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Rock Maple Racing returns to Rangeley for 2017

Series returns for another exciting weekend of racing on January 21st

(Fremont, New Hampshire, January 17, 2017) - After kicking off a successful 2017 season at Jackman, [Rock Maple Racing](#) (RMR-XC) is pleased to continue the season with a second race and return to Rangeley for the 2017 Snodeo event, starting on January 19.

The RMR-XC race will be held at the Stephen A. Bean Municipal Airport in Rangeley, ME on January 21. Pit gates will open at 6:30am and spectators may begin to arrive at 8:00am. There will be a \$10 admission fee except for children 10 and under, which are free. For racers, pre-registration for the event is required for all classes except for Trail classes and 120 classes. Registration will also be available on Friday prior to the race from 2pm to 8pm.

"We are excited to return to Rangeley for another year of Snodeo," series president Tara Saxton said. "The course offers a lot of opportunity to see some really great racing, so we're looking forward to seeing what our racers can do."

Last year, a lack of snow led to schedule delays, and current forecasts are currently predicting a combination of rain and snow for the weekend, but the RMR-XC team remains hopeful that "Mother Nature will remain cooperative."

"All we need is a bit of snow," Saxton said. "The racers will do the rest."

Every event on the schedule is big for the riders, but for the rider of the No. 81 Boss Powersports Arctic Cat, this race has special meaning. Matt Roop is a native of Rangeley and has yet to take the win there. The runner-up in the Plus 40 class in the season-opener at Jackman, the former champion said a win this weekend would be great for both him and Rangeley's Boss Powersports.

“I’d love to take a win, that would be excellent,” Roop said. “Boss is real busy downtown with the Rave X as well, so they’ll be in both locations. That would be great.”

“While the machines have the horsepower, it’s the individual riders that get those machines to the finish line,” said Roop.

“It’s a challenge. The racing is not all up to the machine. I find it’s up to the physical fitness of the individual. It beats you up pretty bad over the bumps.”

The entire 2017 Snodeo event includes several events, including a casino night and family marshmallow roast. A full schedule for the 2017 Snodeo weekend can be found on the Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club website. In addition, Rock Maple Racing will be drawing the winning raffle ticket on a 2017 Polaris XCR 600cc after the race awards ceremony on January 21. Tickets are still available on www.rockmapleracing.com. The RMR-XC season will continue with races in Lake Luzerne, NY; Bristol, VT; West Glover, VT; and Verona, NY.

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Founded by Don and Nancy Finck, RMR sanctioned snocross 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.