

THE BUZZ

January 2003

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, from what I'm sure for most of you was a happy but hectic Holiday Season! Being a new year, there are many resolutions out there; for instance mine is to go riding at least 3 times a week (the gym, riding...what's the difference?! I hope you all set your goals as high!! Anyway we've had a great start to the season, in fact so good some riders have said the trails are in midwinter form. Hopefully you've all had a chance to get out and enjoy an early season ride. The recent rain didn't help us but hasn't completely ruined the trails either. If the recent trails reflect what the season has in store for us, we should have another great season. Dave, Tim, and Jim keep up the good work!

For those of you that missed the last meeting we had a great time and a great turnout. Being only 4 days from having the trails open, riders were getting excited. One rider was so antsy he actually wore his suit and helmet to the meeting, in his vehicle...Thanks for the laughs Bob!! Officers from the Thunder Chickens were there with information on their curfewed trails. No, not all trails have curfews, as I have heard many people say. The trails that are affected are in the Quarry Hill and Orchard Terrace areas. You will see signs at intersections for curfewed trails. Please take the alternate route, as these trails (if used properly) may not have curfews in the future.

You may have noticed in the last issue of the VAST newspaper, that the Sno Bees had 1½ pages of advertisers from the Central VT area. I'd like to thank Brent Sleeper for taking the time to put that ad together and ask that you help support the local businesses, as they are supporters of the Sno Bees.

For any of you that have been to the Beehive lately you may have seen an old "drag" hanging on the wall. This was the first Sno Bees drag, built by early members of the club in 1973. Thank you John Black for putting that drag where it can be appreciated. As a past President of the Sno Bees, John continues to be active in meetings, rides, and other social events, as do many veteran members. In fact, Wayne Pelkey, also a former President of the club, recently responded to an article in the Legion Magazine. The article refers to the ban on snowmobiling in Yellowstone and its support by Rep. Rush Holt, D-NJ. Wayne's response was to clarify the outdated and distorted data that Mr. Holt's support was based on. Thank You Wayne for continuing to look out for the future of snowmobiling both here and nationally.

On Saturday, Dec. 7th Donald Bellavance certified 40 students during the snowmobile safety course. Then on the following day, he went to Groton and certified another 20!

Thanks Donald for a job well done! Donald asked me to thank the following businesses and individuals. Domino's for donating pizzas, Beverage Baron for donating soda, Quarry Hill Quick Stop for ice & paper products, Bonnie Holbrook, Marc Cote, Marie Lorenzini, and Mrs. Donald Bellavance for all their help!

Finally there are 113 members eligible for the cash drawing due to registering early on the Website www.snobeeds.com. The winner of \$200 will be drawn at the meeting on Wednesday evening. The new Website has been a great addition for the club. We've had over 2000 user visits and have well over 100 new members! Marc, Lauri, and Angela thanks again for all your efforts.

Calendar of Events

- ? Sunday Mornings @ Beehive..."Fun Rides"; destination to be determined each week. Leave Beehive at 9:30 A.M. (Info:Website)
- ? Saturday, February 8, 2003...Central VT Make A Wish Charity event @ the Music Club in Williamstown at 11:00 A.M. (Info: Brent@ 476-9960)
- ? Saturday, February 15, 2003...3rd annual Dinner/Raffle at the Music Club in Williamstown, cocktails @ 6:00 P.M. (Info: Randy@ 479-5059)
- ? Saturday, March 8, 2003...6th annual Poker Run beginning at Martin's Camp and ending at the beehive. 1st card drawn @ 9:30 A.M. (Info: Brent@476-9960)

Marc Cote (membership chairperson) asked me to write a reminder for email addresses if applicable, you can email them to membership@snobeeds.com. This would be greatly appreciated as it would save on our monthly newsletter costs, and ensure that you receive the newsletter in a timely fashion. I hope you are able to attend our monthly meetings and join us in one of our many scheduled events. I look forward to seeing both new and veteran faces. May you and your families have a Safe and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
President

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2003 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop
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