



# THE BUZZ

February 2005

*MEETINGS: MOVED TO 7:30PM*

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH (Sept.-April)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are in the first week of February 2005 and not a snowstorm to speak off since the winter of '03-'04! I guess bad things happen in pairs, a brown winter, and the Red Sox winning the World Series! Oh well. Seriously though, it's been a rough snowmobile season. I know a few riders have been able to pick their way around the local trails, even our groomers got out a couple times and rolled some of the trails. On a positive note, you can trailer up to Groton and get some decent riding. There are other areas around the state but this is by far the closest and I'm sure most familiar area. I will give you a word of caution though, law enforcement has been checking to make sure you have "extended mirrors" on your tow vehicle if towing an enclosed trailer. This is the law, and they are checking for it.

The Sno Bees held their annual Dinner/Dance/Raffle on Friday, January 21, 2005 at the Canadian Club. This is the first time the event was held in Barre and was a huge success. I'd like to thank everyone who helped sell tickets, and organize the event. Randy Lamberti once again did the club a huge service by organizing this annual event, thanks Randy.

The 1<sup>st</sup> ticket out of the running for \$3500 cash was a big supporter of the club, Mark Gheradi. He was at least able to pay for his ticket by earning back his \$100. That brings us to the final five, all of which are also big supporters of the club. 96<sup>th</sup> supporter out, Billy Rowden (\$100), 97<sup>th</sup> supporter out, Craig "Celebrity Poker Player" Chase (\$100), 98<sup>th</sup> supporter out, Thursday Night Group (\$100), 99<sup>th</sup> supporter out, Boomer Morris (\$200), and the grand prize winner of \$3500, Joey Laquerre. Congratulations Joey!

There were several prizes given out during the raffle, all donated by area businesses. Thank you to Bond Auto, Champlain Farms, T&J Sled Shop, Gilles Sales and Service, and the Canadian Club for your contributions. Finally thanks to everyone that bought a ticket and helped out this annual event.

As promised, we will keep you posted throughout the season on where we're at with donations. We now have \$32,045 in an account towards the future purchase of our groomer. This includes \$10,000 that was transferred to the account from our general fund last spring. I'd like to again thank everyone who has been so generous in their donations towards the fund raising effort to purchase our own groomer. 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 \$2,955 towards the Beehive Fund in donations. I'd like to thank Rinkers for their recent donation to keep the beehive going. Every donation helps a lot, and we really appreciate your continued support.

If you are looking to go for a ride, our dedicated Wayne Pelkey continues to provide detailed reports on the riding conditions and available routes in and about the area including Groton. Go to <http://www.snobees.com/groominginfo.html> for updated conditions by Wayne. Thanks Wayne for your continued dedication.

One of our biggest costs during the winter months is the 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](mailto:membership@snopees.com). This month's newsletter has been paid for by the Hollow Inn and Motel. You can visit their Website at [www.central-vt.com/web/hollow](http://www.central-vt.com/web/hollow). Thank you for sponsoring this months' newsletter.

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

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

## Calendar of Events

Other upcoming events we have scheduled are listed below:

- Make A Wish Charity Ride-in - Feb. 5, 2005
- Poker Run - Feb. 19, 2005 (**This may be cancelled, watch the Newspapers and Website for info**)
- Texas Hold'm Tournament - March 12, 2005

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

In closing I'd like to once again thank everyone for their continued support, even at a time when it is frustrating to look outside. I encourage you to attend our next meeting at the Hilltop, and encourage you to get involved. Thanks and stay right!

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury  
President

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2005 7:30 P.M. at the **Hilltop Restaurant**  
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