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Back in the 1950s, some hardy swashbuckling types grew fed up with the low-speed ski-lifts of the day, and instead launched the first motorcycle ski championships in the small Tyrolean village of Ehrwald.

A rope, a pair of skis and a motorcycle with spikes - that's all it took 60 years ago to let rip through the snow. There is, sadly, no record of the speeds attained in this unlikely sport, but we look back wistfully on these pictures, especially when we think about freezing our feet in the next queue for the ski-lift...

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