

St. Helen Snowpackers

March Newsletter

2019



Calendar of Events:

3/9 – Social Night – 6:00 pm @ Clubhouse

3/16 – Regular Meeting – 10:00 am

2/16 – Trail Ride following the meeting (weather permitting)

Memberships: We currently have 109 paid memberships in our 2018/2019 year. Welcome New Members Maxine Comerio of Eastpointe (& St. Helen); Rick & Pennie Gawne of St. Helen; and Ronald Wilson of St. Helen – we're glad to have you in our group!

Trails & Groomers: The Snow Dances have finally started working – and are working very well now. We had some great snow the week after our Snow Run which helped a lot. A nice icy base, followed by several days of consistent snowfall gave us great trail conditions that are keeping our fellas busy. We recently had our drags completely refurbished and have been putting them to work. The warm-up in late February did have an effect on the trails, but there's a good icy base so with a little luck and some more snow, we should be fine.

SNOW RUN SUCCESS: We may not have had a lot of snow for our 17th Annual Snow Run on February 9th, and it wasn't a large event even for current years, but we're calling it a success. We had 82 tickets sold, and between ticket sales, 50/50 Drawings, donations and the Silent Auction, we made \$1,684 after expenses. More importantly, there were no incidents or accidents, and those who participated gave good feedback. We had overwhelming support from area businesses who donated gift certificates and assorted prizes for both the Silent Auction and door prizes. We're grateful to our pit stop volunteers who included Jim & Sheryl Lyttle of St. Helen Power Sports, Joe Spurgeon of S&S Power Sports, Justin Plunkett and his Dirty Smoke of The 222 BBQ & Pizza, Melissa Randall-Sullivan for the ORV Jam group, and Brian Beltz for the Snowpackers. Our Club members came out in force to volunteer their time in the Clubhouse, at the pit stops, and everywhere in between.

U.P. Get-Away Raffle #3: The winning Get-Away ticket belonged to a very surprised Chuck and Sheila Parris. We'll soon be working on the next get-away, so if you've got some ideas, please let us know.

Social Night: Join us on Saturday, March 9th at 6:00 pm at the Clubhouse for our monthly social night. The Club is providing chili dogs, and you're welcome to bring whatever you'd like to drink. If the weather is working with us,



Trail Rides: We had a small group head out after our February meeting to take advantage of the good riding weather. Our newest member, Maxine Comerio, joined Ray Wlosinski, Steve Karch, Max Somerville, Scott Nestle and Rob Preston for a ride through the St. Helen and Ogemaw system trails. We're hoping for good conditions on March 16th, so if you're in the area and would like to join in, bring your sled to the meeting and stay afterward for a fun trip.

What's Next? Join us at the March 16th meeting when we'll start making plans for our upcoming 2019 No Snow Fun Run in June. Last summer's ride was a great success and we're looking forward to another fun event.

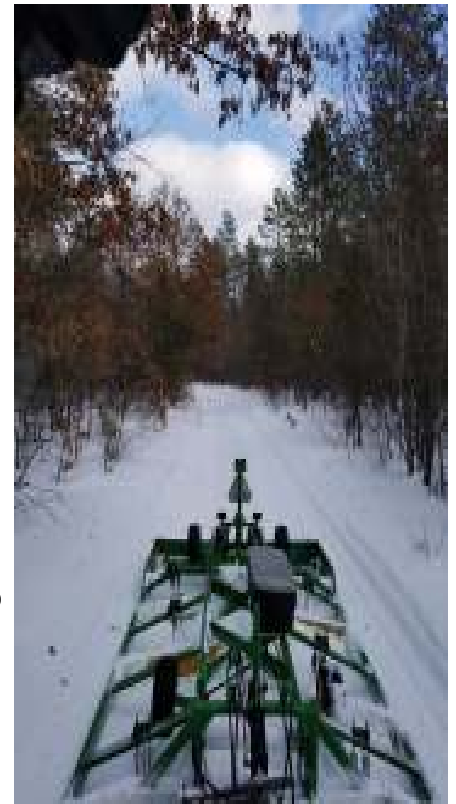
Online Trail Reports: We're now posting our trail reports online at several different sites, including the Club's website and Facebook pages, the MSA website at http://trails.msasnow.org/trail_conditions/traildetail.asp@Key=2661, and also on the Fishweb site at <http://www.fishweb.com/recreation/snowmobile/reports/snow-sainthelen.html>.

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/16902555977692>

Photo credits: Night Snow Groomer & February trail group - Scott Nestle. Day Snow Groomer – Ricky Esckelson





Happy Birthday!!!
 1-Ken (Butch) Adams; 1-Al King;
 10-Lee Huntington; 10-Bev VanMeter; 12-Barb Wlosinski;
 19-Robert Keller; 20-Robby Iseler;
 22-Jill Howard; and 28-Carolyn Nestle



Happy Anniversary!!!
 No anniversaries this month

We wish you many, many more.

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President: Scott Nestle – 989 621-3124
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 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:		Roscommon:	
BS Liquor Store	989 359-2757	St. Helen Lake Association	No phone	Northern Lakes Realty – Connie Barton	989 281-1700
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Fultz Insurance Agency	989 389-4948	Bay Area Sledgers	No phone	West Branch:	
Great Lakes Fireworks	586 779-8062	Cadillac Winter Warriors	231 768-4969	Ogemaw Hills Snow Club	989 473-3062
Hen House Restaurant	989 389-3731	Clyde's Frame & Wheel, Holly	248 369-1490	Ogemaw County Voice	989 745-8355
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