

THE BUZZ

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MEETINGS TO BEGIN PROMPTLY AT

7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are again, another month gone. I don't know about anyone else, but does this season go by faster and faster every year or what???? Here we are already at the beginning of March and our snow is going fast. I do have to say, there is still plenty of riding ahead of us. Don't be putting your sleds away yet, I'm quite certain we're not done yet.

As a matter of fact, we just had our Poker Run this past weekend. Although we don't have as much snow as we did last year, and the turnout wasn't as high as years past, we still found plenty of snow to do the run and have a great time. Krissy Ryan ended up winning with 3 queens. Way to go Krissy!! A big thanks to all that participated, we hope you had a great time and that you come again next year. A special thanks to Paul "Cookie" Plante and his good friend Dick Fontana for putting on a great meal. You guys did a great job!! I would also like to thank John Gordon from the Music Club and Quality Market for his donation of all of the food and drinks. This was unexpected and greatly appreciated! Thanks a lot John! I can't also go without mentioning all of those that let us use their camps, houses, or in the case of our 3rd stop, Lionel Cyr's sled for all of the stops. Without this participation, this event wouldn't be possible. Thanks to all!

On another note, I want to mention an event that happened a few months ago and somehow went without getting recognized in my letter. Our annual Safety Class that we've held the last couple of years was done on December 1, 2001. Following is a write-up from Donald Bellavance, who put on this event:

"A look at this years Vast Snowmachining Safety Course"

I would like to start off by thanking the sponsors, who helped by donating to the December 1, 2001, Vast Snowmachine safety Course at the Barre Town Elementary School, Domino's Pizza, The Beverage Baron, and Frito Lay. The remaining pizza was donated to the Barre City Fire Department, who had a busy day with a tremendous fire to deal with most of the morning and into the afternoon.

We had an attendance of 50 pre-registered participants, but we had at least 75 people all together including parents that helped. There was a family member of J. Armand Bombardier also in attendance. I had the opportunity during break to talk with her. It was a pleasure. There were several students from out of state and their parents were very impressed with the safety course and requested Sno-Bee applications that were available thanks to Theresa Berkley. All in all, the course was a huge success, and a special thanks to Ann Shangraw for all her help in co-instructing the class with me.

*Sincerely,
Donald L. Bellavance
AKA "Red Ryder"*

Great job Donald, and a big thanks to you for putting this event on. One other note that needs to be noted is that fact that since this course was put on, Donald has also had mini seminars for those young adults that may have missed the class in December. His dedication to safety should be recognized and applauded. Great job Donald!

One other event that was recently held was our second annual Money raffle. Chickie Stevens and Randy Lamberti shared the responsibility of putting this event on. These guys did a great job as usual. The event ended by splitting the jackpot 5 ways!! Thanks to John Gordon of the Music Club for his assistance with this event and all that he does for our club!! Congrats to all of the event winners and we look forward to having you all back again next year.

As far as future events, I need to mention one in particular. Along with the Thunderchickens, Billtown Moonshiners, and the Washington SnoFlyers, we will be putting on a Roast Pork and Mostaccioli ride in. This event is to benefit the **Travis Mercy Memorial Skatepark**. It will be held March 16 at 4:00pm at the Music Club in Williamstown. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children. There will be a silent auction and music provided. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more info contact Linda Mercy at 479.3405, Randy Henry at 479.3210 or John Gordon at 476.3401.

Thanks to Bernie Lajeunesse and Richie Clark for making and donating the sign station for the Bee Hive. Good job guys!!

From our Membership Committee, we want to welcome all of our new members to the club. We also want to recognize all 113 of our members who recently gave us their email addresses and saved the club some money in postage. One note I want to make is that you really do get this newsletter a lot quicker via email. So join in and forward your email address to Marc Cote. This can be done via our website: www.snobees.com or directly by his address below. Thanks in advance.

In closing, I want to thank Brent Tewksbury, our Vice President, for taking care of business while I was away. Brent did a great job of handling a few issues that came up as well as running the meeting without any problems. Great job Brent, you're going to make a great President next year...

Happy trails,
Adam

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16- Travis Mercy Ride In-Music Club 4pm

March 17- 2nd Annual Sno Bees Family Day- Begins 10 AM at the **Beehive**. **There will be a 120cc oval race for the kids**, register by calling Donald Bellavance at: 479.1433 before March 10th. Kids up to age 8 can enter the "Snowmachine Scene" drawing and coloring contest. Bring it with you to Family day to enter and be eligible to win prizes. Bon Fire, Groomer rides, and a meal for all. Courtesy of the Barre Sno Bees!!!

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