



## The Guardian Angels of the WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race

Road Crossing Volunteer's

by Joe Russell

*"My dogs and I have been silently traveling for what seems to be hundreds of miles.*

*I have been passing the time by whistling some of my favorite tunes to the dogs, and smiling at the great Milky Way and Aurora Borealis. The last team we passed was at about midnight, and that was two hours ago.*

*Come to think of it, except for the owl that almost flew into my headlamp, we haven't seen any signs of life for quite some time now.*

*Where is everybody?*

*Am I that far in the lead, or am I that far behind in this race?*

*I'm sure I'm on the right trail.*

*What a magnificent ride!*

*The dogs...steady as they go!*

*It doesn't get any better than this.*

*Now the dogs ears are skyward and we are moving considerably faster.*

*Something must be up ahead.*

*Now I smell it too - campfire smoke!*

*There are no houses or cabins out here.*

*The Checkpoint isn't for miles yet...it's a road crossing!*

*There's a group of people whistling, cheering and clapping.*

*I raise my arm to wave hello and just then notice that they have a vehicle stopped on the road, and are waving me and my dogs through.*

*I pass through and command the dogs to whoa, whoa!*

*I step on the brake and am immediately surrounded by four individuals who appear really happy to see me.*

*I don't tell them, but I'm really happy to see them as well.*

*Even though it's a huge fire, one lady looks a little cold.*

*As I stand on the brake, she reaches out and puts her left arm around me and with her right hand gives me a napkin with something in it.*

*Chocolate Chip cookies!*

*Suddenly, a hot cup of coffee appears before me.*

*She says that I am the first musher to cross the road."*

*"It really doesn't get any better than this!"*

Register at [www.wolftrackclassic.com](http://www.wolftrackclassic.com). Contact your very best friends, dress warm, load up your vehicle with lots of firewood, bring lawn chairs, cookies and coffee. Enjoy the night, be a Guardian Angel.