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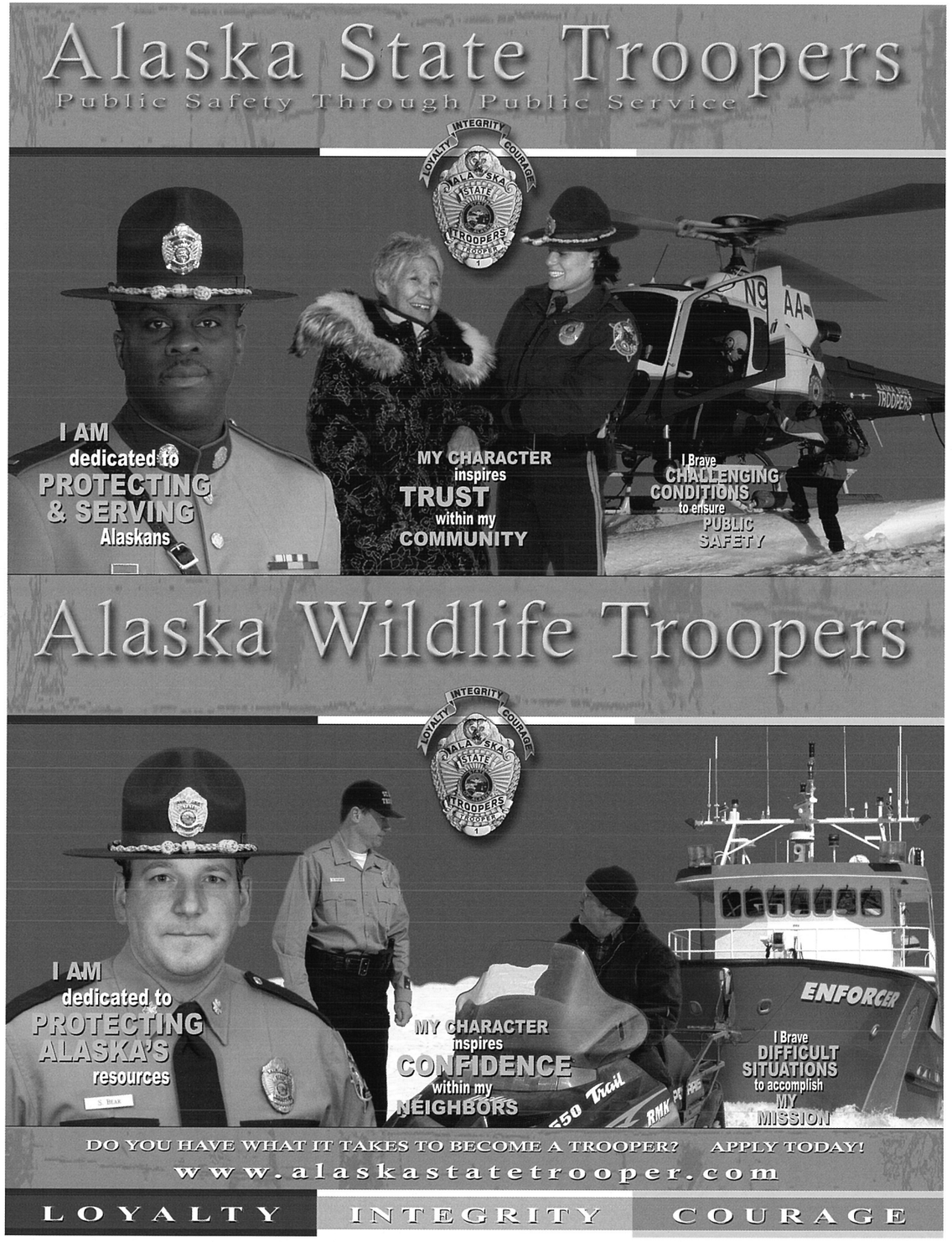
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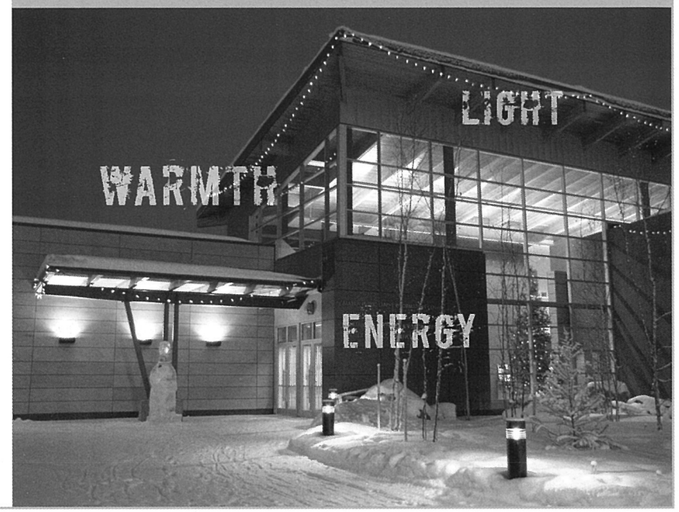
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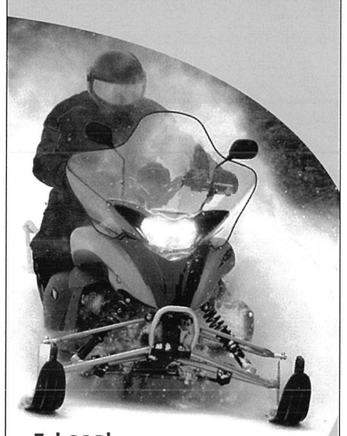
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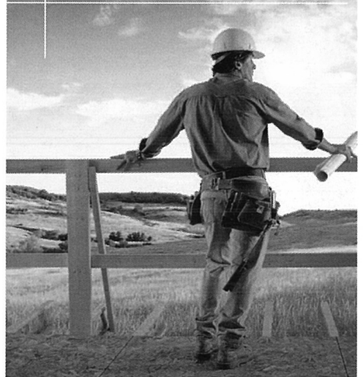


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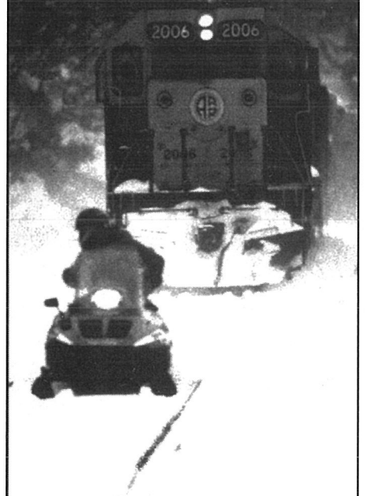
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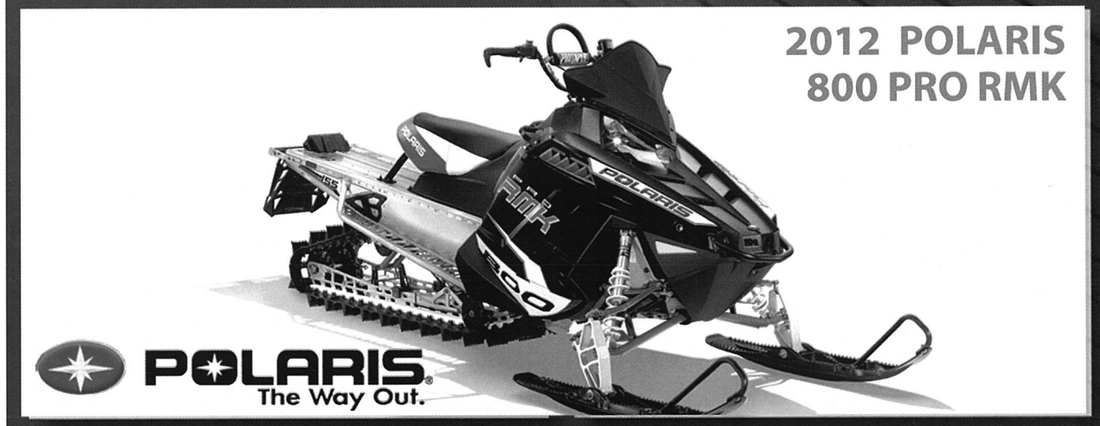
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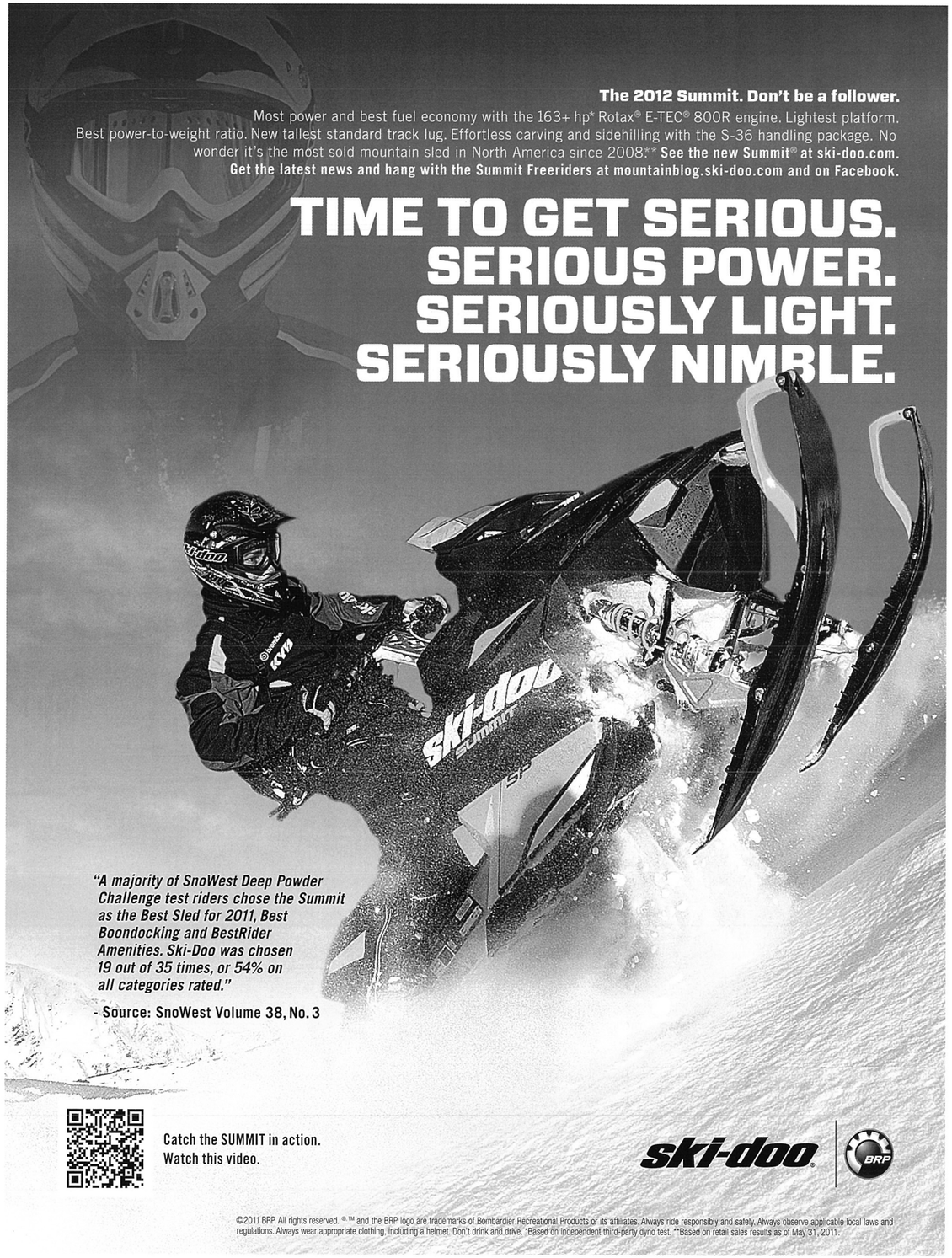
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Ashenfelter and Adrian Barr set out in advance to mark an alternate trail, meet the racers and direct them through the village and onto the next one.

For Iron Dog this sort of effort enabled the race to continue at all, yet Lincoln and his pals, despite having to bear the weather themselves, seem to have a humble opinion of their efforts.

"We were just making sure everybody made it here OK and tried to keep track of everybody," said Lincoln. "We showed them the marked trail in and out of the village and that's pretty much all we were really doing."

Individuals from the communities of Golovin and Elim also volunteered to assist the racer caravan despite the fact that neither community is a regular checkpoint on the race. According to Jim Wilke, Iron Dog president, these communities deserve special recognition since they were not prepared and not usually involved.

"In Golovin, the guy who really saved our bacon was Sean Peterson," said Wilke.

Peterson shared his responsibilities with Jack Fagerstrom. Others in the community also assisted the numerous racers who showed up unannounced to find shelter and dry out.

"As we recall, we had 25-30 guys holed up in Golovin unannounced," said Wilke.

