

THE BUZZ

March 2003

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With Town Meeting upon us and the days getting longer each afternoon, we find that we must take every opportunity to get out and ride, as we know the end of another season is near. With the end of the season, also comes some new issues to be aware of. First there will be many landowners out tapping trees and making sure their sap lines are up and ready to go, please respect them and be careful not to damage in any way this annual event, as it is them who have allowed you to ride on their land all season. Second, areas will start to get thin, use common sense as to when a trail is no longer usable for the season, so as not to damage what is beneath the snow. Finally (not that this is an end of season issue, but instead a season long issue), **Slow Down when signs tell you to!!!!** As many of you know we had a trail closure for a few days, including a busy weekend, near Cobble Hill Road. Thankfully this trail is opened back up again, but now due to lack of respect shown for these landowners we may have to find another way to connect with the Thunder Chickens via the Dugout! We have this trail posted with many signs and orange construction barrels. I'd like to thank L&D Safety Markings and Worksafe for the donation of these highly visible barrels.

On another note, the 6th Annual Poker Run will be this weekend, Saturday March 8, 2003 @ 9:30 A.M. It will start at the usual spot, Martin's Camp on the 302-trail heading towards Groton, look for the signs. For more information you may contact Adam or myself.

Last month the Barre Sno Bees in conjunction with other local clubs hosted the annual Central VT Snowmobile Charity Event to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation of VT. The event was once again a huge success. We raised well over \$10,000 again this year and will be presenting a check to the folks at Make A Wish to help them in their continuous effort to brighten an ill child's face. I'd like to thank all those that helped out during the planning of the event and during the event. A few of our members that helped this day run so smoothly were Ryan "CDL" Bellavance, Randy "Dida" Lamberti, Paul "Cookie" Plante, Adam "P.P." Martin, Greg "Kitty Kat" Rouleau, Dave "Ski Doo" Thomas, John "Music Club/Quality Market" Gordon, and of course all our lovely wives! There were many other volunteers including the dual membership guys and gal Gary Klinefelter, Kip Sabens, and Laurie Tatro.

The weekend following the Make A Wish event the Sno Bees were back at the Music Club for a fundraiser of their own. The \$100 raffle/dinner dance was held on Saturday, February 15, 2003. A Big Thank You to Randy Lamberti for putting this event together

in conjunction with John Gordon. Bob Sambel and his staff provided a great meal, with live music following the event. Once again a big thank you to Paul "Cookie/M.C." Plante for calling out the numbers. The grand prizewinners were: Dave & Lauri Thomas, Kelley Gordon & Bob Sambel, and Ed Rouse & John Arguin. Congratulations!

At our last meeting I had the privilege of inducting a couple of fellow Sno Bee members into the category of lifetime members. I'd like to formally recognize Scott Lange, and Russell Ross and congratulate them and most importantly thank them for all their years of continued service and support. Thanks, Guys.

Finally I'd like to inform you of another fundraiser taking place on Saturday March 15th. It's a poker run put on by the Thunder Chickens to benefit the Travis Mercy Skate Park. It will begin at the So. Barre Mini Mart that morning. I wish you all many more miles in the month of March and beyond. I hope to see a great turnout at our next meeting, including the busload from the North Barre Manor! Until then, enjoy the trails, stay right, and safe riding.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
President

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 12, 2003 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop
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