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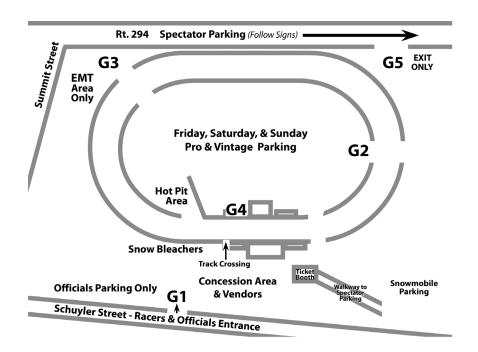


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GEORGE 2015 GRAND MARSHAL

George Kline of Boonville has been chosen as the Grand Parade Marshal of the 2015 Boonville Snow Festival.

When recalling stories or fond memories, Kline's name is on the mind

of many, especially when it comes to the Boonville Snow Festival. He has left his footprint in the community in countless ways, but some of his most cherished memories involve snowmobiling and the satisfaction attained from a lifetime of giving his time as a volunteer.

Kline bought his first snowmobile in 1965, a 1966 Zephyr model Moto-Ski, known by many as "Road Runner." He spent numerous winter weekends riding with the Cyrs, Rachwals, Daskiewichs,





Caprons, Belknaps, and anyone else who would go. In the mid-1960s, Kline joined the Boonville Snowmobile Rescue Association, known today as the Boonville Search and Rescue Association. Regardless of the weather, he and his colleagues provided track help, rescue services, and concessions on the track infield during the annual Boonville Snow Festival. Kline later became treasurer of the Snow Festival under chairman Ron Cyr.

"I was treasurer from 1970-1979," Kline said. "As treasurer, I did the banking, reports, advertising, rented equipment, and paid out prizes. Back then, we made the race lists by hand, as there were no computers. Ron Cyr and I went to Vermont for meetings."

Kline remembers when Billy Carter, brother of President Jimmy Carter,

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made a visit to the Boonville Snow Festival in 1978 to represent the West End Brewing Company and "Billy Beer." Kline said he entertained Carter in the press trailer. He served him food from the concession stands, and they shared stories about the history of Boonville and the snow festivals.

Kline also remembers working with Alex and Benny Daskiewich, George Capron, Robert Mercer and Robert Andrews. "Many of us worked nights and weekends, building ticket booths, constructing bleachers, and many other items needed for the festival."

He recalls one year when the races had to be moved to Kolasa Road. He said everything had to be moved. "It was cold and windy. We had to use a pan to make the track."

Kline also worked on the speed runs at the Boonville Airport in the mid-1970s. "The speeds reached in excess of 120 mph on a mile-long track," Kline said. One year, Ski-Doo placed their experimental machine in Kline's garage, located across from the Boonville Fairgrounds, and they kept it there for three days, as no one was to see it until the race.

"Another year we plowed out our yard to make a parking lot for the races," Kline said. "And we also let snowmobilers use our apartment upstairs to stay in. We met a great bunch of people."

Kline continued to serve at the Snow Festival when the last event was held in 1979. "As we all worked long hours on the races, it was worth it, as many friendships were formed, and there's lots of fond memories."

He remained an active member of the Boonville Search and Rescue Association for 45 years and spent time in several offices, including president, vice president, and treasurer. Today, he is an honorary member.

Since 1979, the Boonville Snow Festival has made a comeback, and so has Kline. He continues to volunteer each year and has become a familiar face once again. You can easily find him in the kitchen flipping burgers, serving with a smile and perhaps a joke or two to share. "It's great to see the return of the races in Boonville," Kline said.

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2015 GRAND MARSHAL

Kline was also a member of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 13 for over 30 years and spent many hours helping all three of his sons become Eagle Scouts, an award he is very proud of. He also helped his daughters earn distinguishing medals in Girl Scouts.

The Kiwanis Club of Boonville is another club Kline is fond of. He currently serves on the Board of Directors and also held the office of President from 1984-85. He is a member of the American Legion Post 406, VFW Post #5538 and Boonville Elks Lodge.

A native of Boonville, Kline grew up on Fisher Street along the Black River Canal and then moved to Charles Street before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Tacoma, WA, with the 4th Infantry Division, then in Vicenza, Italy, as a finance specialist with SETAF for artillery and missile installation. He returned home on Thanksgiving Day in 1964. He went on to pursue an education and career in banking and raise a family.

Prior to serving his country, he married Donna Jean Jackson, also of Boonville. They have five children: William, Stephen, Barbara, David and Christine, all of whom have remained close to home to raise their own families and carry on the cherished pastime of snowmobiling.

