

St. Helen Snowpackers

December Newsletter

2018



Calendar of Events:

- 12/15 – Regular Meeting – 10:00 am
- 12/15 – Trail Ride following the meeting (weather permitting)
- 12/31 – New Year's Eve Celebration – 7:00 pm - ???

Trails: The crews were out working hard this Fall getting ready for the snow season. We had our DNR ride-along inspection in mid-November and Rob Preston and Chuck Parris finished up brushing activities Sunday (11/17) and got some much needed grading done while Scott Nestle and Max Somerville completed the signing repairs on Friday (11/23). We had a lot of great help this year, and want to give a special shout out to Ray Wlosinski and Kevin Simpson for their continued labors, and to Steve Karch and Chris Hannahs for jumping in full steam during their first year with the Club. We've had other folks jumping in and lending a hand throughout the season, but this core group really worked their tails off and we couldn't have done it without them.

Grooming: The Snow Season will be opening soon, as long as we get some snow! Our groomers this year include Rob Preston, Lloyd Durfy, Al King, Rick Esckelson, and new this year, Steve Karch and Chris Hannahs. If you're interested in joining the grooming crews, give one of the Board members a call and find out what's involved.

Annual Meeting and Dinner: The Annual Dinner was well attended this year with 32 folks enjoying good food (thanks to Jen and the group from Hen House), We had a spirited round of Snowpacker Bingo which was a lot of fun with prizes for everyone. The Annual Awards for 2018 included:

- Snowpacker of the Year: **Max Somerville**
- Snowpacker Backer of the Year: **ORV Jamboree Organization**
- OH SH*! Award: **Kevin Simpson** "Mirror, Mirror on the Jeep"

New Year's Eve: We would like to invite you to the St. Helen Snowpackers' Clubhouse on New Year's Eve for some fun and games, starting around 7:00 pm. Bring a snack to share and whatever you want to drink. We'll have a few card games going, and are open to new games if you want to bring something in for us to try. We'll ring in the New Year in stages for those folks who want or need to head home. Whether you spend the evening with us or out and about, we hope you have a safe and happy New Year, and that we'll see you out on the trails soon.

Snow Run: Our 17th Annual Snow Run will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2019. There will be a few new twists for this year's event – one thing you can count on is having lunch on the trail, but the location of the Lunch Wagon will be switched up to be more accessible. We are asking for your help in getting items for the Silent Auction and door prizes. Come to the December 15th meeting and learn more.

U.P. Get-Away Raffle #3: Our new raffle will be drawn at our 17th 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, and also on the Fishweb site at <http://www.fishweb.com/recreation/snowmobile/reports/snow-sainthelen.html>.

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/16902555977692>



Photo credits: Signing – Scott Nestle; Annual Dinner – Melissa Preston; Jim Meininger & Rob Preston on the Tucker – Paul Lipiec



Happy Birthday!!!
 1-Lesia Hannahs; 14-Mary Ann Straty;
 17-Chris Hannahs; 19-Daniel Straty;
 and 21-Nancy White



Happy Anniversary!!!
 8-Scott & Carolyn Nestle

We wish you many, many more.

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Meetings are the 3rd Saturday at 10am

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Business Members 2018-2019

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BS Liquor Store	989 359-2757	St. Helen Lake Association	No phone	Northern Lakes Realty – Connie Barton	989 281-1700
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