



IRON DOG EXPEDITION CLASS



TEAM 51



Kim Bergeron

Age: 57 **From:** Dublin
Riding: Polaris Cross Country
Status: Veteran
Finish: Kotzebue

Race History: Iron Dog Trail/Expedition Class finisher 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Pro Class, 2024 DNF. 2025 Finished

Bio: Kim Bergeron volunteers at the local, state, and international levels. He served ten years as County Director of New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) and serves currently as Business Director on the NHSA Board of Directors; is Vice Chair, North East Chapter, International Snowmobile Congress; and is a member of many local snowmobile clubs in NH and AK, the Merrimack Valley Trail Riders (MVTR), New England Trail Riders Association (NETRA), and New Hampshire Off-Highway Vehicle Association (NHOHVA). Additionally, Bergeron supports trail riding in Trapper Creek and Petersville, AK, donates the use of snow machines for volunteers of the Iron Dog, and provides financial support for one of the check points of the race. Kim is happily married to wife, Jennifer, of 27 years; he has traveled down the trail with his son many times. Daughter Amanda loves to snowmachine. He shares his love of powersports by taking new riders out, both tracked and wheeled, to experience outdoor recreation.



Jean-Pierre Bernier

Age: 54 **From:** Hancock, NH
Riding: Polaris Cross Country
Status: Veteran
Finish: Kotzebue

Race History: Iron Dog Trail/Expedition Class finisher 2015, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022 and 2023. Pro Class, 2024 DNF. 2025 Finished

Bio: A small-business owner who has served on the Hancock Conservation Commission since 2017, working to protect local trails. A member of the Washington Snow Riders, Merrimack Valley Trail Riders (MVTR), New England Trail Rider Association (NETRA), and New Hampshire Off-Highway Vehicle Association (NHOHVA). My wilderness adventures began in my early 20s through rock/ice climbing and mountaineering throughout the Lower 48 and the Canadian Rockies and shifted into motorsports in my late 30s. My early years were spent living in the cities of New York, Miami and Fall River, Mass., and it seems like such a long, strange path between life now and then. Married to my wonderful wife, Kristen, for 25 years. Her patience and tolerance of me over the years has been endless. I am the man I am because of her. Have two great sons, Oscar and Harrison, both in their 20's. I have made three

successful Expedition Class runs and came just short in 2024 of completing the Pro Race. 2025 was the year of redemption as we were able to finish

Pro receiving the coveted Red Lantern Award!



Randy Bedard

Age: 63 **From:** Willow
Riding: Polaris Cross Country
Status: Rookie
Finish: Kotzebue

Bio: Iron Dog has become more than an annual trail ride with my friends to the finish line. Iron Dog allows me to be surrounded by positive, high energy people that make this event bigger than life. At my age, I ride smarter not harder but can still lay down a good pace and make our daily checkpoints. I keep moving forward with strong support from Family, Friends and Health Providers. Iron Dog gives me a goal to keep strong, healthy and motivated towards the finish line.



TEAM 60



Elizabeth Stuart

Age: 52 **From:** Anchorage
Riding: Polaris Cross Country
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: Alaskan raised, I love all things outdoors and am passionate about helping women feel comfortable with motorsports. I started the women's class at Alaska motocross races 30 years ago and enjoy seeing girls gain confidence through riding and racing. I've been able to travel around the state in my profession as a CPA, and I'm always ready to see more of it. When not riding, I'm usually hiking, fishing, or cross-country skiing. Scott and I are raising two sons, Case and Reed, in Anchorage and Willow. I'm excited to be part of an Iron Dog mother-son team!

Personal Sponsors: My husband Scott Stuart who is the support crew for my "good ideas," and my friends who serve as a squad of cheerleaders. Polaris Racing, Anchorage Yamaha Polaris, Big Dipper Industries, DC 907 Diesels, Stud Boy Traction Products, KLIM, Portage Transportation, Skwentna Roadhouse, TriJet Manufacturing

Other Race History: Valdez Mayor's Cup (Women's class 2nd place 2025, 4th place 2024); Skwentna 200 (Women's class 3rd place, 2024 and 2023); Arctic Man Cross Country (Women's class 2nd place 2025); Hatcher Pass Boulder Dash; Gunsight Snow Scramble; many motocross seasons and championships.



