

THE BUZZ

February 2004

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I generally like to start my newsletters on a good note, however due to the constant lack of respect by some riders I can't do that. Chances are if you're reading this, you're not the problem. But we do need your help. Many of you may be aware of the recent trail closure, which took place on Saturday, February 7. The main trail 14A/302 is currently closed; this is the major trail between the Plainfield bypass intersection and the railroad bed in E. Montpelier. This trail is a very high volume trail, and because of total disrespect to the landowners it is now closed. What happened? Well in general the few bad apples are getting to be more than a few, let's say a bunch of bad apples are ruining it for the rest of us. The final straw for these landowners came on Saturday, there were three individuals involved. One would sit at the road crossing, where the trail crosses the Country Club road, and let the other two know it was clear; the other two would then fly up through the field and **JUMP** the road crossing. Do you blame the landowners, I don't! They have closed the trail for two weeks, at which time we'll get a second chance. When we get the second chance, be warned that it will be under a watchful eye.

I mentioned earlier that we need your help. The help we need is in policing our own trails. I don't know exactly how we do that, but in general speak up if you see people abusing our privilege of using private land. We are going to go to the county and seek law enforcement help, change the trail a little so as not to have a "launch pad" at the road crossing, and in general hope that people will respect all landowners.

Oh yeah, Saturday was also the annual Central Vermont Snowmobilers Charity Event. This was once again held in Williamstown, and a huge crowd turned out. I'd like to thank the following club members for putting the time in at the event to help make it a huge success; Ryan Bellavance, Paul Plante, Greg Rouleau, Adam Martin, and John Gordon. You guys helped make my job a lot easier. Thank You! A full update will follow in the next newsletter. Also be sure to check out the thank you ads in the World and VAST news and support the businesses that supported this event.

While I'm giving thanks to supporters, I'd like to give a big thanks to Robert Robbins. Robert has been a member of the Sno Bees for many, many years and has always been a great asset to the club. At the last meeting Robert donated \$250 to the club, Thank You Robert!

There are only a few weeks left to get your ticket to the annual Sno Bees dinner/raffle at the Music Club on Saturday, February 21. Tickets are \$100, includes meal for two, and a

chance to win \$3500! If you'd like a ticket or more info, contact Randy Lamberti at 479-5059 or myself. Also coming up is the annual Sno Bees Poker Run on Saturday, March 6. This will start at Martin's camp in Orange and make a loop back to the beehive where the final card will be drawn and a pasta meal will be served. For more info, contact Adam Martin at 476-7618 or myself.

From the Membership Chairperson – “The Buzz” – Our mailing cost for the monthly newsletter has been steadily increasing along with the membership. In order to keep the mailing cost to a minimum, I ask that you receive notification of “The Buzz” via email.

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@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>
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Marc Cote – Membership Chairperson

Thanks Marc.

I hope to see a lot of you at our next meeting or one of our upcoming events. Hopefully next month I'll be able to tell you our trail system is opened back up in its entirety. Until then, ride safe, responsible, respectful, and stay right.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
President

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2004 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop
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