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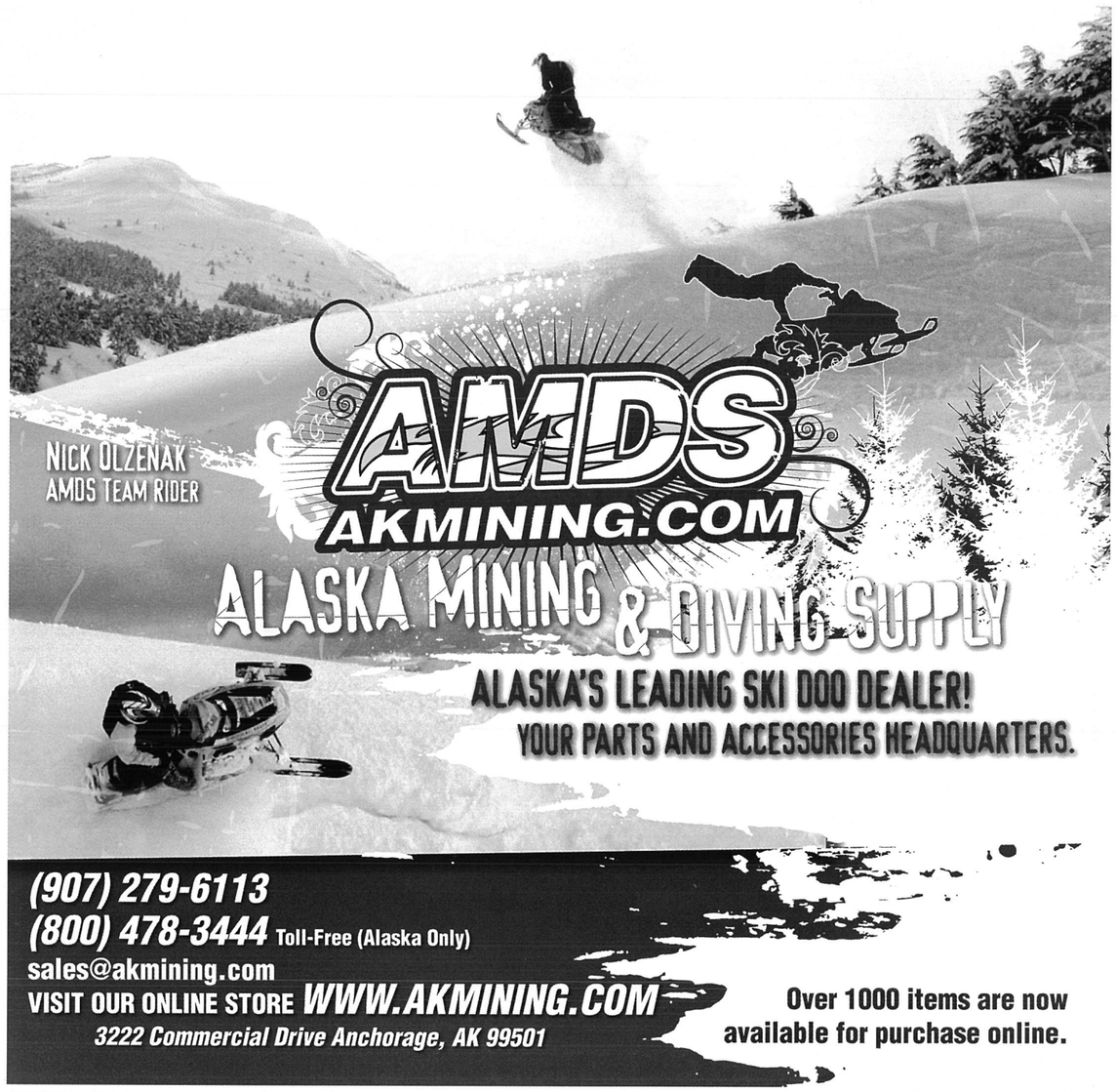
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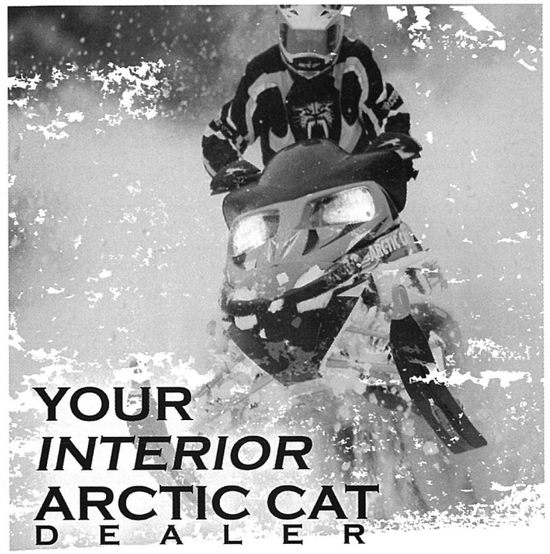
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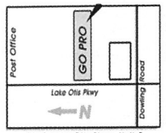
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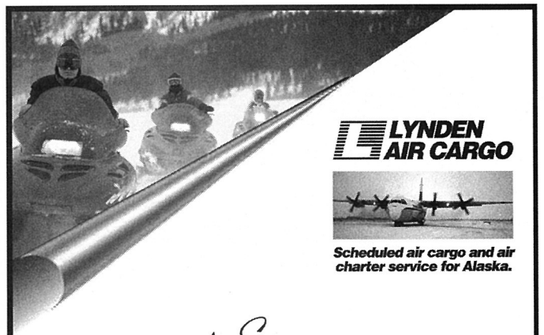


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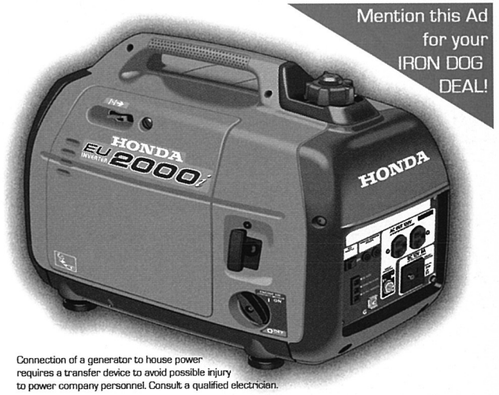
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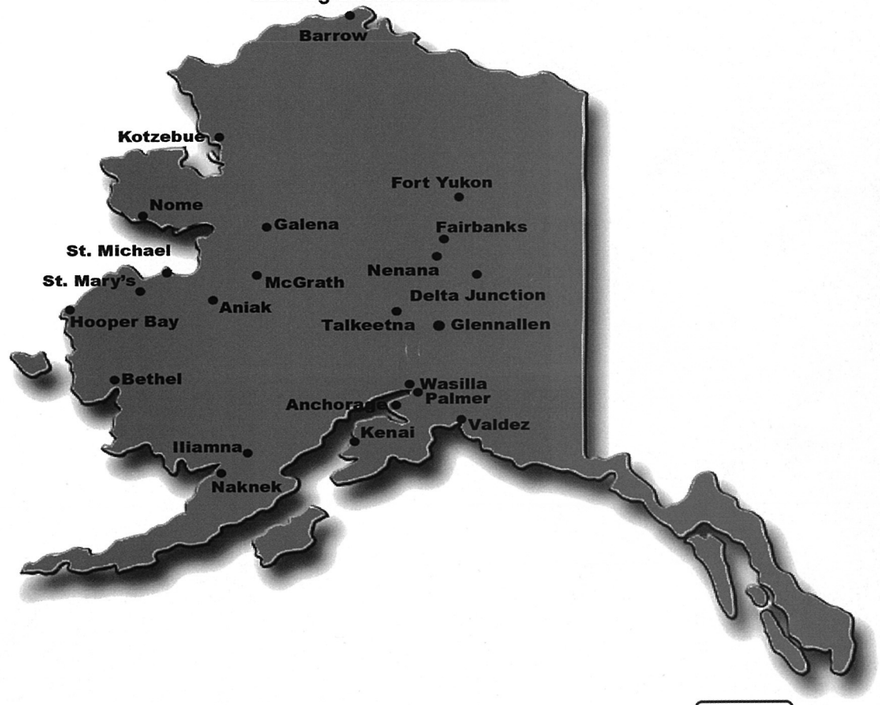
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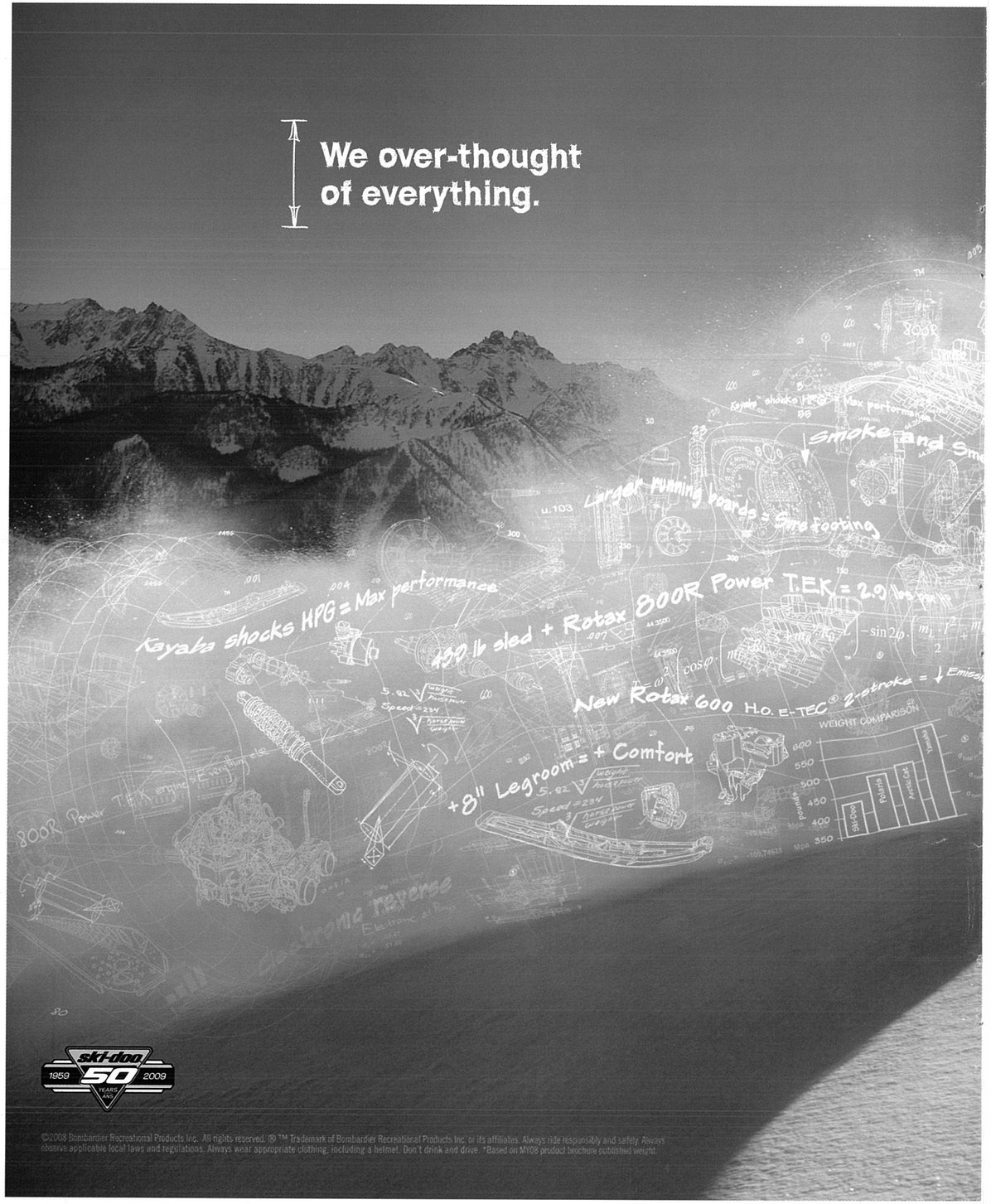
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First Iron Dog Race Called the "Iditarod Iron Dog Classic"
Due to warm weather the race was from McGrath to Nome.
15 Teams raced for a purse of $20,000
John Faeo & Rod Frank, First Place win $8,500
Average Speed, 35mph

1985

Race name changed to "Gold Rush Classic"
Race route Wasilla to Nome 1,049 miles.

1987

First woman, Melinda, to enter the race with husband, Doug Lyman

1988

John Faeo and partner Dan Zipay win their third straight Iron Dog race.

1989

Doreen Long, the first woman to cross the finish line in trail class with husband Bill.
Lowest number of Race Class entrants, 7 teams.
First race to start in Nome.

1990

First husband and wife team compete, Bill and Doreen Long.

1993

Race route changes from Wasilla to Nome to Wasilla doubling miles 2,098
Five time Iditarod Champion, Rick Swenson, enters the Iron Dog with partner Pat Delia.

1994

$50,000 first place prize money.

1996

With partner Bob Gilman, John Faeo takes his seventh first place finish.

1997

First all women's race team enters, Lisa Luther and Laura Carr.

1998

Race route changes to include Fairbanks, Wasilla to Nome to Fairbanks 1,971 miles.

1999

Largest amount of participants entered, 122.

2000

First all women's team to cross the finish line, Jackie Page and Missy McClurg.

2002

First time a Ski-Doo Team crosses the finish line in first place.

2003

Race cancelled due to warm temperatures and poor trail conditions.

2004

Race route changed Wasilla to Nome to Wasilla
First Rookie in a pro class team crosses the finish line in first place, Nick Olstad.

