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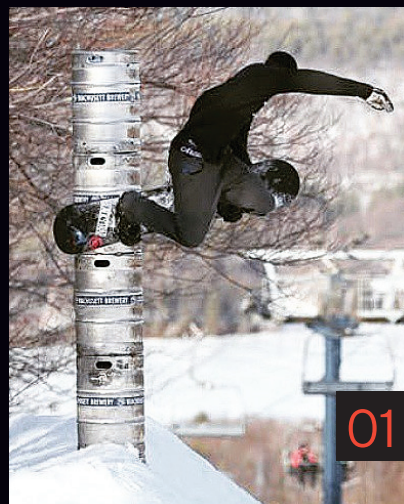
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This year once again *SAM* asked you, our loyal readers, to submit entries for our 11th annual terrain park contest. From unique features to over-the-top event setups, we received more than 30 entries from across the globe. Proving once again that if you hold a contest, entries will come.

Beyond the usual deluge of feature submissions, we received an overwhelming number of event submissions, including the one featured on our cover.

The winners from both our Events and Features categories will receive prizes from Burton Snowboards. We couldn't fit all the entries here; to see the full list and VOTE on your favorite, visit saminfo.com/terrain-park-contest.

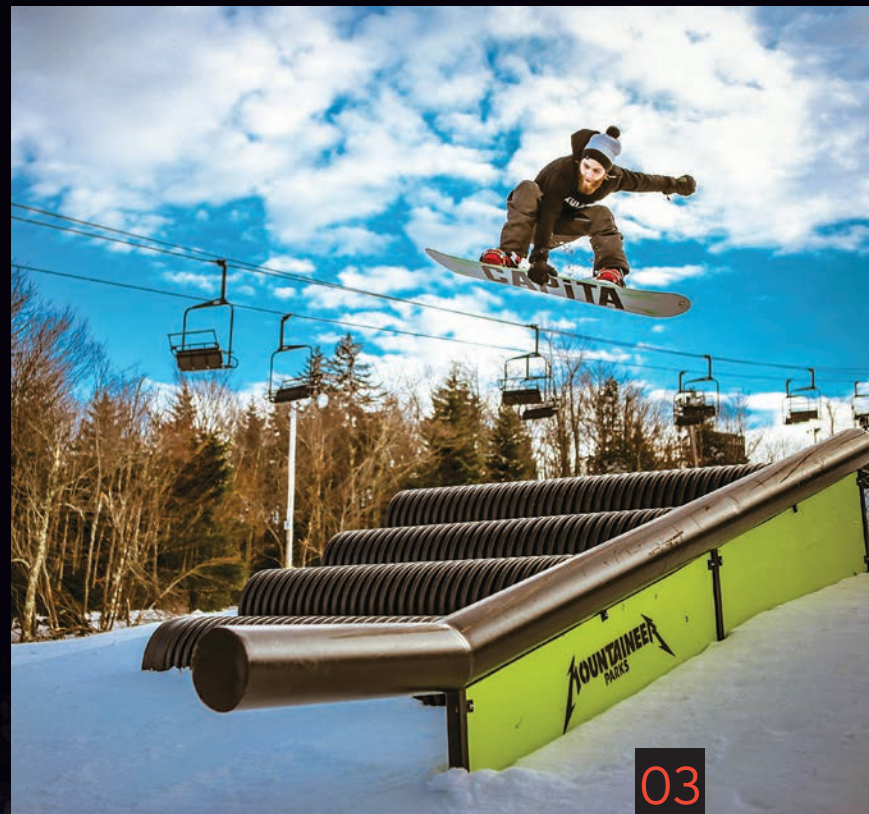
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03 JIB NATION

Kevin Sprecher, the terrain park supervisor at Snowshoe Mountain, W.Va., designed this fun jib feature. During the six-hour build, the Mountaineer park staff built the pad, set up the fence and rail, installed and leveled the corrugated steps, and pushed and shaped the takeoff. The setup was constructed using a piece of an old chain link fence, recycled corrugated culverts, and a 25-foot down rail made of an eight-inch repurposed snowmaking pipe.

