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**MINNESOTA UNITED SNOWMOBILERS ASSOCIATION  
(MnUSA)**

**Presents the:**

**Snowmobile Family  
of the Year Award**

**February 2014**



Gudvangen Family members with MnUSA Region 1 Directors Rod Seibel, Greg Anderson (back left), Gail Friborg (back right) and Jim Folz (front right)

MnUSA is proud to announce the recipient of the 2013 Snowmobile Family of the Year award, the Gordon Gudvangen Family of Fertile, MN. Gordon and his family have served the snowmobile community both locally and statewide for many years.

Gordon and Connie Gudvangen joined the Fertile Snowmobile Club, now known as the Fertile-Beltrami Sand Hill Snow Cruisers, over 40 years ago, and were founding members of the reorganized Snow Cruisers club. Gordon has served as President and Trail Coordinator for the club, is a founding member of the Agassiz Recreational Trail Board and has been actively involved in the trail development of that trail. The Agassiz Recreational Trail recently received federal recognition from the Coalition of Recreational Trails for construction and design. Gordon has been a MnUSA Region 1 director for the past 20 years. His late wife Connie took care of the grant work for the club until her passing in 2008.

Gordon and Connie's children are also heavily involved in local snowmobiling. Josh serves as president of the Sand Hill Snow Cruisers club, and is a snowmobile safety instructor alongside his wife Mandy. He and his brother Joe also work as groomer operators in the area. Together, they have participated in many community projects including Toys for Tots, Coats for Kids, and MnDOT Highway Cleanup.

The Gudvangens are members of the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association, which works closely with the legislature, state, local and national organizations, to promote favorable snowmobile legislation, regulations and funding. The association and its volunteers have worked extensively to help develop Minnesota's snowmobile trail system – one of the most comprehensive systems in the country. Visit [www.mnsnowmobiler.org](http://www.mnsnowmobiler.org) for additional information.