Reed Stuart

Age: 16 **From:** Anchorage
Riding: Polaris Cross Country
Status: Veteran
Finish: Nome

Bio: Raised in Alaska, I've been involved in motorsports my entire life. I started racing motocross at age 5, riding snowmachines at 6, and began cross-country snowmachine racing at 14. I'm a sophomore at Dimond High School in Anchorage where I've made honor roll and am on the cross-country ski team. I'm excited to be part of our Iron Dog mother-son team this year, and to gain experience toward my goal of racing Pro Class.

Personal Sponsors: Polaris Racing, Anchorage Yamaha Polaris, Big Dipper Industries, DC 907 Diesels, Stud Boy Traction Products, KLIM, Portage Transportation, Skwentna Roadhouse, TriJet Manufacturing

Other Race History: Valdez Mayor's Cup (Junior's class 1st place 2025, 2nd place 2024); Skwentna 200 (Junior's class 2nd place, 2024); Arctic Man Cross Country (Semi-pro 1st place 2025, Junior's class 1st place 2025); Iron Pup (2nd place 2025); Scary Tree (1st place 2024); Hatcher Pass Boulder Dash; Gunsight Snow Scrambles; numerous motocross seasons and championships.



TEAM 74

Team Sponsors: Operation Iron Warrior, 907 Surplus, Alaska Leather, Mad Hatter, Alaska's Healing Hearts, HP Polaris, Arctic Cat, Northern Power Sports, Iron Beauty, Alaska Cub, Nomad Barber Co., Jeremy Burke - Veterans of the Valley, 107.1 KHITZ, Solve Alaska, Whiskey and Rose Tattoo, The Annex Gunstore, Glass Doctor of Wasilla, Alaska Raceway Park, Studio 53, Jillene Funk - Country Financial, Far North Automotive, Shealah Craighead, Evangelos, Denali Harley Davidson, Meadowlark Apothecary, Body Madix, Bootleg Electric LLC, MAT-Su Health Foundation, VFW Post 9365.



Jeremy Coleman

Age: 46 **From:** Chugiak
Riding: Polaris Cross Country
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: I retired from the Army in 2024 after 23 years of service. I am married and have 4 kids: Jacob Dylan, 26, Emil Palme, 16, Naomi Coleman, 11, and Freya Coleman, 5.

Personal Sponsors: Alpine Family Dentistry, Alaska Leather, Mad Hatter

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Jesse Tanner

Age: 48 **From:** Wasilla
Riding: Polaris XCR 650
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: I am a lifelong Alaskan looking to explore more of this incredible state. I grew up following the Iditarod and wanted to be able see the race course from beginning to end. I am excited to experience the Iron Dog excitement and meet other Alaskans at each checkpoint and along the trail. I was born in Palmer, Alaska, and feel like the luckiest guy alive to be able to live and explore this great state with friends and family. I love the Alaskan people and the spirit of adventure that is discovered with every conversation throughout the seasons. I am a father of 2 amazing kids, Taylee, 15, and Cruz, 11, so grateful I get to pass on the lifestyle that I have been able to enjoy with them for as long as possible. I would like to give thanks to my wife, Jen, for supporting this endeavor and to all the sponsors and support network that have made it possible. My goal is to make it to Nome this year and finish the race and honor my lifelong childhood/military friend who ended his battle with pancreatic cancer in the fall of 2024.

Personal Sponsors: Tanner Group Real Estate, Alaska Leather, Mad Hatter, Adams Family Painting



Hunter Mathis

Age: 27 **From:** Wasilla
Riding: Arctic Cat ZR RXC 600
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: I moved to Alaska from Texas after joining the Army in 2016, where I served as an Apache Helicopter Crew Chief at Fort Wainwright. I now live and work in Wasilla, where I own and operate Nomad Barber Co. I am a recruiter/trainer for Operation Iron Warrior (OIW). OIW is a non-profit that supports veterans who not only complete the Iron Dog, but also provides resources/support for veterans who live along the Iron Dog trail.

Personal Sponsors: Operation Iron Warrior, Arctic Cat, Alaska Leather, Mad Hatter, My peeps: Alyssa, Dalton, Ramon, Frankie, Jeremiah, Brad, Scott, Hunter, Case, Bubbles, Biscuit, and SparkPlugg.



