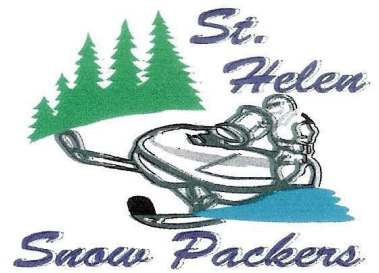


St. Helen Snowpackers

February Newsletter

2018



Calendar of Events:

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

2/3 Snow Run Meeting – 6:00 pm

2/3 Social Night at Snowpackers Clubhouse – 6:00 pm

2/9-2/10 16th ANNUAL SNOW RUN

2/17 Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

2/17 Club Ride following Meeting (weather permitting)

Welcome New Members: We've had some new members joining over the past few months... Dale Smith (of Metamora and St. Helen), Dan & Mary Ann Straty (of Gahanna, Ohio), Steve Brockway (of Eastpointe & Roscommon), Jim & Ruth McWilliams (of Westchester, Ohio and Gladwin), and Sanilac Career Center, Engineering & Design Program (of Peck, MI). Welcome All!

Wertz Warriors: The Annual Wertz Warriors endurance ride made its way through St. Helen on Monday, January 29th. We weren't able to have snow for the group, but we welcomed them at the Clubhouse with coffee, cocoa and cookies, and more importantly, with donations received through our local businesses over the past several weeks. The St. Helen Chamber of Commerce donated \$200.00, local businesses kicked in \$200.00, and the Snowpackers donated \$200.00. Participating businesses included The Peach Pit Restaurant, Cedar Inn/Backdoor Pizza, American Legion Post 416, Hen House Restaurant, and BS Liquor Store. The Wertz Warriors 37th Annual Snowmobile Endurance Ride raises money for the Special Olympics Michigan Inc.'s State Winter Games.



Trail Conditions: The weather sure has done a number on our trails, which directly affects our finances. With no snow to groom, we've had a very poor year so far. Our last groom was on January 6th, and the conditions have certainly not improved. We've had some needed repairs done to the grooming equipment, so we'll be in good shape when the snow hits, but we really need to get grooming and generate some funds. The Snow Run is coming up in a couple of weeks, and it's looking like the Pit Stop traffic will be from wheeled traffic, not sleds.

16th Annual Snow Run: We're all set for our Snow Run on February 9th & 10th, and have been getting the word out that we'll be running the event, snow or no snow. All pit stops are accessible by road, so if the snow doesn't come, we'll still have a great day. We've got Jim & Sheryl Lyttle of St. Helen Power Sports coming Friday the 9th, with their world famous Cider & Donuts. Tickets will go on sale at the Clubhouse on the 9th from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm, and then on the 10th from 10:00 am until Noon. Advance tickets are available at local businesses throughout St. Helen. We're still hoping for some snow, and will hold the Mystery Ride on Friday if we can. We've got some great door prizes, there will be Pit Stop cash prizes, and 50-50 raffles throughout both days. The Silent Auction will run on Saturday until 5:00 pm. A flyer is enclosed and we hope you'll spread the word. More importantly, we hope to see YOU at the Snow Run!



Monthly Rides: The Snowpackers will be hitting the trails ALL YEAR LONG with rides following each of our monthly meetings on Saturdays, whenever the weather permits. Look for rides on our local trails, in our neighboring systems, and also for rides stretching out a bit farther. Most rides will have a destination in mind such as Trails End Pub in Leota, Clear Lake Bar, Lost Creek Sky Ranch, and more. Got a suggestion? Let us know!

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-Pat Kelly; 1-Brandon Terwilliger;
 4-Karen Beltz; 7-Jan Waltz;
 14-Ray Wlosinski; 24-Chris Lorenzon;
 26-Jim Clark; 27-Mark Constance;
 28-Dave Becker; 28-Kevin Fisher and 28-Robert Preston



Happy Anniversary!!!
 20-Robert and Melissa Preston

We wish you many, many more.

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BS Liquor Store	989 389-2757	St. Helen Power Sports	989 389-4961	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969
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