Editor's Note: Most of the information was provided by George's daughter, Christine (Kline) VanNamee.





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8:00AM Gates open

9:00AM Registration Open Kiwanis Building
12:30PM Infield Gates CLOSE for Test & Tune

(No Infield entry or exit)

1:00PM Test & Tune

2:30PM BREAK (Infield Gates OPEN)

2:45PM Infield Gates CLOSE

3:00PM Test & Tune

4:00PM Test & Tune Ends 5:00PM Infield Gates CLOSE

6:00PM Line-up for Snowmobile Torchlight Parade

at Boonville Town Barn

6:30PM Snowmobile Torchlight Parade leaves

Boonville Town Barn

7:00PM Opening Ceremonies On Grand Stand

at Fairgrounds

Blessing of the Track, Raising of the Colors,

Grand Marshal Dedication

7:15PM FRIDAY NIGHT THUNDER

Pro and Vintage Racing Under The Lights!

This is a tentative schedule of events.

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Boonville Snow Festival II

2015 Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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8:00AM Gates Open

8:30AM Gates CLOSE TO INFIELD

(Racers must be in the infield to race)

8:30AM DRIVER MEETING - Infield

9:00AM Hot Laps

10:30AM Racing Begins!

(Pro & Vintage Racing throughout the day)

7:00PM FIREWORKS OVER ERWIN PARK!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00AM Gates Open

8:30AM Gates CLOSE TO INFIELD

(Racers must be in the infield to race)

8:30AM DRIVER MEETING - Infield

9:00AM Hot Laps

10:30AM Racing Begins!

(Pro & Vintage Racing throughout the day)

2:30PM Vintage Adirondack Cup Race

3:00PM Circuit Pro Tour Adirondack Cup Race

This is a tentative schedule of events.





MIKE PLATT

'14 Vintage Cup Winner

2014 Vintage Adirondack Cup Winner Mike Platt. Platt is the first winner of three consecutive "Adirondack Cups."

Sunday, Feb. 8 2:30PM Vintage Adirondack Cup Race



(Photo & caption provided by The Boonville Herald & Adirondack Tourist)





JASON LAVALLEE

'14 Pro Cup Winner

2014 Pro Adirondack Cup Winner Jason Lavallee

> Sunday, Feb. 8 3:00PM **Circuit Pro Tour** Adirondack Cup Race





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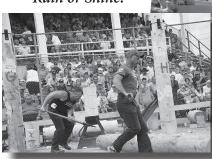
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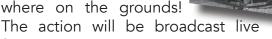
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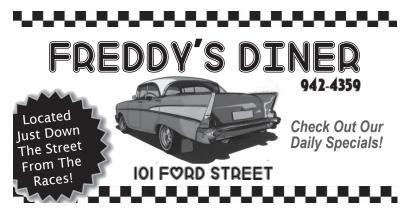
The Races!

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from the press booth located in the grandstand, just turn your handheld radio to channel 88.5.

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Bring Ear Protection

The Boonville Snow Festival would like to remind attendees and parents of children attending the races to bring ear protection.

The race sleds are very loud and could cause discomfort to some spectators and damage your hearing.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) states that a person can listen to a 90 decibel (dB) sound for 8 hours straight without any hearing damage. 90 dB is approximately as loud as a busy city street.

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This event is free with your gate admission ticket.







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The BSF would not exist if it were not for the dedication of its volunteers. The heart and soul of our event is in its volunteers and they endure some of nature's most

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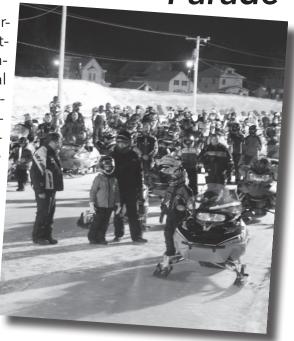






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Anyone interested in participatina in the Boonville Snow Festival Snowmobile Torchlight Parade on Friday night, February 6 should arrive at the Boonville Town Barn next to the Tops Plaza on Route 12 in Boonville at 6 p.m. Entrants must have proof of insurance. The parade will start at ap-



proximately 6:30 p.m. and will leave the Town Barn and cross Route 12 into Erwin Park (Continued on next page)



Super Snowmobile Torchlight Parade

and will cross the covered bridge. It will then proceed up Schuyler Street onto Main Street, continuing up Schuyler Street, then left onto Summit, and will then enter the Boonville race track at the Zeigler Gate. The parade will proceed in front of the grandstand and shut their engines off for a raising of the colors by the Color Guard, a blessing of the track and introduction of this



year's Grand Marshal. The parade will then exit the track at turn 1-2.

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