

New York Shootout was a success!

The 30th annual shootout event, which after returning to Inlet was held for the 5th year on Chip & Cindy Sauer's track behind The Ole Barn on Limekiln Road. The unfortunately icy track and prediction of rain on Friday and Saturday forced the organizers to move the event to Sunday to keep the racers and spectators safe.

All four snowmobile manufacturers were represented – Arctic Cat from Livingston's Arctic Cat of Hillboro, NH, Polaris from Kubecka's Polaris of Mohawk, NY, Yamaha from Excell Motorsports of Hubbardsville, NY and SkiDoo from Arctic Adventures of Rosendale, NY. As per usual, the sleds that competed were fresh out of the crate, with a little break-in time allowed and Woody's studs added to the track. Most of the sleds were also dynoed, and all were weighed – though variances in the amount of fuel in each tank plus snow in the suspensions made the weight numbers difficult to compare to one another.

Sleds were run down a 1,000-foot strip of packed snow by the same driver (Jason Owens), back-to-back, multiple times into a strong western wind – first in “box stock” form and then after the host dealers were allowed to do a bit of tuning – namely tampering with the helix, springs and weights in the clutches and adjusting suspension settings. Because time passes between the runs, however, and sometimes track conditions change, the “dealer prep” runs aren't always the fastest – and that was the case again this year.

Results were posted exclusively through SnowGoer Magazine. You can find a link to their page and a detailed spreadsheet of the results at www.newyorkshootout.com.

The annual New York Shootout is a partnership of many. Heinrich Kirschner organizes and runs the event, with a long list of local supporters and sponsors from the Inlet area: Adirondack Eatery, ADK Little Cabins, Big Moose Station, BJ Queen Enterprises, Black Bear Lodges, Burkhard-Evans, Clark Energy, Clark's Snowmobile Rentals & Sales, Death by Chili Sauce, Deer Meadows Motel & Cottages, EZ Mart, Flack Broadcasting, Fourth Lake Wine & Spirits, Front Door/Back Door, Helmer's Fuel & Trucking, Inlet Department Store, Inlet Marina, Jack Greco Custom Furniture, Lowville Sport & Farm, Marina Motel The Mill, Moses Distributing, Moto Option, North Street Snowmobile Parts, Old Forge Camping Resort, The Ole Barn, Red Dog Tavern, Risley & Townsend Home Improvement, Rocky Point Properties, Schueler's Sled Shed, Screamen Eagle Pizza, Sunset Ridge Construction, The Tavern, TOW Bar, Walt Parent & Sons Tree Service, Water's Edge Inn, Webb Racing, Windjammers Bar & Grill, Zimowski Food Specialties.

In summation, organizer Kirschner wrote the following: “To finish out the day I would like to thank all participating factory dealers, Trail mod companies, Trail Riders, Chip and Cindy Sauer Track owners, the Town of Inlet NY for all the work they do in preparing and helping put on the event, Rocky Point Properties Inlet NY for their lovely accommodations, Inlet Barnstormers for track grooming. Woody's stud products for supplying the studs for the factory sleds, JJ Outlaw Photography for all event photos, test rider Jason Owens, The Ole Barn Restaurant for the

banquet site and my crew who always pulls thru no matter the weather. I have a lot of ideas for the upcoming 2020 New York Shoot-Out.”