

THE BUZZ

January 2004

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH (Sept-April)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Well the snow came, then the rain did the same...but with patience I'm sure we'll get that one much-needed storm to make the trails perfect. I know that our grooming crew, Trail master Lionel, and a few other volunteers have been continuously working on the trails to make sure that the water holes will be passable when we do get that storm. If you've been watching our Website I'm sure you've noticed that Wayne Pelkey has updated the trail conditions weekly. He has been taking the time to write up a few paragraphs and has also been supplying us with pictures that Angela has been adding to the Website. Great job; Thanks to both of you. The following is a recent update from Wayne.

Conditions in whole central Vermont area are marginal at best with a lot of open water holes from all the rain of past week plus warm temperatures. Sno-Bees grooming crew have not been able to groom since last Friday because of lack of new snow and not wanting to disturb the still hard base.

The grooming crew has been busy filling in water/mud holes with logs and boughs with pallets where possible. Today, we trucked pallets to Bennett's Mill where Dave and Lionel were to haul up to the deep water bars on Butterfield -Groton trail 302; plan is to lay in small logs to enable water to continue flowing then put pallets on top for a temporary bridge later to be covered with dragged snow. All we need is some snow and drop in temperature and the holes "Will disappear." A lot of hard work so keep your patience and even better give us a hand! Many hands make a big job seem small.

While we're talking about trails, I need to once again remind some of our riders about respect to landowners and wildlife. I have received several calls from different landowners concerned about riders with lack of respect. Unfortunately we can't patrol all of our trails all the time and if this lack of respect continues we won't have to worry about it, because we won't have the trails! I've heard of riders chasing wildlife down the trails, and even going off the trail to chase wildlife. Also there is a place and time to use the power your sled is capable of, behind someone's house is not that place. I'd like to think that our adult riders would read this would respect all the hard work that all the volunteers have put into our wonderful trail system. I ask that parents will talk to their kids to remind them that riding on private land is a privilege and to please respect that privilege.

Now I get to write my favorite part of the newsletter, thanking all those who have given to the club over the past month or so. First I'd like to thank David Sprafke, from Granby, CT who purchased a new Husqvarna chainsaw for the Sno Bees. Next I'd like to thank Jim Thompson and his buddies from Massachusetts for coming up with a ½ month's rent

for the beehive or \$250.00. Also a big thanks goes out to Al Ladd and Ladd Construction for a \$100.00 donation. Finally I'd like to thank Brent Duff and his crew for donating their time in constructing new intersection signs. Thanks to all of you for helping out the Barre Sno Bees in your own way, this means a lot to the club!

From the Membership Chairperson – Hello everyone!! I hope you had a great Holiday Season and I hope you all have a wonderful New Year!!

I'd like to extend a **BIG WELCOME** to our new members this season. We appreciate your support. The club meets every second Wednesday of each month at the Hilltop Restaurant in Barre at 7:00 pm. We encourage all our members to attend and look forward to seeing you there! Please join us at our next meeting on January 14th.

If you have not gotten your TMA yet, there is still time. Our **Sno-Bee Guarantee** is in full swing. When you purchase your TMA from our Website, your TMA will be in the mail back to you on the **next business day!! GUARANTEED!!** All online applicants will be eligible for a drawing!! We will be drawing names and giving away 10 Sno-Bees hats at our February 11, 2004 Meeting!!

TMA Placement – Just a reminder that the TMA sticker goes on the left side of the cowl or left side of the windshield and must be visible. If your TMA is located on the tunnel it should be moved. If you need a replacement, please contact me.

If you are receiving this newsletter via US Postal Mail, please send me your email address so we can notify you when the newsletter has been posted on the Website. You can then read it online, or print it out, whichever you prefer. Send your email address to: membership@snobees.com. Thank you and see you at the next meeting!!

Grooming Information - We have been posting grooming information on our Website weekly. Thank you to Wayne Pelkey for providing this information and the pictures!

VAST TMA's and Sno-Bees memberships are also available at these fine businesses:

<p>Gilles Sales & Service 795 VT RTE 14 South East Montpelier, VT 05651 802-476-3101 www.gillesmarine.com Monday – Friday 8am - 7pm Saturday 8am - 4pm</p>	<p>Laquerre's Marine & Sports Center 1010 VT RTE 14 South East Montpelier, VT 05651 802-476-8199 www.laquerres.com Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm Saturday 9am - 3pm</p>	<p>Ms R.V. Sales & Service 5010 VT RT 12 Berlin, VT 05602 802-229-4741 Monday – Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday 9:30am - 5pm</p>	<p>Trow Hill Grocery 275 Hill Street Barre, VT 05641 802-476-1175 Monday – Friday 6am - 9pm Saturday 7am - 9pm Sunday 8am - 9pm</p>
<p>Guy's Repair Shop Outdoor Power Equipment Sales & Service 16 Brook St., Box 810 Barre, VT 05641 802-476-7502 Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm Saturday 8am – 12pm</p>	<p>The Hollow Inn & Motel 278 S. Main Street Barre, VT 05641 802-479-9313 1-800-998-9444 for Reservations www.central-vt.com/web/hollow/</p>	<p>T & J's SLED SHOP Todd Heath 21 Division St. Barre, VT 05641 (H) 802-476-8873 (C) 802-249-1777</p>	<p>Brookside Country Store 339 E. Montpelier Road Barre, VT 05641 802-476-5560 Hours Sunday 6:30 am - 8:00pm Monday-Sat. 6:00 am - 9:00pm</p>

Marc Cote – Membership Chairperson

Thanks, Marc. Being the middle of January, events are going to be popping up every week. The first will be the annual Central Vermont Snowmobilers “Make A Wish” Ride-In, which will be Saturday, February 7, 2004 at the Music Club in Williamstown. As always this is a huge event and is for a very good cause. If you'd like to buy a ticket for the snowmobile raffle (\$50.00), enter your kid in the 120cc oval race, put your sled against the best in the radar run, or simply come and enjoy the days activities, please contact myself at 476-9960 or Carol Hebert at 433-6284. The event begins at 11:00 A.M.

The Sno Bees will be holding their annual Dinner/Dance/Raffle on Saturday February 21, 2004 at the Music Club as well. This is a great time to come and enjoy the company of fellow snowmobilers and support the club, with the chance to win \$3500. For tickets or more info contact myself, or Randy Lamberti at 479-5059.

As soon as conditions permit, I've had a few people who would like to start the Sno Bee Fun Rides from the Beehive on Sunday mornings. This simply means showing up Sunday morning at the Beehive by 9:00 A.M., picking a destination and riding as a club. So with a little help from Mother Nature these rides will start soon. I wish you all safe riding and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
President

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2004 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.snobeets.com (Memberships Available online)