

Happy  
Thanksgiving!

## St. Helen Snowpackers November Newsletter 2018



### Calendar of Events:

Wednesdays – Weekly Club Workdays (and/or Brushing)

Saturdays – Trail Brushing

11/10 – Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation Dinner

**Welcome New Members:** As of 10/20/18, we have 90 paid members in our 2018/2019 membership year. Welcome to our newest members; Daniel & Mary Ann Straty of Gahanna, Ohio; Steve & Linda Brockway of Eastpointe; Mary Rosner-Benjamin Realty of Saint Helen; and Lee & Krystal Huntington-Kizzy's of Saint Helen. We're glad to have you in our group!

**Trail Conditions:** The trails heading East of the Clubhouse have been hit hard the past few months due to logging operations in the area. We are urging all riders to use extreme caution in the area, especially if you're traveling in less than full daylight. The logging company is responsible to repair damage to the trails, but while operations are underway there will be issues to watch for. We've seen some sections with wash-outs and some that are badly rutted. Please be careful out there.

**Trail Brushing:** The crews have been out every chance they've had and we are making headway with trail brushing and signing operations. There's still some work to do, as we were delayed due to the amount of repairs we had for **storm damage in late summer and early fall**. From November 15 through November 30 (rifle season) ORV use is restricted to the hours of 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, so we'll be using pick-up trucks only at that point. Anyone who is available to help would be most welcome.



### Annual Meeting and Member Appreciation

**Dinner:** We are pleased to announce that our Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Snowpackers' Clubhouse. Please join us for Happy Hour at 5:00 pm, followed by dinner catered by the Hen House Restaurant at 6:00 pm. Following dinner we will present our Annual Report and then have an evening of fun and games; Snow Stuff Bingo, card games, and of course the Wii will be set up for the kids (of all ages). We hope that you'll be able to join us! **Please R.S.V.P. to Cathy Simpson at 989-389-7235 by Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**DNR News:** Watch for new trail marker signs coming soon that will promote the DNR's upcoming "Ride Right Campaign" for safe riding on the trails, including new Confidence Markers and new signs for private property which will include "Stay on Trail" and wording that violations may result in lost trail privileges. The DNR is in the process of developing a video to educate the public about how permit fees are spent. Watch for upcoming videos which may feature photos or clips showing Clubs throughout the state, including ours! The videos will promote a **Did You Know?** campaign which will feature, amongst other items, facts like Michigan's snowmobile program is 100% funded by trail permit and registration dollars, and that it costs \$5.11 to groom one mile of trail, which

means that a \$48 trail permit pays for a single grooming for 9.4 miles of trail, and that permit dollars fund trail grooming and signage; bridges, culverts and grading; purchase of new equipment and insurance; trailhead maintenance; and much more.

**Snow Run:** Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Run is coming up in a few short months! We'll hold our first Snow Run meeting during our Annual Dinner on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll be setting up tasks, talking about sponsors and prizes, and discussing the route. Stay tuned for more information, or better yet, come to the meeting and see what's happening.

**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>.

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!!!**  
 7-Cindy Esckelson; 26-Kristi Fifield;  
 27-William (Greg) Cox; and 30-Steve Karch

**Happy Anniversary!!!**  
 8-Daniel & Mary Ann Straty;  
 & 26-Gary & Judy Downie



We wish you many, many more.

**St. Helen Snowpackers – 2018/2019 Board**

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

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**Business Members 2018-2019**

**Please frequent our members**

<b>St. Helen Area:</b>		<b>St. Helen Area:</b>		<b>Other Areas:</b>	
BS Liquor Store	989 359-2757	St. Helen Chamber of Commerce	989 389-3725	Bay Area Sledgers	No phone
Benjamin Realty-Mary Rosner	989 389-2121	St. Helen Lake Association	No Phone	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969
C & C Powersports	248 520-6281	St. Helen Power Sports	989 389-4961	Charlevoix Dairy Grille, LLC	734 308-6122
Chuck's Tires	989 389-3960	The Peach Pit Restaurant	989 389-1600	Houghton Lake Resorter	989 366-5341
D & D Snowplowing	989 389-4058			Houghton Lake Trailblazers	989 387-5437
Firehouse Bar & Grill	989 389-1000	<b>Roscommon/West Branch:</b>		Marty's Dairy Grille (E Jordan)	734 308-6122
Great Lakes Fireworks	586 779-8062	Northern Lakes Realty – Connie Barton	989 281-1700	Missaukee Trail Blazers	231 328-4351
Hen House Restaurant	989 389-3731	Ogemaw Hills Snow Club	989 473-3062		
Kizzy's	989 632-3623	Ogemaw County Voice	989 745-8355	Sanilac Career Center, Sanilac ISD, Engineering & Design Program No phone	
Northbound 222 (FB @northbound222) No phone		Rosco-Higgins Trail Cruisers	989 821-1290		
Second Generation Barber Shop	989 387-3902	Roscommon County Voice	866 364-8099		

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