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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.

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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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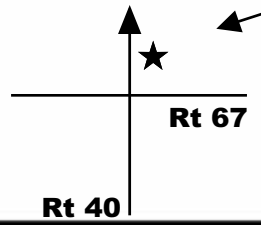
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Brennan Berardo of Essex, above, competes in the Sport 500 division at SnoX '07 at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds, while, at right, Connor Roscoe, 11, of Cheshire, Vt., and Leo Patenaude, 11, of Hartland, Vt., check out the action after racing earlier in the day.



2006-07 Snocross Series TENTATIVE Schedule

	WEST	CENTRAL	EAST
Feb 3 & 4	Schaghticoke Fairgrounds - Schaghticoke, NY ■	Schaghticoke Fairgrounds - Schaghticoke, NY	
Feb 10 & 11	Turning Stone Casino - Vernon, NY ●	Turning Stone Casino - Vernon, NY ●	Turning Stone Casino - Vernon, NY ●
Feb 17 & 18	Wyoming County Intl Speedway - Perry, NY		
Feb 24 & 25		Greater Ossipee Area, NH	Greater Ossipee Area, NH
Mar 3 & 4		Skowhegan Fairgrounds - Skowhegan, ME	Skowhegan Fairgrounds - Skowhegan, ME
Mar 10 & 11	McCauley Mountain - Old Forge, NY	Orleans County Fairgrounds - Barton, VT	Orleans County Fairgrounds - Barton, VT
Mar 17 & 18	Toggenburg Mountain - Fabius, NY		
Mar 24 & 25	Big Boulder - Lake Harmony, PA	Big Boulder - Lake Harmony, PA ▲	
Mar 31 & Apr 1		Windham Mountain - Windham, NY	

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Some scenes from SnoX '07



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Tonya Smodell cheers for her nephew, Nate LeClaire of Stillwater, who won his heat during the snowcross competitions at the fairgrounds. Watching with Smodell are Devin Speenburgh, left, and Rachele Yando.



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Jacob Chamberland of Pittston, Me., above, leads the way during the JR 8-10 300 division Saturday at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds during SnoX '07 competition. Below, Hunter Sherwood, 7, of Ithaca, sporting "Mohawk" hair on his helmet, waits for his turn to race with the children.



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Watching all of the action at SnoX '07

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Chris Panarello, at left, with his dog, "Hustle," and friend Liz Cianchetta of Poughkeepsie, take in all of the action at SnoX '07, a two-day event held Saturday and Sunday at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds.



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Barbara Stevens of Johnsonville, above, is bundled up against the cold as she watches her grandson race in the children's division. At right, Tommy "The Wizard" Messore of Stillwater, who claims to be having a "bad hair day," takes pictures of the action.



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Tom Madigan and Richard Murtaugh, above, run close together during one of the children's division races at SnoX '07.

Even the children take to the track to show their stuff



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Ethan Pearson, 7, of Wales, Mass., above, wins this children's race Saturday at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds.



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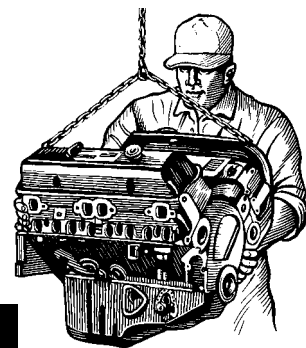
Alisha Trautschold, 4, of Parkville, wasn't racing Saturday in one of the children's division competitions. However, the youngster was on hand at the fairgrounds to cheer on her sister, Rosalyn, who was competing.

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Megan Dahlo and Chuck Willson of Speigletown watch the racing action during SnoX '07 at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds.



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Khalshjia White, of St. Regis Falls, above, is out in front during the women's 600 competition at the fairgrounds. Below, Hillary Hewitt of New Castle, Me., takes to the air during the women's 500 race.



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Flying through the air

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Simon Belize of Fork Forest in Quebec, at left, flies along the course at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds while competing in the Pro 440 division at SnoX '07. The two-day event, which is part of the Rock Maple Racing circuit, is being hosted locally by the Rensselaer County SnowRiders' club.

In the bottom left photo, racers fly past the grandstand of the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds as part of the SnoX '07 competition.

Below, Rene Desrochers of Newport, Vt., takes time out from competing to watch some of the action on the track.



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Darrin Mees of Setauket, above, navigates a turn during the semi-pro race at SnoX '07. Meanwhile, below, C.J. Hogan of Cohoes leads Justin Chamberland of Pittson, Me., and Jake Scott of Port Jefferson in the Junior 10-13 600 Fan division.



Photo by Tom Killips — The Record

Racers take to the air during the SnoX '07 event at the Schaghticoke Fairgrounds. Show, left to right, are C.W. Sirjane of Whitehall, Ryan Scripture of Carmel, Me., Jason Boroneod of Leverett, Ma., and Jason Rudd, in front of Rodman.



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Chad Miller of Amsterdam is in front in this photo from the semi-pro open division race of SnoX '07.



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