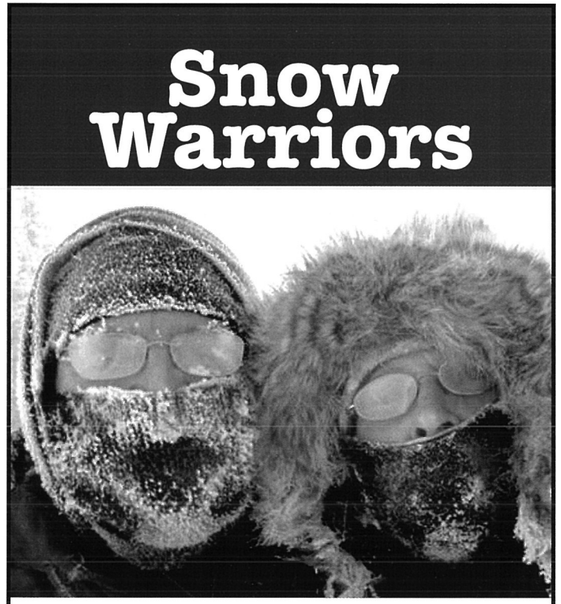
Some racers pushed on to Elim where they were met by Charles Saccheus, Jr. and John Jemowoak and his wife who own a store there. They, too, had offered shelter, guidance and trail maintenance and marking to keep racers safe.

"On the worst part I helped put some stakes out, where it was real bad," said Saccheus.

"In areas between here and Golovin there could be water waist deep so you had to stay up in the snow where you'd have to break trail," said Saccheus. "A lot of people always get lost between here and Golovin. You've got to have that trail really well marked."

And the list continues of individuals who provided even the slightest of helping hand during conditions that could have resulted in catastrophe. Luckily, community support along the course kept racers safe, and continues as always to make Iron Dog a reality.

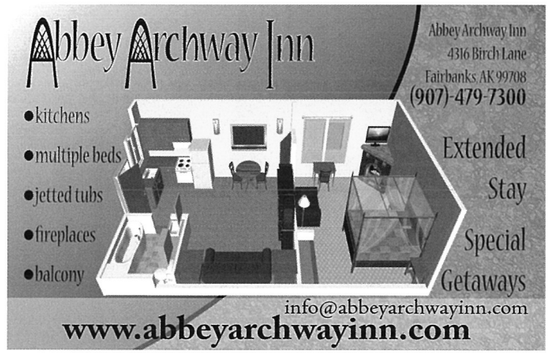




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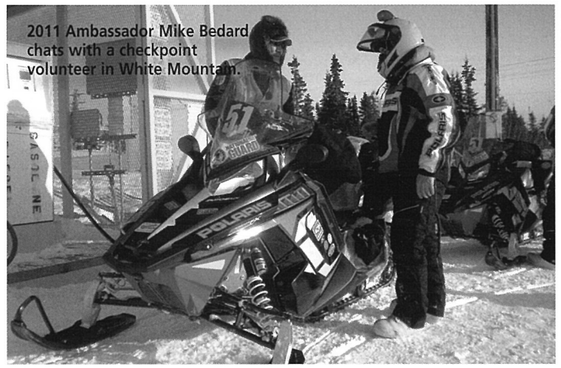
In recognition of communities

Rural volunteers kept Iron Dog on course during 2011 weather turmoil

By Justin Matley

Those who watched the race transpire in 2011 will recall the uncommon weather conditions racers faced along the coastline of Norton Sound. Ocean winds drove ice and water far inland, causing waist-deep flooding on the trail in some areas and mounds of ice on the trail in others. Inland the winds piled snow in depths reported at seven feet. Winds also caused poor visibility with racers describing occasions when they couldn't see their own skis and windscreens were useless against the flanking gusts. Conditions were such that race officials agreed to postpone the race restart in Nome until so much time had passed that groups of racers were finally allowed to travel in safety groups to Unalakleet for a repositioned restart, out of harm's way.

Although in daylight and groups, this traveling in bad conditions was a major safety concern. Some trail, too, would have been impassible if not for the efforts of resident volunteers in nearby communities of White Mountain, Golovin and Elim. Race officials called ahead requesting support, and many stepped up to the plate.



2011 Ambassador Mike Bedard chats with a checkpoint volunteer in White Mountain.

JOHN WOODBURY

"I was talking to the race marshal in Nome and she was saying they were leaving in groups with so many teams in each group," said Davis Lincoln of White Mountain, "and we were trying to figure out who all was here."

A volunteer for roughly 20 years, Lincoln and his partners Irving



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2012 Iron Dog Preview

A race of champions

Top riders enlist for the 'World's longest, toughest snowmobile race'

By Justin Matley

Following the success of last year's race the 2012 Iron Dog will host a battalion of snowmachining's top guns. They've secured trophies and championships in races across the U.S. and Canada, and on February 19 on Big Lake they'll convene for the competition of their lives. A huge lineup of racers, multiple Iron Dog champs, changes among teammates and new machines should collide into a historical battle. Fortunately for those who annually find themselves glued to forums, constantly checking the GPS tracking and praying for hints of the race on local news stations, they will find it easier than ever to stay informed. Iron Dog has become one of the season's hottest events with live coverage and bigger, better side events. It'll be hard to miss this year's longest, toughest snowmachine race.

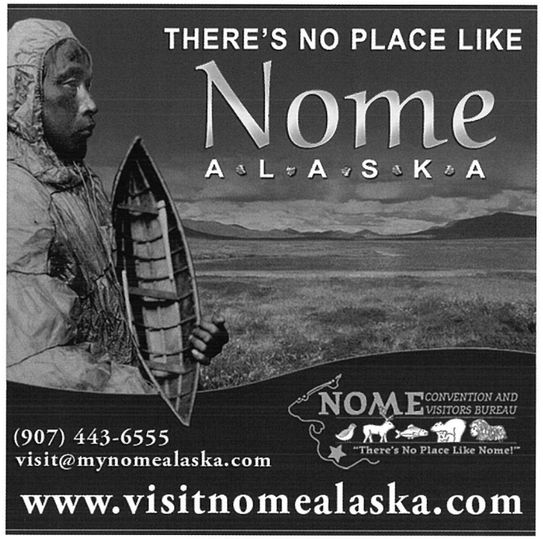
"It's always been the case, but this year more than ever is going to be a race of champions," said Iron Dog executive director Kevin Kastner. "I mean that quite literally. We have last year's Iron Dog champions, Nome-Golovin race champions from the last two years, the Cain's Quest champion, which is the big race in Canada at 1,000-plus miles, the I-500 champ, which I believe is Brian Dick, the Su-500 champ — a half a dozen championship racers from just the last couple of years."

It's no wonder Kastner described 2012 as a pinnacle race.

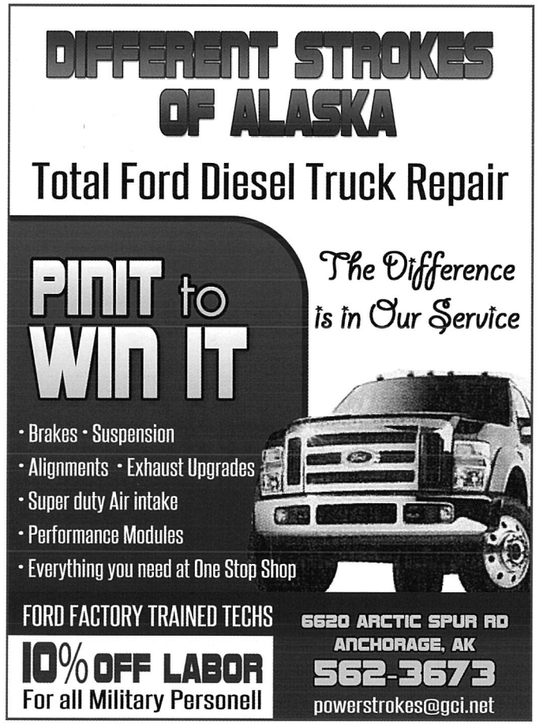
"What is there that's bigger, longer, faster and crazier than this? Nothing," said Kastner.

In all, 62 pro racers in teams of two will embark on the more than 2,000-mile journey from Big Lake to Nome and on to Fairbanks for a finish. Some 30 trail class riders will leave earlier on February 17 and make the 1,100-mile journey to Nome

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"And, I know how to ride that type of terrain. It's a little different than around here."

Speed racing at 100 mph on flat ice combined with windblown, hardened drifts requires a keen eye, focus and reflexes. Morgan's focus is to ride a fast, consistent pace with minimal mechanical time.

Morgan, who additionally flew cover and hauled parts for Olds and Huntington last year, also feels he and Olds make a good team, citing their equally sound, safe riding and mechanical skills. Hopefully their mechanical skills won't be needed much. So far during training the two are pleased with their sleds, Polaris Switchback 600s.

"I am very, very happy with them," says Olds. "They definitely seem to be holding up very well and are very well-rounded machines. They seem like they do well in everything."

"We're planning on putting about 3,000 miles on our test sleds," says Morgan, "and if you do all your homework and run your test sleds to figure out where the weak points are, you can implement all that into the race sled and you should have very minimal time wrenching on equipment if you do everything correctly."

Among their competitors, Huntington


MIKE MORGAN


TRE WEST

and Nome's James 'Tre' West, also plan to pack in some long distance rides in an effort to commit lengthy sections of the trail to memory.

"Oh yeah," says West, "we'll get some good training in this year, probably do a couple of runs to Fairbanks and back [Nome], so we should be pretty good there."

He's no stranger to the trail, having raced Iron Dog five times with two finishes and three DNF's, and rode trail class once. West also has personal experience in the Nome, coastal region of the course which he feels compliments Huntington's experience in the winner's circle.

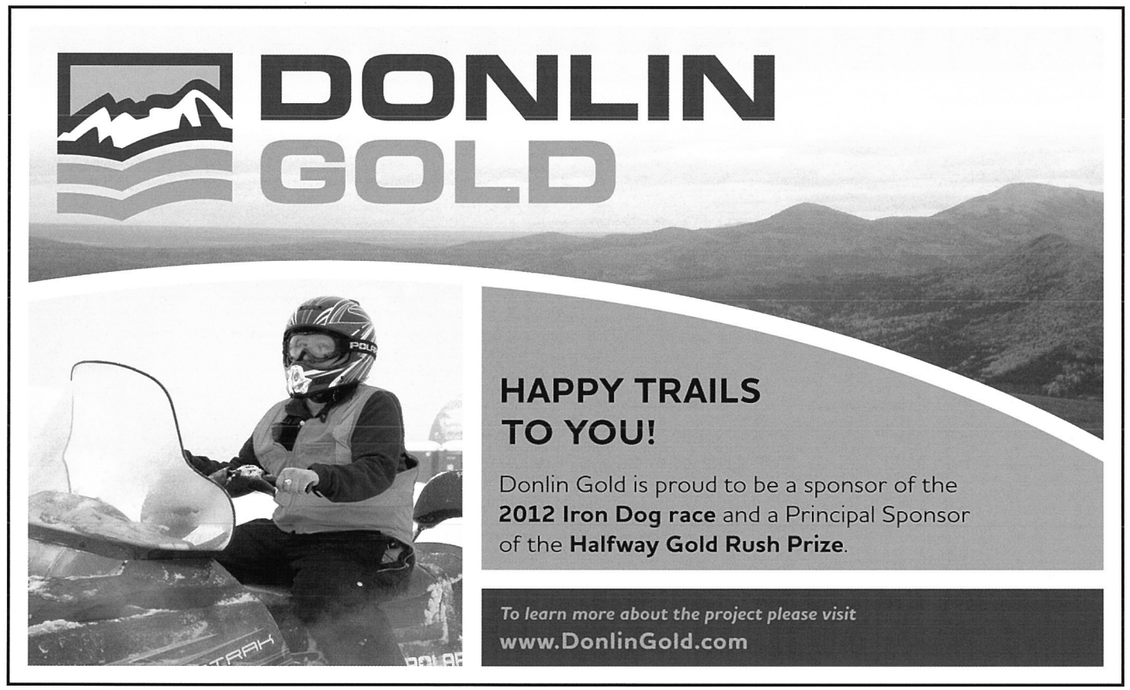
"Tyler obviously knows what it takes to win and all that," says West, "and what I bring to the table is that I'm from the coast here and know the coastal trail pretty good and the river and route to Fairbanks pretty good."

Although some of the more crucial areas of the course, the coast and Yukon River, only account for half of it, the Huntington-West team's experience in Iron Dog is expected to pay off.

"I think we've got most the trail covered," says West.

Which means it could come down to their mechanical ability and overall snowmachine performance. However, Huntington and West are also running Polaris Switchbacks, so there'll be no advantage there against Olds and Morgan. It's almost as if these teams were up against their own image with similar experience, wins, machines and even confidence. There's little doubt they'll be pushing and perhaps leapfrogging each other the entire race. Factoring in another half dozen elite riders with extensive snowmachine racing experience and the returning champion's teams are not going to take a win easily. But, that's what they all agree makes Iron Dog so spectacular.

"It's a challenge every year, definitely a challenge every year," says West. "There's so much competition out there that you can never be good enough. You try to best yourself every year, and even if you win you still work to hold it, and it's just a challenge every year."