02 ICE, ICE, BABY

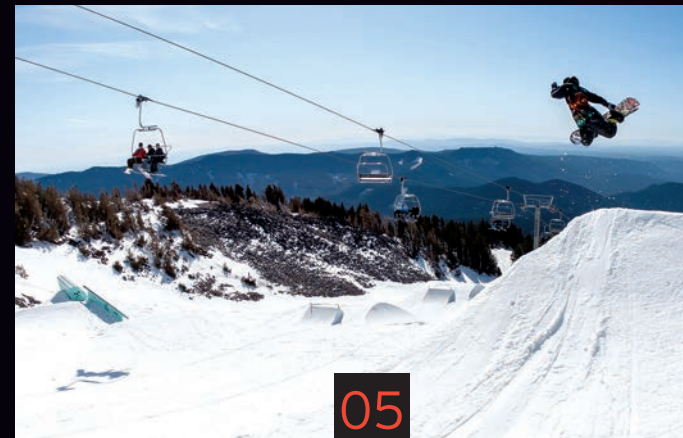
With assistance from an ice carving artist, Stowe Mountain Resort, Vt., brought this clever rail concept to life. The feature, created for the University of Vermont's freestyle ski team rail jam, withstood the elements for nearly two months. The carving artist constructed the base of the ice rail, while the park crew added the double barrel rail on top. The carving, including the Stowe Parks logo freehanded with a chainsaw, took around five hours to complete. The park crew then spent another three hours finishing the build, grooming and adding the takeoff. A string of Christmas lights was added to complete the overall look.

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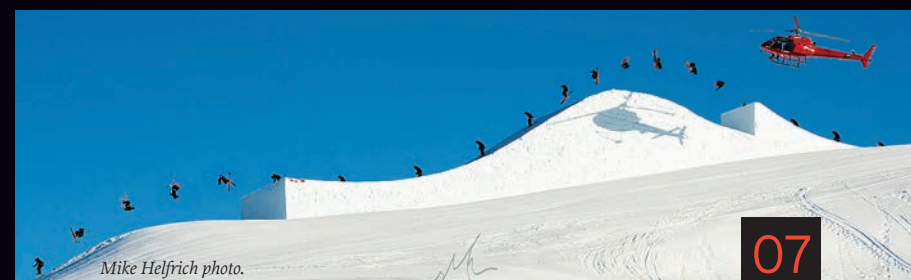
The staff at Wachusett Mountain, Mass., acquired a few empty kegs from the nearby Wachusett Brewery and came up with the idea to create this unique feature. After two days of help from some welding students at Worcester Technical High School, the 18-foot keg feature came to life. Needless to say, it quickly became a crowd favorite.



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04 PARTY AT THE PLAZA

The team at Snowmass, Colo., built this rail plaza complete with numerous rail options, picnic tables, and a putting green as way to bring life back to the park's Freestyle Fridays events. The almost 20-year-long event series saw a huge increase in participation after the resort switched gears from big air contests and began hosting rail jams in the plaza. Snowmass' rail fabrication crew spent almost three weeks on this project, followed by several days on snow. All-new materials were used to give the setup a fresh look. To keep it looking fresh, new tweaks and rails will be added this season.

05 SPRING FLING

Faced with less than ideal conditions last season, Mt. Hood Meadows teamed with Snow Park Technologies to build a one-of-a-kind flow park for riders of all skill levels. The park was home to 36 features, including a variety of boxes, rails, tubes and multiple snow features. The complete setup took almost five days to build, with seven cat operators working 12-hour days. An 18-foot Zaugg was used to shape the hips, mini pipe, jump mounds, and rail pads, creating endless options for skiers and snowboarders.

06 DAS AUTO

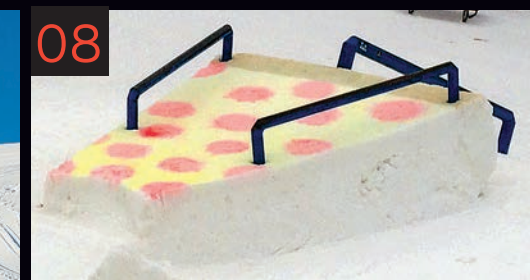
Inspiring kids young and old, the team at Little Switzerland in Slinger, Wis., parked this Volkswagen van right inside its terrain park. The sign panels were constructed from high-density polyethylene and backlit with LED lights. The van also had headlights, taillights and side marker lights that flashed with music. Swag Promotions sponsored this feature, which was powered by a car battery hooked up to a solar charger. To complete the overall look, a local graffiti artist added the final touches.