2007

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2008

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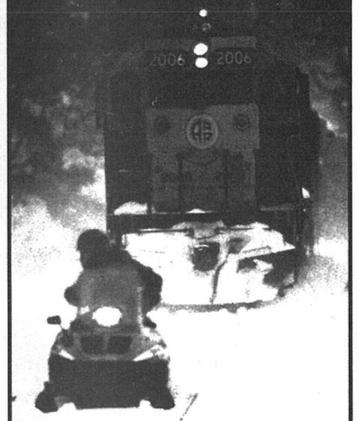
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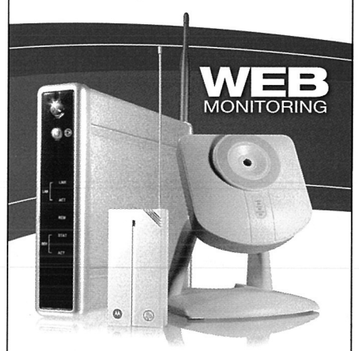
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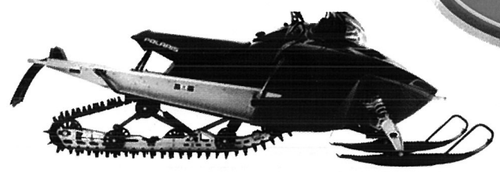
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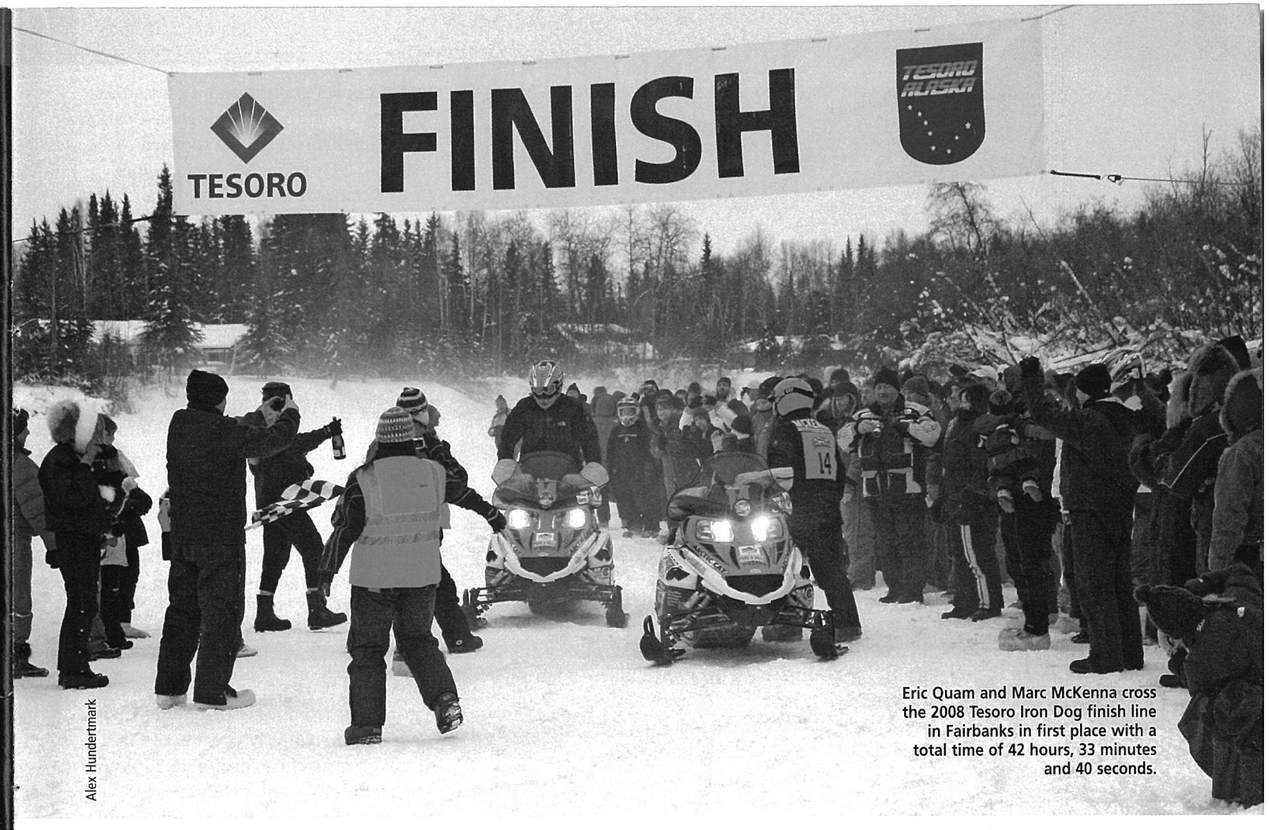
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The tough get tougher

Tesoro Iron Dog racers overcome multitude of challeges

By Justin Matley

Each year thousands watch intently as men and women in two-person teams race for glory in what organizers call the "longest, toughest snowmobile race in the world."

Only in Alaska, The Last Frontier, can one find such a race as the Tesoro Iron Dog, where the difficulty is compounded by unforgiving terrain, severe weather hazards, high speeds and the competitive nature of die-hard snowmachiners.

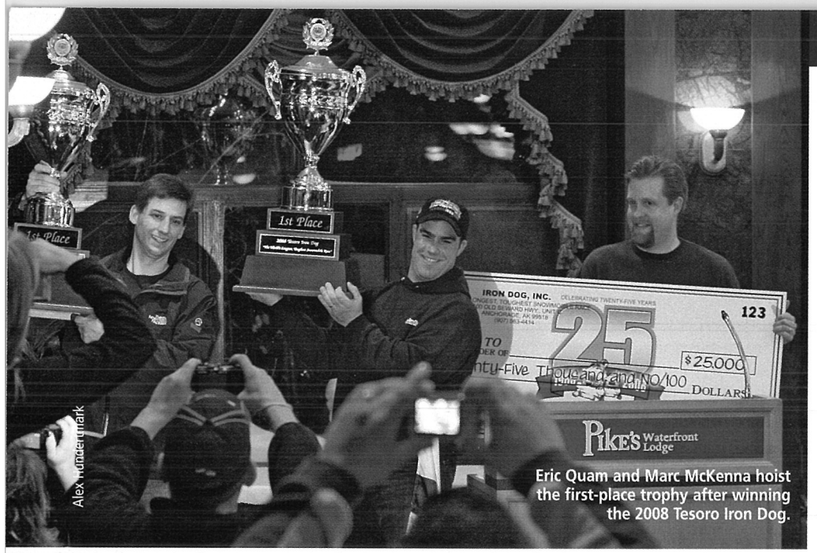
The throttles open on February 8, 2009 to begin an unmatched challenge through the hardships of a snow-covered Alaska for a 1,971-mile run from Big Lake to Nome and then Fairbanks, along a specified route. Racers will proclaim that each section of the trail has its varied hardships endured by both man and machine, but for each it's a worthwhile endeavor to showcase ones skill and ability in such an unforgiving wilderness.

The Tesoro Iron Dog is not just another race, and is not just another timed event; it's an honored challenge to make ones name known and become a part of the elite breed of men and women who dare to become an Iron Dogger. And, as evident of side events and community support, the Tesoro Iron Dog promotes camaraderie and a sense of family within fans, and among the competitors themselves.

The race began in 1984, but not as we know it today. Nothing to be scoffed at, the original race was approximately 1,108 miles long, ending in Nome. It was initiated by Bob Kowalke, now an official member of the Iron Dog Hall of Fame, in an effort to sustain a long distance, cross-country snowmachine race. After countless hours invested by he and volunteers, a few battles for right-of-way on the Iditarod Trail, serious monetary investments and corporate support, the first race was launched. It was called Iron Dog Iditarod, followed the Iditarod Trail, and was won by John Faeo Sr. and teammate Rod Frank.

A few transitions have occurred since then. The following year the race became known as the Gold Rush Classic, and in 1990 became the Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic. In 2000, Tesoro Corporation became the title sponsor, naming the race the Tesoro Iron Dog.

The current course follows the Iditarod Trail from Big Lake on to McGrath, Ruby and then Nome. There the Trail Class teams claim their victory. Pro Class teams, however, turn back



Eric Quam and Marc McKenna hoist the first-place trophy after winning the 2008 Tesoro Iron Dog.

after a couple of days rest to run the stretch to Ruby in reverse, this time with a better understanding of what challenges they'll face. From Ruby the competitors embark upon the final leg of their journey to Fairbanks and the finish. The race involves some 25 Alaskan communities, 21 of which are checkpoints or the start and finish. Between each are a plethora of hazards and ever-changing trail conditions.

To those who have never run the race, it may seem as if the only hardship is the distance and perhaps sub-zero temperatures. As if that's not enough already, there in fact is much more to it. Whether racing more leisurely in the Trail Class or pushing full force on a modified racing rig in the Pro Class, the relentless pounding of the terrain is an annual destroyer of machines. Broken shocks, burnt drive belts and torn tracks are all common mishaps. Then, if the roughness and tough terrain isn't bad enough, there are water crossings, steep inclines, ravines and unmarked trails to endure. Teams have a grueling task of maintaining control, forward motion, operational machines, awareness and safety, all while in the grips of exhaustion.

Certain areas of the course have gained notoriety as being some of the most challenging terrain. Racers often get stuck in steep hills before the Puntilla checkpoint. Hell's Gate, a steep pass, is known for tossing machines around and causing racers to strain for control. There are also rivers of rock, ice and displaced logs to break shocks and bend skis out of alignment. The Farewell Burn serves up an order of bruised kidneys with over forty miles of lumpy, frozen tufts of grass and root. Frank G. Mielk, a Trail Class rookie in 2007, described the Burn stretch as if riding over fixed bowling balls at about one foot apart. Basically, if an Iron Dog racer is durable enough to endure the rattling, it may be the machine that breaks under the beating. Cole Sullivan recalled his 2006 race when crossing the somewhat frozen waters of Norton Sound, dreading his demise as he bogged in water, aiming for patches of ice to keep momentum. He barely made it across. All racers that year endured hardship with wet conditions and flowing creeks. And even in open, smooth ground, the worries are not over. Machines often overheat, as do the riders, under the incredible strain.

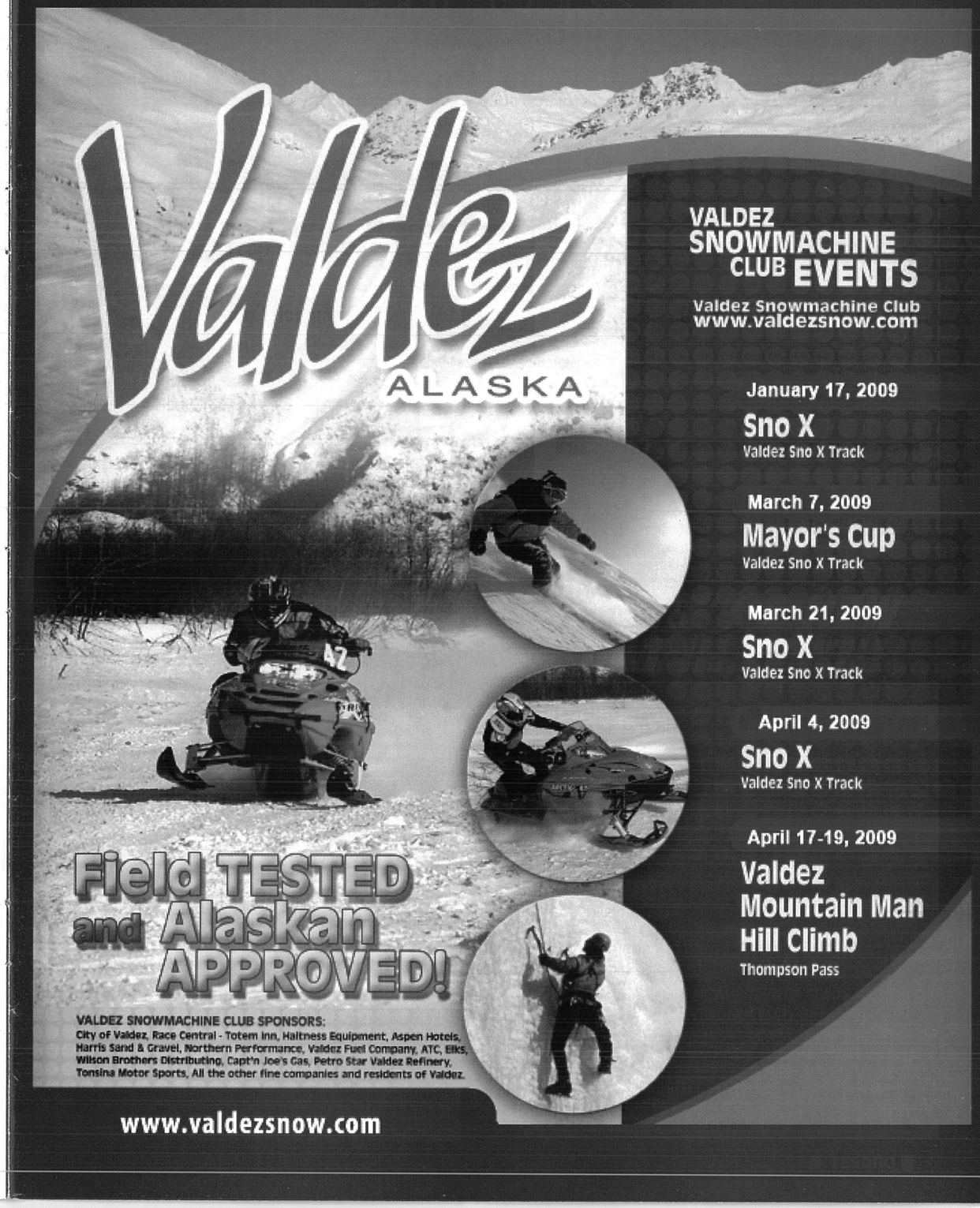
Luckily, safety is a big concern for the Tesoro Iron Dog committee and staff as well as the racers themselves. Competitor etiquette requires racers to assist one another in times of need. In years past, this was not the case unless the incident was severe. Aside from potentially saving a life or getting a fellow racer back in the action, racers have learned that they, too, may need assistance at some point, so taking a moment to help others is always a good idea. Iron Dog racers are also equipped with GPS units that track their movements. They can use the GPS for themselves if the trail becomes unclear, and it often does; or officials can track the general location of each individual should they fail to show up at appropriate checkpoints.

GPS tracking is also a major fun factor with spectators. Every team can be followed on the Iron Dog website with the use of a Google Earth map and World Communication Center tracking system. Also posted online is the checkpoint status and time for each team and web cam images to see the actual weather conditions. Following checkpoints and times for each team is crucial to really knowing who's in the lead. Required layovers play a factor in actual racing, so a team who looks as if they are ahead may actually be behind if they haven't completed their mandatory resting time yet.

Also for fans and the involved communities, Tesoro Iron Dog hosts a number of periphery events that allow spectators to get in on the action. The race starts on February 8 and includes fundraising activities and vendors. In Nome, at the half-way point, Trail Class racers dash for their finish line. Fans and participants rally and celebrate with awards, a slide presentation, prizes, and of course plenty of stories and memories of the previous days of racing.

Eventually, however, the Pro Class teams head off once again after a well-deserved recovery period. Their finish in Fairbanks includes spectator viewing of the finish as the racers, having been held in nearby Tanana, file in one after the other for their glorious moment of achievement. More awards are presented to coincide with a final banquet.

The Tesoro Iron Dog has been appropriately named the longest, toughest, snowmobile race in the world. The only thing missing from that title is the mention of fun. The Iron Dog has been a fan favorite since it began. Mark your calendar for February 8 and drop by the official Iron Dog website, www.irondog.org for race rosters, stats, team GPS tracking and more. Everything a fan needs can be found right there, but by all means, make an attempt to visit the start and finish and cheer at the checkpoints. Teams will tell you they're machines may be fueled by Tesoro, but racers run on spectator support.



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OFFICIAL RULES & ENTRY FORM

CONTEST PRIZE:
There will be a total of 3 Grand Prize winners, 1 from each age group.
There will be a total of 3 Second Place winners, 1 from each age group.