KC Hatfield

Age: 41 **From:** Salcha
Riding: Arctic Cat Zr 6000 RXC
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: KC Hatfield is a U.S. Marine Corps combat veteran, lifelong snowmachiner, and first-time Iron Dog racer representing Salcha, Alaska. Raised in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, KC grew up riding and exploring the backcountry, building a deep respect for the outdoors and the machines that make life

in extreme environments possible. After military service, KC faced significant health challenges and uncertainty about the future. Through Operation Iron Warrior, he found renewed purpose, focus, and a path forward. Racing the Iron Dog is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream and a powerful testament to resilience, determination, and the importance of team and mission beyond the uniform.

Personal Sponsors: KC would like to extend sincere gratitude to Arctic Cat, KLIM, AMSOIL, and Operation Iron Warrior for their support. Your commitment to performance, reliability, and community makes it possible for veterans to pursue goals that once felt out of reach. This journey would not be possible without you.



TEAM 77



Thomas Jamgochian

Age: 44 **From:** Wausau, WI
Riding: Polaris
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: I was born and raised in Wausau Wisconsin and grew up with a passion for motorsports at a young age. My first dirt bike was a Honda mini trail 50. Raced some motocross when I was younger. I got into riding snowmachine as a teenager. I love riding anywhere but mostly done in Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. I am happily married of 8 years to my awesome wife Jessika and have 3 wonderful step children Owen, Audra and Annalise. I enjoy snowmobiling, dual sport riding, hunting, golfing, boating and love being at our Spot in Three Lakes WI.

Personal Sponsors: Rain Auto Wash, CarBuff's, Edge O Dells Resort, Sport O Motive, Sportsmans Service Center, Lang Equipment, Badgerland Overhead Door, Ciao Italian Restaurant, Hogan Eickhoff Law, Mark Schroeder and Family, Tim Roberts, Tim Mytton, Advanced Fitness Service, Studboy Traction, Polaris Snowmobiles, Klim



Eric Eickhoff

Age: 44 **From:** Appleton, WI
Riding: Polaris Cross Country
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: I am a lifelong resident of Wisconsin. This will be my first time running the Iron Dog in any capacity. I have been snowmobiling since I was 12 years old and spend most of my riding time on marked trails throughout Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Last season, I was blessed to have logged more than 4,500 miles riding with close friends who share the same passion for the sport. I have thought about doing the Iron Dog for many years, and the Expedition Class represents the opportunity to take my passion to the next level

through endurance, adventure, and commitment. Outside of snowmobiling, I enjoy boating and hiking. I would like to thank Erica, my fiancée, and Derek, our four-legged son, for their constant support leading up to this adventure.

Personal Sponsors: Rain Auto Wash, CarBuff's, Edge O Dells Resort, Sport O Motive, Sportsmans Service Center, Lang Equipment, Badgerland Overhead Door, Ciao Italian Restaurant, Hogan Eickhoff Law, Mark Schroeder and Family, Tim Roberts, Tim Mytton, Advanced Fitness Service, Studboy Traction, Polaris Snowmobiles, Klim



TEAM 82



Travis Elison

Age: 44 **From:** Anchorage
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ ZRS Comp
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: I grew up in Fairbanks and Anchorage as a hockey player. My best friend got me into snow machines in high school and now it's a passion for the whole family. I live in Anchorage with my beautiful wife and race partner, Caitlin, and our 11 year old daughter, Cami. That's right, I'm riding with my wife. We love spending time at our cabin and riding sleds. Team 82 got involved with Iron Dog helping run the Rainy Pass checkpoint. I'm excited to ride the rest of the trail with my ride or die and to see Nome for the first time.

Personal Sponsors: Cat Larea and Mark McDermott, Nancy Tankersley, Cami Elison, Team 82 (2024), Ben and April Barber, Town Real Estate, Cato Motorsports, and Klim.



Caitlin Elison

Age: 41 **From:** Anchorage
Riding: Ski-Doo MXZ ZRS Comp
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: Alaska born and raised, Caitlin is a longtime volunteer for the Iron Dog at the (former) Rainy Pass check point. She first started riding in 2009 when her then boyfriend (now husband) suggested they get into the sport. Caitlin and Travis are a wife and husband team that will be participating in their first Expedition class. They both hope to do it again with their daughter once she gets older. Caitlin loves all things outdoors and spending time at their remote cabin. "I'm excited for ultimate date night/week. Seeing Nome for the first time is a major bucket list item. Only made better by experiencing it with the love of my life.

