

A SUPERIOR SHOW

VSCA National Championship Duluth, MN

"If you don't like the weather, wait 10 minutes, it will change" is a popular saying along the shores of Lake Superior, and the adage held true for the 19th Annual VSCA National Show held in Duluth, MN on August 2-4, 2024. Friday came with steamy summer conditions - humid, with temps in the 90's. Saturday brought cooler temps and, later in the day, huge thunderstorms that rumbled throughout the night. Sunday morning almost had a September feel to it with a cool, dry breeze that was refreshing.

No matter, because the show venue, Duluth's DECC, was large enough to house everything indoors...swap meet and all! The show area was held in two large halls, the main hall being the arena for the local hockey team, and the other hall being the Edmund Fitzgerald room. Everyone and everything was kept warm and dry without ever having to leave the venue.

The DECC was the perfect venue for the show, as its downtown location was ideal for families and young and old alike. Across the street in one direction is the Lake Superior Railroad Museum and the North Shore Scenic Railway, which runs excursion trains along the beautiful north shore of Lake Superior. Across the street in another direction is the William Irwin, a retired ore boat (ship) that now serves as a museum in its permanent berth. A couple blocks away is the Great Lakes Aquarium, a fantastic aquatic display. At least one family took in all three!

The main hall of the DECC was so large that it was hard to get a sense of the size of the show and turnout. Several people commented to me that they thought that the turnout was a little low, but when one took in the size of the room and the fact that the show sleds were spread over two rooms, it was actually in line with other VSCA National shows.

The quality of the sleds at this show was unsurpassed and featured quite a few very rare and unusual machines such as an Invader (Northway race sled), a Sno Pac rear engine Coyote, a prototype early Polaris with an aluminum tunnel, a 68 Yamaha SL-350 and Polaris Sno Traveler #1.

Throughout the day, a presentation on the Ralph Plaisted Expedition, famously made on Ski-Doo snowmobiles, was given in a room adjacent to the Edmund Fitzgerald room. Saturday evening brought a banquet in the ballroom of the third floor of the DECC, with a social hour held immediately prior, as the



rain and severe storms pummeled Duluth. Sunday morning brought the final round of judging, with the awards ceremony held in the early afternoon.

A special thanks to Preston Lee and his team for organizing such a well-run and fantastic event, to our leader Mike Meagher and to the cities of Duluth and Superior for their great hospitality!





Frans Rosenquist with his original Super Mod Yamaha race sled



19th Annual VSCA National Championship AWARDS



1968 & Older Rear Engine Unrestored

1st: 1961 Polaris K90 E - Calvin Moser, 2nd: 1953 Eliason k-12 - Kelvin Olson, 3rd: 1939 Sno Plane - Steve Blegan

1968 & Older Front Engine Unrestored

1st: 1965 Arctic Cat 120 - Calvin Moser, 2nd: 1966 Johnson Skee Horse - Jesse Fritz, 3rd: 1966 Sears Sno Cruiser - Dakota Greene

1969-1972 Unrestored

1st: 1970 Ski Doo TNT 640 - Dick Franek, 2nd: 1971 Arctic Cat Panther 634 - Brian Seppala, 3rd: 1969 Polaris Charger - Elrey Grambart

1973-1975 Unrestored

1st: 1973 Scorpion Stingrette - Nate Frauendienst, 2nd: 1973 Moto Ski Capri - Ann McLellan, 3rd: 1973 Ski Doo TNT 340 Silver Bullet - Jim Wappenschmidt

1976-1979 Unrestored

1st: 1979 Arctic Cat Panther - William Johnson 2nd: 1976 Yamaha Exciter - Tom Flannery 3rd: 1979 Arctic Cat Lynx - Rick & Annette Phillips

1980-1985 Unrestored

1st: 1983 Yamaha Vmax 540 - Lorne Larson
2nd: 1981 Scorpion Sidewinder 440 - Jerold Auman 3rd: 1981 Arctic Cat Eltigre 6000 - Brad Overlien

Race 1973 & Older Unrestored

1st: 1969 Ski Daddler Supertwin - Trent Messner 2nd: 1973 Rupp 440 Magnum - Roger Hansen 3rd: 1972 Alouette Vilain 650 - John T. Sinna

