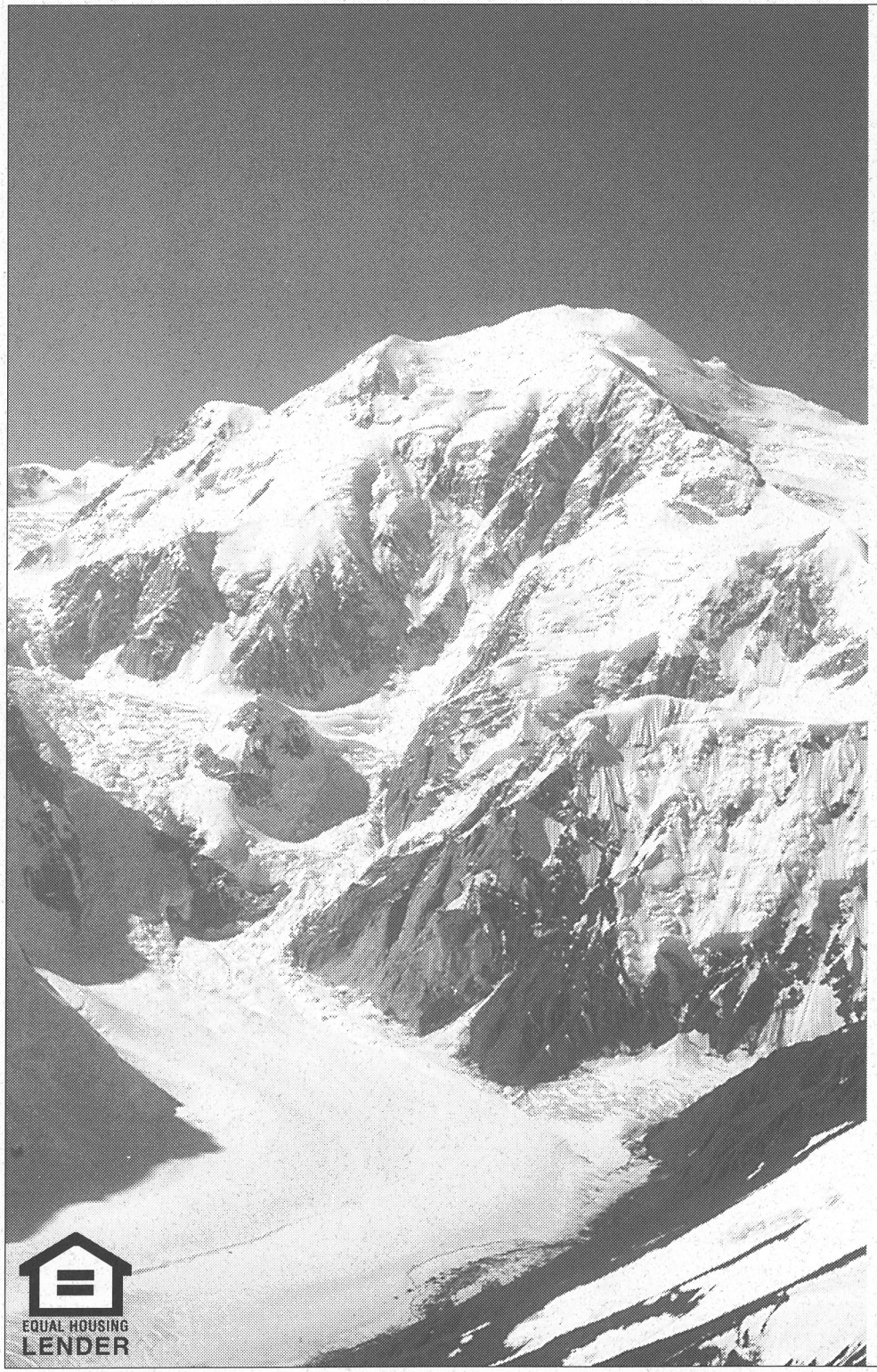
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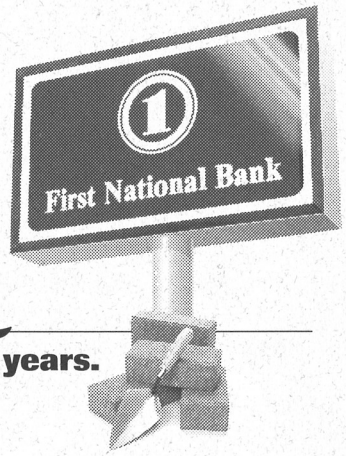
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