GRAND PRIZE:
One Iron Dog T-shirt and beanie. Picture posted on Iron Dog Website for 1 month
SECOND PRIZE:
Iron Dog T-shirt. Picture posted on Iron Dog Website for 1 month.

CONTEST RULES:
1. Age categories are 3-5, 6-9, 10-12
2. The final date for entries to be received will be February 14, 2009
3. Winners will be contacted by mail, and telephone.
4. All entries must accompany this form. If the entry form is not printed on the back of the coloring sheet, please make sure the contestant's name is printed on the back along with a telephone number.
5. Please send entries to:

IRON PUP COLORING CONTEST
7100 Old Seward Highway, Unit C
Anchorage, Alaska 99518

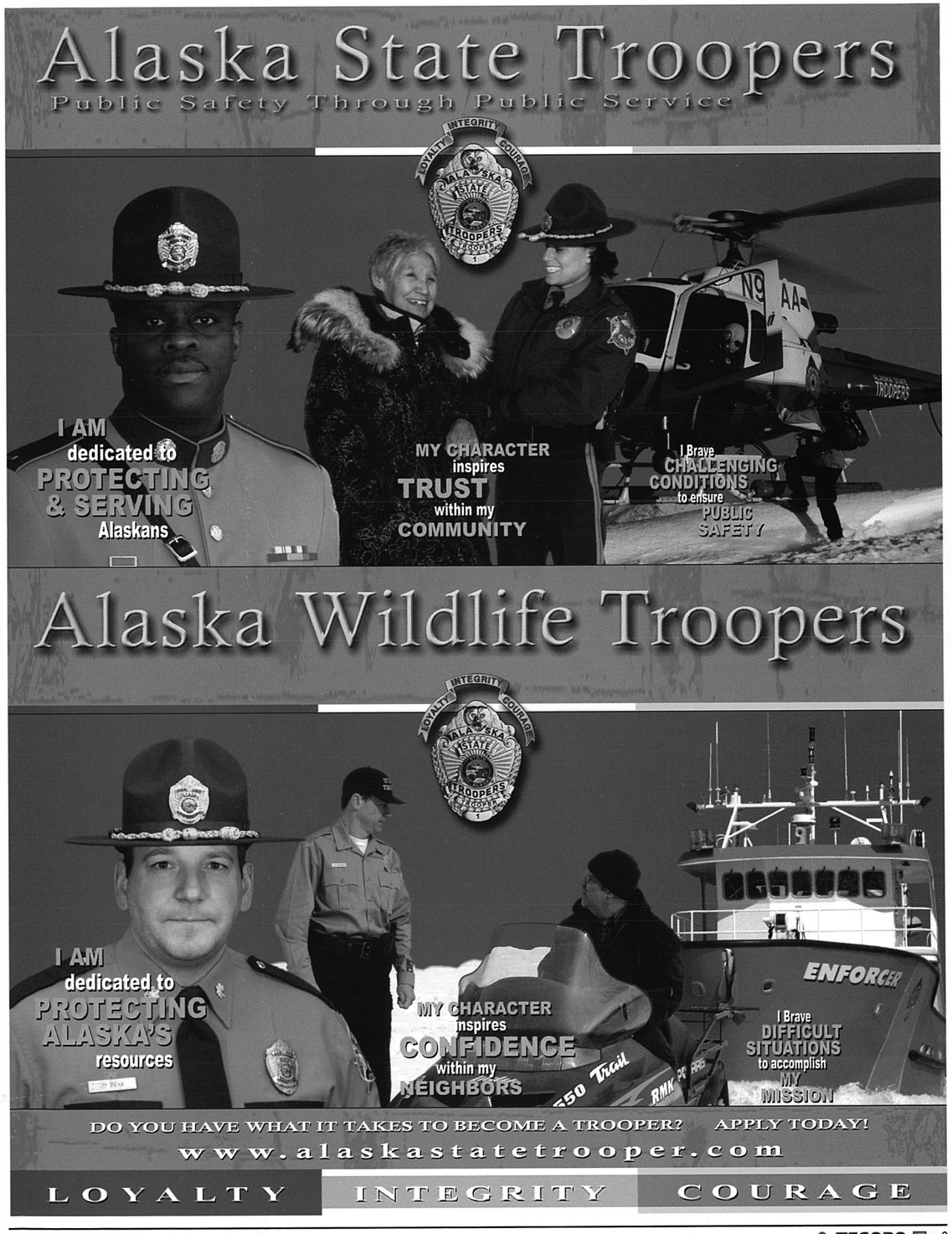
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1. Contestants will be divided into groups based on age.
   a. Group 1: 3 -5, Group 2: 6-9, Group 3: 10-12
2. Entries are limited to one per contestant
3. Only crayons, colored pencils or markers may be used.
4. Judges will be appointed by Iron Dog, Inc. Contestant entries will be judged based on neatness, and orginilatiy. The judge's decision will be final.

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Participant Name:_____ Age:_____

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The Office of Governor

SARAH PALIN

January 2009

Dear Racers and Fans,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all of you to the 2009 Tesoro Iron Dog!

This great race is a uniquely Alaska competition. It's an exciting winter tradition for my family, and has long been near and dear to my heart. What's more, it celebrates the matchless wonder of our state, from its rugged topography to the majestic views. The Iron Dog also calls on the greatness of the human spirit—its endurance and strength—and gives us the opportunity to remember its presence in all those who love Alaska and call it home.

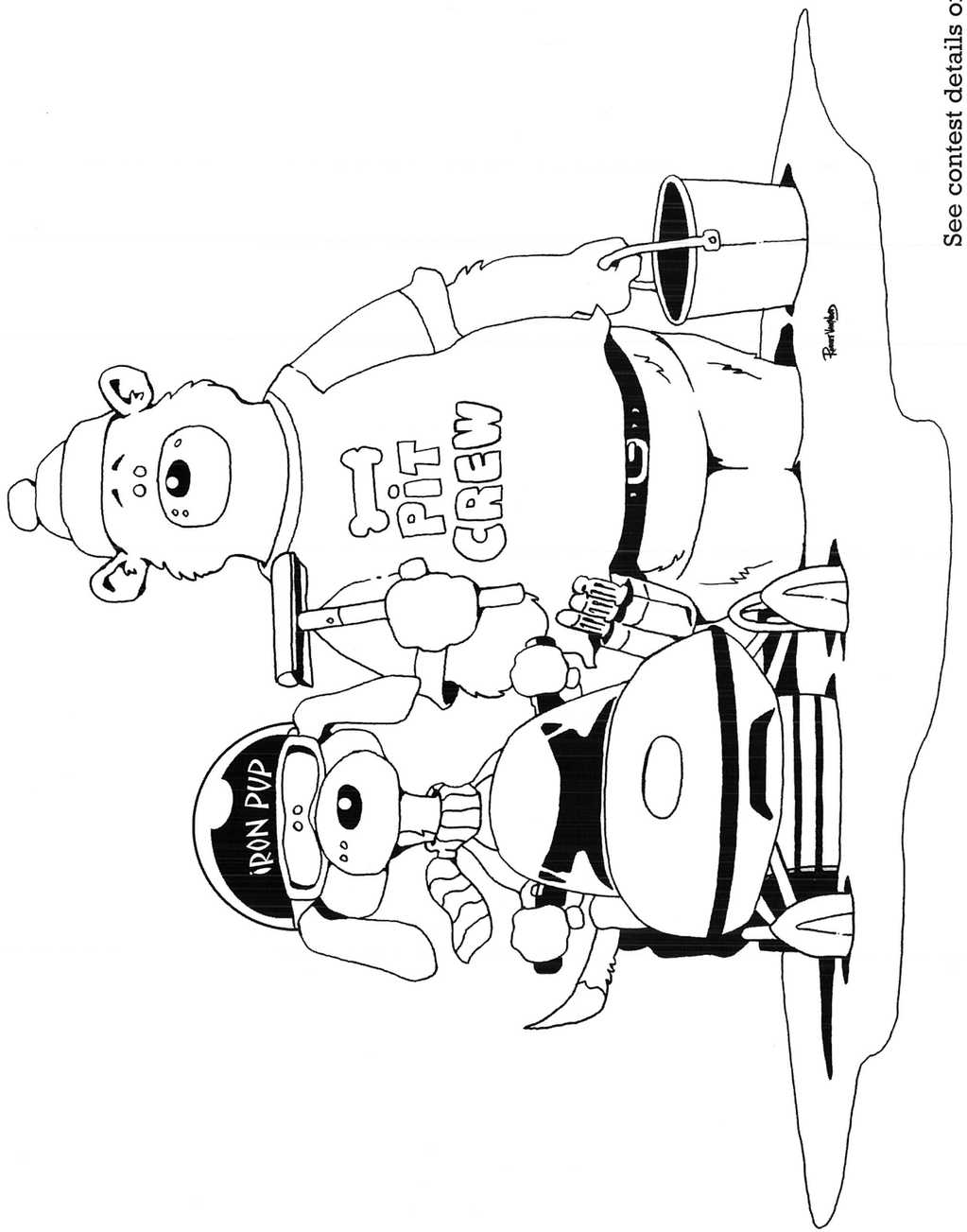
A competition of this magnitude cannot be undertaken without a variety of skills and tremendous strength of character. This race is not only a competition among racers. It pits racers against the elements, and the unforgiving and dangerous terrain that makes up this rugged and beautiful land. The Iron Dog is about survival.

Those who undertake this immense challenge are winners even before they reach the finish line. On behalf of the state of Alaska, I salute you all and wish you the very best on the journey that lies ahead.

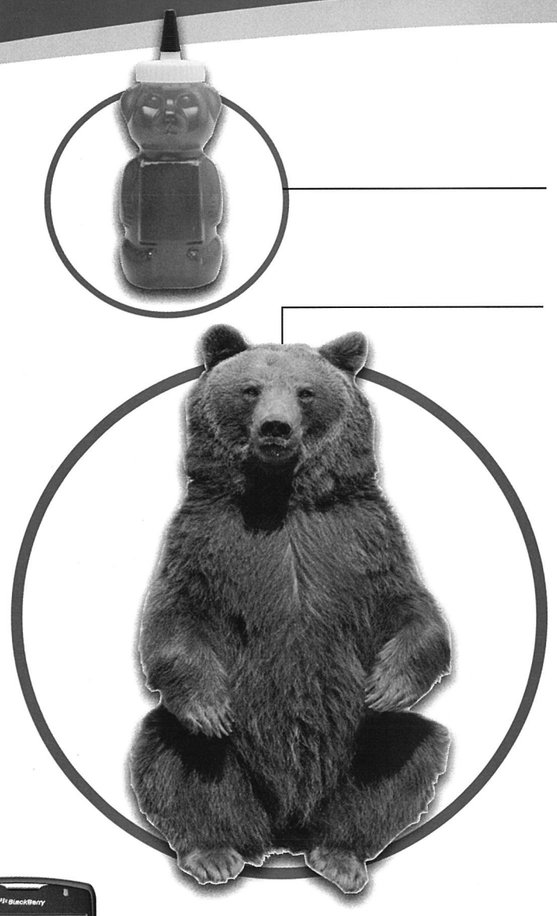
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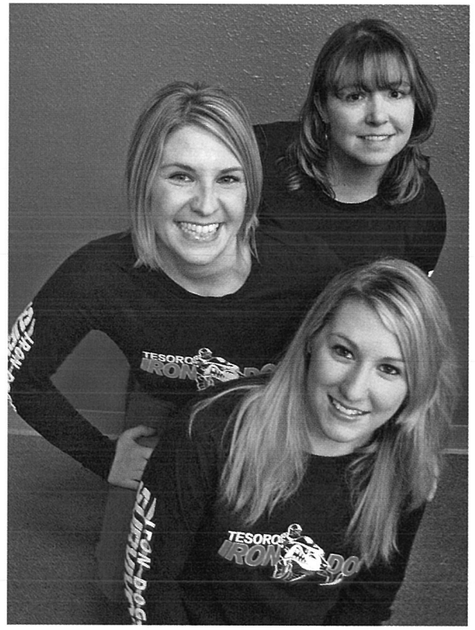
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From the Iron Dog Crew

Hello Iron Dog Race Fans,



Iron Dog, Inc. is a small non-profit that is guided by a board of directors and operated by a small staff and hundreds of volunteers to bring the World's Longest, Toughest Snowmobile Race to Alaska each February.

In 2008 we were proud to celebrate 25 years as well as record breaking participation. We have made great progress in the growth of the Iron Dog over the past three years increasing spectators, race teams, trail riders and event awareness. We have brought on new and exciting elements: GPS Tracking, Flat Stanley, the Safety EXPO and the Iron Dog Hall of Fame.

2009 will mark the 26th running of this esteemed Alaskan event. It is a race that never sleeps, when one race ends preparing, staging and fundraising for the next race begins. It takes an army of volunteers, supportive sponsors, active board members and dedicated spectators in making this event a success.

We thank you all for all of your support and look forward to seeing you at the RACE!

