

The MACC Numbers for the 2012 Season

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This is the twelfth annual report on our attendance. All previous reports are available (along with this one) on the web site in the MACC section, at: <http://www.maccracing.org/macc/minutes/>

Summary

With the recession, we had record low attendance in 2010. We recovered a little in 2011 and continued the recovery in 2012 with the best turnout in three years.

The Renegade team raised their attendance to get their vote back, so next year the MACC will have 13 votes. A quorum will still be 7 voting members.

The current four-course schedule is reasonably balanced and should work fine again next year.

This year we had 21 classes. Looking at the numbers, we should expect 19 classes next year. The worst turnout was A women (maximum attendance was 2 out of only 3 registered); the average attendance for AW and VAW combined was under 5.

The age distribution of our racers shows the middle half of the group (age-wise) this season was between 43 and 58. We had 6 junior racers (under 18) and 11 adult racers that were between 18 and 23. We have about 10 years before our big group in the middle starts aging out of the program.

MACC Team Attendance and Votes

Table 1 shows the team turnout for 2012 (not counting the Cantor Cup) and the resulting team votes for 2013. The table also includes a column **Reg.** that indicates the number of racers who registered with each team. The total registration is 181 (last year it was 188).

Table 1. Team turnout for 2012 and votes for 2013.

Ski Team	Votes	Reg.	Total	Ave	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Ann Arbor	1	13	91	8.3	12	11	9	9	3	4	4	9	9	11	10
GM Ski Club	0	4	23	2.1	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Jim Dandy	0	3	15	1.4	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
Renegades	1	11	67	6.1	5	7	8	6	1	3	3	9	8	8	9
Schussmeisters	0	3	17	1.5	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2
Skiniks	2	19	151	13.7	16	16	17	17	8	8	8	16	17	13	15
Skiwis	1	15	120	10.9	13	13	13	13	7	7	7	13	12	11	11
Snow Drifters	2	26	179	16.3	22	22	23	20	4	3	3	23	22	17	20
Team Rust	2	27	201	18.3	25	19	22	23	8	9	10	23	22	20	20
Thunderbirds	2	31	234	21.3	26	24	26	26	12	12	12	22	22	26	26
Toledo	2	29	266	24.2	25	24	25	26	22	22	22	25	25	25	25

It takes 55 racer starts for a team to get a vote, 132 to get two votes, and 330 to get three votes. Next year the MACC teams have 13 votes, an increase from last year because the Renegades regained their vote.

For comparison over past years, Table 2 shows the attendance histories of the current teams since 1992.

Table 2. Average attendance by team from 1992 to 2011.

Ski Team	92	96	98	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Ann Arbor	16	12	14	16	12	9	8	10	10	10	9	12	11	10	11	8
GM Ski Club	43	24	17	9	6	5	6	3	5	4	5	6	7	5	4	2
Jim Dandy	11	11	11	11	12	12	7	3	5	11	7	5	4	2	2	1
Renegades								6	12	11	10	9	6	6	4	6
Schussmeisters	33	35	40	33	35	32	27	23	18	13	15	16	9	5	2	2
Skiniks	24	18	13	14	14	15	12	16	14	11	11	11	13	12	14	14
Skiwis	8	6	9	26	23	21	17	14	13	15	17	16	17	9	8	11
Snow Drifters	7	10	8	13	16	19	19	18	12	10	12	13	9	12	12	16
Team Rust	27	15	19	15	13	12	11	10	11	14	16	17	12	14	17	18
Thunderbirds	31	33	29	25	25	26	28	19	27	31	28	23	22	21	21	21
Toledo	7			13	13	13	15	13	20	22	16	19	17	17	22	24

Turnout per Race

Table 3 shows our turnout for each year since 1992 (except 1995—no files). Searchmont numbers are shown in italics starting in 1996. The averages in the column “**Boyne**” do not include Searchmont or the Cantor Cup. The averages in the column “**Ave**” do not include the Cantor Cup for years after 1998. These numbers do include guest racers.

Table 3. Turnout per race.

Year	Ave	Boyne	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1992	286	312	360	353	316	320	203	204	299	297	246	286	267		
1993	256	284	333	339	275	278	208	195	209	205	247	236	237	288	272
1994	262	287	304	293	298	292	282	269	191	214	212	232	286	268	
1996	209	236	280	275	226	221	206	207	<i>129</i>	<i>153</i>	<i>142</i>	200	240	234	
1997	212	250	254		253	261	255	259	<i>129</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>122</i>	204	244	229	
1998	191	212	230	221	221	220	198	208	<i>138</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>136</i>	178	213	190	
1999	203	226	245	230	225	210	214	226	<i>153</i>	<i>158</i>	<i>152</i>	194	229	?	
2000	187	222*	238	221	227	226	217	203	<i>143</i>	<i>134</i>	<i>133</i>	143	179	108	
2001	185	203	231	218	220	220	187	198	<i>140</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>128</i>	158	193	144	
2002	176	210*	225	210	227	211	<i>117</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>126</i>	196	188	156	150	?	
2003	165	182	201	200	194	195	<i>114</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>123</i>	176	163	149	181	123	
2004	162	184	192	183	170	179	<i>104</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>112</i>	193	190		182	100	
2005	162	182	201	197	175	174	189	183	<i>100</i>	<i>116</i>	<i>114</i>	157	179	92	
2006	175	197	217	205	201	199	<i>117</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>116</i>	206	204	163	183	103	
2007	160	178	179	173	189	180	<i>111</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>113</i>	191	165	168	181	109	
2008	167	194	195	183	202	196	<i>95</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>94</i>	216	201	170	187	105	
2009	134	156	174	158	164	155	<i>74</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>75</i>	161	156	135	144	83	
2010	120	143	158	154	146	131	<i>57</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>58</i>	139	139	132	147	114	
2011	123	147	155	155	149	150	<i>56</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>59</i>	140	148	129	149	119	
2012	129	150	159	148	152	153	<i>70</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>75</i>	150	149	138	148	122	