Personal Sponsors: Team 82 would like to personally thank Cat Larrea, Mark McDermott, Nancy Tankersley, Cami Elison, Team 82 (Duvlea, Swenson, Wagner, Wood 2024), Ben and April Barber, Town Real Estate, Cato Motor Sports, and Klim.



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TEAM 85

Team Sponsors: Alaska Cub, Rugged Radios, The Campbell Family



Jeremiah Brewington

Age: 48 **From:** Wasilla
Riding: Polaris Cross Country
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Race History: 2022 Iron Dog Expedition Class Finisher, 2023 Iron Dog Expedition Class Finisher, 2025 Iron Dog Pro Class DNF

Bio: Born and raised in Alaska, Jeremiah joined the U.S. Army in 1995. He returned home after service in 2016. Through various veterans non-profit organizations such as Battle Dogs and Paul Thacker's Warrior rides, Jeremiah was re-introduced to the world of snowmachine racing. In 2022, Jeremiah completed his first ride on the Iron Dog completing the expedition class, then completed it again in 2023. Jeremiah and one of his team mates from the first year are attemptd to race in the pro-class in 2025, however due to a training injury, Jeremiah had to scratch. This year, he will be riding the trail as an expedition class ride with his Tom Snell, who attempted to make it to nome in 2024, but was not able to finish.

Personal Sponsors: Alaska Cub, Bambi Brewington, The Snell Family, The Campbell Family, Alaska Cub, Hatcher Pass Polaris



Thomas Snell

Age: 56 **From:** Alton, NH
Riding: Ski-Doo XRS Comp
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Race History: Iron Dog attempt in 2024.

Bio: I've been professionally in the snowmobile industry since 1991 and after recent weight loss surgery, wanted to live a dream and participate in the Iron Dog event.

Personal Sponsors: Woody's Traction Backwoods BMP Bumpers Grip-n-Rip Racing Products Rugged Radios Cobra Cord

Race History: Several seasons as a mechanic on snow cross and grass drag teams.



TEAM 87



William Magnuson

Age: 38 **From:** Ham Lake, MN
Riding: Polaris XCR
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Race History: 2022 Iron Dog Expedition Class Finisher, 2023 Iron Dog Expedition Class Finisher, 2025 Iron Dog Pro Class DNF

Bio: I live in New York, and grew up in Minnesota, I respect hard work and tasteful irreverence, I want to go ice cave spelunking on Europa



Jenniffer Lewin

Age: 51 **From:** New York, YN
Riding: Polaris
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: Born on Maui and long based in Colorado, I now live and work in New York City. Many years of snowmachining in Minnesota with my husband and his family have inspired my deep connection to the northern landscape and the sense of motion, light, and community that shape my large-scale interactive artworks.



Darwin Magnuson

Age: 70 **From:** Ham Lake, MN
Riding: Polaris XCR
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: I have lived in Minnesota my whole life and love snowmobiling. I have always wanted to do the Iron Dog Run. This is my opportunity and I'm very excited for the challenge.



Jeff Gorton

Age: 54 **From:** Willow
Riding: Polaris XCR
Status: Rookie
Finish: Nome

Bio: I am a lifelong Alaskan with a deep passion for snowmachining — I started riding to our family cabin at age eight and have been exploring Alaska's backcountry ever since. I've had the privilege of breaking trail for two Iditarods from Willow to Nome and have spent countless hours riding to my cabin at Shell Lake. Recently, I earned my private pilot's license and currently work as the owner and operator of Alaskan Luxury Cruises. While I now spend more time on the water and in the air, I'm excited for the opportunity to spend time on one of the toughest trails with friends in the Expedition Class.

Personal Sponsors: Braze Inc, Jen Lewin Studios



TEAM 88



Paul Soberg

Age: 56 **From:** Mound, MN
Riding: Arctic Cat
Status: Rookie
Finish: Kotzebue

Bio: Born and raised in Minnesota. Graduated from Hoffman Kensington High School in west central Minnesota and married my wife Kari in 2002. I was an owner/operator of a manufacturing business for 25 years and retired in the Fall of 2025. I grew up riding motorcycles and snowmobiles and have always enjoyed spending time outdoors. My current hobbies include hunting, fishing, camping, boating, dirt bike riding, motorcycle trips and snowmobiling. I have been back country riding in western states for 30 years.