Sincerely,
The Iron Dog Crew
Laura Bedard
Heidi Griffin
Michele Dahle



2009 Tesoro Iron Dog Contingency Challenge

Hatcher Pass Polaris	First Polaris Team into McGrath	$500
*Tukusko House	First Team into McGrath-Free Lodging & Meals	$350
Fine Line Interiors*	Fastest Pro Class Team between Big Lake and McGrath	$500
Anchorage Sheetmetal and Custom Fabricators*	Fastest Pro Class Team Between Big Lake and McGrath, Custom Designed Snowmobile Fuel Tanks	$600
SBS Poorman	Hard-Luck Award Voted by the Poorman SBS crew, the team with the worst luck getting to Poorman	$500
Alaska Toy Rental*	First Rookies Team to the Yukon River - Certificates for Toy Rentals	$500
Debenham Properties	First Rookies Team into Galena Northbound	$500
Northwoods Lodge	Fastest SkiDoo Team South-Bound Between Unlakleet and Kaltag	$500
Curtis Green State Farm	First Pro Class Team into Kaltag	$500
LEAD-DOG Helmet Lights	First Pro Class Team to Nome with LEAD-DOG Helmet Light On Leaving the Starting Line (Both Riders)	$250
NOS-Distributed by Coca Cola*	First Pro Class Team into Nome 2 NOS Hooded Sweatshirts	$100
NORTON SOUND CONTINGENCY CHALLENGE	Fastest Pro Class Race Teams Between Unalakleet and Nome Northbound (1st $2500, 2nd $1200, 3rd $800)	
WELLS FARGO	Norton Sound Contingency Challenge	$2,500
Bering Sea Lions Club	Norton Sound Contingency Challenge	$2,000
Airport Pizza*	First Pro Class Team into Nome Steak Dinners	$100
Global Fuel Half Way Nome Prize	First Pro Class Race Team into Nome	$2,500
Vortex Group	First Place Rookies Team into Nome	$500
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ABC Motorhomes*	First team to Ruby Southbound	$1,500
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Rookies Finish Line Challenge	First Place Pro Class Team, both riders must be Rookies to Qualify	$10,000
Rookies Finish Line Challenge	Second Place Pro Class Team, both riders must be Rookies to Qualify	$5,000
Rookies Finish Line Challenge	Third Place Pro Class Team, both riders must be Rookies to Qualify	$3,000
Polaris Industries	First Place Finish on Polaris	$3,000
Arctic Cat	First Place Finish on Arctic Cat	$5,000
Ski-Doo	First Place $6000, Second Place $3000	$9,000
Frontiersman	First Mat-Su Valley Team Across the Finish Line, $500 in Gold Coins	$500
Anchorage Suzuki Arctic Cat	First Rookies Team on Arctic Cat across the Finish Line	$500
MGM	Fastest Pro Class Team from Nome to Tanana	$500
Edge Performance	Fastest Rookies Team from Tanana to Fairbanks	$500
NOS-Distributed by Coca Cola*	Race Champions $500 cash & 2 NOS Jackets	$1,100
LEAD-DOG Helmet Lights	First Pro Class Team with LEAD-DOG Helmet Light On Crossing the Finishing Line (Both Riders)	$250
Woody's Traction Products* (Official Traction Supplier) (woody's)	Certificates for complete traction & control package Woody's Clothing; Woody's Gear Bag, Sweatshirt, Factory Racing hat and Balaclava to the Fastest "Rookie" team to reach the halfway point and the fastest across the finish line. (per person)	$3,400
Woody's Traction Products*	Sweatshirts and Factory Racing hats to the 2nd Fastest "Rookie" team to reach the halfway point and cross finish line	$300
Woody's Traction Products*	Woody's Factory Racing hats to the 3rd Fastest "Rookie" team to reach the halfway point and cross the finish line	$100
Sled Bed Trailers*	First Rookies Team across the Finish Line- High Quality 8x10 Aluminum Tilt Snowmobile Trailer Courtesy of Team CC	$2,000
Race Purse	1st Place is Guaranteed a minimum of $25,000	$100,000
Total Race Purse Value	$157,550	

Total Race Purse Value **$159,050**

*denotes product or service value/ not cash • Full Award Details will be received with Race Participant Packet prior to race event start • Cancellation of Award from Sponsor does not bind Iron Dog, Inc. for award payout. • Iron Dog, Inc reserves the right to alter or cancel program at any time.

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TRAIL CLASS



Faby Membrila

Age 36
Anchorage

Faby has lived in Alaska since 2003; she is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Faby works for West Construction Company, Inc. as an Office Manager. Other hobbies include bike riding, snowmachining, cooking, working out, and watching movies and every now and then being kidnapped by her sofa.

ROOKIE

49 *Team Pink* **SKI-DOO**



Issa Otten

Age 42
Anchorage

Issa has lived in Alaska since 1974; she is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Issa works for Wells Fargo as a Mortgage Loan Processor. Other hobbies include snowmachining, fitness body building, running, spending time with friends and family and volunteering for the Iron Dog.

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Saturday, January 31, 2009

Tesoro Iron Dog Safety Inspection

Snowmobile Safety and Educational EXPO
(Public Invited)
Saturday, January 31 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)
Wasilla Sports Complex, 1001 South Mack Drive, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 357-9100

7-8 a.m.
Race Participants Sleds brought into the Wasilla Sports Complex

9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Safety Inspection MANDATORY RACE TEAM PARTICIPATION
Meet with the Press and Photo Opportunities
Racer Interviews
Be Snow Smart Safety Seminars
3:10 p.m.
Participants may begin to remove Race Sleds (first in, first out)

Drawing Reception Banquet
Egan Civic Convention Center 555 West Fifth Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501 (907) 263-2800
Pro Class Racers Draw for Starting Positions
Hall of Fame Inductees
Racers Calcutta Fundraiser
Cocktails served from 6:30-7 p.m.
Banquet dinner to follow
No charge for Race Participants.
Additional tickets are $75 per person.
Reservations Accepted Until Jan. 29 (907) 563-4414
Formal attire preferred but not required.

Friday, February 6
(Public Invited)

Trail Class Start
Islander Lodge, Long Island, Big Lake, AK 99652 (907) 892-2121
Big Lake Start in front of the Islander Lodge
Trail Class riders leave at 9 a.m.

Sunday, February 8
(Public Invited)

Pro Class Start
Islander Lodge, Long Island, Big Lake, AK 99652 (907) 892-2121
Big Lake Start in front of the Islander Lodge
Racers will be unloading machines as early as 8 a.m. final line up 10 a.m.
Green Flag drops at 11 a.m. in two-minute intervals

Wednesday, February 11
(Public Invited)

Nome Half-Way Banquet 6-9 p.m.
Tales from the Trail
Halfway Awards
Trail Class Finish and Final Poker Card Draw

Saturday, February 14

Race Finish Downtown Fairbanks, noon

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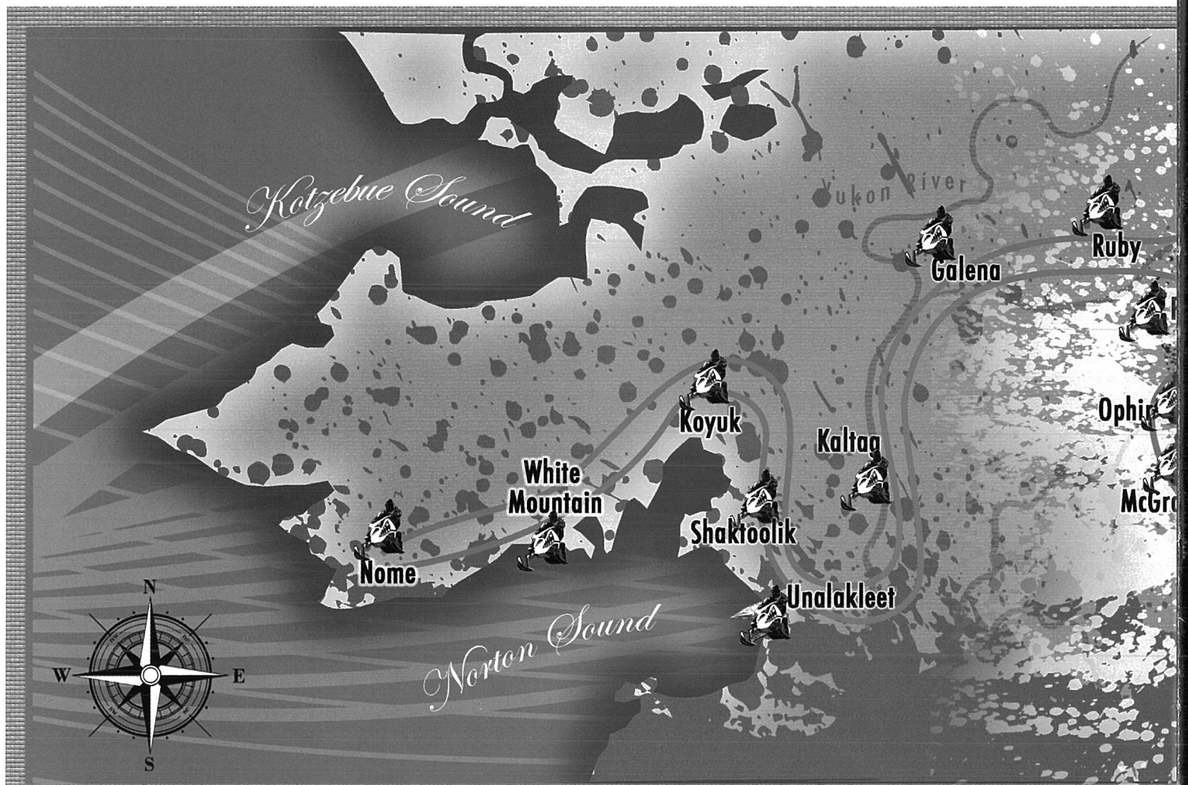
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Iron Dog from point A to point B

By Hannah Guillaume

Racers on the Tesoro Iron Dog's trail look forward to the many checkpoints and communities they'll encounter on the way. At checkpoints they get a chance to warm up out of the wind, grab some grub and wipe their noses and hit the hay.

Race teams drive for each of the checkpoints along the north- and south-bound routes stretching 1,971 miles across Alaska.

The farthest distance between any checkpoint communities is the 120-mile crossing from Ruby to Tanana along the Yukon River in the Kilbuck-Kuskokwim Mountains.

Once competitors reach checkpoints, they warm up, rejuvenate and get ready for another grueling journey over snowy landscapes that can sometimes lead to muddy shoreline traverses and treacherous river crossings.

Checkpoint roundup:

▶ **WASILLA**, population 8,471, located in southcentral Alaska on the George Parks Highway, is the starting point of the Tesoro Iron Dog and its celebrations.

▶ **BIG LAKE**, population 2,644, marks the start of the Trail Class and Pro Class events.

▶ **SKWENTNA**, population 111, located on mostly flat land in southcentral Alaska on the Skwentna River, is 89 miles from the start.

▶ **PUNTILLA**, population two, located on a lake near a breathtaking mountain pass, is 161 miles from the start.

▶ **ROHN**, population zero, located at a small roadhouse where two rivers join, is 236 miles from the start.

▶ **NIKOLAI**, population 93, located in a Native village, is 310 miles from the start.

▶ **MCGRATH**, population 379, located on the Innoko River, is 362 miles from the start.

▶ **OPHIR**, population zero, located on the crossing of the Innoko River, is 425 miles from the start.

▶ **POORMAN**, population zero, located in a flat-land region and marks the last checkpoint before the Ruby turning point where riders will carve the same section of trail twice, is 524 miles from the start.

TRAIL CLASS



Kevin Say — Age 48, Eagle River, AK

Kevin has lived in Alaska since 1989; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Kevin works at Koht'acne Enterprises as a Project Manager. He and wife Janet have three children – Samantha, Cynthia and William. Other hobbies include playing hard in the winter and summers

ROOKIE

42 *Say & Say* **YAMAHA**

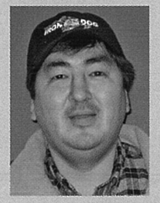


William Say — Age 18, Eagle River, AK

William has lived in Alaska since 1992; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. William is currently finishing up High School. Other hobbies include playing hockey for the Alaska Jr. Avalanche U18B.

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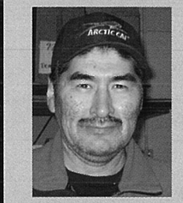


Fred Smith — Age 44, Anchorage

Fred was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Fred works for NANA Development Corporation as a Operations Manager. He and wife Helen have three children – Christina, Nels and Sam. Other hobbies include hunting, camping, traveling, boating and snowmachining.

ROOKIE

43 *Smith & Smith* **ARCTIC CAT**



Louis Smith — Age 50, Noorvik, AK

Louis was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Louis works for Manilaq Assn. as a carpenter/painter. He and wife Marilyn have five children – Charity, Jason, Carl, KJ and Pat.

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Harold Attla — Age 44, Fairbanks, AK

Harold was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Harold owns Interior Residential Remodeling Inc. He has two children – Austin and Harrison. Other hobbies include hunting, boating, basketball, watching NASCAR on TV, hanging with his buddies and talking on the cell phone.

ROOKIE

44 *Attla & Beatus* **POLARIS**



Ron Beatus — Age 46, Hughes, AK

Ron was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Ron works for Interior Residential Remodeling, Inc. as a carpenter. Other hobbies include hunting and working out.

ROOKIE

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Dennis Falldorf — Age 54, Ketchikan, AK

Dennis was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated in the USSA J-1 in 1971 and was the state champion. Dennis works for EMC Engineering as a Project Engineer. He has three children – Jessy, Jake and Erin.

ROOKIE

45 *Falldorf & Stanley* **POLARIS**



Stanley — Age 8, Des Moines, Iowa

Stanley is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He came north from Iowa to experience the Great Land.

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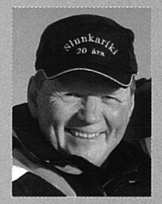
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TRAIL CLASS



Sigurjon Petursson

Age 58
Hafnarfjordur, Iceland

Sigurjon was born and raised in Iceland; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has participated in the Tok-Dawson 2 times. Sigurjon works as a CEO of an IT company; he is also former president of Iceland Snowmobile Association. He and teammate Thora Hronn Njalsdottir have been married for 36 years and have three children together. Other hobbies include snowmobiling, ATV, kayaking, hunting photography and family.

ROOKIE



Thora Nronn Njalsdottir

Age 57
Hafnarfjordur, Iceland

Thora was born and raised in Iceland; she is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. She has participated in the Tok Dawson two times. Thora works as a beauty consultant and is also a cancer survivor. She and teammate Sigurjon have been married for 36 years and have three children. Other hobbies include fighting against cancer, running, snowmobiling, ATV, kayaking and family.

ROOKIE

40 *Team ICE-AL* **ARCTIC CAT**

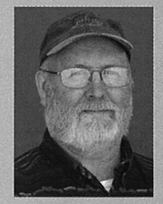


Wil Smith

Age 56
Kenai, AK

Wil has lived in Alaska since 1976; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has participated in 5 Tok-Dawson trips. Wil works for the FAA as an Air Traffic Control Specialist. Other hobbies include trap/skeet shooting, motorcycles and aviation.

