



**Pat Mach, president for USCC and Raymond Brenny, General Manager for Seven Clans Casino, present \$10,000 in cash to Ski Doo rider Bryan Dyrdahl.**

### **Bryan Dyrdahl Wins Frigid I-500**

Bryan Dyrdahl's domination over the United States Cross-Country (USCC) Pro 600 field continued this weekend in the Red Lake I-500. He won the race by almost 10 minutes. It was Dyrdahl's fourth I-500 victory, making him the winningest racer to compete in the storied race.

Dyrdahl, Bagley, MN., set out Sunday for the third and final leg with a 4-minute, 39 second lead over Polaris driver Josh Davis. Rather than dial back his quick-as-a-superball pace to reduce his risk of a crash or broken machine, Dyrdahl put the hammer down and tacked on another 5 minutes to his lead. He finished 9 minutes, 35 seconds over Davis. Greg Hyde was third, also on a Polaris. "I just ride my pace all the time," Dyrdahl said. "If I try to slow down or try to speed up, it doesn't always work out because I get out of rhythm."

Regarding his pace: the speedometer in USCC President Pat Mach's Dodge pickup registered 90 mph as he drove a county highway alongside Dyrdahl, who was flying down the ditch. "He tapped the brake a few times before each road approach, but he must've flew 30-40 feet over them," Mach said.

USCC officials cut 46 miles from Sunday's leg due to near minus 40 degree wind chills and poor snow conditions on a section of the track. Dyrdahl said the USCC made the right call, but three-time I-500 champion Cory Davidson called the race a "joke." They never used to cut the race short," Davidson said. "This race was what...350 miles?" Davidson and fellow Yamaha teammate Jim Wilson were disqualified for riding off course. Davidson and Wilson started Sunday in eleventh and ninth place, respectively. The pair's violation took place at a remote section called the Up-and-Down Road, which is a narrow, rough part of the course that parallels a river. Wilson said he missed a sign and continued on the river for about a mile before he realized he was off course.

### **Frigid Weather**

With high temperatures forecast in the teens Fahrenheit below zero, racers took extra steps to stay warm. They installed handle bar gauntlets, hand guards, oversized windshields and insulated clothing.

Dyrdahl used heat from his Ski-Doo's brake to warm his left hand. Wilson installed "the biggest windshield Yamaha makes" on his FX Nytro. He wore duct tape on his face to prevent frostbite.