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SNOWMOBILE

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The previous record of 12,163 miles in 60 consecutive days was held by Robert Davis from Maine. Davis set the record in 2008 while snowmobiling in Maine and Canada.

Keller surpassed the record by 626 miles.

"There's a blind 625 miles for the record," he said.

Keller is riding for cancer.

Keller's wife, Janet, sisters Helen, Doris and her husband, Keith, Alice and husband David, brothers Allen and John, Walter and his wife Margie, aunt and uncle Jerry and Toots Terharr, and great-nephew Jonathan Kaelke, all traveled from Minnesota to witness Keller's record-breaking feat.

Witness Chuck Scherer and Todd Memke, members of both the chambers of commerce in Ironwood and Hurley, were on hand as Keller crossed the 12,789-mile mark near



Margaret Levra/Daily Globe

The odometer shows the world record set by Nick Keller of Richmond, Minn.

Hiawatha at about 9 a.m. Wednesday.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources conservation warden John Windt verified the official odometer reading.

Snowball Cancer

Termed Snowball Cancer, the snowmobile event is aimed at raising awareness and money to help people with cancer.

The event is being presented

by Keller Family Community Foundation, a non-profit organization with Yamaha Motor Corp., U.S.A., as sponsor.

After Feb. 23, "I have to put my toys away and quit snowmobiling," Keller said. He and his wife will be traveling to Sydney, Australia, where their daughter Carrie plans to get married on March 13.

Keller has had family members who have been stricken with cancer. Carrie, too, has cancer. She will be undergoing surgery for skin cancer on Feb. 11.

"The prognosis looks good," he said. "We've got a large family that sticks together. There are those afflicted with cancer who do not have the help that is needed."

Keller said he is riding for those people.

Donations to Snowball Cancer can be made by logging on to snowballcancer.org.