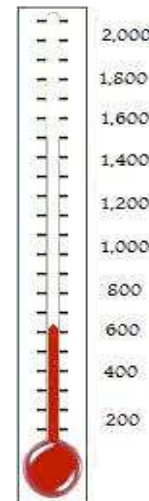




St. Helen Snowpackers
September Newsletter
2011

2010 MSA CLUB OF THE YEAR

Sled Raffle



Calendar of Events:

- 9/6 – Regular Tuesday Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 9/10 – 25th Anniversary Pig Roast**
- 9/17 – Regular Saturday Meeting – 10:00 am
- 9/17 – Adopt-A-Highway (follows meeting)
- 9/17 – Fun Night – 7:00 pm

VOTE: Board Elections were held August 20th, and your 2011-2012 Board is:

- President – Jake Barton
- Vice President – Art Allen
- Second Vice President – Bob Bates
- Secretary – Connie Barton
- Treasurer – Bev VanMeter
- 2 Year Trustee – Grange Bell
- 2 Year Trustee – Cathy Simpson
- 1 Year Trustee – Kevin Simpson
- 1 Year Trustee – Gary Lund (incumbent)

Memberships: As of 8/20, Our 2012 memberships stand at 63 paid members in the Saint Helen Snowpackers Club. Remember, memberships expire August 31st, so if you haven't renewed yet, please do so soon! WE NEED YOU in our club and will gladly welcome new members.

Activities: Summer continues to be busy for the Snowpackers!

- **ATV Jamboree** - The Snowpackers were out in force for the 3rd Annual ATV Jamboree held August 13 – 14. Our group was active in just about every event there – from the Sand Run to the Mud Bog, and also behind the scenes helping with the silent auction and refreshments. The weather could have been better, but spirits were high and everyone seemed to have a great time. We were proud to be a part of this great event that each year brings more outdoor enthusiasts to our area. Thank you! to the Chamber for allowing us to be a part of the fun.
- **Fun Night** – We had a good crowd for Fun Night on August 20th – Gary and Jake had the bonfire going fast; Bob, Connie, Joyce & Cathy played a target game with golf balls on a rope, and Jim & Sheryl Lyttle brought some tasty cupcakes by. The weather cooperated, we had good food and great company. Come to next month's Fun Night on the 17th and join in!
- **25th Anniversary Pig Roast** – we'll be having a BIG CELEBRATION on Saturday, September 10th to mark the 25th Anniversary of the St. Helen Snowpackers Snowmobile Club. The Pig Roast will be at the Clubhouse and will run from 10:00 am through 4:00 pm. We'll have vintage snowmobiles on hand as well as games for the kids (adults too), a bonfire and great food. If you know of anyone who was ever a Snowpacker member, we'd sure like to extend an invitation to them and bring them back for a great day of fun and fellowship. The Event is free, but there will be a small fee for dinner.

Sled Raffle: As of 8/20/11, we have over 600 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.

Grants: Some of you may be aware that we have a petition going around to gain support for our efforts to get a grant to maintain the trails during the summer months. As it stands right now, the trails are severely in need of grading – before any gravel can be put down and before the signing and brushing starts. The grading HAS to be done, and it will cost some serious money, which we've been told will come out of our snow trail fund. We don't want to see anyone hurt, and we are ready and eager to work those trails – please help us convince the DNR to award us a summer grant. Contact one of the Board members to find out how you can help.

MSA Events: Super Raffle Tickets are now on sale through our Club. September 23-24-25 - All Sports Show and Swap Meet at the US 131 Motorsports Park in Martin MI, with 22nd Annual Super Sled Shootout, and October 21-22-23 - Annual Convention at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac MI. This year's convention will hit on things that directly affect us, so your attendance is strongly encouraged – it's a great way to meet other clubs and have a great time. For information, visit www.msasnow.org

Groomers' Workshop: The Groomers' Workshop will be held at the Clubhouse on October 8th at 9:00 am. There will be classes on working the grooming equipment and those that successfully complete the course will receive a certification. Anyone who operates the grooming equipment must be certified, so we encourage all those who are interested to attend the workshop. More information will be made available as we get closer to the date of the event.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Groomer Coordinator please call Jake Barton at 989-389-7772 before 9/6/11.

Happy Birthday!!!

Joyce Bates, Cordula Becker, Larry Beemer, Art Beltz, Virginia Brzezinski, Cheryl Cox, Nancy Fultz, James Kage, Linda Kusian, Donna Quinn, Christine Seraphinoff, Rocky Skidmore, Jim Vandenboom, Darlene Vossen, & Glenn Waltz

Happy Anniversary!!!

Ken & Janice Adams, Art & Sally Allen, Lori & Paul Castelli, Birgit & Robert Fenner, Mary Anne & Darryl Glendenning, Desiree & Scott Marshall, Charles & Sheila Parris, Sandra & Michael Rossetto, and Rob & Shelly Schock

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

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

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