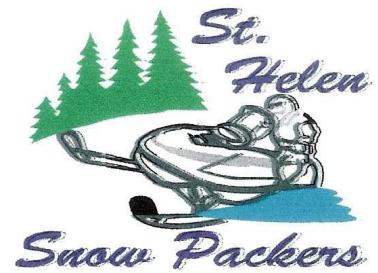




St. Helen Snowpackers

March Newsletter

2018



Calendar of Events:

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

3/3 Social Night at Clear Lake Bar – 6:30 pm

3/17 Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

3/17 Club Ride following Meeting (weather permitting)

16th Annual Snow Run: The weather cooperated, just barely, for our Snow Run on February 9th & 10th. Jim & Sheryl Lyttle of St. Helen Power Sports started us off right on Friday evening, bringing their hot Cider and fresh made Donuts. Ticket sales were slow until Saturday morning as folks were waiting to see what the weather would do. The Mystery Ride did not happen Friday night, although there were a few riders who were hoping it would. Unfortunately, our ride leader (Rob Preston) had a double-whammy with his sled being put out of commission, and then being called to groom the Houghton Lake trail from a last minute directive from the DNR. All 50-50 raffle tickets were claimed, door prizes given, and the Silent Auction was a great success with some pretty great items being offered. We ended up with 123 Snow Run tickets sold, and along with the money from the raffles, Silent Auction, cookie sales and odd donations, we ended up at about \$2,000 to the good for the event. More importantly, we got to see a lot of new faces, and also folks we haven't seen in a while. It was a great day and we're very grateful to everyone who participated, from the workers to the folks who came out to share the day with us. We hope that everyone had as much fun as we did, and we are looking forward to doing it again next year. Big thanks go to our sponsors:

- Jim & Sheryl Lyttle, St. Helen Power Sports, LLC, St. Helen
- Ogemaw Hills Snow Club, Rose City
- Lakeside Motor Sports, Mecosta
- St. Helen Hardware, St. Helen
- Wojey Automotive, Roscommon
- Spicers Boat City, Houghton Lake
- Klimmek Sales & Services, Inc., Mio
- Recker Motor Sports, Inc., Mt. Pleasant
- Hen House, St. Helen
- Ma Deeters, Luzerne
- Luzerne Express, Luzerne
- Clear Lake Bar, West Branch



Special Notice About our March Meeting: The third reading of our Bylaws revision will take place at the March 17th meeting, and we'll hold our vote to accept the change. Following an expected passing of the revised article, the Bylaws will be signed by the President, Vice President, and Second Vice President. Curious? Come to the meeting and find out what's going on. If the weather permits, ride your sled in and hit the trails with us after the meeting.

March Social Outing: Please join us at Clear Lake Bar & Grill on Saturday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm. It usually gets pretty crowded, so give Bev VanMeter or Cathy Simpson a call and we'll try to save a seat for you.

Upcoming Events: Watch for news about our 2018/2019 events, which include our No Snow Fun Run (June 9, 2018), and our U.P. Get Away Raffle (to be drawn at our 2019 Snow Run). More information will be coming soon!

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 like Trails End Pub in Leota or Clear Lake Bar. 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-Ken Adams; 1-Albert King; 3-Arden Grove;
 10-Bev VanMeter; 12-Barbara Wlosinski;
 19-Robert Keller; 22-Lisa Jammer; 23-Carol Piirala;
 25-Jim Massnick; and 28-Carolyn Nestle;



Happy Anniversary!!!
 None this month

We wish you many, many more.

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 Vice President: Chuck Parris – 248 766-9454 2nd Vice President: Sheila Parris – 248 766-9454
 Secretary: Cathy Simpson – 989 389-7235 Treasurer: Bev VanMeter – 989 389-2757
 Trustees: Pat Kelly, Rob Preston, Carolyn Nestle & Kevin Simpson
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Please frequent our members

St. Helen Area:		St. Helen Area:		Other Areas:	
BS Liquor Store	989 389-2757	St. Helen Power Sports	989 389-4961	Bay City Sledgers	No phone
C & C Powersports	248 520-6281	St. Helen Lake Association	No phone	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969
Chuck's Tires	989 389-3960	Trail's End Motel	989 389-7929	Charlevoix Dairy Grille, LLC	734 308-6122
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Firehouse Bar & Grill	989 389-1000	Ogemaw Hills Snow Club	989 473-3062	North Bloomfield Properties	248 366-8484
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