ROOKIE



Wally Smith

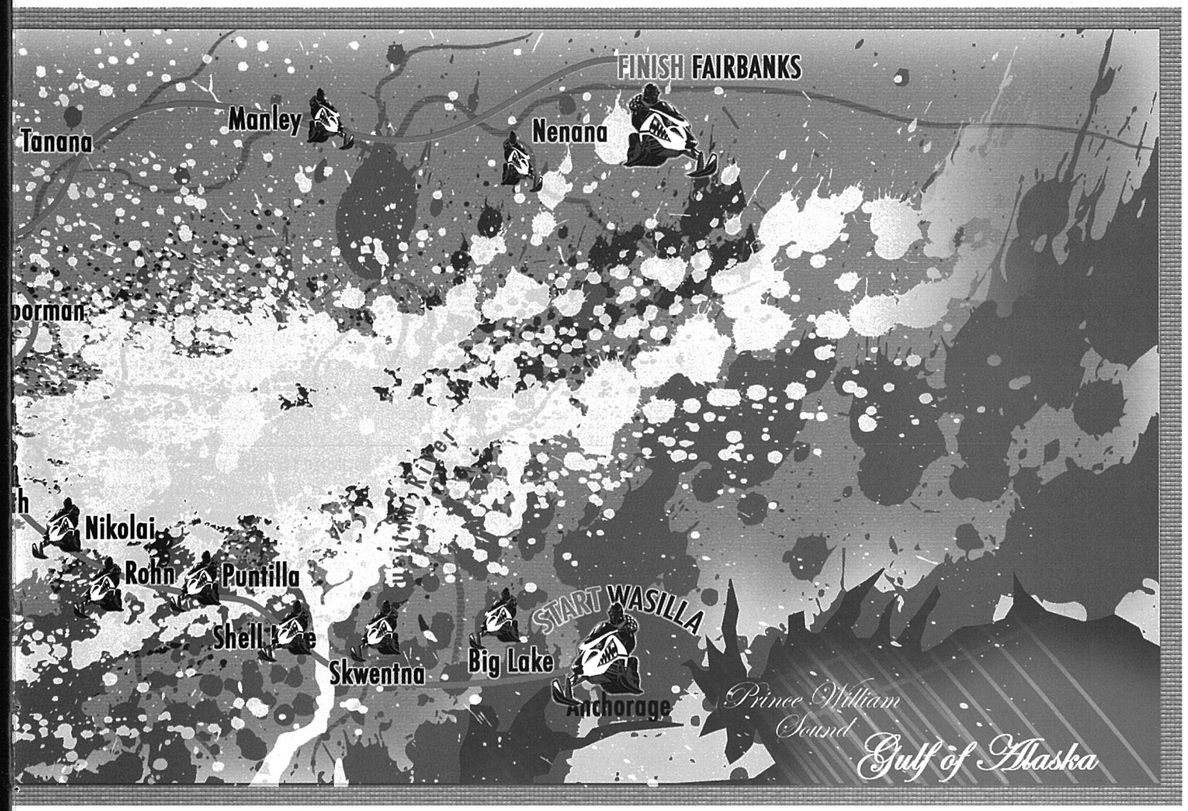
Age 61
Fairbanks, AK

Wally has lived in Alaska since 1968; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has participated in the Tok to Dawson run 6 times, the Paxon to Cantwell run and White Mountain several times. Wally is married to Patty Dyer-Smith. He is self employed at Smith Alaska Construction as a General Contractor. Other hobbies include skeet and trap shooting, flying planes and going to his cabin in the Alaska Range where there is many snowmaching opportunities.

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▶ **RUBY**, population 178, located on the Yukon River and marks the turning point to Nome, is 596 miles from the start on the way to Nome and 1,620 miles from the start on the return route to Fairbanks.

▶ **GALENA**, population 641, located in an Athabascan village in the Interior, is 648 miles from the start on the way to Nome and 1,568 miles from the start on the return route to Fairbanks.

▶ **KALTAG**, population 218, located near the windy coast of Norton Sound, is 746 miles from the start on the way to Nome and 1,470 miles from the start on the return route to Fairbanks.

▶ **UNALAKLEET**, population 752, located on the windy coast of Norton Sound north of the Unalakleet River, is 841 miles from the start on the way to Nome and is 1,375 miles from the start on the return route to Fairbanks.

▶ **SHAKTOOLIK**, population 230, located on a point jutting into Norton Sound, is 882 miles from the start and 1,334 miles from the start on the return route to Fairbanks.

▶ **KOYUK**, population 299, located on the coast, is 939 miles from the start on the way to Nome and is 1,277 miles from the start on the return route to Fairbanks.

▶ **WHITE MOUNTAIN**, population 209, located in the mountains on the Fish River, is 1,033 miles from the start on the way to Nome and is 1,183 miles from the start on the return route to Fairbanks.

▶ **NOME**, population 3,590, located on the coast of the Bering Sea and marks the halfway point Feb. 11 celebration where race teams turn around and head back to Ruby where they'll head to Fairbanks for the finish, is 1,108 miles from the start.

▶ **TANANA**, population 290, located on the Yukon River past the Ruby turning point, is 1,740 miles from the start.

▶ **MANLEY HOT SPRINGS**, population 72, located in a flat-land region, is 1,812 miles from the start.

▶ **NENANA**, population 371, located on mile 305 of the George Parks Highway, is 1,917 miles from the start.

▶ **FAIRBANKS**, population 31,324, located at the finish of Tesoro Iron Dog and is 1,971 miles from the start.

Source: Population and location descriptions based on 2005 and 2000 U.S. Census Bureau area estimates and the Iditarod Trail Committee.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

2008	Eric Quam & Marc McKenna	Arctic Cat	42:33:40
2007	Scott Davis & Todd Palin	Arctic Cat	38:07
2006	Dwayne Drake & Andy George	Arctic Cat	35:48
2005	Marc McKenna & Nick Olstad	Arctic Cat	54:26
2004	Mark Carr & Dusty VanMeter	SkiDoo	39:03
2002	Todd Palin & Dusty Van Meter	Arctic Cat	38:41
2001	Tracey Brassard & Ken Lee	Polaris	38:44
2000	Todd Palin & Dusty Van Meter	Arctic Cat	41:10
1999	Mark Carr & Scott Davis	Arctic Cat	38:30
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1996	John Faeo & Bob Gilman	Polaris	———
1995	Todd Palin & Dwayne Drake	Polaris	58:24
1994	Evan Booth & Dan Zipay	Polaris	71:38
1993	Scott Davis & Bill Long	Arctic Cat	58:36
1992	Evan Booth & Dan Zipay	Polaris	29:58
1991	John Faeo & Bob Gilman	Polaris	30:10
1990	John Faeo & Bob Gilman	Yamaha	40:12
1989	Scott Davis & Mark Torkelson	Yamaha	69:18
1988	John Faeo & Dan Zipay	Polaris	———
1987	John Faeo & Dan Zipay	Polaris	51:00
1986	John Faeo & Dan Zipay	Polaris	47:00
1985	Scott Davis & Gary Eoff	Yamaha	38:00
1984	John Faeo & Rod Frank	Polaris	23:50

Wasilla > Nome 1,049 miles until 1992
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2008 Tesoro Iron Dog and a 25 year Celebration!

The 2008 Tesoro Iron Dog was a celebration of its 25th anniversary as well as record participation in Pro Class with 40 teams,five teams from the Lower 48 states and 23 full rookie teams.

This was the first time in race history that long time veteran racer John Faeo did not enter. Faeo has been the only racer to enter every Iron Dog event as well as hold an impressive race record of seven championships, winning the first Iron Dog race, four second places and two third places. Faeo's championship record was tied in 2007 by 47-year-old Scott Davis. Davis also holds an impressive Iron Dog race record: Seven championships; six second places and four third places. Davis announced his retirement after his seventh championship, but quickly withdrew his retirement plans when he entered the 2008 race with his partner Todd Palin, looking to add number eight onto his championship record.

The local temperatures the week before the race ranged from minus 20 to minus 30 and there was no a sign of relief with the thermometer reading 29 below two hours before the race start.

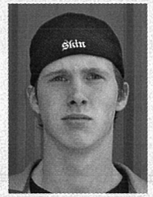
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PRO CLASS



Aaron Bartel
Age 18
Anchorage

Aaron was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Aaron works as a laborer. Other hobbies include Taekwondo, snowmachining, soccer, hunting, fishing and hanging with family.

ROOKIE

33 *Bartel & Wichman* **SKI-DOO**



Jason Wichman
Age 27
Wasilla, AK

Jason has lived in Alaska since 1998; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Jason works for BC Excavating Inc. as a Project manager. He and wife Christina have one child – Ellie. Other hobbies include spending time with his family, hunting, fishing, golfing, working on cars and riding in Alaska's backcountry.

ROOKIE

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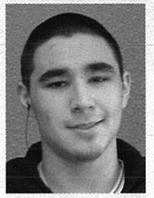


Steven Graham
Age 56
McGrath, AK

Steven has lived in Alaska since 1976; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has and still does volunteer for trail breaking and marking for both the Iron Dog and the Iditarod and has helped at the Robn checkpoint for the last 12 years. Steven works for IRHA as a Construction Foreman. He has three children – Michelle, Megan and Casey. Other hobbies include hunting, camping and snowmaching.

ROOKIE

36 *Graham & Graham* **SKI-DOO**



Casey Graham
Age 18
McGrath, AK

Casey was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has volunteered at the Robn River checkpoint and also helps put in and mark the trails around McGrath and Robn. Casey works at A.C. Company as a stocker and is also a student. Other hobbies include snowmachining, traveling and music.

ROOKIE

SPONSORS: Alaska Commercial Co. McGrath, Joe's Bar, McGuire's Tavern, Takusko House, Tanana Air, The People of McGrath



Paul Sindorf
Age 46
Palmer, AK

Paul has lived in Alaska since 1965; this is his 10th time racing in the Iron Dog. He is the 2005 Expert Class Champion in the ARL Motocross. Paul works for Conoco Phillips Alaska, Inc. as an Inventory Supervisor. He has four children – Heather, Melanie, Kristofer and Jonathon. Other hobbies include skiing, mountain biking, hiking, jet skiing and racing motocross.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 96' DNF, 97' DNF, 98' 9th, 99' DNF, 00' 17th, 01' 12th, 02'12th, 04' 8th, 06' 9th

39 *Pailus & Sindorf* **SKI-DOO**

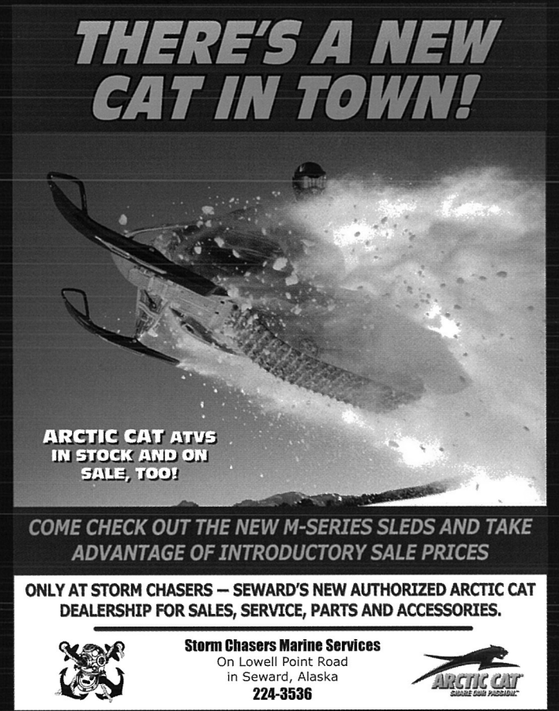


Edward Paulus
Age 38
Wasilla, AK

Edward was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Edward works for Aleutian Housing Authority. Other hobbies include dirt bikes, street bike racing and ice racing on quads.

ROOKIE

SPONSORS:



PRO CLASS



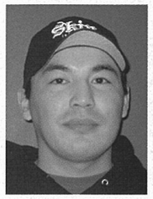
Bobby Frankson

Age 27
Point Hope, AK

Bobby was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Bobby works for Tikigaq Corporation as Assistant Camp Manager. Other hobbies include freestyle and back country riding, hunting, fishing and boating. He also enjoys riding with is fellow Local 907 Riders Union and his twin brother, Tommy.

ROOKIE

29 *Cleaver & Frankson* SKI-DOO



Joe Cleaver

Age 28
Galena, AK

Joe was born and raised in Alaska' this is his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated in Bravo racing. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing and boating.

ROOKIE
YEARS RACED: 07' DNF

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Mark Brown

Age 53
Big Lake, AK

Mark has lived in Alaska since 1961; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Mark works for ASRC Energy Services as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He has two children Jordon and McKenzie. Other hobbies include working on remote cabins, exploring new places, riding motorcycles, four-wheeling, flying and boating.

ROOKIE

30 *Lachinski & Brown* POLARIS



Andy Lachinski

Age 36
Palmer, AK

Andy has lived in Alaska since 1983; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated as a skier in Arctic Man four times. Andy works for ASRC Energy Services as a Heavy Equipment Operator. Other hobbies include fishing, hunting, skiing, snow machining, camping and investing in the stock market and real estate.

ROOKIE

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Dixon Holland

Age 26
Wasilla, AK

Dixon has lived in Alaska since 1988; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Dixon works for AK Extreme Tours and Rentals and also at Holland Homes. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, riding snowmobiles and spending time with family and friends.

ROOKIE

31 *Wounded Warrior Team* ARCTIC CAT



Charles Potter

Age 25
Big Lake, AK

Charles was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated in the 1150 taking 4th, Hoodoo 150 1st, Mayors Cup 4th. Sno Cross Alyeska 2nd and Wasilla 3rd. Charles works for Grizzly Towing as a Tow Truck Driver, AK Extreme as a small engine mechanic and is retired military personnel. Other hobbies include anything outdoors, hunting, fishing, four wheeling and snowmachining.

ROOKIE
YEARS RACED: 08' DNF

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Chris Downs

Age 42
Ninilchik, AK

This is Chris's 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. Chris works for United Rentals as a Service Manager. He and wife Karen have two children – Devin and Neal. Other hobbies include spending time with his family, fishing on his dads charter boat, motocross riding, four wheeling and powder riding and also riding with the Best family and the Crouse family.

