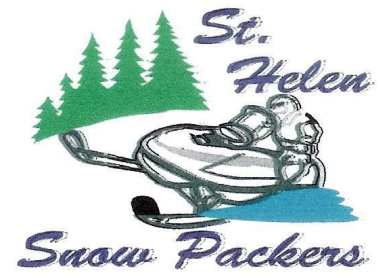


St. Helen Snowpackers

April Newsletter

2018



Calendar of Events:

Wednesdays – Weekly Club Workdays – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

4/14 No Snow Fun Run Meeting – 6:00 pm

4/14 Social Night at the Clubhouse – 6:30 pm

4/21 Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

4/21 Club Ride following Meeting (weather permitting)

No Snow Fun Run: We held our first official 2018 No Snow Fun Run meeting on Saturday, March 24th and are working out the details for this year's event. Our first summer fun run was held in 2016 and was a great success. Last year we had a snafu with changes in the State of Michigan administrative section, and were not able to get our license which would have given us the ability to charge for the ride and distribute prizes. We still held the run, without charge and without prizes, and were very happy to see all the folks who came out to enjoy the day with us. This year we're running full steam ahead, and are planning for a very big day. We'll once again be at the Pavilion at Richfield Township Park, and will hold the event on Saturday, June 9th. There will be honor system checkpoints on the trail with door prizes ranging in value from fun but inexpensive to some pretty high-end items. Tickets will be \$20 each and will include lunch and entry for door prizes. Checkpoint tokens will give riders a chance at gift card prizes. We'll hold a 50-50 raffle, and will also have our Show and Shine event which will once again be a People's Choice award. There will also be vendors set up to satisfy your shopping urges. Time is getting tight so be sure to mark your calendars. Our next No Snow Fun Run meeting will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, April 14th, right before Social Night begins, so we hope to see you there!



April Social Outing: Please join us at the Clubhouse Saturday, April 14th for our next Social Night. The Club is buying hamburgers and buns, and everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and also your beverage of choice. We'll start the evening with an update of where we're at with the planning for our No Snow Fun Run, then will have our eats and get our games on. If weather permits, we'll have some outdoor games, and as always, cards, dice and the Wii.



Trail Brushing: Well, there's no more waiting until September to begin trail brushing activities. We've been given the go ahead to spread the work out all summer long instead of cramming it all in at the end of the season. We're hoping that by hitting the trails throughout the warm season we'll get more involvement from our members (and others), and won't burn out the crews. We'll probably start hitting the trails in May, once the growth gets established and we can see where the problem areas will be. This year we'd like to clear back a bit more so that once an area is done, it will be good for a couple of years. This increased attention now will pay benefits down the line, and we welcome any and all who would like to come out and help. We'll have lunch on the trail for the crews and always manage to have a good time while we're out there. Come to our April meeting and find out how you can get involved. New faces are always welcome.

April Monthly Ride: We'll be hitting the trails following our April meeting on the 21st, and the weather and group vote will decide where we're going that day, but unless conditions are unsafe we WILL be going for a ride. If it's not a great day we'll plan a short ride and perhaps meet back in town (Hen House?). We're going to keep a close eye on the forecasts, and will hopefully have an action plan by our get-together on the 14th. In either case, we hope you'll make it to the meeting and plan on hitting the trails with us afterward. Wherever we go, we'll have a great time. Come on along and join in on the fun!

New Wearables: We're working on getting new items with updated artwork featuring our retro patch artwork which has been on display in the Clubhouse for years. We hope to have t-shirts/jackets/hats ready by our No Snow Fun Run, so stay tuned for more info...

Online Trail Reports: We're now posting our trail reports online at several different sites, including the Club's website and Facebook pages, the MSA website at http://trails.msasnow.org/trail_conditions/traildetail.asp@Key=2661, and also on the Fishweb site at <http://www.fishweb.com/recreation/snowmobile/reports/snow-sainthelen.html>.

Meeting Notes are Now Available On Line: You can read them at <http://www.sthelensnowpackers.blogspot.com>.

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!!!

1-Charles Parris; 3-Nik Banda; 3-James Lorenz;
 4-Barb Chisholm; 8-Ray Erickson; 14-Ken Kruzmanowski;
 16-Marjorie Lorenzon; 17-Gary Lund; 22-Christine Lovejoy;
 27-Ray Willey; 28-Len Balutis; 28-Bob Geary;
 28-Bob Robilliard; & 29-Grange Bell



Happy Anniversary!!!

27-Al & Barb Chisholm

We wish you many, many more.

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