Michael Telkamp

Age: 56 **From:** Hoffman, MN
Riding: Arctic Cat XC6000
Status: Veteran
Finish: Kotzebue

Race History: 2014 Iron Dog Trail Class finisher with a team of seven. 2015 Iron Dog Trail Class finisher, 2016 DNF, 2017 Iron Dog Pro 12th Place Finish, 2020 Iron Dog Expedition Class Finisher, 2022 Trail Class Finisher, 2023 Trail Class Finish, 2024 Trail Class Finish

Bio: Born and raised in Hoffman, MN. I have owned and operated my family farm for 33 years. I've been married to my wife, Kris, since 1992. We have two sons, Trevor and wife Madison, and granddaughter Cassidy; and Trenton and Bridget. When the farming gives us some time off you will find the family fishing, hunting, skiing or snowmobiling. In 2014, I decided to participate in a new challenge the Iron Dog Trail Class (typically you find me in the mountains snowmobiling) and I was excited to see Alaska for the first time. Since then, I've made many great friends and been back multiple times. In 2015, I did the trail class, 2016 rode the pro class with Dieter Strobel, but due to motor trouble, we scratched in Nome. Then in 2017, I finished the pro class with my partner Paul Johnson. In 2020, I did the Expedition class with Charlie Potter and Brian Jurenka, 2024 year with Brian Jurenka and David Schreier and last year with Paul Soberg and Brian. Alaska has been a part of my life for many years now and it's been a great experience with many new friends made along the way.

Personal Sponsors: Thank you to my wife, Kris as well as my family and friends. The encouragement and support from everyone is appreciated.



Brian Jurenka

Age: 44 From: Eagle River
Riding: Polaris Cross Country
Status: Veteran
Finish: Kotzebue

Race History: Irondog 2012 Trail class finisher, 2013 Pro class DNF, 2015 Pro class 18th.

Bio: He works as a Mechanic on the North Slope. When not working, he enjoys being a full-time dad to his new son, William. He also enjoys hiking, hunting, fishing, playing hockey and working around the house.

Personal Sponsors: William and family.

Other Race History: GCI ArcticMan Classic 2014 Men's Adaptive ski 4th place, 2013 Men's Adaptive ski 4th place, 2005 Men's Snowboard 5th place. Alaska Moto Musers Club semi-pro sno-cross series, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009. Alaska Moto Musers Club cross-country race series semi-pro 50–200-mile races 2003-2015. Valdez Mayors Cup cross-country race semi-pro 150 miles, 2003-2018.



AMBASSADOR CLASS 2026

Experience, safety, and storytelling along the Iron Dog trail

The Iron Dog Snowmachine Race has always demanded more than speed. It asks for judgment, preparation, respect for the trail, and an understanding that Alaska sets the terms, not the riders. That philosophy is at the heart of the Iron Dog Ambassador Class, a program designed to represent the race, its sponsors, and the communities along the route while promoting snowmachine safety and education.

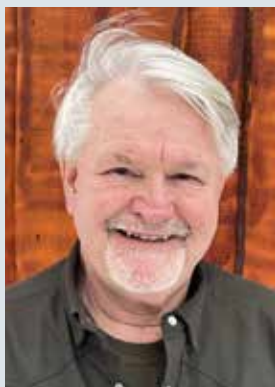
In 2026, eight riders make up the Ambassador Team. These ambassadors bring decades of combined riding, racing, engineering, and industry experience to the trail, including two Polaris employees who add a behind-the-scenes perspective on snowmachine design and durability.

While they won't be chasing the Pro Class podium, these riders will be doing something equally important: showing what it means to ride prepared, ride smart, and ride with purpose.

The Three Old Guys

By now, most Iron Dog fans know the story - "The Three Old Guys".

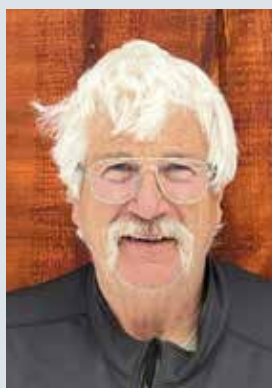
In 2023, Rob Hallstrom, Rex Hibbert, and Paul Dick pointed their Arctic Cats north and didn't stop until they reached Fairbanks, traveling more than 5,000 miles over 38 days from Minnesota to Alaska. What began as a "what if" turned into a full-scale winter expedition stitched together by forgotten trails, frozen rivers, historic trapping routes, and long days with no guarantees.



