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The Grand Prix de Kincardine Vintage Snowmobile Race is set for this Sunday at the Family Funland Go Kart Track. Rob Noakes is seen taking his vintage machine out for a test run on the thin snow.



## Kincardine to host first annual vintage snowmobile race

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After initially having to push back the date due to lack of snow, the first-annual local vintage snowmobile race is once again a go for this Sunday.

Rob Noakes is holding the Grand Prix de Kincardine at Family Funland Go Kart Track on Highway 21.

Models of vintage snowmobiles entered can be from 1981 or older and can be of any make. The machines can be 400cc or smaller. The track won't hold much higher, said Noakes.

The track has four left-hand turns and three rights.

Noakes expects about 40 drivers to bring their machines on race day.

He also said word of the race has spread into Michigan and all of Southern Ontario.

There are 14 different categories for racers to participate in, including all women's and children's classes.

Admission is free for the event and a Kincardine Cup will be awarded to the Top Points Driver.

Each class will run in three heats of four sleds, with the first and second place finishers in each heat advancing. Heats will be held until a final four are determined.

The payout for the races is 100 per cent from the entry fees paid. First place receives 50 per cent, second 30 per cent and third the final 20 per cent.

Noakes was required to get insurance and St. John's Ambulance for race day.

Dennis Peirson will be providing the children's trophy and Percy Newman, the owner of Family Funland, will be operating the concession stand for the spectators.

"Pray for snow," said Noakes in reference to having to switch the date and worry about the amount of snow covering

the track.

Noakes is funding the race himself for the first year and said for next year he hopes to round up sponsors.

The race date could change due to weather, so interested residents are asked to keep an eye on the website [www.bmts.com/~rwnoakes](http://www.bmts.com/~rwnoakes) for updates.

For more information contact Noakes at 519-368-2530.



Justin and Alicia Noakes were testing the vintage machines at the track on the weekend. The snow was still too thin Saturday, resulting in the postponing of the race.

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