



THE BUZZ

January 2005

MEETINGS: MOVED TO 7:30PM

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a nice Christmas and Happy New Year. I'm sure everyone is getting anxious for it to start snowing so we'll have a good base for our trails now that they are open. If you see any major problems please give Lionel or myself a call so we can fix them, with the exception of putting snow on the trails! Sorry! I hope you will also notice a new addition to our trails – road-crossing signs. We now have all road crossings signed with the street names. We feel that this is a great enhancement to our trail system. Besides you can drive in your vehicle and see these until we get snow.

Fundraisers

We received some more donations last month towards our groomer fund. As promised, we will keep you posted throughout the season on where we're at with donations. After sending out the newsletter, we received about \$4,045 towards the Groomer Fund so far. We now have \$22,045 in an account towards the future purchase of our groomer. A very big thank you to the following people who contributed towards the grooming fund this past month: Michael Testone, Paul Luciw, Raymond & Patti Pouliot, Ernest/Sandra Colgan, Donald Harley, Raymond & Patti Pouliot, Tim Stone, Classic Auto Exchange Inc., *Anonymous*, Jon Frost, Bob Austin, James Cressey, Gary & Dave Lacroix, Brookside Country Store, John Stanger, Jim & Cheryl Morrill, Alfred Ladd, The Hollow Inn & Motel, Norbert & Marie Laprade, and Jack & Sue Lague. You can still make donations online at the following address: <http://www.snobees.com/donations.html>. Our goal is to get enough donations to fund the Beehive, and to start adding to our fund to purchase our groomer in 2006. We still have a ways to go to reach our \$55,000 goal.

We need \$8,000 per year to fund the Beehive. So far this year we have received \$2,455 towards the Beehive Fund in donations. A very big thank you to the following people who contributed towards the Beehive fund this past month: **John Hull, Wolfgang Noetzold, Buttura & Gherardi**. Every donation helps a lot, and we really appreciate your continued support.

SAFETY

The board is still looking at setting up trail patrols to increase awareness out on our trails. If you are interested in volunteering for trail patrols, which would be done in conjunction with law enforcement, or would like more info, please contact Greg Rouleau or myself.

Also, we have introduced a new trail signing system for "Sensitive Areas". Please respect these signs and do not veer off the trail, or speed. They will be a lime green color. We do not want to lose any more trails. To see an example of these signs, please go to our website: <http://www.snobees.com/trailinfo.html>. Also, we will start giving grooming updates on our website. Go to <http://www.snobees.com/groominginfo.html> for updated conditions by one of our groomers, Wayne Pelkey.

Membership Corner – Greetings everyone!! I hope you had a great Holiday Season and I hope you all have a wonderful, safe and Happy New Year!!

I'd like to extend a **BIG WELCOME** to all 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 7:30pm. We encourage all our members to attend and look forward to seeing you there! Please join us at our next meeting on January 12th. The Hilltop Restaurant is located just off the trail, so ride over, enjoy the meeting, and then we'll ride afterwards!!

I know a lot of you have NOT purchased your TMA's yet and are waiting for more snow accumulation. Just a word of caution, once we get the "big storm", it will send "hundreds" of people out to buy TMA's. I can tell you that there is no one location that has "hundreds" of TMA's on hand. Chances are that if this happens, they will run out quickly. Save yourself the hassle, go out and buy one now.

Sno-Bee Guarantee - When you purchase your TMA from our website, your TMA will be in the mail back to you on the **next business day!! GUARANTEED!!**

One of our biggest costs during the winter months is cost of mailing out the newsletter every month. One way you can help out is to send us 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@snopees.com. Thank you and see you at the next meeting!!

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>AJ's Sunoco 320 Washington St Barre, VT 05641 802-476-9494 Hours: Mon-Sat 7:00-9:00 pm. Sun: 8:00 - 8:00 pm.</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>	

Don't forget, buy your TMA early and avoid the rush.

Marc Cote – Membership Chairperson

Calendar of Events

The Sno Bees will be holding their annual Dinner/Dance/Raffle on Friday, January 21, 2005 at the Canadian Club. 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. Tickets are going fast, so if you'd like to attend this annual event at its new location call soon.

Other upcoming events we have scheduled are listed below:

Make A Wish Charity Ride-in - Feb. 5, 2005
Poker Run - Feb. 19, 2005
Texas Hold'm Tournament - March 12, 2005

More information to follow on locations and times of the above-listed events.

I would like to thank everyone for their continued support. I wish you all safe riding and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
President

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John Berkeley – Director

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Dave Watson – Director
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Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2005 7:30 P.M. at the **Hilltop Restaurant**
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.snobeas.com (Memberships Available online)