VETERAN
YEARS RACED: 08' 16th

32 *Team Happy Valley Hookers Halibut Charters* YAMAHA



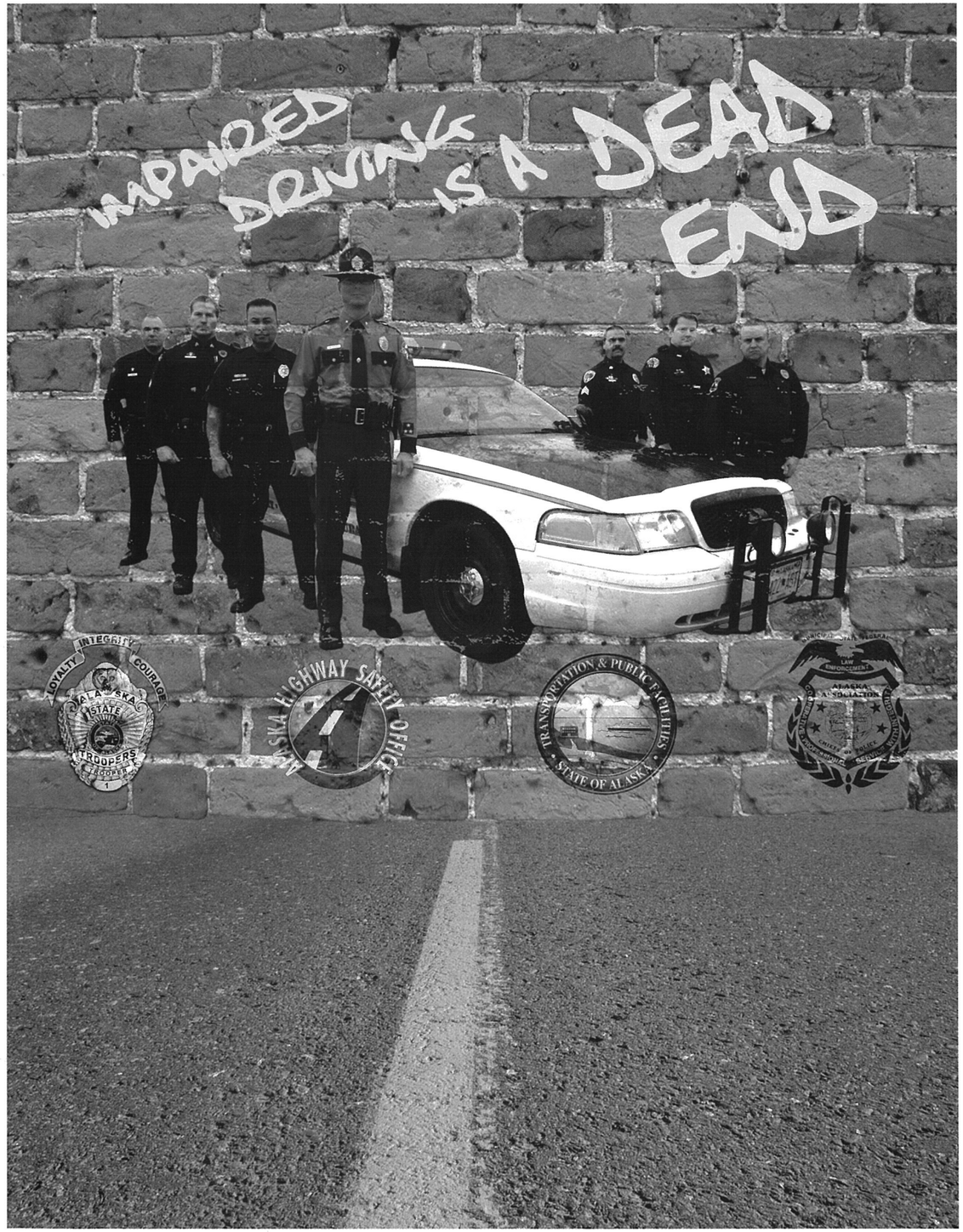
Ryan Swanson

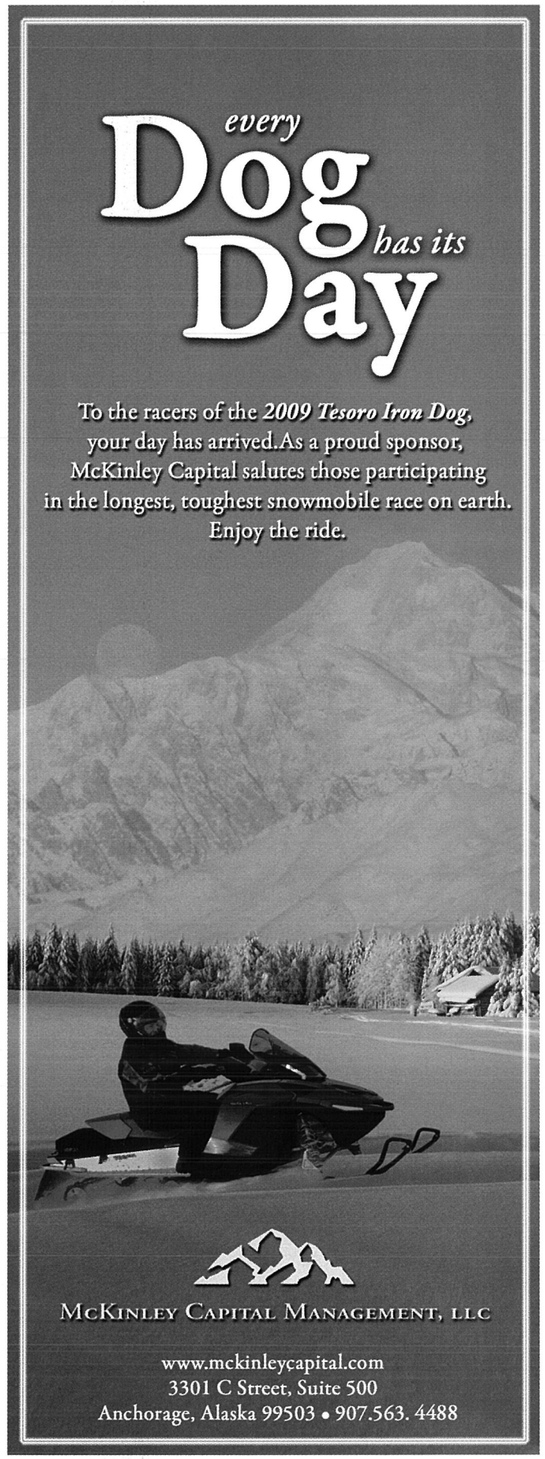
Age 22
Soldotna, AK

Ryan has lived in Alaska since 1991; this is his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. Ryan works for United Rentals as a Mechanic. Other hobbies include spending time with his family and wife, Megan. Riding, fishing and four-wheeling.

VETERAN
YEARS RACED: 08' 16th

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Despite the cold temperatures the thousands of spectators lined the race course as the celebration started with guest speakers including Wasilla's Mayor Dianne Keller, Iron Dog Board President, Marianne Beckham and Gov. Sarah Palin. After the Wasilla Navy Recruiters sang the National Anthem, Gov. Palin dropped the green flag at 11 a.m. sending the first team down the trail.

The 360-mile run to McGrath set the stage for the top six teams all the way to Nome with Team 16's Todd Minnick and Nick Olstad in the lead. This was the first time that Minnick, a seven-year veteran and Olstad, a three-year veteran raced together. Eleven minutes behind the leaders in McGrath were the 2007 second-place finishers Tyler Aklestad and Tyson Johnson; in third was the 2007 first-place finishers Scott Davis and Todd Palin; in fourth, Marc McKenna and Eric Quam; in fifth, Evan Booth and Shane Barber and in sixth place were Chris Olds and Matt Spernak. The cold temperatures, rough conditions and mechanical issues forced 11 teams to scratch before and at McGrath. Nine of the teams scratched were full rookie teams.



Reaching the Nome halfway point, Minnick and Olstad increased their lead to 44 minutes in front of Aklestad and Johnson. They were awarded $9,700 in cash and prizes at the Nome Halfway Banquet. Holding in the top 10 and being the first rookie team into Nome, Steve Spence and Wayne Wold, were awarded $6,000 in cash and prizes.

During their halfway layover, teams have the option to make repairs and adjustments to their snowmobiles in the heated Nome City Garage. Their work times are added to their course time. A new rule for 2008 allowed race teams to have a pit crew of any two persons assist the team during the Nome Halfway work time. Of the top teams, Team 18's Dwayne Drake and Andy George were the only ones that did not work on their snowmobiles.

Out of Nome, Minnick and Olstad were still racing strong posting fast times on the coast to Unalakleet. With reports of

PRO CLASS

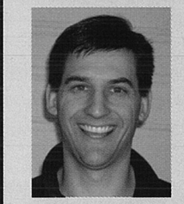


Bradley Helwig
Age 35
Anchorage

Bradley was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Bradley works for Anchorage Suzuki Arctic Cat as a General Manager. He and wife Denese have two children – Trevor and Sierra. Other hobbies include going to the cabin, jet skiing, snow machining and wake boarding.

ROOKIE

25 *Helwig & Quam* ARCTIC CAT



Eric Quam
Age 38
Eagle River, AK

Eric was born and raised in Alaska, this is his 6th time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated in the 2008 Arctic Man taking 2nd place for Fastest Pull Time. 1999 1St Place Lake Lucille 500 Mile Ice Race and 2000 2nd Place K-400. He and his significant other have one child – Henley. Other hobbies include fishing, dirt biking, jet boating, jet skiing and hockey.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 99' DNF, 00' 7th (Rookie of the year) 01' 4th, 02' 2nd, 08' 1st

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Clinton Huntington
Age 34
Fairbanks

Clinton was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. Clinton works for the Interior Housing Authority as a Construction Foreman. He has two children – Kelsea and Justin. Other hobbies include boat racing, snowmachine racing, building boats and building houses.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 08' 9th

26 *Team Koyukon Krazy* POLARIS



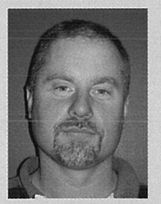
Jeff Pelkola
Age 42
Galena, AK

Jeff was born and raised in Alaska; this is 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. Jeff's daughter Maria lives in Nome and last year Jeff carried a Valentines day card with him from Big Lake to Nome for her. He plans on doing it again this year. Jeff would like to thank all his sponsors for making this year's race possible.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 08' 9th

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Michael Fuller
Age 43
Anchorage

This is Michaels 3rd time racing in the Iron Dog. Michael works for America Fast Freight as a Shop Foreman. He and wife Lori have three children – Alex, Gillian and Morgan

ROOKIE

YEARS RACED: 07' DNF 08' Trail

27 *Fuller & Kinn* YAMAHA



Eddie Kinn
Age 26
Eagle River, AK

Eddie has lived in Alaska since 1985; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Eddie works for American Fast Freight as a Mechanic. He has two children Auna and John. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing and riding.

ROOKIE

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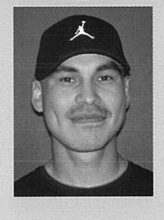
James 'Tre' West III
Age 23
Nome, AK

James "Tre" was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 4th time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated in the Nome Golovin Race placing 1st in 2005, 2007 and 2008. James works for Alaska Cab Garage and Knik Construction as an Operator.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 02' Trail 04' DNF 08' 14th

28 *Reich & West* ARCTIC CAT



Peter Reich Sr.
Age 31
Kotzebue, AK

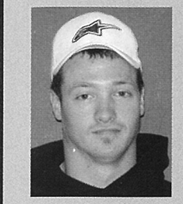
Peter has lived in Alaska since 1983; this is his 3rd time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated in the Kotzebue Race taking 1st place in 1996 and 2006, Cannon Ball Race 1st place 2001 and Nome Golovin Race 2nd place in 1999, 2007 and 2008. Peter works for Drake Construction as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He has four children – Evan, Peter, Zaryn and Karen. Other hobbies include fishing, hunting, banging out with his kids and biking.

ROOKIE

YEARS RACED: 02' DNF 08' DNF

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PRO CLASS



Mike Morgan

Age 23
Anchorage

Mike was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated in 2002 at the Kotz-Kiana taking 2nd. 2006 Nome-Golovin 1st, 2006 Nome-Cannonball Run 3rd, 2007 I-150 1st, 2007 Kotzebue 3rd, and 2008 Nome-Golovin 1st. Mike works for AMI Constructions as a Welder/Operator. Other hobbies include riding and racing snowmobiles, riding motocross, hunting, fishing and anything outdoors that gets the adrenaline going.

ROOKIE

21 Morgan & Huntington POLARIS



Tyler Huntington

Age 23
Galena, AK

Tyler was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 3rd time racing in the Iron Dog. Tyler works for RDM Sanders in the summer and Doyon Drilling in the winters. He and girlfriend Lisa have one child Trevon and are expecting another. Other hobbies include basketball, hunting, boat racing and spending time with his family.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 07' 7th, 08' 3rd

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Todd Palin

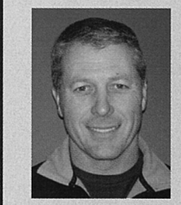
Age 44
Wasilla, AK

Todd "First Dude" was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 16th time racing in the Iron Dog. Todd works at BP Exploration as a Production Operator and as a self-employed commercial fisherman. He and wife Sarah have five children Track, Bristol, Willow, Piper and Trig. Track is currently serving the U.S. Army in Iraq. Other hobbies include spending time with his family at their cabin.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 93' 5th 94' DNF 95' 1st 96' DNF 97' 4th 98' 11th 99' DNF 00' 1st 01' 6th 02' 1st 04' 2nd 05' 2nd 06' 2nd 07' 1st 08' 4th

22 Palin & Davis ARCTIC CAT



Scott Davis

Age 49
Soldotna, AK

Scott has lived in Alaska since 1962; this is his 25th time racing in the Iron Dog. Scott owns and operates Davis Block Co. He and wife Regina have two children – Cory and Carly, who are both currently racing for Arctic Cat in the National Snocross Circuit. Other hobbies include traveling to the races to watch his kids compete and powder riding at his cabin in Caribou Hills.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 84' 2nd, 85' 1st, 86' 3rd, 87' 2nd, 88' DNF, 89' 1st, 90' 3rd, 91 DNF, 92' DNF, 93' 1st, 94' DNF, 95' 3rd, 96' DNF, 97' 1st, 98' 1st, 99' 1st, 00' 2nd, 01' 3rd, 02' 1st, 04' 2nd, 05' 2nd, 06'2nd, 07' 1st, 08' 4th

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Travis Finkenbinder

Age 35
Trapper Creek, AK

Travis has lived in Alaska since 1997; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Travis works at McKinley Capital Management as a Facility Manager. He and wife Samantha have two children – Alyssa and Taylor. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, flying and hanging out with family and friends.

ROOKIE

23 Bristol Bay Sockeye YAMAHA



Mark Niver

Age 50
Wasilla, AK

Mark has lived in Alaska since 1977; this is his 4th time racing in the Iron Dog. Mark works for BP as a Plant Operator and Bristol Bay Commercial Fisherman. He and wife Roberta have three children – Grant, Blake, and Bryce. Other hobbies include flying, fishing and watching his sons play sports. Check out their website at www.nytro23.com

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 07' 7th, 08' 3rd

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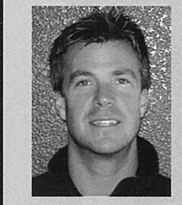
Brandon Baxter

Age 23
Windber, PA

Brandon was born and raised in Pennsylvania; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated in the 1150 in 2008 taking 4th place. Brandon is employed by Marsh Creek, LLC. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, sports, mountain biking, the great outdoors and spending time with his family.

ROOKIE

24 Baxter & Richter ARCTIC CAT



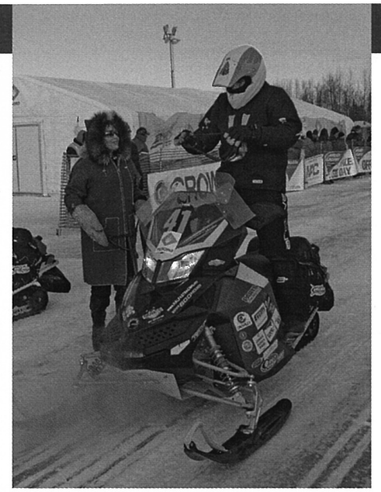
Scott Richter

Age 40
Big Lake, AK

Scott has lived in Alaska since 1991; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He and wife Nicky have two children – Joshua and Ashton. Other hobbies include hanging with family and friends, skiing, jet skiing, fishing, hunting, hiking, building stuff, traveling and snowmachining.

ROOKIE

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heavy snowfall, most teams opted to take a 12-hour layover in Unalakleet, while Minnick and Olstad pushed their lead into Kaltag. Back in White Mountain it was reported that Aklestad and Johnson were experiencing mechanical issues as they took their first layover.

The field changed rapidly starting in Galena as race leaders Minnick and Olstad scratched after experiencing mechanical issues. Team 22 lost time when Palin was thrown from his machine after hitting an obscured object, later reporting that he broke his arm; and Team 3's Barber and Booth scratched in Ruby after also experiencing mechanical issues.

