OHSC Wins MSA 2018 Club of the Year Award



OHSC wins Club of the Year Award for the third time.

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The Ogemaw Hills Snowmobile Club (OHSC) has done it again.

For an unprecedented three out of the last four years, the Michigan Snowmobile Association (MSA) has named the OHSC as Club of the Year for all its tireless efforts promoting the sport, increasing local membership, maintaining the county's trail system and its commitment to giving back to the community.

"It is a huge honor," said OHSC Secretary Carole Gerling. "We donate so many hours and it's nice to be acknowledged again by the MSA. We all put in months and months of hard work and dedication of a lot of people. The award is validating…we know we're doing it right."

The OHSC was founded in December 1967, dedicated to grooming the county's trail system. Currently, the OHSC has a membership of 152 families, who volunteer their time to groom roughly 105 miles year round for the purpose of ensuring the trails are safe and enjoyable to snowmobile enthusiasts.

The members do far more than just grooming, Carole said. On Trail 6, the OHSC has built a warming hut, a large fire pit with wood split and stacked to use, and very popular with the ladies, added porta-potties.

Carole encourages everyone to give snowmobiling a try.

“I love riding over the trails…it’s wonderful,” Carole said. “It gives me a sense of freedom and it’s so beautiful in the woods and so quiet and peaceful.”

The OHSC gives back to the community in many ways by supporting many local charitable organizations, Carole said, adding they were able to donate about $2,200 in the last year.

The recipients include Rachel’s Closet, Ana’s Treasures, Shop With A Cop, and the Eastern Michigan Food Bank. Additionally, they award a $500 scholarship to a graduating senior at Ogemaw Heights High School every year. The OHSC sponsors an athlete twice a year participating in the Area 4 Special Olympics and donates to the St. Joseph Catholic School yearbook fund.

“Why do we do this?” Carole asked. “It’s a part of who we are. We want to support the community.We just do it. We’re always looking for ways to support Ogemaw County.”

The group is always welcoming new members. For more information on the OHSC, visit www.ohsconline.com or on Facebook. You may also call Carole at 586-739-7221 or OHSC President John Hurry at 989-701-2805.

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