



2024 NATIONAL INVENTORS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Born: April 16, 1907

Died: Feb. 18, 1964

Primary Connections:

- L'Auto-Neige Bombardier Limitée, (Bombardier Snowmobile Ltd.): Founder and President, 1942-64; now Bombardier Inc.
- BRP (Bombardier Recreational Products)

Key Memberships/Awards:

- Canadian Manufacturing Hall of Fame, 2006
- International Snowmobile Hall of Fame, 1994
- Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame, 1993
- International Snowmobile Racing Hall of Fame, 1989
- Canadian Business Hall of Fame, 1979

10 Things You Need to Know About

Joseph-Armand Bombardier

Snowmobile

U.S. PATENT NO. 3,023,824

1. Bombardier was born in 1907 in Valcourt, Quebec, Canada.
2. He opened an automobile garage and machine shop in Valcourt in 1926.
3. Bombardier took night school courses in mechanics and electrical engineering.
4. A segment of Canadian Highway 55 was designated Autoroute Joseph-Armand Bombardier in 2004.
5. The Canada Post has issued three postage stamps in honor of Bombardier or his snowmobiles.
6. In 1979, he was named the first Quebecer and French-Canadian inductee in the Canadian Business Hall of Fame.
7. The International Society for Terrain-Vehicle Systems named Bombardier a fellow member for life in 1981.
8. Since the invention of the Ski-Doo® snowmobile, an estimated 136,000 miles of signed and maintained snowmobile trails in North America have been developed by snowmobile clubs and associations.
9. Bombardier's legacy is celebrated in his hometown of Valcourt at the Musée de l'ingéniosité J. Armand Bombardier and through the Fondation J. Armand Bombardier philanthropic activities.
10. He had 16 U.S. patents.