

I-500 FACTS

FIRST RACE

It was a race that should have never been, and from many accounts could have never been, but it happened on February 8, 1969.

Forty-seven snowmobiles and several brave drivers made history proving a snowmobile could run 500 miles in one day.

The inaugural race took 13 hours and 42 minutes with no gradings or red flags. The average speed was 36 M.P.H.

When the checkered flag fell it was a Ski-doo lovingly known as "the puffer" crossing the finish line first. Drivers Leonard Cowles, Dan Planck and Otis Cowles had done what many thought impossible.

DID YOU KNOW...

The I-500 is a 100% pure volunteer organization.

Todd Krikke currently owns the single lap track record with a speed of 95.92 M.P.H. and the tow lap average record of 95.12 M.P.H. set back in 1998 on a Flannery Polaris.

Corey Davidson leads the way with eight I-500 wins. Six victories on Polaris and two on Yamaha.



MISS I-500 PAGEANT

Join us Friday evening at 6:30pm at the track as we crown the 2016 I-500 Queen.

If you are interested in competing in or sponsoring this event visit the I-500 website or Soo I-500 Fan page for more information.



FOR MORE
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SNOWMOBILE RACE *Sault Ste Marie - Michigan*



I-500 QUEEN LINDSAY WELCOMES YOU TO

**MICHIGAN'S PREMIER
WINTER SPORTING EVENT**

**FEB 1ST - FEB 6TH 2016
I-500.COM**

FUN FOR EVERYONE

"Did you know..." The I-500 track is made up of ice not snow! The smooth ice surface allows the general public to skate on the famous one mile oval track during **Monday's** OPEN SKATE NIGHT.

Actual racing fun begins on **Tuesday** as the I-500 hosts the "OUTLAW 600 RACE". This event allows drivers who have raced at the I-500 track, the opportunity to relive the only mile, oval, snowmobile endurance track in North America. High speeds and the unknown will certainly make this 15 lap event a thriller.

Wednesday evening the I-500 project hosts AN OUTSTANDING RACING EVENT! The "Woody's DASH" event at 8pm.

Then **Thursday** at 7:30pm the I-500 venue hosts the exciting "Woody's Challenge". A feature that includes both professional and amateur racers. High speeds, thrills and track excitement will provide nights of fun you won't want to miss. Stick around afterwards for the I-500 FINAL QUALIFYING "Shoot Out" @ 8:30pm.

Also **Thursday**, let the fun begin in Sault Ste. Marie, MI as the city becomes host to the mid-west's largest "WINTER PUB CRAWL". Visit the many bars, saloons, and lounges in the community who offer maximum fun for race fans and sled-heads. Drinks, food specials and fun are on tap throughout the SOO area. Join the atmosphere of snowmobile race central! A party at every pub!

At the track the I-500 project will host its annual THURSDAY NIGHT EXCITEMENT. We open our heated hospitality arena to visitors with LIVE music and plenty of beverages on hand.

Join the Mid-West's premier winter party at the I-500 venue.

The I-500 plays host to FAMILY NIGHT on **Friday**. Come and participate or simply watch the lovely young ladies and women participating in the Miss I-500 Queen & Jr. Miss Pageant to be held at the track @ 6:30pm. The track will be closed for main event preparations.

Saturday race day, the green flag drops promptly at 10am Ceremonies open with our traditional vintage lap. A super display of vintage snowmobiles.

Spectators can enjoy the heated hospitality arena all day, race day.

Stop by our vendor location for great food, great fun and a host of awesome products for snowmobile and race enthusiasts.

Immediately following the main event we will host our I-500 championship trophy and awards ceremony which will be held at the Kewadin Casino Resort in Sault Ste. Marie.



FEB 2 - FEB 7
2016

WINTER
SNOWMOBILING
FUN FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!
COME ON UP!

VIP SEATING

Hot Seats Available!
Stay warm in a booth perched high above the track allowing you to see every angle of the race from start to finish. Food and beverages provided.

Visit the 1-500 website for more information 1-500.com





OPENING DAY OF RACE WEEK

AKA BUD CLARKE DAY

Registration @ 12-6pm
Tech @ 2.7pm
Open skate night on the famous 1-500 mile oval track @ 7-10pm free admission!

MON
2-1-16

TIME TRIAL EXCITEMENT

1-500 Qualifying
Woody's Qualifying
Rookie Practice
Outlaw 600 Race @ 9:30pm

TUES
2-2-16

QUALIFYING CONTINUED

Pro Qualifying
Woody's Qualifying
Rookie Practice
Woody's Dash @ 8pm

WED
2-3-16

VETERAN'S DAY

MILITARY RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE GIVEN

Final Qualifying
Rookie Practice
Woody's Challenge @ 7:30pm
1-500 Final Qualify "Shoot Out" @ 8:30pm
Thursday Evening: Winter Pub Crawl. Live Music & Beverages at the Track.



THU
2-4-16

KIDS AND FAMILY NIGHT

Miss 1-500 Queen Pageant & Jr. Miss Pageant
Track closed for main event preparations.

FRI
2-5-16

MAIN EVENT RACE DAY!

Opening parade lap

1-500 MAIN EVENT

GREEN FLAG DROP @ 10am
Awards Ceremony to Follow Race

15th Annual Vintage Snowmobile Show
[Managed by: Top of the Lakes Snowmobile Museum of Naubinway Mich]

Heated food, vendor & beverage arena open all day.

SAT
2-6-16

Schedule of events subject to change.

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Sault Ste. Marie offers some of the best trail riding in the state. They have pristine trails that are well groomed and scenic. Trails that lead to Brimley, Paradise, St. Ignace and many other locations where snowmobile enthusiasts can stay and ride to all the events the 1-500 has to offer.

You can also visit the many casino resorts offered by Kewadin Casinos where you can stay and ride on outstanding trails right from your door.

It is easy access to ride anywhere you want to go with the 500 Snowmobile tunnel, which travels under I-75 leading you to trails throughout the Eastern U.P. Region

The Eastern U.P. offers plenty of fun and excitement for the whole family!

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