Rob Hallstrom is an endurance rider and lifelong adventurer who has been snowmobiling for more than 50 years. With a deep passion for remote travel, he has logged thousands of miles on rugged winter routes and backcountry terrain.

Two of the three, Hibbert and Dick, are no strangers to the Iron Dog competition, having raced in the 1994 Gold Rush Classic and finished third overall. Nearly three decades later, they returned not to race a clock, but to

reconnect with the communities and landscapes that define the event.



Rex Hibbert is a veteran, a true cowboy, and a deep-snow rider at heart. Shaped by decades of Rocky Mountain cross-country racing alongside his brother, he brings the grit and calm decision-making that long miles require.

"The Iron Dog was obviously a competitive run," Dick said in a previous interview, "but this last trip was all off-trail, deep snow, slush, ice jams, a heck of a lot of work."



Paul Dick is a veteran and lifelong long-distance rider with more than 50 years of experience. He is one of North America's most seasoned long-distance cross-country racers, known for the steady mindset and endurance the trail demands over many days.

What truly set the journey apart was the response. A simple Facebook page created to keep family informed grew into a community of nearly 40,000 followers, offering real-time encouragement and trail insight as the trio worked their way north.

"People were opening doors, sharing meals, offering places to work on sleds," Hallstrom recalled. "It reminded us how much the people make the journey."



Paul Dick and Rex Hibbert as rookie riders in the 1994 Iron Dog

As Ambassadors in 2026, the Three Old Guys bring something no checklist can replicate: lived proof that endurance, preparation, and respect matter more than age and that the Iron Dog spirit doesn't end at the finish line.

Rounding out this year's Ambassador Team are five more riders, each bringing their own experience and purpose to the trail.



Brad Helwig, a lifelong Alaskan, raced Iron Dog in 2009 & 2010, finishing fourth and third, respectively. Though no longer competing in the Pro Class, Helwig has remained connected to the race through years of behind-the-scenes support involvement.

"Being in the Ambassador class means I get to experience the Iron Dog in a way that balances the challenge of the course with the responsibility of representing the values of the sport and the companies behind it," Hetteen said. "It's about showcasing the durability and real-world capability of Polaris machines while promoting safe riding and sportsmanship."



Devon Hetteen comes from a family with generations of snowmobiling experience and has spent the past four years working at Polaris as a Powertrain Engineer. For Hetteen, the Ambassador role bridges professional insight with personal passion.

Hetteen plans to engage directly with fans, volunteers, and communities along the route, offering a behind-the-scenes look at what goes into engineering machines capable of handling Alaska's harshest conditions.

"My favorite thing about Iron Dog is how it brings everything together, the challenge, the adventure, the camaraderie, and the connection to the environment," he said. "There's nothing else like it."

More Than a Class

The Ambassador Team exists outside the race clock, but firmly within the heart of Iron Dog. These riders represent the idea that success isn't measured only by finish times;



Tim Olin grew up snowmobiling in western New York, riding on the front of his father's sled before he could walk. That early connection carried him through engineering school at SUNY Alfred and into his career in Snow Engineering at Polaris in Roseau, Minnesota.

As an Ambassador, Olin brings gratitude for the support of his fiancée, Taylor, and his family, and a deep respect for what Iron Dog represents as a proving ground for machines and riders alike.

it's measured by preparation, safety, community respect, and the ability to make it run when conditions are far from ideal.



Tom Rowland is a lifelong snowmobiler from central Minnesota and an Arctic Cat dealer since 1988 through Thomas Sno Sports. He founded ArcticInsider.com to preserve Arctic Cat history and culture, and brings a historian's perspective shaped by long-distance rides like his 1,700-mile trip around Lake Superior.

These eight Ambassadors will be doing what Iron Dog has always asked of its participants: honoring the trail, supporting the people along it, and showing the next generation what responsible, capable snowmachining looks like in Alaska.



Trevor Helwig was born and raised in Anchorage and grew up in a powersports family, riding everything from snowmachines to jet skis at a young age. The son of fellow Ambassador Brad Helwig, he continues the family's strong connection to Iron Dog. Trevor works as a heavy equipment mechanic with Operating Engineers Local 302 and spends his free time outdoors. He competed the Trail Class in 2019 and entered Pro Class in 2022 and 2025.