Dennis Falldorf

Age 57
Anchorage, AK

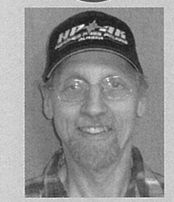
Dennis is a life long Alaskan, married to Therese. They have four kids Bryan, Jessy, Jake, Erin. Dennis is a consultant with the EMC Engineering group. Dennis returns to the Trail Class this year after determining that trail riding behind Pro Class Iron Doggers is just wrong. Dennis is jazzed that his riding partner of 44 years, Bob Bloom, is along for this year's ride.

FINISHER
2011 DNF

SKI-DOO

SPONSORS: EMC Engineering, Team CC Ski Doo, Falldorf's Snowmobile Adventures, Bloom's Mechanical Enhancements, The Arctic Needle

55 *Falldorf, Bloom, Reegan, Meuser & Ivy* POLARIS

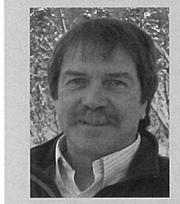


Robert Bloom

Age 56
Anchorage, AK

Robert (Bob) is a life long Alaskan married to Karen. They have one child Justin. Bob is retired and tinkers in his garage making devices to enhance any mechanized vehicle.

ROOKIE



Dan Reegan

Age 53
Anchorage, AK

Dan is a 25 year resident of Alaska and is the senior GIS Analyst for Resourse Data, Inc. Dan has one child Danielle. Dan enjoys the motorized vehicals and time spent with family and friends.

ROOKIE



Mark Meuser

Age 45
Anchorage, AK

Mark is a 6 year resident of Alaska and is a flight Nurse with LifeMed Alaska. Mark and his girlfriend Deb enjoy sea Kayaking, rafting, snowmobiling, and skiing.

ROOKIE



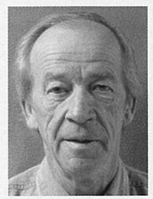
Mark Ivy

Age 54
Anchorage, AK

Mark is a life long Alaskan, riding since the mid 60's.Mark and his wife Bonnie have jointly owned and operated Ivy & Co.Architects for 27 years.They have two children, Brooke and Andy. Mark volunteers for the Iron Dog (a member of the 2011 Ambassador Team), and enjoys alpine and x-country skiing, vehicle restoration, boating, sailing, hunting, fishing, building, welding, flying and spending time with family.

FINISHER
2011, Trail Class, Finished

SPONSORS: EMC Engineering, Team CC Ski Doo, Lead Dog Helmet Light, Fine Line Interiors, Falldorf's Snowmobile Adventures, Bloom's Mechanical Enhancements, The Arctic Needle, L&T's Frog Army, Flat Stanley World, Hatcher Pass Polaris, KLIM, BC Pediatrics, Ivy & Co. Architects, Capital Glass/Northern Windows, Continental Motors, Exterior Technology Systems, Vaproshield LLC, Lead Dog Helmet Lights, Big Lake Power Sports



Eric Johnson

Age 60
Skwentna, AK

Eric is a life long Alaskan, married to Sban. They have 4 children Brent, Tyson, Stacy, and Eric. Eric owns Northwoods Lodge. Eric has raced snowmobiles since the 70's and has seen it all. Eric enjoys hunting, fishing, family time, and running a lodge and meeting people. Eric is riding for Prostate Cancer Awareness.

FINISHER
Iron Dog Board Member. 1998, Pro Class, DNF; 1997, Trophy Class, 2nd.

60 *Johnson, Johnson, George & Witte* SKI-DOO



Brent Johnson

Age 34
Wasilla, AK

Brent is a life long Alaskan, married to Mariah. They have 2 children Madison and Brayden. Brent works for the State of Alaska. Brent enjoys snowmobiling, flying, hunting, fishing, traveling,and child raising with the wife.

ROOKIE



Stacy George

Age 29
Eagle River, AK

Stacy is a life long Alaskan, married to Louie. Stacy is a drayage coordinator with Totem Ocean Trailer Express. Stacy ran some AMMC races in 2004/05 with podium finishes in the races completed. Stacy enjoys snowmobiling, hiking and boating.

ROOKIE



John Witte

Age 46
Anchorage, AK

John is a 22 year resident of Alaska and married to Mary. They have 2 children Andrea and Thomas. John is the CEO of N6L.

ROOKIE

SPONSORS: Northwoods Lodge, Team CC Ski-Doo, Wiggys Bags, Pruhs Construction LLC, Stud Boy, Michaels & Hudspeth Properties, Grip-N-Rip, Lynden Air Freight, Shan Johnson, Alaska Independent Longshore Union, Peterkin Distributors, Alaska Pressure Wash, Ron Sterling, Asa Chandler, Glacier Autoworks Racing. www.speed4needs.org, Naniq Global Logistics, Network Business Systems, Mallory Alexander, DHL, Usibelli Coal Mine, Rcar LLC, ASRC, Legacy Logistics, Black Diamond Golf, Thermo Kool, ERA Alaska, Longacre Law Offices, SAJJ Architecture, Husky Expediters, DHL Industrial Projects, Anchorage Dentist Associates, BR Fritz Company, HTC, 5 Star, Glacier Beach, Rush Companies, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, National Marfan Foundation, Navy Seal Foundation



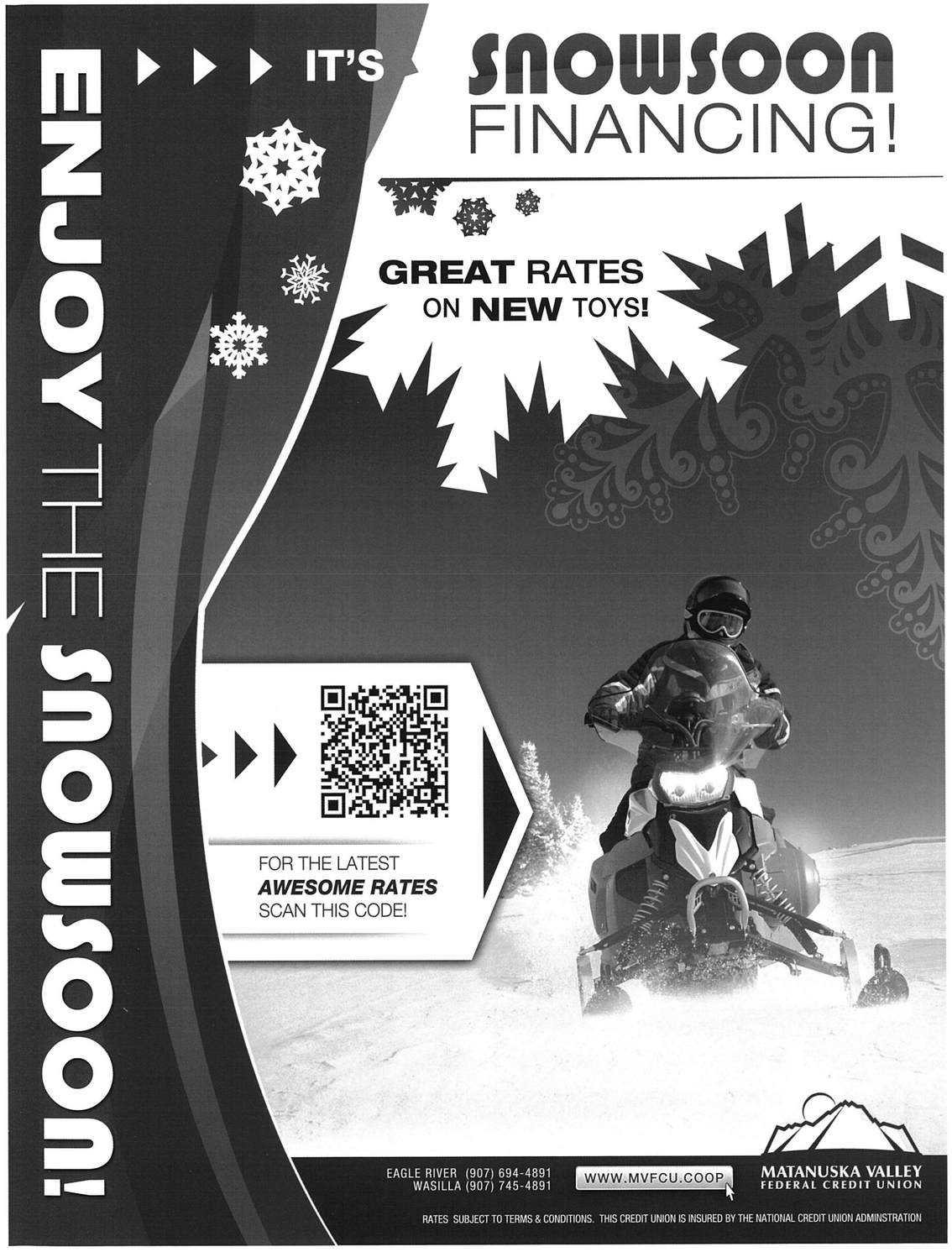
Brody McNeill

Age 40
Anchorage, AK

Brody is a 20 year resident of Alaska and is employed by the Alaska Marine Highway System. Brody completed the 2010 8,800 mile Hoka Highway Motorcycle Challenge and finished the 200 mile solo Fireweed Bicycle Race. Brody enjoys skiing, flying, motorcycle riding, muscle cars and snowmobile riding.

ROOKIE

71 *McNeill* SKI-DOO



2012 Schedule of Events

FEBRUARY 11
Donlin Gold Iron Dog Safety Expo, Tech Inspection and Racer's Drawing Banquet
Curtis Menard Sports CenterWasilla
Doors Open to the Public – 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Mandatory Racer's Meeting – 5 p.m.
Drawing & Hall of Fame Banquet – 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 17
Trail Class Start
Southport Marina, Big Lake Power Sports
Big Lake • 9-11 a.m.

FEBRUARY 18
Big Lake Winter Fest, Big Lake. All day.

FEBRUARY 19
Pro Class Start, Southport Marina, Big Lake Power Sports, Big Lake • Setup – 7:30-9 a.m.
GPS Install/Pit Line Up – 10 a.m.
Ceremonies – 10:30-10:45 a.m.
Race Start – 11 a.m.
Free hot dogs from the Crowley barbecue

FEBRUARY 22
Nome Halfway Ceremonies
Nome National Guard Armory
Buffet Dinner – 6 p.m.
Awards and Ceremonies – 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25
Race Finish, Downtown Fairbanks
First team arrives – approximately 1 p.m.
Podium Photo Opportunity – 3 p.m.
Race Finish Winds Down – 4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25
Awards Ceremony & Reception
Pike's Waterfront Lodge
Cocktails – 6 p.m.
Awards – 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 25
Lights Out Party: Pike's Landing Bar
Pike's Landing, Fairbanks
Until 2:30 a.m.
Chill Out: Pike's Waterfront Lodge, Binkley Room
Until midnight

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only; still a gutsy endeavor.

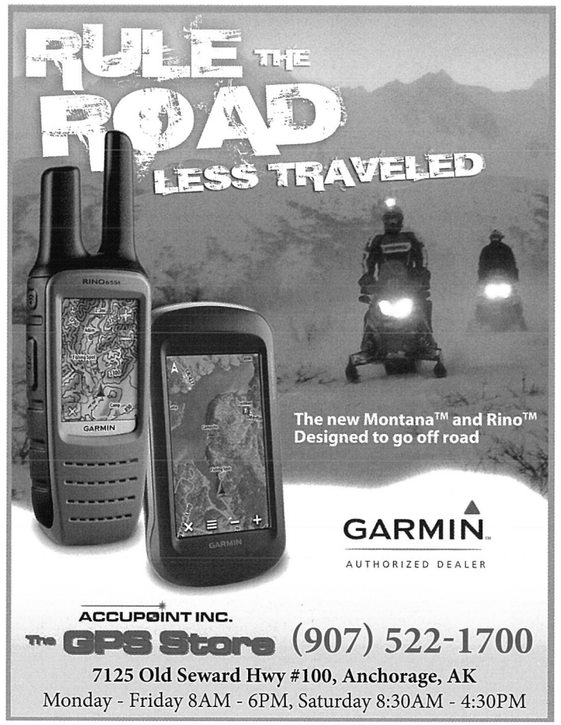
Even the Iron Dog staff will tell you the trail is torturous, making it all the more important for riders to be masters of their machines and prepared for all conditions. In 2011 those conditions included a battery of wind, whiteouts, stacked ice and flooding. This accumulation of hazards caused by an offshore storm near Nome caused lengthy delays in the race restart from Nome to Fairbanks, mechanical failures and team scratches. However, the hardship prompted Iron Dog to look at the drawing board.

"Obviously the No. 1 lesson learned is to have a plan B," said Kastner. "So we've got all the contingency plans in place. We have everything scheduled for a Saturday finish, but if we should have a weather issue we already have an alternate plan for an awards ceremony. We're trying to double check all our locations, all of our venues, and check that we have a backup plan should things be delayed."

Iron Dog will also employ more trail breaker teams going farther distances than in the past. If Mother Nature cooperates, this will facilitate a faster paced race and limit pileups when one or two racers break trail while all others follow. Stacked racers were witnessed on the GPS tracking last year when riders came upon windswept and deep areas of trail.

