



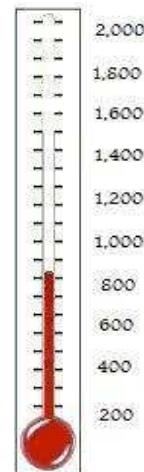
St. Helen Snowpackers

November Newsletter

2011

2010 MSA CLUB OF THE YEAR

Sled Raffle



Calendar of Events:

11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30 – Club Workdays – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

11/8 – Snow Run Committee Meeting – 6:00 pm

11/12 – Annual Meeting & Dinner – 6:00 pm

11/19 – Fun Night – 7:00 pm

11/25 – Christmas Parade

Welcome New Members: Bill & Carol Chastain

Memberships: As of 10/15, Our 2012 memberships stand at 142 paid members in the Saint Helen Snowpackers Club.

Annual Dinner: Our Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner **has been re-scheduled for Saturday, November 12th** at the St. Helen Snowpackers' Clubhouse. The Club will provide the meat and the rest of the dinner will be a potluck. The dinner is open to members of all ages. Please **RSVP by November 1st** by calling our Treasurer, Bev VanMeter at (989) 389-2757.

Groomers' Workshop: A Groomers' Workshop was held on Saturday, October 8th, given by Jake Barton and Gary Lund, and attended by Dave Allen, Bob Bates, Bill Chastain, Todd Kulkulski, and Jim Ruczynski. A recap of the workshop and photos have been posted on the Club's Facebook page. Welcome new Groomers! We are glad to have your help.

Sled Raffle: As of 10/15/11, we have **almost 800** tickets sold. If you need more tickets to sell, contact one of our Board members and we'll make sure to get you set up. We need to account for every ticket we had printed, so please remember that you'll need to return any tickets you haven't sold along with the stubs and money from tickets you have sold.

Trails: The brushing equipment has been started up and checked to make sure it's working properly. Brushing and Signing is scheduled each Saturday until the trails are complete, hopefully by the first of November. Meet at the Clubhouse at 9:00 am and be sure to dress warm and bring a lunch. Check our Facebook page for more information.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets: The Club is once again collecting non-perishables for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. You can bring your donation to the Clubhouse at one of our events, or drop it off at BS Liquor. We are coordinating our efforts with the St. Helen Helping Hands organization and this year's needs are greater than ever.

Snow Run: The first meeting of the Snow Run Committee was held on Tuesday, October 11th. The Snow Run is scheduled for the first weekend in February 2012, starting with the Friday Night Mystery Ride, the Snow Run ride on Saturday, and with the Radar Run on Sunday. There will be 5 pit stops, a 50-50 drawing, silent auction, door prizes and much more. And, of course, we'll be drawing the winner of the 2011 ArticCat Snowmobile. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Snow Run co-chairs, Art Allen (989) 389-7393 or Bob Bates (989) 701-7085.

Snowmobile Safety Class: The St. Helen Snowpackers' will hold a Snowmobile Safety Class on the first Saturday in December, co-sponsored by St. Helen Powersports. The class will be taught by certified instructors, and will last a good part of the day. We'll have cookies and hot chocolate for the morning break, but you'll need to bring a sack lunch. Pictures from the 2010 Safety Class are posted on our Facebook page. This is a FREE event, register at St. Helen Powersports, (989) 389-4961.

MSA Events: Super Raffle Tickets are now on sale through our Club; tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00 and the Club will get credit for the tickets we sell. October 21-22-23 - Annual Convention at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac MI. This year's convention will hit on things that directly affect us, so your attendance is strongly encouraged – it's a great way to meet other clubs and have a great time. For information, visit www.msasnow.org

Novi Snow Show: The Club is sending representatives to the SNOWMOBILE USA Show & Sale at the Suburban Collection Showplace on November 5th. This event will feature 2012 sleds plus clothing, accessories, trailers, performance parts, resorts, hotels, and scores of other snowmobile related products. Show times are Friday 5-10 PM, Saturday 10-8 PM, Sunday 10-4 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity to promote our Club and network with other snowmobile enthusiasts. For more information please visit www.snowmobileusa.com

Ski Doo Millions: The procedure this year is different than in years past. This year you need to go online and register instead of filling out a form and mailing it in. Please visit www.ski-doo.com/clubsupport2011/Home.aspx and fill out the online form to register. For each person from our Club that registers and notes the St. Helen Snowpackers Club, we will receive \$10.00. This is a great way to help the Club and we hope you will participate.

