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# Rensselaer County SnowRiders' third annual snocross competitions

**SCHAGHTICOKE** ó The constant buzzing sound of snowmobiles tearing around a manmade track as the sleds launched over hills set the pace for the area's biggest snocross event.

A modest snowfall Friday covered the fairgrounds just in time for the Rensselaer County SnowRiders' third annual snocross competitions while sunny skies and cold temperatures lingering around freezing welcomed hundreds of racers and spectators to the two-day event.

"A lot of people are very excited to be here," said Ken Murray, president of the SnowRiders, which hosted the SnoX '07 event at the fairgrounds.

The competition is part of the Rock Maple Racing circuit, which runs races throughout the northeast from December to April. Riders of a variety of skill levels, ranging from amateurs trail riders to semi-professional racers and even several who are qualified for ESPN's X-Games, competed against one another.

*Photo by Tom Killips — The Record*

Kenneth "Tiger" Nitz, 7, at right, gets some advice from his dad, Ken Nitz of Brunswick, before racing at SnoX '07 at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds.



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At left, Shawn Longbook starts another heat of children's racers during the SnoX '07 event Saturday at the fairgrounds.

Below, Chris Sirjane, of Fairhaven, Vt., enjoys watching the children race prior to heading off to race himself.



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