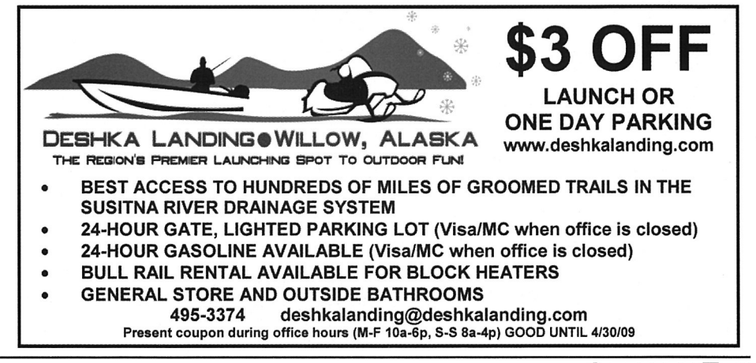
McKenna and Quam were the new leaders coming into Tanana, with Drake in George in second and Team 22 holding onto third. On the final race day, McKenna and Quam were released from Tanana with over an hour cushion from the second team of Drake and George, and just after noon they were celebrating a podium finish in Fairbanks. George and Drake, the 2006 first-place finishers, came in a strong second as Team 4's Demoski and Huntington silently stole third place by passing Davis and Palin and Olds and Spernak. Over all 16 of 40 teams crossed the finish line, including the top rookie team of Spence and Wold, finishing seventh overall.

The heartbreaks, surprises and pure determination of the racers made the 2008 event one of the most exciting races to watch.









He keeps blazing the way

Tesoro Iron Dog recognizes 24-year veteran, volunteer

By Justin Matley

Each year the Tesoro Iron Dog committee recognizes one of their many dedicated volunteers, who among other things literally blaze the way for a successful snowmachine race. But, as we all know by now, this is no ordinary race. 1971 miles worth of trails and roads calls for some serious effort on the part of volunteers, where possible, to inspect for safety, clear fallen timber and setup checkpoints.

Goomy Anderson has been volunteering with Iron Dog since the very first race in 1984 offering assistance near McGrath, his home



town. Later in 1995 is when his efforts began to include the preparation and manning of the Rohn Roadhouse, a solitary cabin near the confluence of the South Fork of the Kuskokwim and Tatina rivers. On the race trail, the cabin can be found about 120 miles prior to reaching McGrath. The original roadhouse was used for Iditarod teams carrying mail. Today, the Roadhouse is gone, replaced by a cabin built in the 1930s.

Anderson's not alone in his labors. He is usually accompanied by a dozen or so friends and is quick to point out that it's a team effort. In the first year of volunteering at the checkpoint, Anderson and others made the journey to the cabin for fun and out of interest to see the location. They took one look at the scattered drums of fuel and thought they could certainly do better. They set to improving the checkpoint and making it one worthy of the weary Iron Dog teams. Their labors include opening and heating the cabin, lining up fuel tanks that are delivered by a private contractor, setting out oil, providing water and juice to racers and clearing deadfall and brush from the 120 miles of trail.

"Every year we need to clear deadfall. If not, it would be more of a safari than a race," says Anderson.

But it's not all about work for Anderson and friends. He remarks that the trail and cabin is a pretty amazing place, right in the middle of the Alaska Range. The group of friends treat the excursion as a bit of a camping trip, palling around and having a beer or two around a fire. Over the years there have been some 30 individuals who've made the journey with Anderson for fun and to assist the race. It's something they look forward to each year.

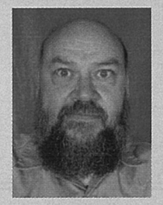
Still, there are always serious moments. The cabin is used by race teams as a layover location, resting and regaining their strength before taking to the section of trail the volunteers blazed the day before. Anderson also recalls a number of times when racers where injured and it was he and his pals that called in for medical assistance and provided aid to the wounded.

"They get beat up. It's the Alaska Range. They might fall through ice, and there're big rocks. They might break a leg or sprain a wrist. We've had to fly a couple people out of there," says Anderson.

Anderson and the others make the way to Rohn on their own snowmachines and carry enough cargo on sleighs to last for their seven to 10 day stay. Even last year's 50 below temperature wasn't enough to keep them from reaching the destination.

Once there, Anderson and the others utilize tents for themselves while providing the warm cabin and a hot meal to the teams passing through. And Anderson knows how much this means for the teams. He, too, raced in 1997 with teammate and friend Richard Strict Jr., taking seventh place. While breaking trail for the Iditarod in 2006, Strict lost his life in an avalanche. Goomy continues the trail-breaking tradition, assisting the teams in need and volunteering for the Iron Dog after 24 years of involvement.





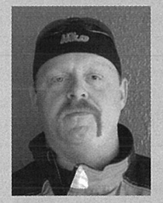
John Dart — Age 56, Manley Hot Springs, AK

John was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. John is self employed. He and wife Deborah have one child – Corinng. Other hobbies include boating, dirt bikes, four wheelers, hunting and fishing.

ROOKIE

YEARS RACED: 02' DNF, 04' Trail Class

17 *Dart & Redington* **ARCTIC CAT**



Joee Redington — Age 39, Manley Hot Springs, AK

Joee was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Joee is self employed. He and wife Melanie have one child – Jacob.

ROOKIE

YEARS RACED: 96' 3rd, 98' DNF, 99' 9th, 00' 13th, 01' DNF, 02' 19th, 06' DNF, 08' DNF

SPONSORS: Badger Glass, Friends and Family, Howard and Jules Mermelstein, Jack and Heidi Wright, John Burr, Melanie Redington, Northern Power Sports, TLC INT, Wiggys



Dwayne Drake — Age 44, Fairbanks, AK

Dwayne has lived in Alaska since 2001; this is his 9th time racing in the Iron Dog. Dwayne works for the Alyeska Pipeline as a Technician. He and wife Barbie have six children – Crystal, Dewey, Norman, Carole, Tyler and Raven. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing and chasing his wife around the house.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 95' 1st 97' 4th 98' 11th 02' 13th 04' DNF 05' 4th 06' 1st 08' 2nd

18 *Drake & George* **ARCTIC CAT**



Andy George — Age 45, Wasilla, AK

Andy has lived in Alaska since 1966; this is his 9th time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated in the K-400 race. Andy is self-employed at Mr. Lube as a Mechanic. He and wife Stephanie have four children – Jacob, Brad, Jet and Cole. Other hobbies include boats, hunting work and family.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 99' 13th 00' 11th 01' DNF 04' 7th 05' 4th 06' 1st 07' DNF 08' 2nd

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Jim Baldwin — Age 34, Kiana, AK

Jim as born and raised in Alaska; this is his 2nd time racing the Iron Dog. He has also participated in ACRA, NSRA and Kotzebue Race and Nome Cannonball and is a four time 1st place champion in the Kotzebue-Kiana race. Jim works for Teck Cominco as a Mine Shift Supervisor. He and wife Kimberly have two children – Tyra and Tehana. Other hobbies include hunting and fishing.

ROOKIE

YEARS RACED: 99' DNF

19 *Baldwin & Williamson* **ARCTIC CAT**

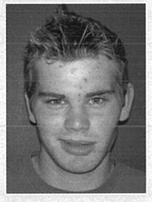


Steven Williamson — Age 33, Noorvik, AK

Steven has lived in Alaska since 1986, he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated in the Archie Ferguson Willie Goodwin winning in 2007 and 2008. Other events ACMA, NSRA, Kotzebue Race and Nome Cannonball Race. Steven works for Nana Lynden as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic. He and wife Nina have five children – Steven, Haiden, Jaxen, Stephanie and Angalee. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, shooting bow and spending time with family.

ROOKIE

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James Spikes — Age 21, Wasilla, AK

James has lived in Alaska since 2001; this is his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated in the K-200 and I-150. James owns Lawn Ranger of Alaska, LLC. He is also a freshmen at Mat-Su College pursuing a degree in biological science. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, anything outdoors, clay shooting, mountain biking, 4x4 off-road adventures traveling and anything snow machine related.

ROOKIE

YEARS RACED: 08' DNF

20 *Siepert & Williams* **SKI-DOO**



Andrew Zwink — Age 19, Wasilla, AK

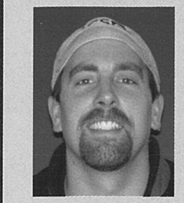
Andrew was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. Andrew works as a power sports mechanic. He is also finishing up high school after taking most of last year off. Other hobbies include snow machining, hunting, fishing, camping and just about anything in the Great Alaskan outdoors. Andrew is also an Eagle Scout.

ROOKIE

YEARS RACED: 08' DNF

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Stephen Spence

Age 34
Anchorage

Stephen was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. Stephen works for ACS as a IBEW Telephone I & R. He and wife Lanet have two children – Shannon and Brett.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 08' 7th Place

13 *Spence & Schuerch* ARCTIC CAT



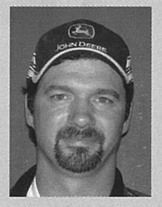
Unch Schuerch

Age 38
Kiana, AK

Unch was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 8th time racing in the Iron Dog. Unch works for Nana Oilfield Services as a manager. Other hobbies include playing Guitar Hero with his Fiancé Jenny

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 96' 3rd, 98' DNF, 99' 9th, 00' 13th, 01' DNF, 02' 19th, 06' DNF, 08' DNF



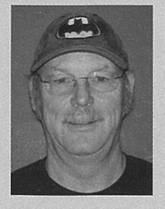
James Wilbur

Age 42
Wasilla, AK

James was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated in the Big Lake 500 mile Ice Race 2003 and 2004 took 1st place. James works for L & M Equipment Inc. as Maintenance Director. He and wife Denise have two children – Calen and Meg. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, gold mining, working on heavy equipment and ice racing.

ROOKIE

15 *Wright & Wilbur* POLARIS



Ralph Wright

Age 61
Wasilla, AK

Ralph has lived in Alaska since 1954; this is his 2nd time racing in the Iron dog. He has been involved with all aspects of snowmachbing racing for the last 20 years. Ralph is self-employed as a owner and operator. He and wife Sandra have four children – Lori, Lisa, Jay and Stephan. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, boating, snowmachining and four-wheeling.

ROOKIE

YEARS RACED: 00' DNF

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Dusty Van Meter

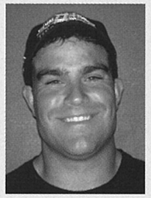
Age 39
Kasilof, AK

Dusty was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 13th time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated in the WSA Snow cross in 1998 and has several local snow cross and cross country wins and championships. Dusty works for Tesoro Nikiski Refinery as a Control Board Operator as well as a self-employed commercial fisherman. He and wife Evelyn have three children – Kaiti, Shae, and Brayden. Other hobbies include flying, hunting, fishing and being with his family.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 94' 2nd 95' DNF 97' DNF 98' 2nd 99' DNF 00' 1st 01' 5th 02' 1st 04' 1st 05' 7th 06' DNF 07' DNF 08' 11th

14 *Van Meter & McKenna* SKI-DOO



Marc McKenna

Age 34
Anchorage

Marc was born and raised in Alaska; this will be his 10th time racing in the Iron Dog. Marc is President and co-owner of McKenna Bros. Paving Inc. He and wife Kristin have two children – Teya and Asa. Other hobbies include traveling, hockey and dirt biking.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 99' 13th 00' 6th 01' 8th 02' 2nd 04' DNF 05' 1st 06' DNF 07' DNF 08' 1st

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Todd Minnick

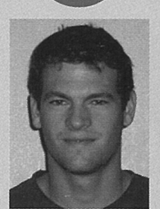
Age 29
Wasilla, AK

Todd was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 7th time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated and won in the K-150, K-400 and Mayors Cup. Todd works for Big Dipper Construction as an Equipment Operator. Other hobbies include hanging out with his gorgeous wife, Sharilyn, hunting, fishing snowmaching all winter, and working at his cabin.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 02' 10th, 04' DNF, 05' 6th, 06' DNF, 07' DNF 08' DNF

16 *Minnick & Olstad* POLARIS



Nick Olstad

Age 26
Wasilla, AK

Nick has lived in Alaska since 1987; this is his 5th time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also participated in the Mayors Cup 2005, 2006 taking 1st place. Also participated in the K-150 in 2005 and 2006. Nick works for Udelhoven Oilfield System Services, Inc. as a Superintendent. Other hobbies include four-wheeling, spending time with his wife Brianne, friends and family.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 05' 1st 06' DNF 07' DNF 08' DNF

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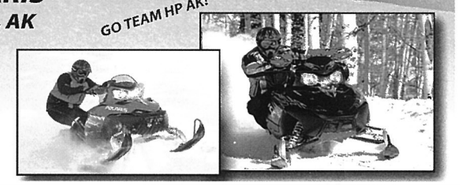
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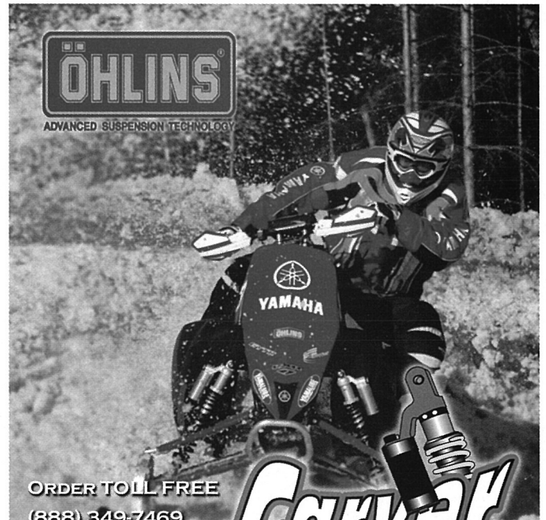


