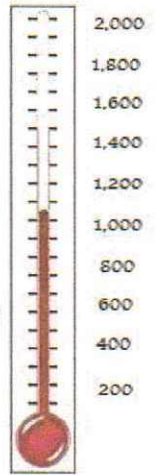




St. Helen Snowpackers
January Newsletter
2012

2010 MSA CLUB OF THE YEAR



Calendar of Events:

- 1/3 - Regular Tuesday Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25 - Club Workdays - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 1/5 - Snow Run Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm
- 1/21 - Regular Saturday Meeting - 10:00 am
- 1/21 - Fun Night - 7:00 pm

Welcome New Members: Casimir & Leona Obuchowski, and Maaco Collision Repair

Memberships: As of 12/17, Our 2012 memberships stand at 158 paid members in the Saint Helen Snowpackers Club.

Sled Raffle: As of 12/17/11, we have **1,010** 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. The usual group of Jake Barton, Bob Bates, Gary Lund, Ed McHugh and Dave Allen could sure use more hands out there. Whether you can help out for a few hours or for a couple of days, you would be most welcome!

Grants: We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a Summer Grant! The purpose of this grant will be to maintain the dual purpose trails (#6 and #69) throughout the warm months. The terms of the grant dictate that we have four trail work sessions at two days each. We are hoping to have two major trail workouts - one in the Spring closely after the snow season ends, and one in the Fall before snow season prep session. We'll also have two intermediate sessions throughout the Summer. Let's turn these 'workouts' into something special - a great excuse to get together and work the trails then relax at the Clubhouse with great food, fun and fellowship.

Christmas Baskets: Twelve Christmas baskets have been distributed to area families in need. Our thanks to everyone who helped make this another great year of giving. Special thanks to Kitty and Carl Tellefsen for their hard work in making sure the baskets were assembled and delivered again this year. We're lucky to have such great folks in our Club!

Snow Run: The next meeting of the Snow Run Committee will be held on Thursday, January 5th. 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' Snowmobile Safety Class was a great success! Instructors for the class were Art Allen, Bob Bates, Jake Barton, and Justin Plunkett. We had 14 participants which is not a bad turnout considering there was another class in the area on the same day.

First Aid & CPR Classes: We are fortunate to count among our members Justin Plunkett, a certified instructor for CPR and First Aid. Justin will be donating his time to our Club members in order to teach life saving measures. This will be a free class, and we'll have more information in upcoming Newsletters.

MSA Super Raffle is now underway. The drawing will be January 17th and tickets are available from the MSA and through our Club. Proceeds will go to the Michigan Snowmobile Education and Advancement Fund.



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!!!

Janice Adams, Dwane Armstrong, Janet Atkinson, Brian Beltz, Pamela Bobinac, Jeff Brehmer, Birgit Fenner, Robert Fenner, Mary Anne Glendenning, Kellie Golec, Herb Hayhow, Cheryl Henderson, Jay Henderson, Lee Kelley, Louise Kelts, Brian Kunnath, Brodie LaDuc, Robert Main, Lee May, Maureen Melchert, Jim Meininger, Sheila Parris, Heather Plunkett, Joyce Raymond, Michael Rossetto, Rob Schock, Desiree Scott, Daniel Seraphinoff, Harry Thurkow & Anthony Warrior

Happy Anniversary!!!

Bob & Joyce Bates, Vicki & David Malcolm, and Robert & Jennifer Wall

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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