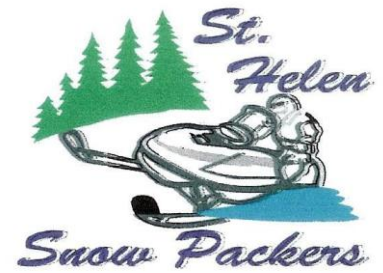


St. Helen Snowpackers

April Newsletter

2019



Calendar of Events:

- 4/13 – Social Night – 6:00 pm @ Logger's Depot
- 4/20 – Regular Meeting – 10:00 am
- 4/20 – Trail Ride following the meeting (weather permitting)
- 5/4 – ORV Safety Class (at the Clubhouse)

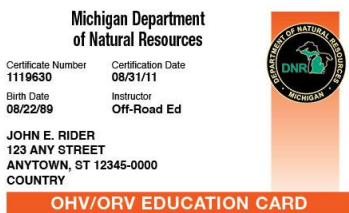
Summer Trail Work: The Snowpackers are submitting our application for a 2019 Summer Trail Maintenance grant. This means that we will once again be taking on the responsibility of maintaining the trails during the summer months which not only helps to provide a pleasurable riding experience for ORV riders, but is essential to laying the groundwork for our winter trails. Our groomers head out throughout the warmer weather to grade the trails, but because of the nature of the sand and underlying conditions, and depending on the amount of traffic the trails see at any given time, it doesn't take long for their hard work to all but disappear. Chatter-bumps, whoops, ruts, washouts and high corners all make for a rough ride. Sand is a lot harder on the equipment than snow, so we'll have increased maintenance during warm weather.

Clubhouse Woes: The heavy snow we got in late February and early March was great for the trails, but being followed by a warm-up and rain created a problem. The parking lot became a river that ran from the south end to the north end, running right around (and through) the Clubhouse. We've had a remediation company come out with industrial size dehumidifiers and have done what we can to get the moisture out. Our next step will be to see what repairs are needed to finishes inside. Ray Wlosinski has been busy with improvements to the ceiling and lighting, which thankfully were not impacted by any of the water coming in the building.

NO SNOW FUN RUN: Plans are underway for our big Summer event – the No Snow Fun Run (NSFR) – which will be held on Saturday, June 8th. The Event will be co-coordinated by Chuck Parris and Rob Preston. Shirley Karch will be running the Prize Raffle, and we're all set at the Pavilion at Richfield Township Park. We're still working on the details and will be discussing the Run at our meeting on April 20th so be sure to come to the meeting to learn more. The NSFR continues to grow bigger each year, and last year's event was a huge success. We're looking forward to another great run and hope you'll be able to join us.

Social Night: Our get-togethers have been growing and we hope that you will be able to join us on Saturday, April 13th at 6:00 pm at Logger's Depot in West Branch. Give one of our Board members a call or send us a message through Facebook and we'll save you a seat.

ORV Safety Class: We encourage our members to take advantage of this opportunity to learn, or refresh your memory, of safety tips and rules for riding the trails. Our own **Ray Wlosinski** is a certified instructor and will hold a safety class at the Clubhouse on Saturday, May 4th. Per State of Michigan DNR requirements, "riders 16 years old and younger riding on public or private land in Michigan must 1) take an approved ORV education course, 2) carry and ORV safety certificate and 3) have direct visual supervision by an adult at all times. The ORV safety certificate is proof that the individual has successfully completed all of the components of an approved ORV safety course. All other license and permits are required." So please share the news and get your kids certified.



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>

Photos: Summer Grading (September 2016); No Snow Fun Run (June 2017); Social Night at Logger's Depot (January 2017); Snowpacker Sign (August 2018)



Happy Birthday!!!
 1-Steve Johnson; 3-Nik Banda;
 16-Marjorie Lorenzon;
 28-Linda Brockway;
 28-David Fultz; and 29-Grange Bell



Happy Anniversary!!!
 4-David & Nancy Fultz

We wish you many, many more.

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