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Rock Maple Racing invades Patten, Maine Saturday

Race series kicks off March with race at Hangar Pizza

(Fremont, New Hampshire, March 2, 2017) - While the winter of 2017 hasn't been overly cooperative with Rock Maple Racing, forcing the cancellation of two events due to warmth and lack of snow, the RMR staff have worked tirelessly to ensure their racers get to race.

This weekend, the tour heads to Patten, Maine, for the fifth race of the season. The race, scheduled to run behind Hanger Pizza at 53 North Road, looks to be run in sub-freezing temps with a high of six degrees on Saturday.

Maine native and Sport Open and Sport 600 Factory Stock racer Josh Markham is looking forward to a race in his backyard this weekend. After attending an event with a friend, he was hooked and has never looked back.

Going into a new track that he's never raced, Markham said there are a couple key things to keep in mind while racing. "How rough it's going to get, how loose the conditions are," he said. "The temperature outside has a lot to do with all that."

"You're getting less snow, so you're more likely to see rocks, stumps, and other debris on the trail and you're definitely going to have some ice."

The racing veteran also has two sons, Bailey, 6, and Bode, 9, involved in the sport with Bailey racing the 120 Champ class and Bode racing the Jr. 10-13 division. For Markham, the family affair provides memories that will last a lifetime.

"To watch them grow and learn is priceless," Markham said. "It's priceless now and it's going to be priceless down the road for them."

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Founded by Don and Nancy Finck, RMR sanctioned snowcross events from 1991-92 until March of 2010. Veteran Rock Maple race officials Jennifer Carrier (scoring) and Shawn Achilles (race director) have joined with owners Tara Saxton and Glynn DeSilva to recreate that fun-filled atmosphere once enjoyed in northeastern snowmobile competition. Be sure to check out RMR-XC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) to follow the latest news, and visit www.rockmapleracing.com for the latest updates.

