

\$5,000 raised for arena 101 in Rockmosa rally

At approximately 1.30 p.m. entry No. 65, Sandy McPhedran of R.R. 4, Rockwood, rolled his machine towards the No. 1 check point; he had completed the first and was on his second round of the Rockmosa 100 snowmobile rally which was held last Sunday after a four week postponement period.

The day was cold, blowy, and dull, but the exuberance of contestants was reflected in expressions of glee and grins as they sped through bushlands and fields to their various check points following red arrows for directions and playing for time.

Big figures
101 contestants and 82 machines with 76 completing the

100 mile grind and the remaining making 60 miles or more. Except for a mix-up on routing due to a previous rally held the day before, the Rockmosa 100 went off without a hitch. And, although the scarcity of snow required minor re-routing to avoid rough ground, riders managed to cover their areas and hit their check points in jake time.

The first riders left the Hamilton Cedar View Camping Grounds headquarters at 8 p.m. Sunday morning, and, as each vehicle rolled out in timed intervals to cover one of two tracks, they headed for bush or road trails to report back on completion to head out again for the next 50 mile trail.

By 5.30 p.m. all vehicles had

been dismantled, the whine of the engines were silent, as judges met together to add up the points to make their decision. The total receipt of the pledges for the ride were in the neighbourhood of \$5,000 and, as small groups of friends and relatives gathered to watch their favorite charges roll in from their final miles of riding, they were jubilant as the counts were recorded.

Final tallies showed winners of the events.

Ray Miller of R.R.1, Guelph who took the trophy for the least number of penalty points.

Most pledges
Anne and Dave Dexler won the Family Trophy for the least penalty points. The award for the eldest contestant went to George

Day and, for the girl under 16 with the most pledges collected riding with an adult, Wendy Henry received great applause with \$408. In pledge receipts.

Allan Swanston of R.R.3 Rockwood won the trophy for the boy under 16 with the most pledges collected, riding with an adult, with his count of \$332.65. Special mentions goes to Katie Winter, who, although over 16, had pledges of \$424.50 and, also acclaimed was Gary Ritchie who completed the road portion of the rally with only one penalty point.

Much Co-operation
There had been unceasing co-operation vented towards the day's success. The families of Bob and Keith Hamilton had loaned their Camp and

Recreation grounds for the operation headquarters, the St. John Ambulance Brigade of Guelph provided the necessary security in case of accidents, the Citizens Band Radio Club of Guelph had co-operated providing communication requirements, Lions, Eramosa Recreation Committee members and Rockwood Snowmobile Club members, all had worked together to make the day worthwhile.

Hot coffee was taxed to check point operators, lunches were delivered to hungry husbands, and a trailer was loaned as a booth for checking in and out located at the Hamilton headquarters.

For complex
Additional monies were gained when a snowmobile hat donated by the Hamiltons and Doughty McFarlane's John Deere Sales was the winning prize for a raffle won by T. Arthur Benham.

What does the money collected represent to the Township? Is it a jump-off point for building the new community and arena complex which is the initial plan of the Rockwood and District Lions Club.

Combining the amount with other fund raising activities plus the March 17 proposed light bulb-buzz, Lions Club members say they should soon be able to procure the property already chosen for the complex. Sunday's collection was a tremendous effort and involved not only planners and riders but farmers



WALLY WILSON drove the Rockmosa motorcycle patrol in the weekend rally. (Don Hills photo)



TROPHY WINNERS in the Rockmosa 100 Snowmobile Rally were front row l. to r., Ann Drexler, Alan Swanston, Wendy Henry. Second row l. to r., Dave Drexler, George Day, Ray Miller. (Don Hills photo)

and residents who opened their lots and their purses to make their contribution to a worthwhile cause.



EDDY KINGSBURY and 12-year-old son Tim checked in at No. 1 check point located on the Third Line, Eramosa, at last Sunday's "Rockwood 100" Snowmobile rally which drew contestants from many area clubs despite the four week postponement due to poor weather conditions. Eddy was a chief organizer of the event which raised funds amounting to somewhere in the \$5,000 bracket and will go towards the Community club arena complex planned by the Rockwood and District Lions Club. —Photo by Lorraine

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SINCERE THANKS
to all contestants, sponsors, property owners and the many others who assisted in making the "Rockmosa 100" snowmobile rally the great success it was

Thanks again

- Eramosa Recreation Committee
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- Rockwood & District Lions Club

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