GPS is just one of the many ways to enjoy the race and stay informed. Racers can be followed on a map, almost in real time, as they leapfrog each other during racing or layovers. Race







Chris Tarr
Age 43
Grand Lake, CO

Chris is a 10 year resident of Grand Lake and is the Chief Technical Operator at Momentum Index. Chris has 2 children Jason and Sydney. After 4 years of planning and saving, Chris and his team mates will answer the question if Colarado mountain riders have what it takes to conquer the Iron Dog.

FINISHER

50 Tarr, Knight, Cox & Ziegler — POLARIS



Bruce Knight
Age 56
Grand Lake, CO

Bruce is a 29 year resident of Grand Lake and is married to Pearl. They have 2 children Grace and Mark. Bruce is the owner of Mtn. Home Services. Bruce enjoys river kayaking and rafting, long distance backpacking, all forms of skiing, and long distance bicycle touring.

ROOKIE



Kevin Cox
Age 48
Grand Lake, CO

Kevin is a 39 year resident of Grand lake and is married to Andrea. They have 2 children Allaura and Christopher. Kevin owns Grand Lake Marina (elev: 8,600ft). Kevin enjoys scuba diving, sailing, boating, shooting, skiing, and snowmobiling. Kevin is ready for an Iron Dog experience.

FINISHER
Pro Class Rookie; 2010, Trail Class, Finished



Cory Ziegler
Age 23
Grand Lake, CO

Cory is a Paramedic for Pridemark Paramedics. Cory enjoys snowmobiling, snowboarding, wakeboarding, mountain biking, and shooting.

ROOKIE

SPONSORS: ReMax Resorts of Grand County, Grand Lake office, Tarr Art, Boaters Choice, Inc, We Can Dig It Excavating, Inc, Grand Lake Marina, Grand Mountain Rentals, Momentem Index, Spirit Lake Polaris, Never Summer Fitness LLC, Linke Construction, Big Lake Powersports.

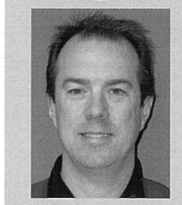


Joseph Lawendowski
Age 43
Wasilla, AK

Alaska National Guard Ambassador, Joe loves being an Alaskan. Enjoys bow hunting, snowmaching and doing crossfit. Aprreciates the support he received from the people in his life.

FINISHER
2011 Trail Class, Finished

51 Iron Dog Ambassadors — POLARIS



Mike Bedard
Age 45
Roseau, MN

Mike is the Engineering Manager for Polaris Industries responsible for Trail Performance, Cross over and Racing segments. Mike has worked for Polaris for over 20 years and has supported the Iron Dog for many years. Mike participated in the 2011 Iron Dog as a member of the Ambassador Team.

FINISHER
2011 Trail Class, Finished



Evan Booth
Age 43
Nome, AK

Evan is a life long Alaskan and is married to Crystal. They have 5 children Taylor, Chase, Ian, Steffen, and Cohen. Evan is the Western District Maintenance Superintendent for the Alaska DOT/PF. Evan has raced snowmobiles since 1987 with lots of wins in the local Nome area races as well as a few top finishes in the I-500. Evan enjoys the outdoors hunting, fishing, boating, 4-wheeling and snowmobiling as well as working in the shop and hanging with the family. Evan teams up with past racing buddy Dan Zipay this season to help promote the Alaska National Guard and Polaris Industries.

VETERAN
2 Time Iron Dog Champion (1992,94); 13 time Iron Dog competitor with 2 wins and numerous podium visits.

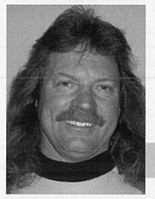


Dan Zipay
Age 56
Anchorage, AK

Dan is a 53 year resident of Alaska and is married to Roberta. Dan works for Alaska Pro Trucking. This year Dan teams up with long time friend and past race partner Evan Booth to promote the Alaska National Guard and Polaris Industries.

VETERAN
5 time Iron Dog Champion (1986, 87, 88, 92,94); Iron Dog Hall of Fame inductee (2010)

SPONSORS: Alaska National Guard and Polaris Industries



George Woodbury III
Age 49
Big Lake, AK

George, a lifelong Alaskan, owns Woody's Works and lives in Big Lake with his wife, Kim and his daughter Racynne.

FINISHER
2010 Pro Class DNF, Completed Trail Class in 2011

SKI-DOO

54

John Woodbury
Age 47
Anchorage, AK

John, a lifelong Alaskan, owns Alaska Adventure Media and lives in Anchorage with his wife, Angel.

FINISHER
Completed trail class in 2011

ARCTIC CAT



SPONSORS: Iron Dog, Alaska Adventure Media, Woody's Works, Team CC/Korey and Barb Cronquist, Anchorage Suzuki/Arctic Cat/Brad Helwig, Alaska SnowRider magazine, Coast magazine, Oxygen & Octane Expo, The Flying Chef, Midnight Sun Paragliding, Summit Windows and Doors



Jeff Dyer

Age 58
Fairbanks, AK

Jeff is a 37 year resident of Alaska and is married to Candy. Jeff is a communication Tech for Fullford Electric.

VETERAN
2007 10th, 2010 12th

44 *Dyer & Dyer* **SKI-DOO**



Tracy Dyer

Age 38
Fort Collins, CO

Tracey was a long time Alaskan, currently living in Fort Collins. Tracey is married to Amy and they have 2 children Presley and Jackson. Tracey is the Chief Construction Inspector in Fort Collins. Tracey enjoys time spent with the family and friends, hockey, traveling and anything that involves the outdoors.

VETERAN
2007 10th, 2010 12th

SPONSORS: Jeff: Candy Dyer, IBEW 1547, Fullford Electric, Compeau's, Carolyn Marks. Tracy: Compeau's, Braap Wraps, Felker Motor Sports, Jeff and Candy Dyer, David and Bryan Dyer, and last but not least, wife Amy Dyer.



Brian Jurenka

Age 29
Anchorage, AK

Brian is a 24 year resident of Alaska employed by CH2MHill as a heavy equipment operator. Brian has raced snowmobiles in AMMC races since 2003. Brian enjoys hunting, fishing, boating and shooting.

ROOKIE

45 **POLARIS**



Harold Egan

Age 39
Wasilla, AK

Harold is a 6 year resident of Alaska married to Windy. They have 2 children Chelsea and Savanna. Harold works for the 732nd AMS-TRF as a motor Transport Operator. Harold has motocross experience and enjoys time spent with Windy and the family, hunting, fishing, and running anything with a motor attached.

ROOKIE



Laura Bedard

Age 44
Anchorage, AK

ROOKIE
1997 DNF

Laura is a long time Alaskan and is an Account Executive with Genuine Parts Company. Laura is a long time snowmobile racer with podium visits in numerous cross country races in the Lower 48. Laura was a member of the first all Women's Iron Dog team in 1997. Laura enjoys volleyball, dodgeball, and softball, bicycling, hiking, and camping. Laura is thankful for her great family and friends.

49 *Bedard, Woodbury & Harris* **SKI-DOO**



Kim Woodbury

Age 44
Big Lake, AK

Kim is 25 year resident of Alaska and is married to George. They have one child Racynne. Kim is the owner of Woody's Works LLC. Kim was raised with the throttle in hand, endless fuel, and was challenged to decide the path home. Her spirit holds a passion for riding fast. Kim loves to chase her husband's taillight through the powder for a shot of adrenaline. Kim is quite the accomplished snowmobile racer with a couple of firsts in the Arctic Man event, and has competed in numerous AMMC cross country races with lots of podium visits. Kim also loves the family time comingled with the Alaska outdoors.

ROOKIE

Barb Harris

Palmer, AK

Barbara is a life-long Alaskan. Barbara works at Team CC & Northern Chiropractic. She is married to her best friend, Korey Cronquist! Barbara enjoys life in AK: snowmachining, 4-wheeling, watercrafting, flying, fishing, & Mtn. Biking. She has loved supporting Korey's racing & Team CC's racers. It is time for Barb to drop the pompoms & raise the green flag with Team Doo-Chicks! Special thanks to Wendy Caverly.

ROOKIE

SPONSORS: Team CC Ski Doo, George and Racynne Woodbury, Team CC, Woody's Works LLC, SnowRider Magazine, Northern Air Cargo, D&S Concrete, El Rancho De Las Cejes, Korey Cronquist, Mom and Dad (Barb), Ski Doo, and SnowRider Magazine, Northern Air Cargo, Northern Chiropractic



Russ Simpson

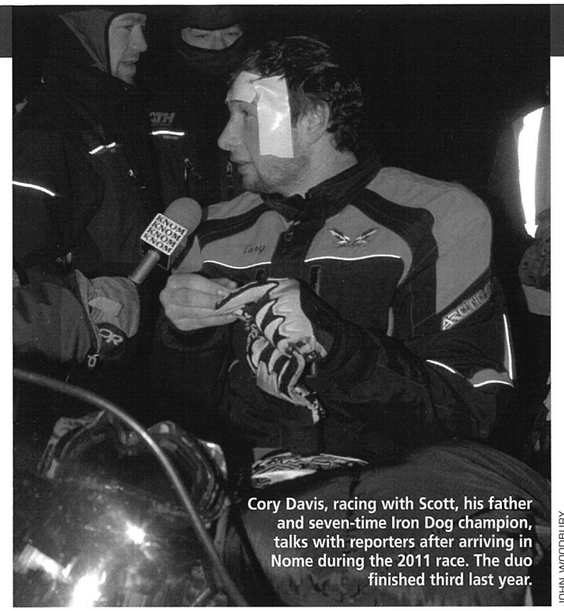
Age 54
Faber, VA

Russ is a life long Virginian married to Lynne. They have 3 children Andrew, Nathan and Matt. Russ is the owner of the Apple Shed. Russ is running the Iron Dog for skin cancer awareness. Russ has been practicing in Canada and Maine to get prepared for the Trail Class run.

ROOKIE

56 *Simpson* **POLARIS**

SPONSORS: IronDog Scar, The Apple Shed.



Cory Davis, racing with Scott, his father and seven-time Iron Dog champion, talks with reporters after arriving in Nome during the 2011 race. The duo finished third last year.

JOHN WOODBURY

updates can also be found on the Iron Dog website and on the Iron Dog Facebook page. The posts often contain pictures or video supplied by volunteers and partners. One exciting option to stay informed involves live coverage by KTUU Channel 2. Fans will continue to witness a live start, course racing and Fairbanks finish coverage on TV. Channel 2 will also provide additional internet coverage on ktuu.com.

This year's race start on Big Lake is expected to have the highest ever spectator turnout. Kastner attributes this to overwhelmingly positive feedback from past racers, volunteers and spectators. News coverage last year by Channel 2, Iron Dog's own movie, a National Guard documentary, even National Geographic's new bush pilot TV series, as well as Alaska SnowRider magazine's annual coverage, have done more for Iron Dog exposure than ever before. An additional event on Big Lake might also draw in viewers.

"The Big Lake Winter Fest and Iron Dog weekend will add new excitement and even more reasons to come out and play this February," said Kastner.

Between the Friday Trail Class start and Sunday Pro Class start, spectators can partake in Big Lake's new winter fest with fireworks, possible freestyle performances by Dane Ferguson and Cory Davis, and other daylong fun. Those who stick around will witness what Kastner claims will be the "largest, longest Iron Dog chute ever."

And in the end at Fairbanks some changes are also in store. The first is enhanced updates of racers coming up Chena River so spectators and families can be prepared to greet and cheer. Another change, which took place last year, was the location for the final banquet. Iron Dog will continue with banquet ceremonies at Pikes Waterfront Lodge.

"We actually like the smaller venue, the more intimate setting, and we like the fact that it's not a sit down around the table kind of thing but a more casual presentation," said Kastner.

Start to finish, the 2012 Iron Dog is shaping up to be one of the most captivating winter races North America can dish out. Lucky for Alaskans, it's held in the back yard, that one considered "The Last Frontier."



Iron Dog in History

The true nature of Iron Dog, perseverance, keeps it growing strong

By Justin Matley

The Iron Dog celebrates its 29th year as the world's longest, toughest, snowmachine race. As with any octane-based sport, it has seen fluctuations in both racer participation and spectator interest. However, Iron Dog's appeal as a definitive test of riding skill, endurance and mechanical engineering has always prevailed in the motorsports arena. Now in 2012 it would seem Iron Dog is breaking barriers and entering into a new era of excitement. Based on last year's attendance of both racers and spectators, and with overwhelmingly positive feedback and sponsor support, the future looks brighter than ever.

During its time, Iron Dog has seen a host of once-great races go to the wayside. Due to committed volunteers, a dedicated board and staff, and racers who obviously don't give up easy, this race has run in the opposite direction, growing in funding, participation, and even length.

It was in 1994 when the race increased the course to roughly 2,000 miles with a finish in Fairbanks. Again in 2011 an additional 50-plus miles was added, making Iron Dog a severely unmatched competition. The course has nearly doubled in length since the race's beginning.

