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Keller to snowmobile for cancer this winter

Nick Keller of Richmond planning to break the world record for snowmobiling

By Ellarry Prentice

To honor his late mother Mary Jane Keller, who died of breast cancer at the age of 56, Nick Keller of Richmond has planned a snowmobile event to raise awareness, resources, and funds for local people living with cancer.

Riding in memory of his mother and others affected by cancer, Keller will attempt to set a new world record by snowmobiling over 12,200 miles within 60 consecutive days during his fundraising event titled "Snowball Cancer Challenge."

Other snowmobilers will be allowed to ride with Keller on the 60-day journey through



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The Keller Family Foundation of Richmond – from left, Melissa, Janet, Nick, Carrie, and Julie – are organizing the "Snowball Cancer Challenge," with Nick planning to snowmobile 12,200 miles in 60 days.

the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. The event is planned to start between December 2009 and January 2010.

Keller, who will turn 56 in 2010, has been snowmobiling since 1972. A Richmond resident since 1974, he has rode

snowmobile an average of over 5,000 miles each season for the past six years. To beat the record, he'll have to ride snowmobile an average of 200 miles per day, a number he has already done for the past six years.

Past president of the

Stearns County Snowmobile Association and member of the snowmobile club, Country Snow Cruisers, Keller is known in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan as the "mileage man" for his long-distance snowmobiling.

As he rides to raise donations for local cancer victims, Keller will attempt to break the world record for the most miles snowmobiled in a consecutive 60-day period. The record is currently held by Bob Davis of Maine, who rode 12,163 miles from Jan. 11, 2008, to March 11, 2008.

"Snowball Cancer Challenge" is being sponsored by the Keller Family Community Foundation, a non-profit organization established by Nick; his wife, Janet; and their children, Melissa, Julie, and Carrie. The foundation was formed by the Keller family this summer to raise money for local people with cancer and make a positive difference in the community.

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