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ACSA announces the Wisconsin Sayner-Starlake Barnstormers as the 2019 Club of the Year

At the 51st International Snowmobile Congress, the Sayner-Starlake Barnstormers from Wisconsin were named the ACSA Club of the Year. The Barnstormers started their club in 1967 when a few snowmobilers gathered in Henry Sayner's barn, where their name was easily established.

The Barnstormers have groomed and continue to groom the first funded trail in Vilas County. They currently groom 80 miles of trails in the Sayner Wisconsin area, also known as the birthplace of the snowmobile. Carl Eliason designed his Motor Toboggan in 1924 in Sayner.

With just under 300 members, the club is very active in the area. They hold 5 fundraisers each year and also partner with the Sayner Chamber of Commerce for the annual Street Fair. They are also supportive of local events and charities including Fireworks, Food Pantries, and Soldiers on Sleds.



Grooming and safety education are a focus for the Barnstormers. They have a group of dedicated groomers that maintain and groom 7 days a week if needed. Traffic on their trails can be heavy, sometimes having over 1,000 sleds on a weekend. The groomers, male and female, range from being new groomers to being experienced with over 40 years in the groomer. They also encourage attendance at safety certification classes for their members. The club also regularly attends the signage and safety meetings.

"The Sayner Barnstormers are a solid player in the grooming of the trails in Vilas County. The Barnstormers are members of the AWSC and have been very supportive of our efforts, including legislative efforts in Madison" according to AWSC President Dave Newman. The Barnstormers were also chosen by the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame to be the 2019 International Snowmobile Club of the Year.

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