



2nd Annual Schweitzer Sledfest

The second annual Schweitzer Sledfest was held on April 17th and 18th. It brought in spectators from all over Idaho, Montana, Washington and even Canada. Although Mother Nature played games with us this year, it still ended up being a great success and lots of fun was had by all.

New this year was the appearance of Joe Parsons, an X-Games medalist with his awesome snowmobile stunts. He had the crowd's full attention as they watched in amazement! From the somersaults with the snowmobile in the air to the complete twist and landing backwards on the snowmobile before it even landed the jump, Joe was definitely an exciting addition to this year's event.



Also new this year was a visit from Bam Film Productions to add to their "Sledding the West" segment. As they spent several days exploring our mountains here in North Idaho, they caught some great footage of the fantastic views from Schweitzer Mountain overlooking the Pend Orielle River and were busy catching all the action from the racers.



The tracks were less bumpy this year making for more exciting competition and less damage to the sleds. Although crashes are what bring on the excitement, it is always nice to know that no one was injured and there were less wrecked snowmobiles.



We are proud to announce the results of the races with some of our local boys being in the finals. **Tuffy McDonald** took 1st place in the PRO SS class and the Pro Hillcross Stock 600cc class and 2nd place in the PRO Open. **Justin York** took 1st place in the Semi PRO SS class and the Semi PRO Open. **Keith Curtis** took 1st place in the PRO Hillcross Stock Open, The PRO Hillcross Mod 800cc, the PRO Hillcross Mod Open and took 3rd place in the PRO Hillcross Stock 800cc. Trophies were handed out and some even got money.

Thanks to Sandpoint Winter Riders Snowmobile Club, Mountain West Racing and Schweitzer Mountain Resort for a successful 2nd annual Sledfest. We look forward to continuing on with this event and will see you next year.

A raffle was held to win a 2009 Artic Cat 50 ATV. Pat Lehman shown to the right was the lucky winner. Accompanying her in the photo is her grandson. Wow, what a lucky grandson that is!

