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I was born and raised in Gillette WY, I moved to Utah for work in 2005 where I currently reside.

Snowmobiles have been a part of my life since ever since I can remember. My parents owned a motorcycle and snowmobile shop in Gillette Wyoming and my brother and I worked there every day after school. The shop was just part of life as we knew it, so motorsports over the years has been a large part of my life.

My brother and I entered our first drag race in the small town of Sundance Wyoming when I was 7, the race didn't go so well for us but it was a learning experience to say the least. My dad raced ovals in the late 70's then later converted everything over to drag racing through the 80's. Our family followed the drag racing circuit throughout Wyoming and when there wasn't a race in Wyoming my dad would search out something in another state even if that meant driving 24 hours to get there. During those years, I was fortunate to win several state championships.

At 19, I won the Canadian world series in the 440-modified class. Later that year my dad and I traveled to Minnequa Wisconsin for the U.S. world series. I gave up drag racing shortly after that and entered Cross Country racing, I had a successful few years traveling throughout Wyoming and Montana running 3-man amateur and 2 man pro races with Polaris XCR's. The Cross-Country circuit started falling off due to the growth of hill climbs and Snow-Cross, so I decided to buy a mountain sled and ride with the buddies and sit in a warm lodge at night and enjoy some drinks. Shortly after I bought the mountain sled I decided to enter some of the local hill climbs where I took two seconds.



At 24, I decided to give motocross a try, I won several races in the 125, 250 & 500cc classes across Wyoming and South Dakota until a major knee injury took me out for good at the age of 25.

At 28, I decided to see what Snow-Cross was all about, so I put in and qualified for an Arctic Cat Sno-Pro sled. I drove back to Arctic Cat's factory to pick up the new ZR 440, I was excited to try something new. I entered my first race in Deadwood South Dakota and it was a disaster. I quickly figured out that to be competitive in Snow-Cross, you had better be in top physical condition and I was far from that, so I quickly ended my Snow-Cross career and went back to mountain riding.

My work career took most my time from the age of 29-41. At 41 my life had settled in with a family, home and a great carrier, so I started searching for snowmobile racing in the western United States. I located a race in Pinedale Wyoming called the one lunger 100. I didn't know anything about it other than it was a lemans course that consisted of 100 laps. So, I began the search to find a sled that was 1973 and older to qualify for the race. I located a 1972 Ski-doo TNT 440, this was my first of what is known as "vintage" snowmobiles. The Ski-doo treated me well and ended up winning the 2011 race. I later traded the Ski-doo to Michael Stoffel for some Polaris sleds that I could use in the oval series.



2012, I found a flyer online for a vintage oval race in Grand Lake Colorado that was hosted by "XMR". I contacted the race director to see what this consisted of, and when I hung up the phone the search began once again to find a sled that would qualify for oval racing. My heart has always been with Polaris so I found a 1979 Polaris TX 440, and headed out to Colorado. I entered the ovals and the vintage Snow-cross with the same sled. This was the first vintage oval race that XMR had hosted so it was basically "race what you unloaded", winner take all. I did reasonably well and decided that a stock TX 440 wasn't going to be the answer to SRX's, V-max's and 650 Chaparrals, so after leaving that race I set out to find more horsepower. This task took longer than one would think and I ended up spending the remainder of the 2012 season searching for sleds that could be converted to race sleds. By the end of 2012 I had located a 1976 Yamaha Exciter 440 and a 1980 Polaris 500 Centurion.

2013, at 43, I returned to the Colorado XMR oval circuit supporting a 1979 Polaris TX 440 stocker, a 1976 Yamaha Exciter 440 Stocker.



2014, I built my first 600 Super mod, by now the circuit had grown significantly and there were multiple stock and open mod classes. I followed the Colorado circuit throughout the winter and finished off the season at West Yellowstone for the 2014 Expo and races.



2015 & 2016 seasons consisted of oval racing throughout Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. I currently run all modified classes consisting of 340, 500, 800 & Open Mod. I have been fortunate to win 93 races and 26 points championships between 2011 and 2016. I have met some fantastic people along the way, and have made some good friends that have made the experience one to cherish.



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