

## **NO NEW SNOW..... YET SNOWRAMA WAS STILL A GO!!!**

The day finally arrived; the sun was shining and temperature just right. A snowmobiler couldn't have asked for a better day for such an exciting event. The Long Sault Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club (District 3 – OFSC) & Easter Seals were again hosting their annual Snowrama, but this year they added a new little twist to it; a classic antique show 'n shine. This meant that people would be able to see "the Old, the bold, the brave" come round and compare crank shaft to crank shaft with the newer younger models.

When I arrived you could feel the energy of so many volunteers as they were putting the final touches on all the happenings around the club house. The excitement began to rise, when the first of many trailers to come began to arrive. The morning moved along quickly and it was like you stepped back in time. The history of Ski-doo, Arctic Cat, Polaris and Yamaha all here right in front of me. I had to smile when I saw the special edition 2002 "Ski- Doo Grand Touring" Snow Machine (the "cadillac" of snow machines) pull up beside the 1970 "Ski-doo Snowcruiser". Do you know they even had a 1963 Polaris which won "Best In Show". What was even more exhilarating to see was that upwards of 20+ antique sleds taking off and participating in the ride on E108 trail.

All the while this was taking place outside of the clubhouse, the fun inside was just kicking off. Here you could bid on some of the many gifts donated by the local supporting businesses for a silent auction. What I also was amazed to find was a neat little gadget that would definitely save me time, effort and my marriage (grin). The EZ Hitch was something I saw on the famous show, Dragon's Den, but didn't realize it was Canadian owned and patented and so easy to use. Of course I knew I had to have me one of those.

People were everywhere inside, some just sitting and chatting with old friends while some were signing up for the donation Snowrama run. Lots of happy people around, especially when they called "burgers up". Next thing I knew I found myself outside near one of the many BBQ's – holding my slip and waiting for my big burger. While eating my lunch I looked over and saw one of the local businesses "Asselstine's". They were handing out free items from Yamaha.

I had finished my lunch just in time to see the "antique rat pak" return from the ride. It would seem that the winner was a 1972 Ski-Doo TNT belonging to Ron Fletcher and was presented a plaque from the president, Wayne Brooks of this snowmobile club. I laughed when I heard the UTV /w a trailer brought a couple of machines back the hitch hiker way. The fun moved inside for the closing of the auctions both silent and live.

All round I would have to say this was an exciting day, and do to the success of the event I am sure the Long Sault Club will hold this event again next year.