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>

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Happy Birthday!!!

Art Allen, Bob Bates, Ann Barton, Jaina Branoff, Betty Burghardt, William Cox, Rusty Cutcher, Lorna Kelly, David Malcolm, Vicki Malcolm, Bernadette Miskiewicz, Jane Muller, Jason Norman, Lynn Roberts, Aurelia Ruczynski, Sabrina Smith, Sylvia Taylor, Carl Tellefsen, Kitty Tellefsen, Brad Tice, and Kayla Vandenboom

Happy Anniversary!!!

Bridget & Jay Burroughs, Judy & Gary Downey, Marie & John Hudolin, Marilyn & Darryl Nieman, and Lynn & Joseph Roberts

We wish you many, many more.

St. Helen Snowpackers

President: Jake Barton – 810 397-0768 1st VP: Art Allen – 989 389-7393 2nd VP: Bob Bates – 989 701-7085
 Secretary: Connie Barton – 810 397-0768 Treasurer: Bev VanMeter – 989 389-2757
 Trustees: Gary Lund, Grange Bell, Cathy Simpson, Kevin Simpson

Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7pm, & the 3rd Saturday at 10am. Clubhouse telephone/answering machine: 989 389-4871

Business Members 2011-2012

Please frequent our members

St. Helen Area:		St. Helen Area:		Houghton Lake Area:	
BS Liquor Store	989 389-2757	Patrick's Pro Hardware	989 389-0055	Houghton Lake Trailblazers	989 366-4838
Cedar Inn/Back Door Pizza	989 389-7205	Second Generation	989 389-1810	Spicer's Boat City	989 366-8400
Century 21 - Connie Barton	989 389-2121	Sheffield Automotive	989 389-2200	Yardbird Outdoor Power Eqpt.	989 366-9778
Chuck's Tires	989 389-3960	St. Helen Chamber	989 389-3725		
Community Rehabilitation	989 389-7333	St. Helen Hardware	989 389-7288	West Branch Area:	
Compound Investments	989 389-7244	St. Helen Heating	989 389-4015	Ogemaw Hills Snow Club	989 473-3062
D & D Snowplowing	989 389-3743	St. Helen Iron & Metal	989 389-7767		
D & M Painting, Inc.	989 389-0771	St. Helen Power Sports	989 389-4961	Other Areas:	
Exit Realty - David Becker	989 389-1856	St. Helen Trout Pond	989 389-0306	Burghardt Carpet Service	810 686-1554
Firehouse Bar & Grill	989 389-1000	Standing Bear	989 389-7777	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969
First Bank	989 389-1311	The Decoy-Lamp Shoppe	989 389-4058	Charlevoix Dairy Grille	734 308-6122
Fultz Insurance	989 389-4948	The Peach Pit	989 389-1600	Graphics Galore	810 640-2249
Hen House Restaurant	989 389-3731	Trails End Motel	989 389-7929	Great Lakes Fireworks	586 779-8062
Interactive Development	989 785-0874			Impression Center Co., Inc.	248 597-0200
Lou's Unlimited	989 389-7350	Roscommon Area:		Missaukee Trail Blazers	231 328-4351
Malcolm's Tackle Box	989 389-2100	Rosco-Higgins Trail Cruisers	989 821-7926	Marsh's Lawn Care	248 360-9275
Nolan Fence	989 389-4803	Roscommon County Voice	989 598-7095	TK Interiors	989 823-3315

business members that are underlined/blue have websites – check our website soon for links (working).

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WWW.SAINTHELENSNOWPACKERS.COM

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