*Average of first 6 Boyne 2000 / 2002 races (normal weather).

In most years prior to 2010, the turnout at Searchmont was between 60% and 75% of the turnout at Boyne. In 2010 and 2011, it dropped to 42%. This year it was 48% — not as good as years past, but an improvement over the past two years.

The Sunday Cantor Cup Super-Combined can be declared an official success, with improved numbers since 2010 when we started the super-combined format.

Courses and Classes

Table 4 shows the attendance for the courses. On regular four-course days at Boyne, course 1 had as many as 56 racers, while course 4 had as few as 24 racers. Given that any redistribution would involve moving racers from F.I.S. to Super Bowl, the current locations of classes is probably the best we can do.

Table 4. Course attendance in 2011.

Course	Reg.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	60	53	51	48	47	44	27	48	54	51	45	56	70
2	53	40	35	44	47	26	46	27	43	46	39	41	49
3	36	35	31	31	30				27	26	29	29	
4	31	31	31	29	30				26	26	25	24	

Table 5 shows the attendance for each of our 21 classes. All of our registered racers who raced this year are placed in classes, with the number of registrations per class shown (**Reg.**).

Table 5. Attendance by class in 2010.

Class	Reg.	Ave	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Elite	7	5.2	6	6	6	7	3	3	3	7	7	3	6
Elite-1 Men	13	7.9	8	7	10	9	4	4	4	10	9	11	11
Elite-1 Men (Vet)	18	11.8	14	12	13	12	6	6	6	16	15	14	16
Elite-2 Men	11	8.3	7	7	9	8	7	7	7	10	10	9	10
Elite-2 Men (Vet)	16	11.1	15	14	15	15	6	6	7	12	12	11	9
A Men	5	4.5	6	6	6	6	2	2	2	5	5	4	5
A Men (Vet)	11	9.2	11	10	10	10	7	7	7	10	10	10	9
A Men (Supervet)	4	2.8	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	3	3	3	3
B Men	9	6.3	7	7	7	7	3	3	3	7	7	9	9
B Men (Vet)	9	5.5	8	7	5	5	3	3	3	6	6	7	7
B Men (Supervet)	7	4.5	6	6	5	5	3	3	3	4	4	5	5
C Men	10	7.5	10	10	9	10	4	4	4	9	9	7	6
C Men (Supervet)	8	6.2	8	8	8	8	4	4	4	7	5	6	6
D Men	6	3.9	7	7	6	6	1	1	1	4	4	3	3
Elite-1 Women	12	8.4	9	9	12	9	2	5	5	11	10	9	11
Elite-2 Women	10	5.5	7	7	6	6	2	2	2	6	7	7	8
A Women	3	1.2	2	1	1	2				2	2	1	2
A Women (Vet)	7	3.6	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	5	4	4
B Women	5	3.2	5	3	5	5	1	1	1	4	4	3	3
C Women	2	2.4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
D Women	6	3.9	7	7	6	6	1	1	1	4	4	3	3

Age Distribution

Table 6 shows information about the distribution of our racers by age. This is a small table because it was just introduced this year. Ages were based on Dec 31 before the first race of the season. It gives the number of registered racers in each age group, with unknown ages being listed under '?'. The last three columns give ages at 25 percentiles interval: last season, 25% of our racers were 43 or younger, 50% were

52 or younger, and 75% were 58 or younger. That means about a quarter of our racers are between 52 and 58, and half are between 43 and 58.

Table 6. Distribution of racers by age.

Season	Number of racers in different age groups									Percentile ages		
	15-17	18-23	24-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+	?	25%	50%	75%
2009	7	16	20	55	69	27	8	4	0	42	49	56
2010	7	8	21	41	59	29	7	3	0	42	50	58
2011	10	7	20	32	70	29	10	3	8	44	52	59
2012	6	11	22	30	69	28	9	1	5	43	52	58

Although the table has just a few years of data, it shows that we are dominated by baby boomers, many who aged from the 40-49 group into the 50-59 group. In 10 more years, when the current 50-59 group is 60-69, we can expect to lose racers due to age at a faster rate. For the MACC program to be sustainable, we need to encourage more young racers to join. (Easier said than done.)