

THE BUZZ

April 2003

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again another riding season has come and gone. I hope you all had a safe, and enjoyable season. I know I've had a fun year, both riding and serving as your President. From providing safety education courses, participating in charity events for Make A Wish, maintaining well groomed and signed trails for safe riding by all, hosting social fund raiser events for our club, providing an updated Website, and gathering at monthly meetings to show support; once again the Sno Bees have shown great leadership and pride in all that we do.

As our club continues to grow in many ways, the "Beehive" continues to see improvements as well. These improvements are a direct result of members donating time, materials, and cold hard cash. I'd like to thank one of our non-resident members, Walter Hass from Mahwah, New Jersey, for his recent donation of \$50.00 via Paypal. Thanks Walter!. (Cash donations can be sent via Paypal to membership@snopees.com) Recently the kitchen received other types of donations and was updated to provide running water, and new cabinets were installed to help make it a little more "Cookie" friendly! I'd like to thank the Berkley's for donating their time and expertise in hooking up our new water system, which allows for a more productive kitchen. I'd also like to thank Steve & Lance Allen and all the gang at Allen Lumber Co. for providing the Sno Bees with some new cabinets, which were expertly installed by the Allen boys and Ron "Wildcat" Plante.

These improvements were completed just in time to be tested by our famous cooks at the poker run. Paul "Cookie" Plante, and Dick "that's hot" Fontana once again provided a hungry group of card players with an excellent meal at the Beehive. Thanks again guys. The day started out with bright sunshine and blue skies at Adam Martin's camp, and continued throughout the day. The second and third stops were located on the trail this year due to recent logging activity on 232. Ron and Paula Plante enjoyed the sun and fun at stop #2, while Lionel Cyr was further up the trail at stop #3. The Berkley's hosted stop #4 at their home and the 5th and final stop was at the Beehive. I'd like to thank all those that hosted stops as well as Ryan Bellavance, & Randy Lamberti for helping organize the 6th annual event. Congratulations to our winners; 1st place: Greg Rouleau, 2nd place: Jim Fecteau, and 3rd place Jeff Hutchins.

Now that our kitchen is where we need it to be, we've decided that instead of having our groomer operators constantly bring their tools to the Beehive to work on the groomer and drag, we are going to obtain our own, one way or another. This is a notice to all members

asking for any tools you might be willing to donate or part with at a reasonable price. We are looking for basic mechanic's hand tools, welding and torching apparel, a set of torches, and a 225 amp, wire feed welder or better. We are going to purchase what we do not have; it is going to cost the club between \$1600 and \$2000 to get what we need. If you are looking to upgrade your equipment or get rid of a welder you're not using, please contact myself, or Ron (479-2124) to discuss options. Thank You.

By-Law Change: This is to serve notice that at our annual meeting, to be held Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 7:00 at the Beehive, we will propose the following amendments:

- 1.) Add position of "Webmaster" { Article IV and Article V }
- 2.) Increase the number of District Directors from seven (7) to a number based on recent membership increases. { Article IV; Section 1 }
- 3.) Change the date of the annual meeting. { Article VIII; Section 1 }

From the Membership Chairperson – WOW!! What a season! After 5200 miles, I'm ready for spring! (and a new sled!!) As the season comes to an end I would like to extend a BIG Thank You to the following businesses for selling our TMA's this season: **Gilles Sales & Service, Laquerre's Marine & Sports Center, Ms R.V., Trow Hill Grocery, Guy's Repair Shop, The Hollow Inn & Motel & T & J's Sled Shop.** These people spend a great deal of time during the winter months filling out VAST forms and club Memberships. They volunteer their time as a service to the Sno-Bees. The next time you visit one of these fine local businesses, please be sure to thank them for everything they do for the Sno-Bees.

In the end, we ended up with 826 members this season. That's up 41 from last year's count of 785. For those of you who are new to the club, WELCOME!! We publish this newsletter every month throughout the winter months. Please be sure to keep us informed of any address changes during the summer months. (Snail mail or email) If you would rather receive the newsletter via email, saving the club money on printing and postage, please contact me at marccinvt@charter.net or 802-476-6495.

<p>Ever wonder what your fellow Sno-Bee members ride? Here is the break down:</p>	<p>It's interesting to note that even though Polaris came out on top, I checked to see what new sleds people bought and registered this season. I counted 86 new 2003 sleds and one 2004. Artic Cat takes the lead here.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Polaris - 276 - 33% 2. Arctic Cat – 265 - 32% 3. Ski-Doo - 188 - 23% 4. Yamaha - 90 - 11% 5. Bolens – 1 – 0.001% 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arctic Cat – 34 2. Ski-Doo – 29 3. Polaris - 20 4. Yamaha – 4

Well that wraps it up for this season!! Have a great summer and we will see you all in the fall!! **Marc Cote – Membership Chairperson**

In closing I'd like to thank all of the volunteers, operators, officers, directors, donators, and general membership for a wonderful year. You have all made my job a lot of fun, and I look forward to serving you for another year. If you haven't made a meeting this year, we'd love to see you on Wednesday the 9th, and if you're a regular don't miss out on the final meeting of the year as it should be a great time. Wishing you and your families a safe and enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
President

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2003 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop
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