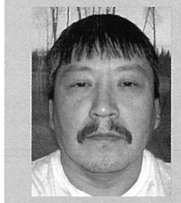
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CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

2011	Tyler Huntington & Chris Olds	Polaris	37:38:09
2010	Tyler Huntington & Chris Olds	Polaris	1:04:09
2009	Todd Minnick & Nick Olstad	Polaris	37:19
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
1998	Mark Carr & Scott Davis	Arctic Cat	44:47
1997	Mark Carr & Scott Davis	Arctic Cat	61:08
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



2012 Pro Class



Harold Attla

Age 47
Fairbanks, AK

Harold is a life long Alaskan. Harold has 3 children Austin, Harrison and Avionna. Harold works as a construction foreman for the Interior Regional Housing Authority. Harold ia a 10 time Yukon 800 winner. Harold enjoys boating, snowmobiling, basketball, hunting, fishing, hiking in the high country, internet surfing, meeting people, and spoiling the kids.

ROOKIE

Pro Class Rookie; 2010, Trail Class, Finished

36 *Attla & Beetus* **POLARIS**



Archie Beetus

Age 25
Hughes, AK

Archie is a life long Alaskan and Certified ETT cardholder. He enjoys working at local construction jobs.

ROOKIE

SPONSORS: McKinley Polaris of Healy Alaska, City of Hughes, Hudotl'eekkaakk'e Tribe of Hughes Alaska, Wilmer Beetus/Margaret Williams, Arlo Beetus/Kelsey Jackson, ET Nicholia, Thelma Nicholia, family and friends



Tyler Aklestad

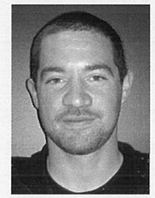
Age 26
Palmer, AK

Tyler is a life long Alaskan, employed by MTA.

VETERAN

2007, 2009, 2nd

39 *Aklestad & Loyer* **SKI-DOO**



Aaron Loyer

Age 26
Palmer, AK

Aaron is a life long Alaskan and is an apprentice IBEW lineman. Aaron is a muli Alaska State Motocross Champion and the 2011 Nome-Golovin winner. Aaron loves his job and enjoys all kinds of outdoor activities: 4-wheeling, fishing, exploring, and dirt bike riding. Hanging with friends, family, and the ol' lady is important as well.

ROOKIE

A few DNF's

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2012 Trail Class



Arnold Marks Jr.

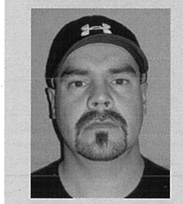
Age 29
Tanana, AK

Arnold is a life long Alaskan, married to Theresa and they have 2 children Reese and Bella. Arnold is a teacher with the Tanana City School District. Arnold has raced river boats on the Yukon and Tanana Rivers from 2006 to 2010, winning the Yukon 800 in 2006. Arnold enjoys family time, boating, hunting, snowmobiling and school teaching.

VETERAN

2011, 7th

40 *Marks & Agnes* **POLARIS**



Archie Agnes

Age 36
Tanana, AK

Archie is an 18 year resident, married to Courtney. Archie is a driller with Doyon Drilling. Archie enjoys boat racing on the Yukon River, with a 2nd in the Yukon 800 in 2003. Boating on the Yukon and Tanana Rivers, spending time with the wife, and long trips on the rivers cruzin' on the snowmobiles makes life worthwhile.

ROOKIE

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Cliff Johnson

Nome, AK

Cliff is a life long Alaskan married to Jen. They have 6 children Ashley, Christian, Delaney, Shyloah, Karmun and Stephen. Cliff is a general manager for Northern Contractors. Cliff has several years of snowmobile racing behind him with various top finishes. Cliff enjoys living in rural Alaska.

FINISHER

2009 DNF, 2011 DNF

43 *Johnson & Green* **ARCTIC CAT**



Stacey Green

Nome, AK

Stacey is a life long Alaskan married to Mary. They have 5 children Heidi, Lindsey, Brittney, Jackie and Miles. Stacey has several runs in the local area races with numerous top finishes.

FINISHER

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Elaine Jackson

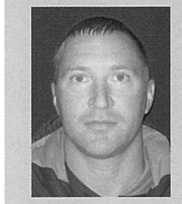
Age 32
Anchorage, AK

Elaine is a 10 year resident and has one child Kyle. Elaine is employed by the Alaska National Guard as an Operations NCO for the Recruiting and Retention Battalion. Elaine enjoys being outdoors camping, fishing, boarding, skydiving and spending time with family.

ROOKIE

2011 Pro Class, DNF; 2010 trail Class, Finished

30 *Jackson & Hanson* **POLARIS**



Jeremy Hanson

Age 31
Wasilla, AK

Jeremy is a 6 year resident of Alaska and is married to Kathleen. They have 3 children Haley, Talyn and Makenna. Jeremy is employed by the Alaska National Guard in Surface Maintenance and Repair. Jeremy enjoys hanging with family and friends and hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and off-roading.

ROOKIE

SPONSORS: Alaska National Guard, Able Body Shop, Total Truck Accessories, Polaris Industries, Hatcher Pass Polaris, Kathleen Hanson, Vannoy Electric, Lloyd & Julie Hanson, Frank Bithos, Chris Olds and Matt Spernak



Charlie Potter

Age 28
Wasilla, AK

Charlieis a 28 year Alaska resident, he is a two time purple heart recipient and founded the Wounded Warrior Racing Team as a way to give back to all that have been injured while serving their country. Charlie also loves to hunt, fish,being outdoors, racing snowmachines, spending time with family and friends.

VETERAN

2009, 15th; 2008, 2009, 2011, DNF

31 *Potter & Harrison* **POLARIS**



Lee Harrison

Age 32
Wasilla, AK

Lee is a 32 year resident and is married to Shannon. They have one child Kyle. Lee is an Installer at Mechanical Specialist. Lee has multiple top 5 finishes in motocross and enjoys hunting, fishing, skiing, and time spent with family.

ROOKIE

2011, DNF

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Brad Dietrich

Age 54
Fairbanks, AK

Brad is a 29 year resident of Fairbanks and owns Dietrich Auto Repair. Brad has 2 children Lucas and Adriana.

ROOKIE

Pro Class Rookie; 2010, 2011 Trail Class, Finished

32 *Dietrich & Jauhola* **SKI-DOO**



Tim Jauhola

Age 45
Fairbanks, AK

Tim is a 42 year resident of Fairbanks and is a superintendent with ITSI. Tim has 2 children TJ and Jaeger. Tim enjoys hunting, fishing, cabin hanging, drag racing, and vacationing.

ROOKIE

2011, trail Class, Finished; Pro Class Rookie, 2007, 2008, DNF

SPONSORS: ITSI, Dynamic Painting, Gilson Contracting, Darby's Performance Machine, Compeaus, Dietrich Auto Repair, Falldorf's Snowmobile Adventures.



Kelly Sommer

Age 24
Nulato, AK

Kelly is a life long Alaskan, employed by Brice Construction as a operator/trucker. Kelly enjoys basketball, football, snowmobiling, and video games.

ROOKIE

33 *Sommer & Warner* **POLARIS**



Harold Warner

Age 24
Galena, AK

Harold is a life long Alaskan, married to Esther. Harold is a laborer for TC Construction. Harold enjoys hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling with the family. Harold also enjoys working as a mechanic.

ROOKIE

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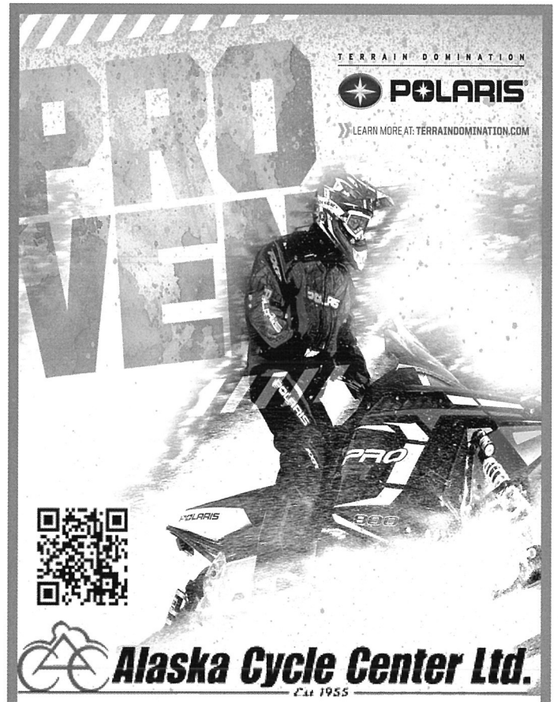
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2012 Iron Dog's list of champion riders

TYLER HUNTINGTON (Team 6) – 2 Iron Dog wins
TRE WEST (Team 6) – 2 Nome-Golovin wins, 2 Nome-Cannonball wins
CHRIS OLDS (Team 10) – 2 Iron Dog wins
MIKE MORGAN (Team 10) – Numerous Nome-Golovin wins, an I-500 win
TODD PALIN (Team 11) – 4-time Iron Dog champion
ERIC QUAM (Team 11) – 2008 Iron Dog Champion, 1999 Lake Lucille 500 Grand Prix winner
TODD MINNICK (Team 16) – 2009 Iron Dog champion
NICK OLSTAD (Team 16) – 2-time Iron Dog champion, multiple Mayor's Cup and K-150 wins
BRIAN DICK (Team 23) – 2010 USCC series win, 2011 I-500 champion
RUSTY GOODMAN (Team 27) – Multiple AMMC series championships
AARON LOYER (Team 39) – 2011 Nome-Golovin winner
ROBERT GARDNER (Team 4) 2011 Cain's Quest champion

IRON DOG HISTORY *continued from page 14*

The Iron Dog was created in 1984 at a total distance of 1,049 miles, which spanned from Big Lake to Nome. Teams of two men were established in the beginning, and John Faeo and Rod Frank earned the first win and a record that has never been broken. Riding Polaris, they acquired their finish (to Nome) in 23 hours and 50 minutes.

The following year Iron Dog, then called Iron Dog Iditarod, began a period of identity crisis. The second race was called the Gold Rush Classic. After four years of growth under that title the name was changed to Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic for the 1990 race. It wasn't until ten years later when title sponsor, Tesoro, jumped on board as the major contributor that the race was called the Tesoro Iron Dog. And now the race has matured into the simple Iron Dog we know and love, with the National Guard acting as the primary sponsor and offering field support.

Now Iron Dog visits more communities than ever before, having added North Pole just last year. Nome, fortunately, still plays a vital role as the Trail Class finish and as the half-way point for Pro Class. The races more serious recovery, repairs, and a restart all take place in Nome, the original race finish location.

Since the course increased in length just last year, records are now held by 2011 champs Tyler Huntington and Chris Olds. However, severe weather and poor trail conditions greatly impeded their progress, as with all racers, so the record is truly up for grabs should the weather be more forgiving in 2012. Sixty-two racers — 31 teams — are about to find out just what it takes to be a winner.

Iron Dog showcases Alaska's frontier spirit in all its glory. It has forged a breed of racers unlike any other in the world whose toughness lies in the body and spirit, and whose win can be ultimately determined by mechanical excellence or by the speed at which they can perform trail repairs. Terrain features and dangers, weather and sever cold, unmatched distance, and hardened competitors are all just another day at the races when it comes to Iron Dog.



Race Price
Age 38
Wasilla, AK

Race was born & raised in Alaska. This will be his second Iron Dog. His father Rodney finished 3rd in 1987 and Race is secretly determined to best that. Race has also competed in the K-150, K200 & Mayors Cup, with respectable finishes. He works at Inlet Electric and he & wife Jennifer have one daughter, Kameryn.

VETERAN
2011, 12th

25 *Price & Watson* **ARCTIC CAT**

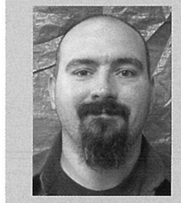


Eric Watson
Age 30
Wasilla, AK

Eric enjoys snowmobile racing, fishing, spending time with friends and family. Eric enjoys working on snowmobiles and dirt bikes.

VETERAN
2011, 12th

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Rusty Goodman
Age 40
Palmer, AK

Rusty is a 37 year resident of Alaska. Rusty works at Sunrise Bakery (Hostess Brands) as an engineer. Rusty is a long time snowmobile racer hitting all the state curcuits during the 90's with 3 AMMC class championships to his credit. Rusty enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, snowmobiling, and spending time with his fiance Laural and family.

VETERAN
1998, 10th; 1999, DNF

27 *Goodman & Jones* **POLARIS**



Lawrence Jones
Age 26
Anchorage, AK

Lawrence is a life long Alaskan married to Christina. They have 1 child Wyatt. Lawrence is the owner of L&C Landscaping and Snow Removal. Lawrence enjoys family time at Big Lake, summer and winter.

ROOKIE

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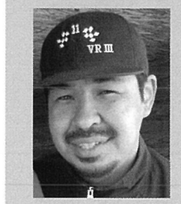


Joseph Brantley
Age 30
Selawik/Kotzebue

Joseph is a 20 year resident of Alaska and has 2 children Serenity and Garvin. Joseph has raced the local NANA region snowmobile races for several years including a 5th place in the 2011 Open Class of the Archie Fergunson Wille Goodman Memorial race.

