

St. Helen Snowpackers

September Newsletter

2018



Calendar of Events:

Wednesdays – Weekly Club Workdays (and/or Brushing) – 9:00 am – ??

Saturdays – Trail Brushing – 9:00 am – ?? (9/8, 9/22, 9/29)

9/8 – Social Night – Firehouse – 6:00 pm

9/15 – Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

9/22 – Trail Ride to Leota – t.b.d.

Welcome New Members: The new membership year is underway and we're getting some new faces! Welcome to Steve Johnson of Cheboygan, John & Shirley Southway of Kimball, James & Margaret VanScott of Ray Township, and Maxwell Somerville of Columbiaville. We're glad to have you in our group!

Trail Conditions: The trails have seen a lot of traffic this summer. The drags have gone out throughout the season and Rob Preston cut the corners early on. Heavy traffic has knocked them back to their pre-cutting condition, but Rob will go out again before snow season starts. The trail to Roscommon has some rough sections that will require significant repairs and we are working on a special maintenance grant to get those repairs done. Rip-rap fabric is coming up in sections and there are some badly rutted areas. So be careful out there and keep an eye out for repair crews this Fall.

Trail Brushing Season: The first brushing crew hit the trails after our August 18th meeting, and will start up again following the Labor Day weekend, each Saturday (subject to weather). There will be some Wednesdays which will always begin at 9:00 am (check with Chuck Parris if you're available to see if there's a crew heading out). Only club members can use the saws, but all help is appreciated. A typical crew is a couple of saws going, and a couple of people throwing the brush off the trails and into the woods. Work shoes and gloves are all you really need to bring with you. Long sleeves and jeans aren't a bad idea either. We will provide lunch for the people that help out on the trail. Even though this is trail work and it takes a lot of people to get it done, it's not hard work and we do have fun. Please consider joining us – we ARE a fun group! You can send a private message through our Facebook page or contact one of the Board members if you'd like to help. Here's a list of the dates we have scheduled:

- September 8 – 9:00 am
- September 22 – 9:00 am
- September 29 – 9:00 am
- October 6 – 9:00 am
- October 13 – 9:00 am
- October 20 – 11:00 am-ish (after the meeting)
- October 27 – 9:00 am



Social Events: We'll be heading to the Firehouse in St. Helen on Saturday, September 8, at 6:00 pm. If you would like to join us, please contact a Board member so that we can save you a seat. Also, Scott and Carolyn Nestle will be hosting a ride to the Trails Inn Pub in Leota on September 22, and Snowpacker members are invited. Come to the Firehouse on the 8th, or come to our meeting on the 15th to get the details. We'd love to have you in the group – it will be F-U-N!!

Board Votes: The results from the Board election held at our August 18th meeting are in. Your 2018/2019 Board is:

- **President:** Scott Nestle
- **Vice President:** Chuck Parris
- **2nd Vice President:** Sheila Parris
- **Treasurer:** Carolyn Nestle
- **Secretary:** Cathy Simpson
- **2 Year Trustee:** Steve Karch and Ray Wlosinski
- ***1 Year Trustee:** Kevin Simpson

*Kevin Simpson will fill in the remainder of Pat Kelly's term as trustee. Pat will remain as an active member of the Club, lending her long time and much needed experience to the Board.

U.P. Get-Away Raffle #3: Our new raffle will be drawn at our 17th 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, 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.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Helen-Snowpackers-Club/169025559777692>



Happy Birthday!!!
 1-Dan White; 2-Cheri Cox; 4-James Mayne;
 15-Maxwell Somerville; and 30-Glenn Waltz



Happy Anniversary!!!
 10-Mark & Kristie Fifield; 16-Jim & Ruth McWilliams;
 18-Ken (Butch) & Janice Adams;
 and 30-Chuck & Sheila Parris

We wish you many, many more.

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President: Scott Nestle – 989 621-3124
 Vice President: Chuck Parris – 248 766-9454 2nd Vice President: Sheila Parris – 248 766-9454
 Secretary: Cathy Simpson – 989 389-7235 Treasurer: Carolyn Nestle – 989 621-3124
 Trustees: Rob Preston, Kevin Simpson, Steve Karch & Ray Wlosinski

Meetings are the 3rd Saturday at 10am

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Business Members 2018-2019

Please frequent our members

St. Helen Area:		St. Helen Area:		Other Areas:	
BS Liquor Store	989 359-2757	St. Helen Power Sports	989 389-4961	Bay Area Sledgers	No phone
C & C Powersports	248 520-6281	The Peach Pit Restaurant	989 389-1600	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969
Chuck's Tires	989 389-3960			Charlevoix Dairy Grille, LLC	734 308-6122
D & D Snowplowing	989 389-4058			Houghton Lake Trailblazers	989 387-5437
Firehouse Bar & Grill	989 389-1000	Roscommon/West Branch:		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		
Second Generation Barber Shop	989 387-3902	Ogemaw County Voice	989 745-8355	Sanilac Career Center, Sanilac ISD, Engineering & Design Program	
St. Helen Chamber of Commerce	989 389-3725	Rosco-Higgins Trail Cruisers	989 821-1290		
St. Helen Lake Association	No phone	Roscommon County Voice	866 364-8099		

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