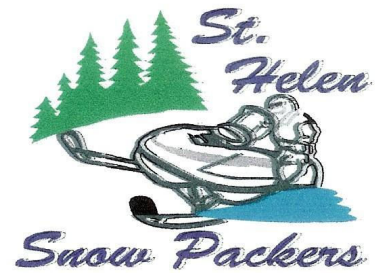


# St. Helen Snowpackers

## August Newsletter

### 2018



### Calendar of Events:

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

8/4 – Social Night –

8/11 – ORV Jam

8/18 – Regular Meeting – 10:00 am – **ELECTION!**

**Membership:** The new membership year is beginning. A membership application is included with this month's newsletter. Please mail in applications and renewal fees to the P.O. Box, or drop them off at the Clubhouse (mail slot in door). Better yet – come to the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> and renew then! We'd be glad to see you.

**Trail Brushing Equipment:** The State has approved our request for an amendment to our grant, and we will be getting some much needed repairs to our drags. The repairs include steel hydraulic lines, sandblasting and paint, new side rails and blades. We've been very careful with our equipment and the DNR is pleased with our maintenance program. This helps us both on the trail and when we make requests, and we couldn't do it without the hard work of our volunteers.

**Trail Maintenance:** We've had some wild weather this year, including a wind storm in the middle of July. A large tree came down across Trail 6 and the crew headed out to get it cleared. Thanks to Scott Nestle, Rob Preston and Rick Eskelson for their quick work getting it cleared.

**ORV Jam:** The St. Helen ORV Jam organization will host their third annual event August 11<sup>th</sup>. Pre-registration and a Show & Shine event will be on Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday will be the main event with Sand Runs and the Mud Bog. Classes are \$10 each plus a non-perishable food item benefiting the WeCare Food Pantry. There's no charge to watch the event, but spectators are encouraged to make a non-perishable food donation to WeCare. They are also holding raffles during the event, and have said that Raffle proceeds will benefit the St. Helen Snowpackers and other local organizations. Isn't that great? We hope you'll be able to come up and enjoy the show.

**Board Votes:** Voting will take place at our August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. All current members are eligible to vote and you must be present to cast your vote so we encourage you to attend. The nominations are:

- **President:** (vote for one): Scott Nestle
- **Vice President:** (vote for one): Chuck Parris
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** (vote for one): Sheila Parris
- **Treasurer:** (vote for one): Carolyn Nestle
- **Secretary:** (vote for one): Cathy Simpson
- **2 Year Trustee:** (vote for two): Steve Karch, Shirley Karch, Ray Wlosinski
- **\*1 Year Trustee:** (vote for one): Kevin Simpson

\*Trustees: We usually have two 2-year trustee positions voted on each year. This year Pat Kelly, one of our 2-year trustees, stepped down and left a vacancy on the remaining term of his position, but continues to serve as an active member of the club – which we are very grateful for. Kevin Simpson accepted the nomination to finish out the remainder of this term.

**U.P. Get-Away Raffle #3:** Our new raffle will be drawn at our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Run on February 9, 2019. The prize package includes 3-nights stay at **White Pine Lodge** in Christmas, \$50 gift certificate to **Foggy's Steak House** in Christmas, \$50 gift certificate to **Brownstone Inn** in AuTrain and \$500 travelin' cash. Tickets are \$10 each, and only 500 will be sold. Tickets are available now. Please contact a board member if you'd like to sell a block, or to buy some for yourself.

**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](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.sainthelensnowpackers.com)

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





**Happy Birthday!!!**  
 14-Harley Burpee; 27-Ron Grobbel;  
 28-Steward Miller; and 30-Cathy Simpson



**Happy Anniversary!!!**  
 14-Charles & Margaret Timmons;

We wish you many, many more.

**St. Helen Snowpackers**

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 Vice President: Chuck Parris – 248 766-9454 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sheila Parris – 248 766-9454  
 Secretary (Interim Treasurer): Cathy Simpson – 989 389-7235  
 Trustees: Pat Kelly, Rob Preston, Carolyn Nestle & Kevin Simpson

Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10am

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**Business Members 2017-2018**

**Please frequent our members**

<b>St. Helen Area:</b>		<b>St. Helen Area:</b>		<b>Other Areas:</b>	
C & C Powersports	248 520-6281	St. Helen Lake Association	No Phone	Bay City Sledgers	No phone
Chuck's Tires	989 389-3960	The Peach Pit Restaurant	989 389-1600	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969
D & D Snowplowing	989 389-4058			Charlevoix Dairy Grille, LLC	734 308-6122
Firehouse Bar & Grill	989 389-1000	<b>Roscommon/West Branch:</b>		Houghton Lake Trailblazers	989 387-5437
Great Lakes Fireworks	586 779-8062	Northern Lakes Properties – Connie Barton	989 281-1700	Marty's Dairy Grille (E Jordan)	734 308-6122
Hen House Restaurant	989 389-3731	Ogemaw Hills Snow Club	989 473-3062	Missaukee Trail Blazers	231 328-4351
Second Generation Barber Shop	989 387-3902	Ogemaw County Voice	989 745-8355	Sanilac Career Center, Sanilac ISD, Engineering & Design Program	
St. Helen Chamber of Commerce	989 389-3725	Rosco-Higgins Trail Cruisers	989 821-1290		
St. Helen Power Sports	989 389-3725	Roscommon County Voice	866 364-8099		

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