



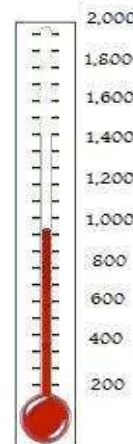
St. Helen Snowpackers

December Newsletter

2011

2010 MSA CLUB OF THE YEAR

Sled Raffle



Calendar of Events:

- 12/6 – Regular Tuesday Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 12/7, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28 – Club Workdays – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 12/13 – Snow Run Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm
- 12/17 – Regular Saturday Meeting – 10:00 am
- 12/17 – Fun Night/Christmas Party – 7:00 pm

Welcome New Members: John Brownfield, Kimberly & Jason Patterson, and Donald Piirala

Memberships: As of 11/25, Our 2012 memberships stand at 151 paid members in the Saint Helen Snowpackers Club.

Annual Dinner: Our Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner was held November 12th. Art Allen was named 'Snowpacker of the Year,' the 'Snowpacker Backer of the Year' was awarded to Grange Bell and Mark Constance of the Roscommon County Voice, and Jake Barton received a special award commemorating his 'brush with death' experience in the tractor. The piece of wood that launched through the tractor window was used to create a plaque that has been dubbed the 'Oh S**t' Award. Appreciation plaques were also awarded to Birgit Fenner, Ed McHugh, Russ Duke and Justin Plunkett for their past years of service to the club. It was a great evening of fun, fellowship and great food.

Sled Raffle: As of 11/25/11, we have **945** tickets sold. If you need more tickets to sell, contact one of our Board members and we'll make sure to get you set up. We need to account for every ticket we had printed, so please remember that you'll need to return any tickets you haven't sold along with the stubs and money from tickets you have sold. We need to have the unsold tickets returned by the first week of January, and they can be returned to the Club's PO Box 514, St. Helen MI 48656.

Trails: Our volunteers have been busy out there working the trails to get them in shape for the snowmobile season. There's still work to be done and we can always use more workers. If you are available and would be interested in helping out, give one of the board members a call and we'll gladly welcome you aboard!

Christmas Baskets: Twelve Thanksgiving baskets have been distributed and we are now collecting non-perishables for Christmas baskets. You can bring your donation to the Clubhouse at one of our events, or drop it off at BS Liquor. We are coordinating our efforts with the St. Helen Helping Hands organization and this year's needs are greater than ever.

Fun Night/Christmas Party: This year we'll be trying something new at our December Fun Night on Saturday, December 17th. Those who attend are asked to also bring a gift for exchange. Suggestions have been raised that the gifts be able to be given to a person such as yourself – men would bring a man's gift, women would bring a woman's gift. Another suggestion was that the gifts be 'white elephants' which could be a great deal of fun. We'll be discussing this more at our meeting on the 6th, so if you'd like to weigh in on the decision, be sure to come on by. You can also visit our Facebook page and let us know what you think.

Snow Run: The next meeting of the Snow Run Committee will be held on Tuesday, December 13th. The Snow Run is scheduled for the first weekend in February 2012, starting with the Friday Night Mystery Ride, the Snow Run ride on Saturday, and with the Radar Run on Sunday. There will be 5 pit stops, a 50-50 drawing, silent auction, door prizes and much more. And, of course, we'll be drawing the winner of the 2011 ArticCat Snowmobile. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Snow Run co-chairs, Art Allen (989) 389-7393 or Bob Bates (989) 701-7085.

Snowmobile Safety Class: The St. Helen Snowpackers' will hold a Snowmobile Safety Class on the first Saturday in December, co-sponsored by St. Helen Powersports. The class will be taught by certified instructors, and will last a good part of the day. We'll have cookies and hot chocolate for the morning break, but you'll need to bring a sack lunch. Pictures from the 2010 Safety Class are posted on our Facebook page. This is a FREE event, register at St. Helen Powersports, (989) 389-4961.



Merry Christmas!



Happy New Year!



Remember to visit our website and Facebook pages to keep up to date on our activities.

www.sainthelensnowpackers.com

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Helen-Snowpackers-Club/169025559777692>

Happy Birthday!!!
 Ron Atkinson, Jake Barton, Bill Chastain, Pete Graham, Harriet Hall, David Ketchem, Todd Kulkulski,
 Ken McAfee, Darryl Nieman, and Mark Skidmore

Happy Anniversary!!!
 Julie & Craig Charchan

We wish you many, many more.

St. Helen Snowpackers

President: Jake Barton – 810 397-0768 1st VP: Art Allen – 989 389-7393 2nd VP: Bob Bates – 989 701-7085
 Secretary: Connie Barton – 810 397-0768 Treasurer: Bev VanMeter – 989 389-2757
 Trustees: Gary Lund, Grange Bell, Cathy Simpson, Kevin Simpson

Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm, & the 3rd Saturday at 10am. Clubhouse telephone/answering machine: 989 389-4871

Business Members 2011-2012

Please frequent our members

St. Helen Area:		St. Helen Area:		Houghton Lake Area:	
BS Liquor Store	989 389-2757	Patrick's Pro Hardware	989 389-0055	Houghton Lake Trailblazers	989 366-4838
Cedar Inn/Back Door Pizza	989 389-7205	Second Generation	989 389-1810	Spicer's Boat City	989 366-8400
Century 21 - Connie Barton	989 389-2121	Sheffield Automotive	989 389-2200	Yardbird Outdoor Power Eqpt.	989 366-9778
Chuck's Tires	989 389-3960	St. Helen Chamber	989 389-3725		
Community Rehabilitation	989 389-7333	St. Helen Hardware	989 389-7288	West Branch Area:	
Compound Investments	989 389-7244	St. Helen Heating	989 389-4015	Ogemaw Hills Snow Club	989 473-3062
D & D Snowplowing	989 389-3743	St. Helen Iron & Metal	989 389-7767		
D & M Painting, Inc.	989 389-0771	St. Helen Power Sports	989 389-4961	Other Areas:	
Exit Realty - David Becker	989 389-1856	St. Helen Trout Pond	989 389-0306	Burghardt Carpet Service	810 686-1554
Firehouse Bar & Grill	989 389-1000	Standing Bear	989 389-7777	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969
First Bank	989 389-1311	The Decoy-Lamp Shoppe	989 389-4058	Charlevoix Dairy Grille	734 308-6122
Fultz Insurance	989 389-4948	The Peach Pit	989 389-1600	Graphics Galore	810 640-2249
Hen House Restaurant	989 389-3731	Trails End Motel	989 389-7929	Great Lakes Fireworks	586 779-8062
Interactive Development	989 785-0874			Impression Center Co., Inc.	248 597-0200
Lou's Unlimited	989 389-7350	Roscommon Area:		Missaukee Trail Blazers	231 328-4351
Malcolm's Tackle Box	989 389-2100	Rosco-Higgins Trail Cruisers	989 821-7926	Marsh's Lawn Care	248 360-9275
Nolan Fence	989 389-4803	Roscommon County Voice	989 598-7095	TK Interiors	989 823-3315

business members that are [underlined/blue](#) have websites – check our website soon for links (working).

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