1974-1984 Leaf Spring Race Unrestored

1st: 1976 Arctic Cat Cross Country - Rick & Annette Phillips 2nd: 1976 Rupp 440 Magnum - Roger Hansen 3rd: 1977 Arctic Cat Z 340 - James Krubsack

1968 & Older Rear Engine Restored

1st: 1958 Bosak - Steve Morgan 2nd: 1957 Polaris - Barry Andre 3rd: 1962 Polaris LA5.5 - Brad Mlynar

1968 & Older Front Engine Restored

1st: 1963 Arctic Cat 100 D - Joel Steffen 2nd: 1966 Arctic Cat 141-D - Rodney Dragan 3rd: 1968 Ski Doo Olympic - Ryan Hackett

1969-1972 Restored

1st: 1971 Chaparral Executive Sachs 440 - Jody Robinson 2nd: 1971 Ski Doo Nordic 440 - Doug Green 3rd: 1972 Scorpion Stingrette - Nate Frauendienst

1973-1975 Restored

1st: 1975 Herters Snow falcon - Jacob Bluhm 2nd: 1974 Arctic Cat Eltigre 400 - Buck Storlie 3rd: 1973 Polaris TX 500 - Doug Green

1976-1979 Restored

1st: 1979 Polaris Centurion - A.J. & Cathy Emrick 2nd: 1977 Polaris TX-L - A.J. & Cathy Emrick 3rd: 1979 Polaris TX-C 340 - Scott Wurzbacher

1980-1985 Restored

1st: 1981 Scorpion Sidewinder 440 - David Schark 2nd: 1981 Arctic Cat Eltigre 5000 - Dan Bakke 3rd: 1984 John Deere Sport Fire - Mike Dell

Race 1973 & Older Restored

1st: 1970 Polaris TX 800 2+1 - Steve & Patty Harelson 2nd: 1973 Polaris 800 Starfire - Maurice & Renee Behling 3rd: 1971 Rupp 600 Magnum - Roger Hansen

Race 1974-1984 Leaf Spring Restored

1st: 1974 Arctic Cat Sno Pro - Tom Ische 2nd: 1975 Ski Doo 245 RV - Paul Anderson 3rd: 1976 Polaris 340 Starfire - Maurice & Renee Behling

Race 1972-1984 IFS Restored

1st: 1980 Arctic Cat Sno Pro - Tom Ische 2nd: 1980 Arctic Cat Sno Pro - James Krubsack 3rd: 1979 Arctic Cat Sno Pro - Randy & Teresa Holland

Mini Sleds

1st: 1969 Polaris Playmate - Doug Green 2nd: 1968 Fredrick Willy Sno-Dart - Peter Pacos 3rd: 1972 Arctic Cat Kitty Cat - Nathan Skog

1985- Present Day Race

1st: 2001 Arctic Cat ZR 440 Sno Pro - John Storlie 2nd: 2010 Arctic Cat Sno Pro 600 Mod - Mike Francowiak 3rd: 1998 Arctic Cat ZR Pro Stock - Brody Messner

1986-2004 Classic Sleds

1st: 1992 Arctic Cat EXT Special - James Krubsack 2nd: 1991 Arctic Cat 700 EFI - John Storlie 3rd = 1993 Ski Doo MXZ - Ken Larson

Custom/ Clone

1st: 1952 Polaris #1 Clone - Rick Harvey 2nd: 1977 Kawasaki Shark Clone - Brent King 3rd: 1973 Polaris 340 Offset Starfire - Maurice & Renee Behling

Youth Class Participants

1976 Yamaha SRX - Levi Drake, 1977 Yamaha SRX - Callen Drake

Cutter

1st: 1963 Cutter - Dick Franek 2nd: 1967 Rupp Sno Sport Sleigh - Dan Lee 3rd: 1968 Ski Doo Ski Boose - Jesse Fritz

Display

1st: Arctic Cat Display - Wes Vork 2nd: Moto Ski Display - Dan Gillund 3rd: Ski Doo/ Rotax Display - Nick Rudbeck

Best of Show Original 1983 Yamaha Vmax 540 - Lorne Larson

DECC Director's Choice 1979 Polaris RXL - A.J. & Cathy Emrick

2024 VSCA National Champion 1974 Arctic Cat Sno Pro - Tom Ische