



# St. Helen Snowpackers

## January Newsletter

### 2018



#### Calendar of Events:

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

12/29 Snow Run Meeting – 10:00 am

12/31 New Year's Get Together – 7:00 pm - ???

1/13 Social Night at Logger's Depot – 6:00 pm

1/20 Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

1/20 Wertz Warriors!

**New Year's Bash:** Join us on New Year's Eve at the Clubhouse to ring in 2018 Snowpacker style! Bring your beverage of choice, snacks and be ready for some fun. We'll start the evening around 7:00 pm and will let the Ball drop in stages, starting at 9:00 pm for anyone wishing to make an early night of it. Card games, dice and of course the Wii will be set up. Come in by road or trail – you'll be welcomed!

**Snow Run - Sweet Sixteen Edition:** Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Run will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. As always, weather permitting we'll have the Friday Night Mystery Ride starting from the Clubhouse at 6:00 pm on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Jim and Sheryl Lyttle of St. Helen Power Sports will be on hand Friday evening with their 'World Famous' Cider and Donuts, and Snow Run

tickets will be on sale from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. The Snow Run itself begins at 10:00 am on Saturday.

Lunch will be served on the trail at the Lunch Wagon, and there will also be Eats at the Clubhouse.

All pit stops will be accessible by road and trail, and each will have a cash prize payout. With several chances for pit stop prize money, and the Silent Auction back at the Barn, it's sure to be a fun weekend. Visit our Facebook page and come to our January meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> to learn more. We hope to see you there!



**Trail Protections:** There's logging activity on Trail 69, so please be careful out there. The loggers are under regulations to keep the trails open to snowmobile traffic, and the DNR is serious about enforcement. Wheeled traffic has been an issue for years, and with the rules being changed people are more confused than ever. The upshot of it is that we need to turn a careful eye to our system, and keep the DNR informed of any issues we encounter. If at all possible, take pictures of any problem areas you come across and send them in either to our Facebook page, or by email to [Snowpackers@charter.net](mailto:Snowpackers@charter.net). You can also inform our DNR representative, Randy Hartman, at the Roscommon post. Our goal is to educate, not enforce so we are asking for as much information and documentation as we can get to give to the people who will take appropriate action. We all need to share the trails responsibly so everyone can enjoy their seasons.

**Grant Update:** The 2018 summer season is already in the bag for the Snowpacker trail maintenance crews. Our contract has been extended through September 2019 for a two-year period instead of the usual annual renewal – they must like the job we're doing out there. The summer season itself has also been extended which means that we can get an earlier start. This means we'll have a longer period to keep the trails in better condition through the season that traditionally sees the most damage, giving us an opportunity to get ahead and stay ahead. We'll be able to do brushing activities all year instead of just in the Fall, which will give our people a break and hopefully bring in more volunteers throughout the year.

**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!!!**  
 4-Rick Eskelson; 4-Herb Hayhow;  
 8-Sheila Parris; 11-Lee Kelly;  
 12-Darryl Fistler; 13-Brian Beltz; 13-Amy Kostal;  
 14-Scott Nestle; 15-Heather Plunkett and 21-Janice Adams



**Happy Anniversary!!!**  
 23-Dave & Margie Crompton; and  
 27-Bob and Joyce Bates

We wish you many, many more.

### **St. Helen Snowpackers**

President: Scott Nestle – 989 621-3124  
 Vice President: Chuck Parris – 248 766-9454    2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sheila Parris – 248 766-9454  
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 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>	
Benjamin Realty – Connie Barton	989 389-2121	St. Helen Chamber of Commerce	989 389-3725	Bay City Sledders	No phone
BS Liquor Store	989 389-2757	St. Helen Power Sports	989 389-4961	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969
C & C Powersports	248 520-6281	St. Helen Lake Association	No phone	Charlevoix Dairy Grille, LLC	734 308-6122
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