

THE BUZZ

February 2003

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By now I hope all of you have been able to get out and enjoy the wonderful trails. Our groomer operators have been logging endless hours in the awesome PB200. If you see any of our operators give them a big thumbs up; they do this for fun, not the money. They are Dave Watson, Tim Stone, Jim Rogers and the young veteran Wayne Pelkey! Great job guys, keep up the good work. On a side note, if anyone found a black Spaulding backpack during the weekend of January 25th would you please contact Ron Beaudin at 276-3165 or myself. It did not have ID with it and was lost somewhere between the Plainfield bypass and E. Montpelier RR bed (Country Club area). Thanks.

As the season continues to roll on the Sno Bees are fortunate to have such great members and local businesses that want to give to the club. Donations come in all forms and are always welcome. We recently received \$250.00 from Wolfgang and Stonetech Inc. to help cover the beehive rent. Thank You Wolfgang. Then the other day Chris Perry of Harvard's Cloths approached me; he decided that at the next monthly meeting he would donate a pair of Levi's, to be raffled off with proceeds going back to the club. Thank You Chris. For those of you who are unaware there is also a new Bed and Breakfast on the club's trail system. I too was unaware but now hold in my possession a gift certificate good for one free night stay for two at the StoneHead Farm Bed & Breakfast. The certificate was donated by the owners Thea van der Geest and Daniel Snipes and will be given away at the 3rd annual Dinner/Raffle on Feb. 15th. If you would like more information on the B&B you can reach them at 476-4273 or on the web at www.StoneHeadFarm.com. Thank You Thea and Daniel.

At the last meeting Greg Rouleau presented a proposal to change our fuel supplier. Why would we want to do this? It's simple, that famous 4 letter word...free! Agway Energy has donated 200 gallons of fuel for the groomer and given us a very favorable rate on additional fuel to be purchased. This was all coordinated and arranged by Jay Frattini, their commercial sales territory manager. A big Thank You to Agway and Jay! As I mentioned earlier, donations come in all forms. The latest such donation is time. That's right, time. As in Wayne's free time operating our groomer. Thank You Wayne.

And now a word from our Bee Hive Chairperson, John "I just wanna dance" Plante:

Whatta year we are having. If you have not seen what a great job our groomer guys are doing on the trail you must be blind, (or an *Artic Cat* rider!). As good as our trails have been, it would have been a lot harder to get the job done if we did not have the services of our "**Bee Hive**". This building has not only been our center of operations, but it also is a meeting place for all **Sno-Bee** members. It is my goal to make sure that we have this valued resource for the years to come. This is where you, **our members**, need to help us out. I am looking again this year for members

to step forward to become an “*Official Sno-Bees Bee-Hive Sponsor for the Month*”. We have had great response in the past and I am looking for previous sponsors as well as new sponsors to come forward. The cost to rent the building is \$500 per month plus expenses. This \$500 could be covered by one person or could be split among a group of members. It is a privilege to be included in the ranks of *Sponsor*. You get unlimited access to the “*Hive*”, use of the “*Official Sno-Bees Deluxe Bathroom*”, satellite T.V., the *Bee* phone, and your name on a soon-to-be constructed *Sponsors* plaque to be located in the *Bee-Hive*. Some members have already stepped forward to grab a month before we get all sold out. Please contact me at (802) 476-4785 if you want to donate to the cause or just drop a check in the mail to: *Sno-Bees* P.O. Box 262 Barre, Vermont 05641. Ride safe and I hope to see you all soon at the “*Hive*”!

Now from our Membership Chairperson, Marc “I want more Members” Cote:

First, I'd like to congratulate Roland Gaumond of New Braintree MA. Roland was the winner of our \$200.00 cash prize drawing for registering his snowmobiles on our Website. Again, congratulations Roland! Secondly, I'd like to welcome all of our new members to the Sno-Bees snowmobile club. As a member, you will receive “The Buzz”, which is our monthly newsletter that we mail out. In order to help the club save money on postage, I asked that if you have an email address that we can use to send the newsletter to, please forward your email address to membership@snobees.com. Lastly, I'd like to thank all of our groomer operators for an awesome job!! Our trails are awesome!! THANK YOU!! Please be sure to visit our Website, www.snobees.com, and check out the new photos, classifieds & more!! Marc Cote.

Thank you guys. Speaking of the Website, it is constantly changing due to the amazing talent of our Website guru's, Angela Leclerc & Lauri Thomas. Thank you ladies. Recently, as mentioned in Marc's piece, we have added a classified section for your use at no charge. This was done based on requests from the membership. If there is something you would like to see either on the Website or in the club feel free to contact myself or any other officer and we will try to accommodate you.

In closing I'd like to remind everyone of a few important events coming up. 1.) The Central VT Make A Wish Charity Event will be held in Williamstown on Saturday, February 8 starting @ 11:00 A.M. and 2.) The Sno Bees annual Dinner/Raffle will be the following weekend at the Music Club @ 6:00 P.M. For Contact information see Calendar of Events.

At the last monthly meeting we had another great turnout with over 40 members attending. There were several new faces and some faces we hadn't seen in a while. I hope to see all those faces again and yours too! The February meeting will include the formal recognition of a current lifetime member, Russell Ross. As well as the induction of Scott Lange into lifetime membership after 17 years of service. The meeting will come to order at the bang of the “Sno Bee Gavel” by a past President whom 1st used the gavel some 30 years ago...John Black! Until then, enjoy the trails, stay right, and safe riding!

Calendar of Events

- ?? Sunday Mornings @ Beehive...” Fun Rides”; destination to be determined each week. Leave Beehive at 9:30 A.M. (Just show up and plan as you wish)
- ?? 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@474-9960)

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
President

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2003 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.snobees.com (Memberships Available online)