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1	Torkelson	Mark	Big Lake, AK	Ski-Doo TNT	Veteran
2	Miller II	John	Willow, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
2	Renney	Sam	Sterling, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
3	Barber	Shane	Willow, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Veteran
3	White	Stevan	Willow, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Rookie
4	Seipert	Russ	Anchorage, AK	Ski-Doo Rev TNT	Rookie
4	Williams	Chet	Anchorage, AK	Ski-Doo Rev TNT	Veteran
5	Wold	Wayne	Anchorage, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Veteran
5	Wilkes	Bill	Wasilla, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
6	Malamute	Kyle	Fairbanks, AK	Polaris IQ Shift	Veteran
6	Patsy	Douglas	Fairbanks, AK	Polaris IQ Shift	Rookie
7	Pitka	Stewart	Anchorage, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
7	Richardson	Kane	Fairbanks, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
8	Aklestad	Tyler	Wasilla, AK	Ski-Doo Rev XP	Veteran
8	Johnson	Tyson	Eagle River, AK	Ski-Doo Rev XP	Veteran
9	Johnson	Darrick	Coure D' Alene, ID	Arctic Cat F6	Veteran
9	Rasmussen	Bret	Preston, ID	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
10	Olds	Chris	Eagle River, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Veteran
10	Spernak	Matt	Anchorage, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Veteran
11	Huss	Micah	Anchorage, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
11	Johnson	Cliff	Nome, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
12	Hingsbergen	Robert	Selawik, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Rookie
12	Wilson	Myles	Wasilla, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Rookie
13	Schuerch	Unch	Kiana, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Veteran
13	Spence	Stephen	Anchorage, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Veteran
14	McKenna	Marc	Anchorage, AK	Ski-Doo Rev XP	Veteran
14	VanMeter	Dusty	Soldotna, AK	Ski-Doo Rev XP	Veteran
15	Wilber	Jim	Wasilla, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Rookie
15	Wright	Ralph	Wasilla, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Rookie
16	Minnick	Todd	Wasilla, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Veteran
16	Olstad	Nick	Wasilla, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Veteran
17	Dart	John	Manley Hot Spr., AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
17	Redington	Joee	Manley Hot Spr., AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
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18	George	Andy	Wasilla, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Veteran
19	Baldwin	Jim	Kiana, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
19	Williamson	Steven	Noorvik, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
20	Spikes	James	Wasilla, AK	Ski-Doo Rev XP	Rookie
20	Zwink	Andrew	Wasilla, AK	Ski-Doo Rev XP	Rookie
21	Huntington	Tyler	Galena, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Veteran
21	Morgan	Mike	Nome, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Rookie
22	Davis	Scott	Soldotna, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Veteran
22	Palin	Todd	Wasilla, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Veteran
23	Finkenbinder	Travis	Trapper Creek, AK	Yamaha FX Nytro RTX	Rookie
23	Niver	Mark	Wasilla, AK	Yamaha FX Nytro RTX	Veteran
24	Baxter	Brandon	Windber, PA	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
24	Richter	Scott	Big Lake, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
25	Bradley	Helwig	Anchorage, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
25	Quam	Eric	Eagle River, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Veteran
26	Huntington	Clinton	Fairbanks, AK	Polaris IQ Shift	Veteran
26	Pelkola	Jeff	Galena, AK	Polaris IQ Shift	Rookie
27	Fuller	Michael	Anchorage, AK	Yamaha FX Nytro RTX	Rookie
27	Kinn	Eddie	Eagle River, AK	Yamaha FX Nytro RTX	Rookie
28	West III	James Tre'	Nome, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Veteran
28	Reich Sr.	Peter	Palmer, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
29	Frankson	Bobby	Point Hope, AK	Ski-Doo Rev XP	Rookie
29	Cleaver	Joe	Galena, AK	Ski-Doo Rev XP	Rookie
30	Brown	Mark	Wasilla, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Rookie
30	Lachinski	Andy	Palmer, AK	Polaris Dragon SP	Rookie
31	Holland	Dixon	Wasilla, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
31	Potter	Charles	Big Lake, AK	Arctic Cat F6	Rookie
32	Downs	Chris	Ninilchik, AK	Yamaha FX Nytro RTX	Veteran
32	Swanson	Ryan	Kenai, AK	Yamaha FX Nytro RTX	Veteran
33	Bartel	Aaron	Anchorage, AK	Ski Doo MXZ	Rookie
33	Wichman	Jason	Wasilla, AK	Ski Doo MXZ	Rookie
36	Graham	Steven	McGrath, AK	Ski Doo Renegade	Rookie
36	Graham	Casey	McGrath, AK	Ski Doo Renegade	Rookie
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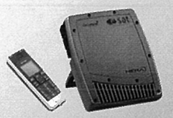
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Darrick Johnson

Age 36
Coeur D'Alene ID

Darrick has lived in Idaho since 2004; this is his 3rd time racing in the Iron Dog. He was also North Dakotas Governors Cup champion 2002 and NDSRA Drag Racing Champion 1997. Darrick owns Edge Performance. He and wife Jesseca have two children – Ethan and in December their daughter was born. Other hobbies include spending time with his family, boating, riding, watercraft, restoring muscle cars and dirt biking.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 07' DNF 08' 10th

9 *Team Boondocker Performance* **ARCTIC CAT**



Bret Rasmussen

Age 30
Preston, ID

Bret was born and raised in Idaho; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has numerous King of the Hill and World Championship titles. Also a founding member of Rocky Mountain Snowmobile Hill Climb Association, Arctic Cat dealer for 25 years, developed mountain sled programs for Arctic Cat after market, named as co-inventor on two track patents for mountain use and served as Western Race coordinator for Arctic Cat Hill Climb Team. Bret owns Snowmobile Research Services. He and wife Jody have three children – Zac, Brandi and Cheyenne.

ROOKIE

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Chris Olds

Age 37
Eagle River, AK

Chris has lived in Alaska since 1984; this is his 8th time racing in the Iron Dog. He also finished 1st in the K400 in 2002. Chris is employed with Tikigaq Construction as a Project Manager. He and wife Christine have two children – Haley and Mya. Other hobbies include hanging out with his family, riding dirt bikes, four wheeling, hunting and fishing.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 00' 9th 01' 5th 02' 5th 04' DNF 06' 5th 07' 4th 08' 5th

10 *Olds & Spernak* **POLARIS**



Matt Spernak

Age 24
Anchorage

Matt was born and raised in Alaska; this is his 4th time racing in the Iron Dog. He also raced in the Nome Golovin race, winning rookie of the year and also racing in the K-150 and K-400. Matt works for Alaska "X" Inc. Other hobbies include going out to be and wife Missy's cabin, four wheeling, powder riding and rafting.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 06' 5th 07' 4th 08' 5th

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Micah Huss

Age 33
Kotzebue, AK

Micah was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated in the Kotzebue Race 2nd place in 1999, Nome Golovin Race 5th place in 1999, Last Chance Race 1st place in 2001, Little Noatak Race 1st place in 2003, Kiana Race 3rd place in 2003 and Dillingham Beaver Round Up 2nd place in 2008. Micah works for Northland Services as a Heavy Equipment Operator. He and wife Judy have one child – Ronnie.

ROOKIE

11 *Team Nome Arctic Cat* **ARCTIC CAT**



Cliff Johnson

Age 40
Nome, AK

Cliff was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated in Nome Golovin Race and local Nome races and placed in the top five Kotzebue races. Cliff works for Tumet Industries, LLC as a General Manager. He and girlfriend Jen have one child together – Karmun. Cliff also has two other children – Chris and Delaney and Jen has one other child – Shyloah. Other hobbies include sleeping eating and spending time with his girlfriend and their kids.

ROOKIE

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Robert Hingsbergen

Age 29
Selawik, AK

Robert was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated in the Archie Ferguson Race in 2001 4th place, 2006 3rd place, 2008 5th place. Also raced in the Nome Golovin 2007 5th place, Selawik S&R 1st place, Night Riders 2007 5th place. Robert works for Teck Cominco as a Millwright Mechanic. He has four children – Jasmine, Lathaihya, Shaylynn and Marjorie. Other hobbies include hunting and enjoying outdoor activities.

ROOKIE

12 *Hingsbergen & Wilson* **POLARIS**



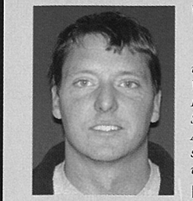
Myles Wilson

Age 29
Wasilla, AK

Myles has lived in Alaska since 2007; this will be his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. Myles works for Teck Cominco as a Millwright Mechanic. He and wife Billie Kay Lee have three children – Kayli, Jazlyn and Xavia.

ROOKIE

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Wayne Wold

Age 34
Wasilla, AK

Wayne was born and raised in Alaska; this will be his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. Wayne works for Northern Asphalt as an Equipment Operator/Paver. He and wife Shawna have two children – Haakon and Aubrey. Other hobbies include boating, skeet shooting, four wheeling and spending time with his family.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 08' 7th

5 *Wilkes & Wold* **ARCTIC CAT**



Bill Wilkes

Age 40
Wasilla, AK

Bill was born and raised in Alaska; this will be his 2nd time racing in Iron Dog. He has also competed in 500I500 taking 1st place in 2007 and 4th place in 2008. Bill works for Wilkes Quality Floors. He and wife Laneya have three children – Taylor, Payton and Kaylee. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing and wakeboarding.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 99' DNF

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Kyle Malamute

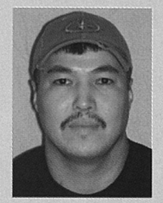
Age 24
Fairbanks

Kyle was born and raised in Alaska; this will be his 2nd time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also competed in the Annual Galena XC taking 1st in 2004 and 2005 and taking 3rd place in 2006. Also competed in Tripod Days in 2008 taking 2nd place. Kyle works for The Rental Zone as a driver. He and wife Manoli have two children – Kaydence and Daylen. Other hobbies include fishing, traveling in the summer with is family and in the winter playing City League basketball and spending lots of time out on the trails.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 07' 8th

6 *Team Outpost* **POLARIS**



Douglas Patsy

Age 32
Nulato, AK

Douglas was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also competed in local village races, Galena race taking 2nd place in 2003 and the Nulato race taking 1st in 2005. Douglas works for Crowely as a Heavy Equipment Mechanic thru the local 302. He and wife Gloria have three children – Jocelyn, Brendan and Thomas. Other hobbies include working on his log cabin, boating and playing softball. Although his real passion is snow machining.

ROOKIE

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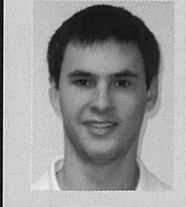
Stewart Pitka

Age 30
Anchorage

Stewart was born and raised in Alaska; this will be his 3rd time racing in the Iron Dog. He has one child – Ryan. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, working out and spending time with his son.

ROOKIE

7 *Pitka & Richardson* **ARCTIC CAT**



Kane Richardson

Age 21
Fairbanks

Kane was born and raised in Alaska; this will his 3rd time racing in the Iron Dog. Kane works for and owns R&R Drilling. Other hobbies include traveling and working out.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 07' DNF, 08' DNF

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Tyler Aklestad

Age 23
Palmer, AK

Tyler was born and raised in Alaska; this will be his 5th time racing in the Iron Dog. He is also a Klondike 150 and Mayors Cup champion.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 04' DNF 06' DNF 07' 2nd 08' DNF

8 *Team Global Motorsports* **SKI-DOO**



Tyson Johnson

Age 29
Eagle River, AK

Tyson was born and raised in Alaska; this will be his 11th time racing in the Iron Dog. He is also a four time Arctic Man champion and record holder as well as the 2007 Mayors Cup champion, a three time K-150 champion, Klondike 400 Champion in 2002 and countless other wins and top 5 in sno-cross, hill climbs and cross country! Tyson works for General Mechanical as a Sheet Metal worker. Other hobbies include fishing, working out and working on his house.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 97' 2nd 98' DNF 99' 3rd 00' 5th 01' 5th 02' 5th 04' 5th 06' DNF 07' 2nd 08' DNF

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Mark Torkelson

Age 53
Big Lake, AK

Mark was born and raised in Alaska'; this is his 19th time racing in the Iron Dog. Mark owns Mark's Big Lake Repair. He has two children – Travis and Lyndsay and one grandchild – Brystal. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping and boating.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 85' 8th, 86' 7th, 87' 2nd, 88' DNF, 89' 1st, 90' 3rd, 91' 5th, 94' DNF, 95' DNF, 96' DNF, 97" DNF, 98' 6th, 99' 6th, 00' 6th, 01' 8th, 02' DNF, 06' DNF, 07' 7th

1 *Torkelson & Tope* **SKI-DOO**



Mark Tope

Age 38
Anchorage

Mark was born and raised in Alaska; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. He has also participated in Trail racing and lake racing in past years. Mark owns Tope Transportation. He and wife Trisha have two children – Justin and Kyle. Other hobbies include flying his C206 airplane, going to Big Lake with his wife and kids and being with his family. He also owns two pugs; Rundy and Miss Tilly who run the house.

ROOKIE

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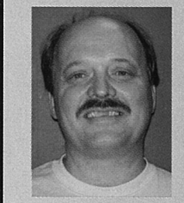
John Miller II

Age 30
Willow, AK

John has lived in Alaska since 2000; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. John works for Alaska Energy Resources of the North Slope also he and wife Alice own Tippercanoe, a seasonal rental business. They have two sons – Ethan and Evan. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, riding and shooting.

ROOKIE

2 *JASC Racing* **ARCTIC CAT**



Sam Renney

Age 48
Sterling, AK

Sam has lived in Alaska since 1969; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Sam works for Halliburton as a Tools Service Specialist. He and wife Cathleen have 7 children – Jody, Frankie, Allen, Charlie, Peter, Venetia and Morgan. Other hobbies include high country riding snowmobiling, hunting, fishing, hiking, flying, pong-pong, racing and traveling

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Shane Barber

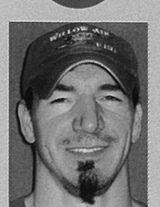
Age 34
Willow, AK

Shane was born and raised in Alaska; this will be his 7th year racing in the Iron Dog. Shane works for Doyon Drilling Inc. as a "Roughneck" Driller. He and wife Tammy have three children – Cody, Shana and Evan. Other hobbies include spending time with his family, any activity that is outdoors such as hunting, fishing, motor sports, hiking, boating and swimming.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 00' 10th 01' DNF 04' 3rd 06' 3rd 07' 3rd 08' DNF

3 *Barber & White* **POLARIS**



Stevan White

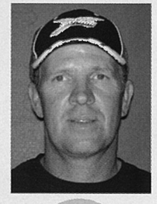
Age 31
Willow, AK

Stevan has lived in Alaska since 1995; this will be his 2nd year racing in the Iron Dog. He has also competed in the 1999 Aurora Intl. K-400 taking 1st place, 1999 AMMC 500 mile Ice Race taking 5th place and 2003 FSRL Snox Pro Open taking 3rd place. Stevan works for Willow Air Service as a Pilot. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping and being in the great outdoors.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 01' DNF

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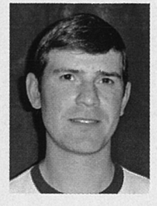
Russ Siepert

Age 46
Anchorage

Russ has lived in Alaska since 2001; he is a rookie to the Iron Dog this year. Russ works for Premier Earthworks Inc. as a Foreman. He and wife Melanie have one child – Bodey. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing and hanging out with is family.

ROOKIE

4 *Siepert & Williams* **SKI-DOO**



Chet Williams

Age 32
Anchorage

Chet was born and raised in Alaska; this will be his 3rd time racing in the Iron Dog. He has also competed in Arctic Man 2008 taking 1st place in the snowboard division as well as multiple top 3 Hilltop finishes since 1999. Chet works for Iliamna Transportation Company as an Equipment Operator. Other hobbies include hunting, fishing and all outdoor activities.

VETERAN

YEARS RACED: 04' 6th 05' 7th

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