ROOKIE

28 *Brantley & Ferreira* **POLARIS**



Frank Ferreira
Age 31
Noorvik/Kotzebue

Frank has 3 children Malki, Makaila and Mckenli. Frank works at the Red Dog mine for Teck Cominco. Frank has run the local NANA race curcuit in the past few years. Frank enjoys bird and caribou hunting and being in the wild outdoors.

ROOKIE

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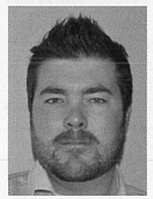


Robbie Muir
Age 53
Anchorage, AK

Robbie is a lifelong Alaskan married to Careen and they have 4 children Jeremiah, Steele, Connor, and Randi. Robbie is the owner of Wallcovering Plus. Robbie has snowmobiled since the 60's and enjoys hockey, skiing, camping, boat trips, motorhome touring, commercial fishing in Bristol Bay, and spending time with the family and the fishing crew. This is Robbie's third Iron Dog with his son, Jeremiah.

VETERAN
2007, 12th; 2010, 9th; 2008, 2011, DNF.

29 *Muir & Jones* **SKI-DOO**



Jeremiah Jones
Age 31
Denver, CO

Jeremiah is employed by Axis Directional as the U.S. Executive Sales and Marketing. Jeremiah enjoys hockey, skiing, snowboarding, wakeboarding, surfing, and traveling. This is Jeremiah's thrid Iron Dog with his dad, Robbie.

VETERAN
2010, 9th; 2011, DNF

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Jana Peterson-Pevan

Age 31
Willow, AK

Jana Peterson-Pevan, a 31 year old resident of Sunshine, Alaska, enjoys being a mom to her children, 10 year old daughter Trisha, 7 year old daughter Birdie, 5 year old son Ausie.When she is not busy caring for her children, Jana bartends at the Big Su Lodge in Talkeetna, AK.

ROOKIE

2010 DNF, 2011 DNF

20 Peterson-Pevan & Swenson ARCTIC CAT



Carl Swenson

Age 27
Big Lake, AK

27 year old Carl Swenson, a resident of Big Lake, Alaska, is a snowmachining enthusiast. Originally from Minnesota, Carl is now owner of Big Lake Artic Cat. His interests include snowmachining, hunting, fishing, being outdoors with friends and family, and his dog Remi.

ROOKIE

2011 DNF

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Stan Brown

Age 27
Eagle River, AK

Stan is a life long Alaskan employed as an operator with Great Northwest, Inc. Stan enjoys spending time with his fiance Madisyn, family and friends and spending quality outdoor time snowmobiling, four-wheeling, hunting and fishing and working at his job.

ROOKIE

21 Brown & Dean SKI-DOO



John Dean

Age 27
Eagle River, AK

John is a life long Alaskan employed as a laborer with Alaska Interstate Construction. John has a few Arctic Man and AMMC Hillcross runs under his belt. John enjoys hunting, fishing, four- wheeling, snowmobiling, hanging with friends and family and spending time at the Brown's cabin at Eureka.

ROOKIE

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Randy Gravatt

Age 49
Island Park, ID

Randy lives in Island Park, Idaho and is the Facilities Manager for Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center. Randy is the Guinness World Record holder for most miles driven in 24 hours (1289), has two I-500 starts, and is a veteran racer around the local curcuits. Randy enjoys backcountry snowmobiling, hunting, skiing, snow-kiting, and volunteering with the local EMT/Firefighter/SAR efforts.

ROOKIE

22 Gravatt & Berry ARCTIC CAT



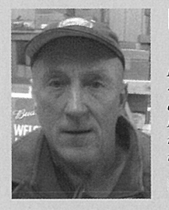
Michael Swiantek

Age 47
Wasilla, AK

Employed by MCN Construction Inc as a Superintendent. Originally from Belle Verno, PA. Michael Joined the U.S.Air Force Sept. 1982, came to Alaska in Jan 2001, Retired from Active duty July 2005. Enjoys spending time with family & Friends riding snowmachine and relaxing at the cabin in Petersville. Hobbies include Hunting, Fishing, Camping and Riding Dirt Bikes.

ROOKIE

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Paul Dick

Age 61
Grand Rapids, MN

Paul is a 40 year resident of Grand Rapids, Minnesota and is married to Judy. They have 4 children Jeff, Brian, Molly, and Adam. Paul is a Partner with Dick Distributing Company. Paul has 3 Cains Quest runs and many I-500 runs under his belt. Paul enjoys fishing, hunting, shooting and cutting wood.

VETERAN

1994, 3rd

23 Dick & Dick ARCTIC CAT



Brian Dick

Age 33
Thief River Falls, MN

Brian is a 10 year resident of Thief River Falls and is employed at the Arctic Cat factory as an engineer. Brian has extensive snowmobile race experience in the USCC series with a championsbips in the 2010 Pro 600 class, along with the championship in the 2011 I-500. Paul enjoys time spent with family and freinds, outdoor time hunting, fishing, and shooting sporting clays.

ROOKIE

2011 I-500 Champion

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FROM START TO FINISH

2012 Iron Dog course description

BY JUSTIN MATLEY

The Iron Dog race start will once again be held at Southport Marina on Big Lake, where spectators will find ample parking on and off the ice and easy access to the festivities. The most noticeable change comes in the form of a larger, longer race chute to accommodate the growing number of spectators who turn out annually to cheer on the racers.

At the start, experience music, interviews with racers, food and team preparations before the racers tear through the corridor of cheering fans and across the lake.

Watching the start from home will be made possible by KTUU Channel 2, which will provide live race coverage at the start, on the trail and at the finish.

From Big Lake the course travels through remote checkpoints at Skwentna, Nikolai, Poorman, Unalakleet and Nome. Pro Class racers leave Nome to visit Tanana, Manley Hot Springs and North Pole on their way to Fairbanks. Mandatory layovers are required at these and other checkpoints, however, this year teams have been given greater freedom for where and when they take those layovers. This ensures they all get adequate rest yet gives teams more room to strategize. The flexibility is also meant to keep teams from being forced to push on to specific layover locations. Weather, daylight or mechanical issues can now be managed the way teams want.

Of course, as always, teams are released from the start in



The 2011 Ambassador Team waits out a ground blizzard at the Ruby checkpoint. The Ambassadors will ride to Nome in the 2012 event as well.

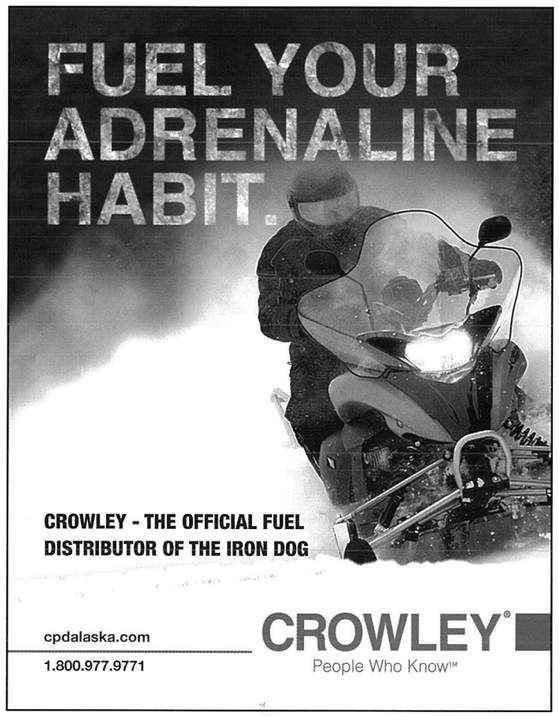
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sequence. This means that even though a team may appear to be in the lead physically on the trail or on the GPS tracking, they may in fact be behind other racers who covered the same ground faster. This is another factor taken into account when teams choose to take a layover or push on.

They don't call Iron Dog the longest, toughest snowmachine race for nothing. The toughness comes from enduring deep snow, whiteouts, frozen rivers, trenches, open water, sometimes bare ground, and every racers nightmare, the kidney jarring tussocks. The length is unmatched.

Since 2011 the course has stretched over 2,000 miles. The addi-







Todd Minnick

Age 32
Wasilla, AK

Todd is a lifelong Alaskan, married to Sharilyn and they have a daughter Emma. Todd is a project manager for Big Dipper Construction. Todd has raced snowmobiles since the late 90's with many championships to his credit. Todd enjoys working on the cabin, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, working at the bakery (House of Bread Wasilla) and spending time with his amazing family.

VETERAN

2009 Iron Dog Champion, a few DNF's, and a few top 10's since 2002.

16 *Minnick & Olstad* **POLARIS**



Nick Olstad

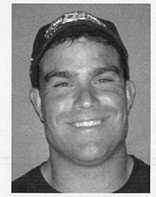
Age 29
Wasilla, AK

Nick is a long time Alaskan, married to Brianne and they have a daughter Kaia. Nick is a General Superintendent with Udelhoven Oilfield System Services, Inc. Nick has a couple of firsts in the Mayor's Cup and K-150. Nick either wins the Iron Dog or scratches out. Nick enjoys snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, flying and spending time with Bri, Kaia, and the dog Kona.

VETERAN

2 Time Iron Dog Champion (2005, 2009), and 5 DNF's since 2005.

SPONSORS: Polaris Industries, Big Dipper Construction, Udelhovan Oil Field Services, Weldin Construction, Prime Mechanical, House of Bread-Wasilla, Walker Evans Racing, Big Lake Power Sports, VFW Post 9365, Glacier Autoworks, A-1 Pawn, KLIM, Airforms, StudBoy Traction Products, Canyon Lake Lodge, Alaska Spine Institute (Larry Lavine), Allstate-Cindi Heal Agency, and Ken Lee's Iron Dog Cafe.



Marc McKenna

Age 37
Anchorage, AK

Mark is a lifelong Alaskan married to Kristin and they have two children Teya and Asa. Marc is co-owner and president of McKenna Bros Paving, Inc.

VETERAN

2 Time Iron Dog Champion (2005, 2008). Since 1999, 4 DNF's, 4 top 10's, and 4 podium trips.

17 *McKenna & VanMeter* **SKI-DOO**



Dusty VanMeter

Age 42
Kasilof, AK

Dusty is a lifelong Alaskan married to Evelyn and they have 3 children Kaiti, Sbae, and Brayden. Dusty is employed by Tesoro as an operator; and, is also a self-employed commercial fisherman. Dusty enjoys hunting, fishing, flying, camping and time with the family.

VETERAN

3 time Iron Dog Champion (2000, 2002, 2004). Ran all but one race since 1994.

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Bob Jauhola

Age 44
Fairbanks, AK

Robert is 41 year resident of Alaska and is a carpenter with Innovative Technical Solutions, Inc. Robert has a daughter Jessica. Robert enjoys time with the family, boating and snowmobiling. Robert is a long time Iron Dog volunteer, being the race official at the Tanana checkpoint for the last few years.

ROOKIE

Rookie; 2008, DNF

18 *Jauhola & Kriska* **POLARIS**



Tom Kriska

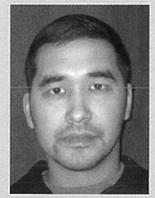
Age 50
Fairbanks, AK

Tommy is a lifelong Alaskan living in Fairbanks, married to Sherri. Tommy has 6 children Sharlisa, Tyson, Conrad, Shantille, Shanay, and Lavin. Tommy works for IRHA as a foremen supervisor. Tommy enjoys family time, helping people, boat racing, baseball, hunting, and work. Tommy is a long time volunteer with the Iron Dog.

VETERAN

11 starts, 3rd, 5th, 8th

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Arthur 'Gux' Laraux

Age 29
Bethel, AK

Gux is a life long Alaskan working as a foreman for Knik Construction. Gux enjoys hunting, fishing, flying and snowmobiling.

ROOKIE

19 *Laraux & Boney* **YAMAHA**



Steven Boney

Age 31
Bethel, AK

Steven is a life long Alaskan, married to Dolly. They have 3 children Brittney, Payton and Riley B. Steven is a private pilot, big time motocrosser, and enjoys hunting, fishing, and mechanics.

ROOKIE

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Mike Morgan

Age 26
Anchorage, AK

Mike is a lifelong Alaskan and is employed as a welder/pipefitter. Along with Mike's 5th place Iron Dog run, he has numerous 1st's in the Nome-Golovin races, a 1st in the I-150, and a 2nd in the 2002 Kotzebue race. Mike enjoys the outdoors of Alaska riding and racing snowmobiles, mtn biking, fishing, hunting, camping, biking, sky-diving, boating, working out, garage time, hangin' with family and friends and spending time with his girlfriend.

VETERAN

2009, 5th; 2010 DNF

10 *Morgan & Olds* **POLARIS**



Chris Olds

Age 40
Eagle River, AK

Chris is a resident of Eagle River, Alaska and is married to Christine. They have 2 children Haley and Mya. Chris is employed as a Project Manager with Tikigaq Construction. Chris has numerous podium visits in cross-country, snowcross, hillclimb and bill-cross snowmobile races and a 1st place run in the K-400. Chris enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, 4-wheeling, mtn biking, and time spent with family and friends.

