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**MINNESOTA UNITED SNOWMOBILERS ASSOCIATION (MnUSA)**

**Presents the:**

**SNOWMOBILER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Congratulations to Jack Speckel of Carver County Snowrunners and Southwest Trails for being awarded Snowmobiler of the Year. His passion for snowmobiling and extensive involvement in the sport has afforded him this honor.

Jack is involved in every aspect of the local snowmobile club and the trail association -- from making signs, grooming, and meeting with government representatives to promote and protect their trails. He represents the west metro area on the DNR Minnesota Snowmobile Advisory Committee.

He attends legislative receptions, and meets with his local representatives to promote MnUSA's agenda. He has served as a Director and Lead Director of MnUSA for the past 10 years, always taking the high road and representing the best interests of snowmobilers. You will find him selling memberships, and promoting snowmobiling at the State Fair, the five day Carver County Fair, grass drags, snow shows, manufacturers sneak peeks, wherever and whenever help is needed, he is there.

Jack is a leader for fundraising projects, and is involved in any project his MnUSA region is working on -- he is always the first to appear and the last to leave. Whenever asked to work on a snowmobile project of any kind, he never says no and can be counted on to do whatever he says he will do and more.

His hobby is vintage snowmobiles, and his love is Arctic Cat Snowmobiles. He currently owns 65 vintage Arctic Cat Snowmobiles -- some he restored, and all in good condition. He is a board member of the Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Show, an event organizer of Memory Lane at the Hay Days and Outlaws grass drags, and the Waconia Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Show. Because of his involvement, and his great organizational skills, the Waconia Midwest Vintage Snowmobile Show has grown into a premier vintage event. He and his club members spend hours working this event, and a portion of the event profits benefit his club and Southwest Trails.

In addition to organized snowmobiling, he is a member of the Watertown Lions Club, the Watertown Planning Commission, and has served on the board of the Carver County Historical Society.

Jack Speckel is a member of MnUSA which works closely with the legislature, state, local and national organizations, such as the Department of Natural Resources and Explore Minnesota



Jack Speckel with MnUSA President Keith Twombly and MnUSA Charity/Awards Chair Mary Hilke

Tourism, to promote favorable snowmobile legislation, regulations and funding. The association and its volunteers have worked extensively to help develop Minnesota's snowmobile trail system – one of the most comprehensive systems in the country. Visit [www.mnsnowmobiler.org](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org) for additional information.

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