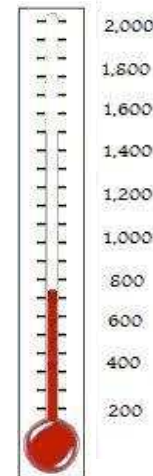




**St. Helen Snowpackers**  
**October Newsletter**  
**2011**

**2010 MSA CLUB OF THE YEAR**

*Sled Raffle*



**Calendar of Events:**

- 10/4 – Regular Tuesday Meeting – 7:00 pm
- 10/8 – Groomer’s Workshop – 9:00 am**
- 10/15 – Regular Saturday Meeting – 10:00 am
- 10/15 – Fun Night – 7:00 pm
- 10/29 – Trunk or Treat

**Memberships:** As of 9/18, Our 2012 memberships stand at 103 paid members in the Saint Helen Snowpackers Club. If you haven’t renewed yet, now’s the time. If you need any info on renewing your membership, or if you know of someone who would like to join, give one of the board members a call and we’ll get an information packet out.

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pig Roast:** The weather was picture perfect for the party, and the food was great. Grange and Jake did a great job cooking the pig, then Gary and Brian worked hard to get it pulled for the guests. Our workers inside were wonderful and the folks from St. Helen Powersports and Spicer’s Boat City brought in new models of ATV’s and snowmobiles. State Representative Bruce Rendon and Senator Darwin Booher were on hand to help us celebrate, and we were pleased to see some old friends stop by. It was a great day of fellowship, food and fun. Thank you to all who helped make it a very special day.

**Adopt-A-Highway:** The St. Helen Snowpackers have 2 miles on I-75, from about mile marker 223 to 225. Our group went out on Saturday, 9/17 after the meeting and cleaned debris. The weather was great and folks going by were supportive. Maybe we’ll see some new faces in the Spring for our next outing – let us know if you’d like to come along. You would be welcomed!

**Sled Raffle:** As of 9/18/11, we have **over 700** 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:** We’ve been working closely with the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources to get the trails in good shape for the upcoming snow season. Grading of the trails is happening early this fall, and brushing and signing are scheduled to be completed by the first part of November. Very soon all 56 miles of our snowmobile trails will become dual-purpose trails, being used by ATV’s and snowmobiles alike. Together with the DNR, the St. Helen Snowpackers will be working the trails throughout the year to keep them safe for snowmobiles and ATV’s alike. These trails are maintained through grants awarded by the State of Michigan, through the DNR, and cover the cost of equipment use and materials only. All labor is through volunteer effort – if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact us – we would be grateful for any way you can help. Pictures from 2010 Trail Brushing and Signing are posted on our Facebook page.

**MSA Events:** Super Raffle Tickets are now on sale through our Club. 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](http://www.msasnow.org)

**Groomers’ Workshop:** The Groomers’ Workshop will be held at the Clubhouse on October 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, and should run for a couple of hours. There will be a workbook and instructions on working the grooming equipment. Those that successfully complete the course will receive a certification. Anyone who operates the grooming equipment must be certified, so we encourage all those who are interested to attend the workshop.

**Annual Dinner:** Our Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for the first Saturday of November – this year that’s November 5<sup>th</sup>. We’ll be holding the dinner at the St. Helen Snowpackers’ Clubhouse. The Club will provide the meat and the rest of the dinner will be a potluck. We’ll be discussing this more at upcoming meetings and more information will be posted on our Facebook, website and in the next newsletter. We hope you can make it.

**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.

**Media Update:** The old website address has been discontinued. The new website is being updated, and links to our business members will be posted soon. If there is content you would like to see posted on Facebook or the website, please send an email to: [snowpackers@hughes.net](mailto:snowpackers@hughes.net). Below are links to our electronic media – we’d be glad for your input:

[www.sainthelensnowpackers.com](http://www.sainthelensnowpackers.com)

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Helen-Snowpackers-Club/169025559777692>

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**Happy Birthday!!!**

Cherlyn Allen, Connie Barton, Peach Burpee, Chris Carroll, Julie Charchan, Beverly Fistler, Julie Goodwin,  
Michelle Hancock, John Quinn, David Raymond, Joseph Roberts, and Marge Williams

**Happy Anniversary!!!**

Brian & Karen Beltz, Art & Helen Beltz, Jeff & Sharon Brehmer, Arden & Sharon Grove, Pat & Lee Kelly,  
Joe & Jane Muller, Sylvia & Marshall Taylor, and Charles & Charlene Warren

We wish you many, many more.

**St. Helen Snowpackers**

President: Jake Barton – 810 397-0768    1<sup>st</sup> VP: Art Allen – 989 389-7393    2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm, & the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at 10am.    Clubhouse telephone/answering machine: 989 389-4871

**Business Members 2011-2012**

**Please frequent our members**

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