VETERAN

2 Time Iron Dog Champion (2010, 2011). Has run all the races since 2000, finishing no lower that 10th & logging in a DNF in 2004.

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Todd Palin

Age 47
Wasilla, AK

Todd is a lifelong Alaskan married to Sarah with 5 children Track, Bristol, Willow, Piper and Trig. Two grandchildren also grace the Palins - Tripp and Kyla Grace. Todd, who with his family, is a self employed Bristol Bay commercial fisherman. Todd is a former North Slope Production Operator in Prudhoe Bay. Todd enjoys everything Alaska.

VETERAN

4 time Iron Dog Champion (1995, 2000, 2002, 2007); since 1993, 13 top 10's, 1 11th; and 4 DNF's

11 *Palin & Quam* **ARCTIC CAT**



Eric Quam

Age 41
Palmer, AK

Eric is a longtime Alaskan married to Darcy with 1 child Henley. Eric is an engineer with Sperry Drilling Services. Eric took a 1st in the 1999 Lake Lucille 500 Grand Prix and enjoys hockey, dirt biking, jet-boating, fishing, and skiing.

VETERAN

2008 Iron Dog Champion; 1999-2002, 1 DNF, 3 top 10's; from 2008, 4 top 5's.

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Daniel Lowrie

Age 36
Albuquerque, NM

Dan hails from Albuquerque, New Mexico and is the president of Makwa Builders. Daniel is married to McKenzie and he enjoys hunting and fishing.

ROOKIE

2011, 2010, DNF

13 *Lowrie & Rapp* **ARCTIC CAT**



Raymond Rapp

Age 34
Duvall, WA

Raymond lives in Seattle, Washington and is the owner of Rapp Construction. Raymond is married to Julie and they have a child McKinley. Raymond enjoys Snowmobiling, dirtbiking and mountaineering.

ROOKIE

2011, DNS; 2010, DNF

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Don Redick

Age 34
Wasilla AK

Don is a resident of Wasilla and has 5 children Katriece, Tristan, Lacey, Kendyl, and Dylan. Don is employed by Nana Construction as a Project Manager. Don enjoys family time, kids sports, jet boating, fishing and hunting. Don ran the Valdez Hill runs in 2006.

ROOKIE

15 *Redick & Robinson* **POLARIS**



Rob Robinson

Age 40
Wasilla AK

Rob is a resident of Wasilla is married to Heather and they have 2 children Devin and Brooklyn. Rob is a dentist working at the Valley Dental Clinic. Rob is an avid hunter and fisher and enjoys family time in the Great Alaska Outdoors. Rob also has a couple of K-150 and K-400 runs under his belt.

ROOKIE

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Now in 2012 the same route will continue, having provided for a better finish in downtown Fairbanks. The Corps of Engineers flood project also proved to be a great place for spectators to watch racers cruise toward the finish line.

At the end of the day when all racers are accounted for, Iron Dog hosts the awards banquet at Pike's Waterfront Lodge. Again, TV and other media will be there to cover the action and keep fans posted on the final results of this magnificent test of rider skill, endurance and snowmachine engineering.

NORTHBOUND LAYOVER LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Up to four layovers will be required during Northbound racing. Three layovers will be fixed at eight hours each and a flexible layover at six hours for a northbound total of thirty hours. The flexible layover may be used on its own or in combination with one of the fixed eight hour locations listed. Layovers must be taken in any one of the listed locations and regions as follows:

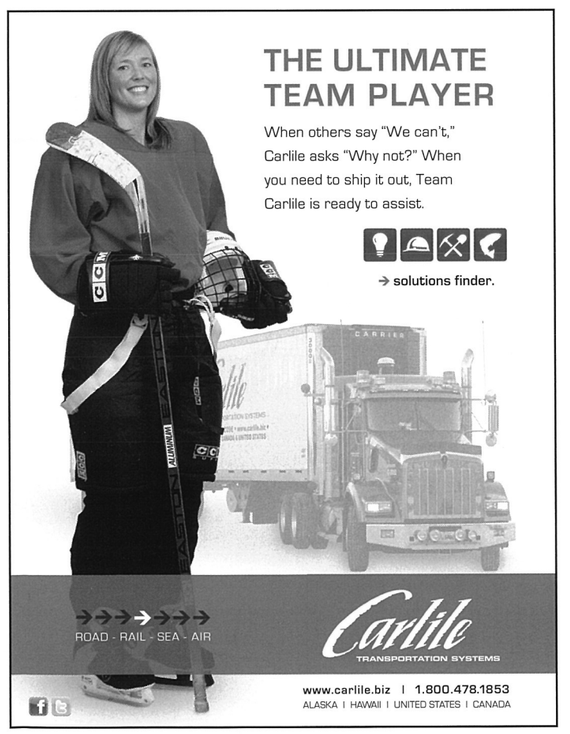
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SOUTHBOUND LAYOVER LOCATIONS AND TIMES

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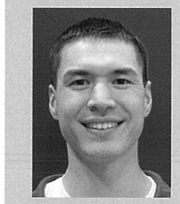
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Tyler Huntington
Age 26
Fairbanks, AK

Tyler is a lifelong Alaska married to Lisa with 2 children Trevon and Hayden. Tyler works for Doyon Drilling as a motorman. Tyler grew up on the Yukon River hunting, fishing and hauling wood. These days, Tyler spends time with the family running the rivers in boats and snowmobiles.

VETERAN

2 Time Iron Dog Champion (2010, 2011); 2007, 7th; 2008, 3rd; 2009, 5th

6 *Huntington & West* **POLARIS**



James 'Tre' West
Age 27
Nome, AK

Tre is a lifelong resident of Alaska and and is emphyed by the Board of Trade and by Phillips & Jordan as an operator. Trey's girlfriend is Raenelle and they have a child Kiyler. Trey enjoys hunting, fishing, camping and family time. Trey has extensive race experiance winning the Nome-Golovin and Nome Cannonball races twice each.

VETERAN

2002, Trail Class; 2008, 14th; 2009, 17th; DNF's in 2003, 2010, 2011

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Norman Sheldon
Age 26
Selawik, AK

Norman is a life long Alaskan and married to Elizabeth. They have 2 children Zander and Blair. Norman has a 2nd place finish in the 2009 Archie Fergeson/Willie Goodwin race.

ROOKIE

7 *Sheldon & Wells* **POLARIS**



Raymond Wells
Age 53
Anch/Fairrbanks, AK

Raymond is a life long Alaskan married to Tracey. Raymond works in operation maintenance for ASRC Energy Services. Raymond is an avid car racer, with a few championships to his credit. Raymond enjoys NASCAR, football, basketball,fishing, snowmobiling and taking care of the family.

ROOKIE

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Tyson Johnson
Age 32
Eagle Riiver, AK

Tyson is a lifelong Alaskan growing up in Skwentna driving his snowmobile to school and back everyday. Tyson is employed as a journeyman for General Mechanical Inc. Tyson is a 6-time Arctic Man Champion and current record holder. Tyson has also raced AMMC races with good results. Tyson enjoys fishing, hunting, and staying in shape riding his mountain bike.

VETERAN

Since 2006, 2-2nd's, 4-DNF's; 1998-2002, 3-5ths, 1-3rd; 1997, Trail Class finisher

8 *Johnson & Gueco* **SKI-DOO**



Chad Gueco
Age 28
Wasilla, AK

Chad is a lifelong Alaskan, married to Jayne and they have 2 children Ella and Allie. Chad is a service manager for Halliburton. Chad has extensive snowmobile race history with multiple State championships, wins in the 2011 Valdez Mayor's Cup, the 2008 Soo I-500, and at the Eagle River World Championships along with top-ten finishes in 6 other Soo I-500's and the 2009 Red Lake 500. Chad enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, motocross, working on engines, and spending time with the family.

ROOKIE

2008 Soo I-500 winner

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Darrick Johnson
Age 39
Hayden, ID

Darrick owns and operates Edge performance. Darrick is running his 6th straight Iron Dog in his quest to become the race's first out-of-state winner. Darrick has 2 children Ethan and Avery.

VETERAN

2008, 10th; 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, DNF.

9 *Johnson & West* **ARCTIC CAT**



Donald West
Age 40
Rathdrum, ID

Donald is married to Stephanie and they have 2 children Ragan and Hadley. Donald is the VP of H&H Express Inc. Donald has a 2nd place finish in the Iron Ball Cross Country race.

ROOKIE

SPONSORS: Edge Performance, H&H Express Inc., Western Power Sports, Renton Coil Springs, Zugger Shocks.



Ryan Sottosanti

Age 34
Wasilla, AK

Ryan lives in Wasilla is married to Heather and they have one child Faith. Ryan is a journeyman plumber employed by Last Frontier Mechanical, through UA Local 367. Ryan has extensive snowmobile race history covering all the disciplines. Ryan enjoys family time, hunting, fishing, fabricating, welding and Iron Dog racing.

VETERAN

2011, 5th; 2010, 6th (Top Rookie); 2002, DNF

2 *Sottsanti & Zwink* POLARIS



Andrew Zwink

Age 22
Wasilla, AK

4th year racing the Iron Dog. First ran as an 18 year old in 2008. Works as a truck driver in remote Alaska, enjoys working out, the Alaska outdoors, spending time with his family and is always down for some adventurous fun.

VETERAN

2011, 5th; 2008, 2009, DNF

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Doug Dixon

Age 44
Anchorage, AK

Doug is a life long Alaskan, married to Johnteil and they have 3 children Ashley, Kial and Michael. Doug is the owner of Fine Line Interiors. Doug has extensive snowmobile race experience through the years from AMMC events to the Iron Dog.

VETERAN

2010, 2nd; 2000, 2011, DNF

3 *Dixon & Wold* ARCTIC CAT



Wayne Wold

Wasilla AK

Wayne works for Northern Asphalt. Wayne is married to Shawna and has three children, Haakan, Aubry and Jordon

VETERAN

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Robert Gardner

Age 38
Mercer, ME

Robert is a resident of Mercer, Maine and is married to his supporting wife Tina. Robert owns and operates Creative Paint Concepts and The Ice Cream Shoppe of Randolph. Cain's Quest runs in 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2011 have Robert ready for the Iron Dog. Robert and his Team Maine Racing are participating in the USCC events, Cains Quest and Iron Dog events this year.

ROOKIE

2011 Cain's Quest Champion

4 *Gardner & Hammond* SKI-DOO



David Hammond

Age 35
Sidney, ME

David is a 29 year resident of Sidney, Maine. He is married to Amy and they have 2 children Emily and Jack. David is the Vice President of Hammond Tractor Company.

ROOKIE

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Howard Darling

Age 32
Anchorage/Nulato, AK

Howard is a 31 year resident of Alaska. Howard works in customer relations with Arctic Slope Regional Corporation.

ROOKIE

5 *Darling & Robertson* POLARIS



Justin Robertson

Age 38
Anchorage, AK

Justin is a 14 year resident of Alaska and has 1 child Cameron. Justin is the President of Tunista Construction.

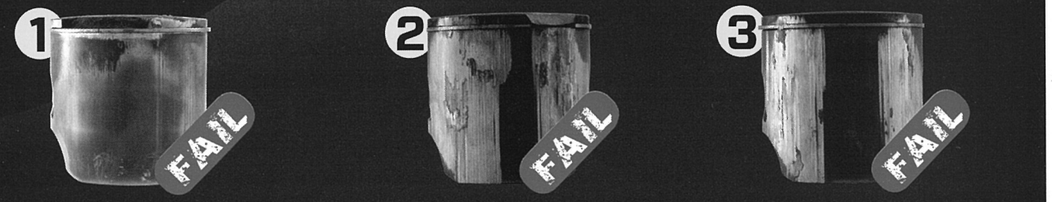
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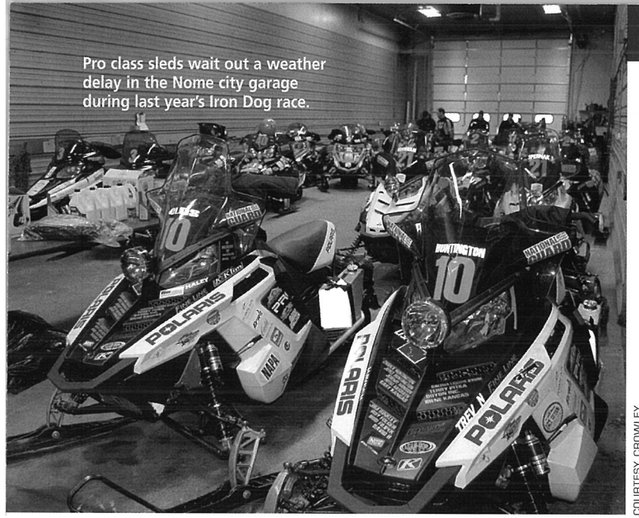
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TANANA HOLD

A hold in Tanana will ensure racers finish on the same day.

