



# St. Helen Snowpackers January Newsletter 2019



## Calendar of Events:

- 1/19 - Regular Meeting - 10:00 am
- 1/19 - Trail Ride following the meeting (weather permitting)
- 2/9 - Get Ready for our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Run!

**Memberships:** We currently have 95 paid memberships in our 2018/2019 year. Welcome New Members Arnie and Teresa Anderson of Saint Helen - we're glad to have you in our group!

**Trails & Groomers:** The orange drag is back from Dubie Fabricating of Gaylord and it looks great! The green drag is getting much needed repairs and will be back soon. Now all we need is snow!

**Grants:** The Snowpackers are again pursuing a grant to do Summer Trail Maintenance during the ORV season. This brings in much needed revenue to the Club, but more importantly, by the Snowpackers being responsible for maintaining the trails during the busy summer months we are able to keep the trails in better shape all year long. This makes it better for winter operations when we can concentrate on keeping the trails groomed for snowmobile traffic. Trail maintenance is a year-long job and we love it!



**SNOW RUN:** We're busy gearing up for our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Snow Run on Saturday, February 9, 2019. We've been listening to the comments and suggestions from past participants and are making the route longer. The lunch wagon will be out on the trail, but we're looking at a different location a little more accessible to everyone. So much depends on the weather, but if conditions are good, we will have the Mystery Ride on Friday night, and St. Helen Power Sports will once again be on hand Friday night with Jim & Sheryl Lyttle's cider and donuts. Local businesses will be out on the trail manning the pit stops. We'll have several 50-50 raffles throughout the event, along with cash pit stop prizes as well as door prizes and our Silent Auction. Come to the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and learn more.

**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. Prize redeemable any time between February 2019 and February 2020. Tickets are \$10 each, and only 500 will be sold. **Tickets are available now - contact a Board Member for yours today!**

**Curiosity Corner:** Here's a question we see a lot: Do Orv's have the legal right to use the official snowmobile trails in the State of Michigan during the official snowmobile season (Dec. 1 - March 31)? Here's the answer according to the **Michigan Snowmobile Association's** website, "Fact or Fiction" section:

*"Depends on where the trail lies...State land multi use, yes.....private property trails, no. ORV's, on state land in the lower you will only be legal on a designated ORV trail. However sometimes the ORV trails are snowmobile trails...in that case they are legal. In the UP on state land they will be legal on all land unless posted closed to ORV's. On Federal land again only on designated ORV trails and roads posted open." Go to: <https://msasnow.org/fact-or-fiction-you-asked-we-answered/> for more information.*

**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!!!**  
 4-Ricky Esckelson; 5-Jim Meininger;  
 8-Sheila Parris; 8-James VanScott;  
 11-Lee Kelly; 13-Brian Beltz;  
 14-Scott Nestle; 21-Janice Adams;  
 and 22-Ruth McWilliams



**Happy Anniversary!!!**  
 None this month

We wish you many, many more.

**St. Helen Snowpackers**

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 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>Roscommon:</b>	
BS Liquor Store	989 359-2757	St. Helen Lake Association	No phone	Northern Lakes Realty – Connie Barton	989 281-1700
Becker Real Estate LLC, David C.	989 942-1928	St. Helen Power Sports	989 389-4961	Rosco-Higgins Trail Cruisers	989 273-1052
Benjamin Realty – Mary Rosner	989 389-2121	The Peach Pit Restaurant	989 389-1600	Roscommon County Voice	866 364-8099
Chuck's Tires	989 389-3960				
Fultz Insurance Agency	989 389-4948				
Great Lakes Fireworks	586 779-8062	<b>Other Areas:</b>		<b>West Branch:</b>	
Hen House Restaurant	989 389-3731	Bay Area Sledgers	No phone	Ogemaw Hills Snow Club	989 473-3062
Kizzy's Donut Shop	989 632-3623	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969	Ogemaw County Voice	989 745-8355
No Limits Pizzq	989 389-7500	Houghton Lake Trailblazers	989 387-5437		
Sheffield Automotive Inc.	989 389-2200	Missaukee Trail Blazers	231 328-4351		
St. Helen Chamber of Commerce	989 389-3725	Northbound 222 Inc., Union Lake	No phone		

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