

## Hasn't Convinced Writer About Snowmobiles Pitfalls

8 Mackenzie Drive  
Dear Sir:  
I see that Mr. Snider took it upon himself to answer for all non-snow machine operators making statements that leaves no doubt in my mind he is dead against the machines and their operators. This is Mr. Snider's every right of his own feelings, but I don't understand why in his last article he stated that he wished he had a snowmobile himself.  
Actually, I am very pleased that Mr. Snider has replied to my letter and added a few more facts that I understand. I am truly sorry if your property was abused this way, but do not condemn all snowmobilers. After all we do have law enforcement, even outside town limits. This brings another question to my mind, if you live outside town limits, why are you so concerned about inside limits when it would be to your advantage to leave well enough alone. A recent snowstorm in Stratford brought a fast change to their by-law, snowmobiles were used to transport children from school and isolation. A few months ago a young boy's life was saved in the bush near Stouffville by a snowmobile with the help of a dog. Last week in Montreal snowmobiles were used by police, doctors, etc.  
Requests have been sent out by radio to thousands of snow-

mobile owners for emergency help, this year above all. Snowmobiles are here to stay Mr. Snider, the sooner there are drivers tests the better.

As for the boozers — that's a lot of bogwash, there is no way a car can outhandle or brake as fast as a snowmobile on ice. Besides how many lives are at stake when a drunken driver takes to the wheel of a car compared to the snowmobiles?

I agree with you that people who use wire cutters to gain unlawful entry to fields should be prosecuted. I also agree that people who fire rifles at snowmobiles and set traps should be prosecuted.

I felt that the main section of my letter was aimed at the Georgetown Recreation Committee but they don't seem to have the same interest as our Mr. Snider has.

(P.S.) About your statistics I have no doubt about them being substantial, but I thought they were amazing low percentage wise. You stated "these accidents should not have happened" they don't they're caused. From the smallest mechanical failure to out and out carelessness, who knows, maybe you yourself will step in front of a snowmobile (by accident of course). Quote "The devil made me say that."

Thank you  
Jack Handy

## Applause, Not Criticism For Mayor's Airport Stand

R. R. 1, Georgetown  
Dear Sir:  
I take exception to last week's letter by A. B. Teeson who wants the new airport located in the Georgetown area, so that "children graduating from school may find work here."  
It is inconceivable that Mr. Teeson should not have heard of a place called Toronto (about 30 miles east of Georgetown), a city with hundreds of factories and other places of employment.  
Mayor Smith deserves applause, not criticism for publicly declaring that Georgetown should not become a shipping and industrial town.  
It is safe to say that he has the overwhelming support of the local citizens if he pursues a policy of keeping Georgetown the small and friendly town which has always been its chief asset.  
Mr. Teeson's pre-graduate proteges will just have to look elsewhere to try out their industrial talents.  
Yours truly,  
Charles Hildebrandt

ble through deep snow, which didn't help her any.

Fortunately, we have a good veterinary in this town, and she underwent surgery next day by Dr. McEwen, but the suffering and expense is a darned shame. The sad part is, she is not the first animal to be carried in, for the same reason. It could as easily have been a child.

I am left with the conclusion, snowmobilers are all right in their place, which is up north or on a track.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Seifried

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## Says Children, Animals Endangered By Snowmobiles

43 Ann Street  
Sir:  
Isn't it about time something was done, to prevent snowmobilers racing their machines near groups of children?  
Recently, my son took his dog up to their snow fort for a romp and she was badly injured by a careless young fellow on a snowmobile. He didn't even offer to help get the dog home, and as she was too heavy for my son, she was forced to hob-

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