NOME ARRIVAL AND RELEASE PROCEDURES

All participating Pro Class teams must arrive in Nome by 11:59 p.m. on the fourth day of the race, Wednesday. The Nome restart is scheduled for the morning of the fifth day, Thursday. Any race class team that does not arrive into Nome within the required time limit finishes as a Trail Class participant in Nome.

RACE RESTART

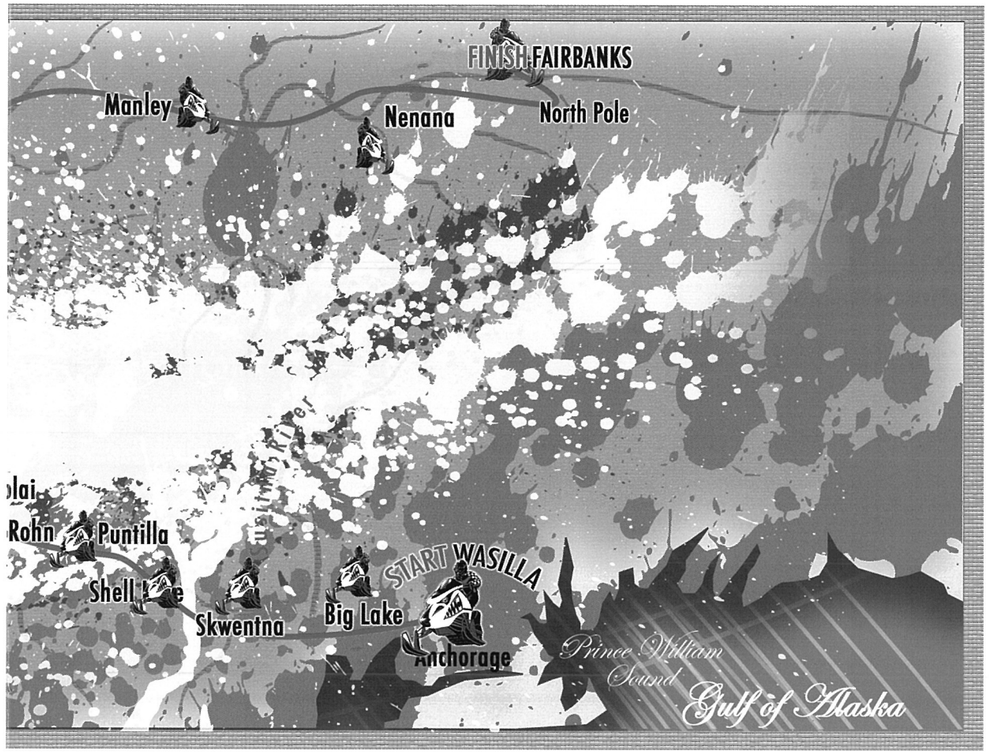
The halfway release will begin at 8 a.m., Thursday morning.

Teams 1-5 will be released on their actual trail split times not to exceed 45 minutes apart. After the release of the fifth team there will then be a 30 minute break.

Teams 6-10 will then be released on their actual trail split times not to exceed 30 minutes. After the release of the tenth team there will be a 15 minute break.

Teams 11-15 will then be released on their actual trail split times not to exceed 15 minutes. After the release of the fifteenth team there will be a 10 minute break.

The remainder of the teams will then be released on their actual trail split times or every 10 minutes whichever comes first. Course Times will reflect any Nome work times and time adjustments.



NORTHBOUND

Big Lake to Skwentna	79
Skwentna to Shell Lake	17
Shell Lake to Puntilla	55
Puntilla to Rohn	75
Rohn to Nikolai	74
Nikolai to McGrath	52
McGrath to Ophir	63
Ophir to Poorman	99
Poorman to Ruby	72
Ruby to Galena	52
Galena to Kaltag	98
Kaltag to Unalakleet	95
Unalakleet to Shaktoolik	41
Shaktoolik to Koyuk	57
Koyuk to White Mountain	94
White Mtn to Nome	75
Northbound Mileage	**1,108**

SOUTHBOUND TO FAIRBANKS

Nome to White Mountain	75
White Mtn to Koyuk	94
Koyuk to Shaktoolik	57
Shaktoolik to Unalakleet	41
Unalakleet to Kaltag	95
Kaltag to Galena	98
Galena to Ruby	52
Ruby to Tanana	120
Tanana to Manley	69
Manley to Nenana	110
Manley to Nenana	100
Southbound Mileage	**911**

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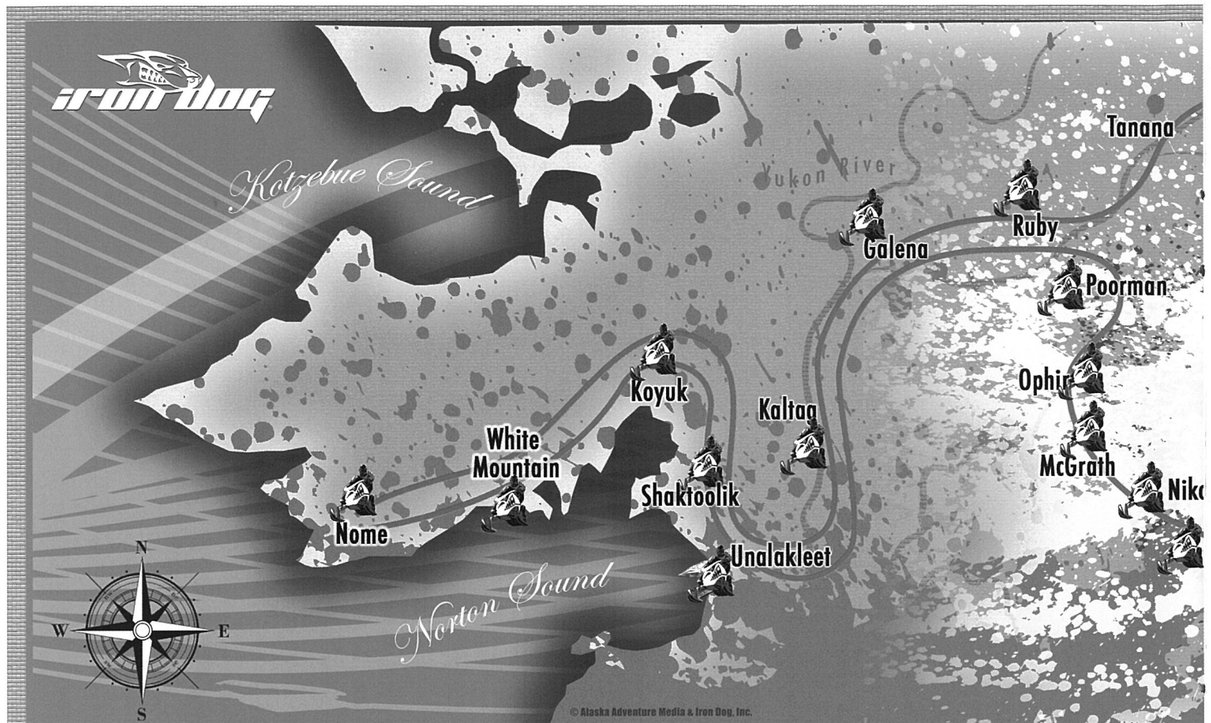
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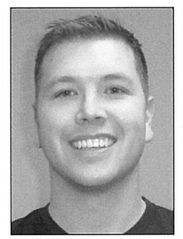


TEAM TRADING

Past champs to compete against each other

By Justin Matley

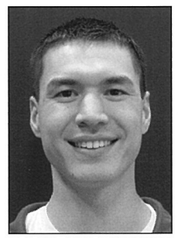
This could be said every year, but the 2012 Iron Dog does have something in store for race fans that could equate to a tremendous battle for the championship. Besides competing among a pack of proven snowmachine champions, the Iron Dog winners from the past two years, Chris Olds and Tyler Huntington, have themselves paired off with different teammates. They'll be testing themselves against the trail and attempting to best their own times, but inevitably these two world-class riders are going to be pitted against one another. Evening the playing field is the fact that each team will be riding Polaris 600 Switchbacks and Olds' and Huntington's new partners are both Iron Dog veterans, have both lived in Nome, and both claim to know the coastline and trails in that region well. Fans could have begged for this sort of excitement in the racer lineup and never seen it come to pass. Yet, with chance and circumstance, 2012 isn't letting spectators down.


CHRIS OLDS

Among other reasons, according to Olds, the team change was the result of Huntington's early decision to not race and the fact that their hometowns in Fairbanks and Eagle River made training and planning all the more difficult.

"Tyler lived in Fairbanks so it made it a lot tougher for us to ride together where Mike and I are able to ride a lot more together."

Olds' new partner, Mike Morgan, is familiar with Iron Dog as well as Olds' and Huntington's past training and preparations.


TYLER HUNTINGTON

"Mike raced with Tyler in 2009 and he helped us out last year quite a bit with the race and preparing for the race," said Olds, "and he had mentioned since Tyler wasn't going to be racing, that if I was looking for someone that he would be interested in racing with me."

Olds' confidence in his new partner has obvious merit and helped him take Morgan up on the offer.

"I think overall he's a well-rounded rider," says Olds. "Obviously he knows the coast really well; he's won the Nome Gold three times, so he knows the coast area really well. So I think that's definitely a huge asset to the team."

"I grew up in Nome, so I'm real keen on the coastal conditions and running the coast when the weather comes in," says Morgan.

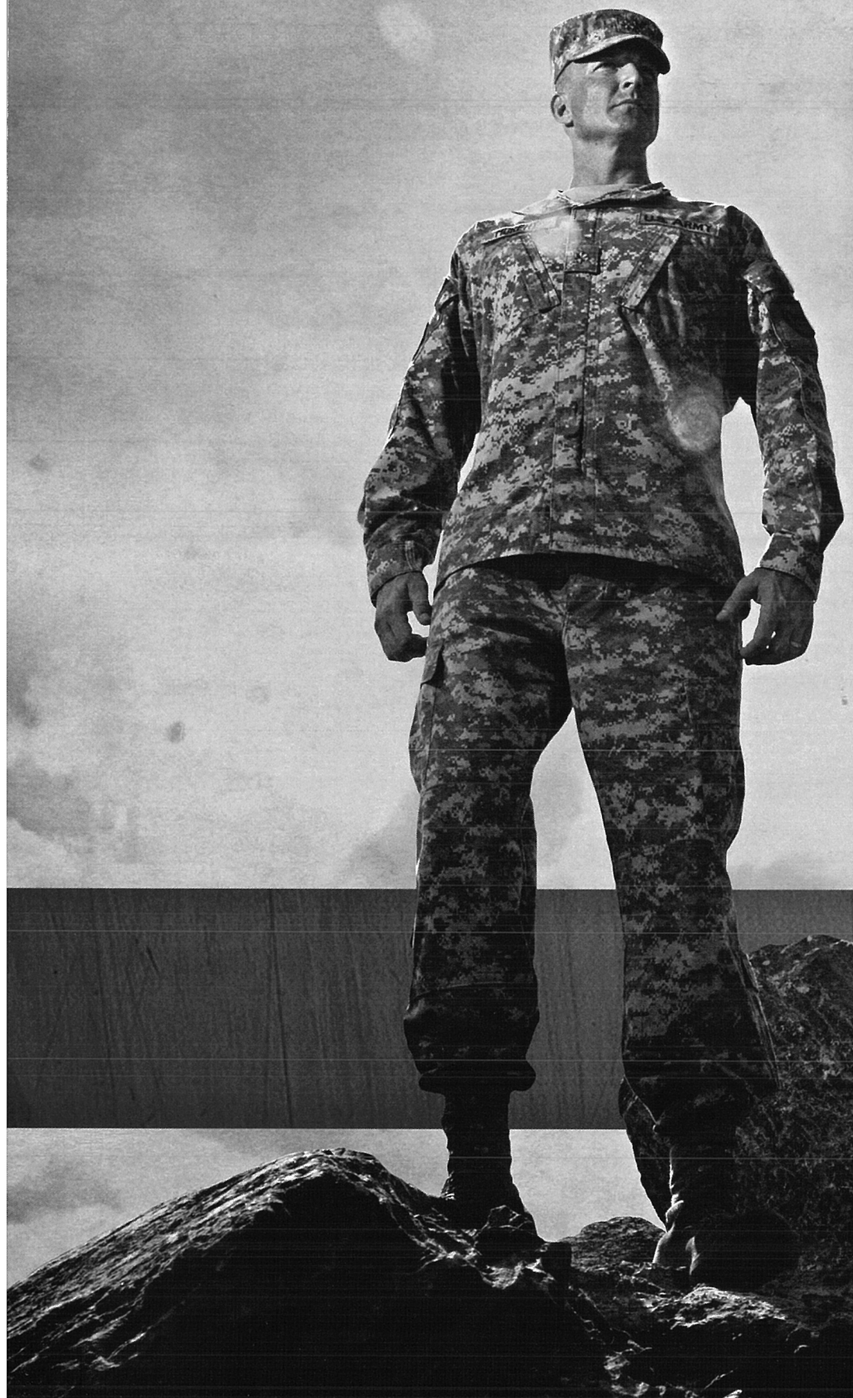
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