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07 TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

The Whistler Blackcomb parks crew built two features—a 60-foot step over jump and a 25-foot step down jump—inside Symphony bowl for Level 1 Production's new film, *Small World*. The two exclusive jumps required 70 hours of building time from five employees—two drivers (one to push snow and one to shape), along with three additional crew to hand-shape the jumps. Two PistenBully winch cats were involved, along with lots of hand tools and salt.



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08 PIZZA PARTY

There's no denying kids love pizza, a cultural phenomenon that inspired the park crew at Chestnut Mountain Resort, Ill. This pizza wedge, featuring three down rail options, was designed (appropriately enough) for a pizza party at the mountain. The concept was to bring local riders out for a fun and relaxed rider-judged competition, fueled by pizza.

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09 THE VALLEY STASH

For the upcoming 2015-16 season, Luke Mathison and Ian Brown at Waterville Valley Resort, N.H., are constructing a new woods park in the Sugar Shake Glades. Since the resort is located 100 percent on national forest land, the boys were hard at work in September and October, constructing log features for this natural park. All six features, including the battleship log, a flat log slide, and quarter pipe built into a large stump, have been constructed from trees sourced on the resort's property.

10 THE BEHEMOTH

While filming for its new video 2032, the thirtytwo team stopped at Copper Mountain, Colo., to test this monstrous transition. The idea for the feature arose during a roundtable discussion. Between the hand and cat crews, it took five staff members to bring this 21-foot tall feature to life. The transition was cut using Copper's 22-foot Zaugg machine. The total build time spanned four nights and involved many hours of work with a chain saw. Following the photo shoot, the feature remained open to the general public.

11 SUMMER LOVIN'

The staff at Buttermilk, Colo., works hard after the resort closes in April to farm all of the snow used for the X Games and preserves it for the area's summer camps. Run in conjunction with the Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club (AVSC), the camps feature race and freestyle lanes. Greg Boyd, Aspen's terrain park operations manager, works solo on the camp setup from May to July, spending two weeks pushing the snow and reserving an additional seven to 12 hours a week for cat maintenance. In July, coaches from the AVSC assist with setting up the dozen or so rails. The camp setup also includes a jump line complete with two airbags and a mogul lane.

12 ROCKET MAN

Killington's NeffLand terrain park is definitely out of this world. Now in its third season, all 15+ features, ranging from jumps to boxes and rails, look like things you'd see in outer space (that is, if you were a cartoon character). One of three rocket ships in the park, this feature was made from a recycled propane tank. The fin was created using a flat bar rail, and the two wings on each side were welded together, creating the ship. A graffiti artist added the final touches.



2015 EVENT ENTRIES

Nineteen unique event entries were submitted this year. They are profiled online with full event details, photos and videos. CHECK THEM OUT: saminfo.com/terrain-park-contest

- > Back In Blue - Ober Gatlinburg, Tenn.
- > Climb and Grind Rail Jam - Abenaki Ski Area, N.H.
- > Cinco de Mayo - Wachusett Mountain, Mass.
- > Jibfest - Marble Mountain, Newfoundland, Canada
- > St. Patty's Pool Jam - Snow Trails, Ohio
- > Red Bull Slopesoakers - Copper, Colo.
- > Light the Night presented by AMP Energy - Okemo, Vt.
- > The Bushwood Open presented by Rome Snowboards - Arizona Snowbowl, AZ
- > Slushine Rail Jam - Sunshine Village, Alberta, Canada
- > Red Bull All Snow - Holiday Valley, N.Y.
- > Transfer Banked Slalom - Thredbo, Australia
- > Ice Fest Rail Jam - Stevens Pass, Wash.
- > Hot Iron Night - Pomerelle Mountain, Idaho
- > Whale Watchers - Loon Mountain, N.H.
- > The Monster Energy Shred Show - Whistler Blackcomb, B.C.
- > Superpark 19 - Seven Springs, Pa.
- > Sony Snow Crown - Blue Mountain, Ont.
- > The Second Annual Slash & Berm Banked Slalom - Killington, Vt.



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