



# THE BUZZ

April 2008

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 9, 2008

7:00 pm @ the Bee Hive!!!!!!!

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a year!! We experienced the third biggest snowfall in Vermont's winter history! If you did not put on significant miles this year, well.. you missed the best riding since 1971! Special thanks to all those volunteers that worked on the trails, donated money to our raffles, and special thanks to our **Official Sno-Bees Trail Support Sign** advertisers!! Without everyone's help, we could not have provided the excellent quality groomed trails that all our Members enjoyed! Thanks also to **Dave "Midnight Groomer Guy" Watson** and his group of groomer operators for all their efforts in getting out on our trails all hours of the day and night to make sure that we again had the best groomed trails in the State! This is the last **Presidents Message** that I will be authoring and I want to thank everyone who has supported my efforts with the **Sno-Bees** over the years! I want to thank our outgoing Officers: **Treasurer Ryan "Show Me the Money!" Bellavance** for his many years of service to our Club, thank you Ryan! **Trail Master Lionel "Big Shoes to Fill" Cyr** for all his many hours of donated time and efforts in keeping our **Sno-Bees Trail System** in awesome shape, thank you Lionel! **Secretary Todd "Ditch Groomer" Heath** for all his time as well. I also want to thank all the **Sno-Bees Officers and Directors** that have served under my administration for the seven total years that I have been President. Whatta ride!! The next slate of Officers and Directors for 2008-2009 are equally qualified being led by **Jim "The Dragon" Morrill** as President! **I am confident that the future of the Sno-Bees will be in excellent hands!**

**Trails Coordinator, Lionel "Chief Operating Trail Master Guy" Cyr** reports that our trails are closing as we speak. Please observe the trail closed signs and the closed gates. We had a great year and we do not want to upset our landowners. It has been a long year for them as well. Let's make sure also that all the **Sno-Bees Official Trail Trustees** get out and pick up the trail signs when we are fully closed. **If anyone would like to assist the Trail Trustees in their area, please do not hesitate to call me. We need help in certain areas!** We have ordered the **Sno-Bees Landowner Appreciation** maple syrup and I will let you know when that is in. That way we can get these out to our landowners in a reasonable amount of time. This being my last report as **Trail Master**, I want to also thank everyone who has come out to work on the trails this year and for the past 8 years that I have been **Trail Master**. I want to introduce our newly nominated **Trail Master, Justin "Going to Need Help!" Jennett**. This year, Justin has been enrolled in the Sno-Bees School for Trail Masters and has been given some significant responsibility. Justin is a hard worker, a leader amongst his peers and I am expecting all of our **Members** to help assist him in every trail project or maintenance issues that come up. Remember, this is an **ALL-VOLUNTEER EFFORT** and your volunteer time is one of the most important things that keep our **Club** going!

**Grooming Chair, Dave "Is it over yet?" Watson** wants to thank **Tim Stone** and **Jim Rogers** for their time in grooming our trails this year. You guys have done another great job! We stop getting paid for grooming by **V.A.S.T.** on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. We are therefore, done grooming for the year. I also want to thank **Lionel** for his many years of service to the Club. Lionel and I have worked on many significant **Sno-Bees** projects over the years and everyone in Sno-Bees should appreciate the job that he has done!

**Membership Chairperson, Patti "Polaris Mama" Booska**: It's been a great year with membership totals ending at 855 for this season. Almost a record breaker! Congratulations to our top 3 dealers for this year: #1 - Gilles, #2 - Brookside Country Store, #3 - Trow Hill Grocery!! And thanks to all the other businesses who helped to accomplish this amazing year end TMA sales total. Not to mention a special thanks to mother nature for providing all that

SNOW!! Here's hoping she is just as nice to us next year. A Major Thank You to Nicole at The Mailing Center for printing our newsletters & delivering them to our members every month! We couldn't do it without you!

**Groton State Forest and Seyon Pond Update.** A few weeks ago, I attended a meeting called by the **George Crombie, Secretary for the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources** that oversees all State land. At this Meeting, **Secretary Crombie** stated that he will include the 2600 acre proposed **Seyon Watershed Natural Area** to be part of the overall **Groton State Forest Management Plan**. This means that future snowmobile trails in the Seyon Pond area will be allowed!! This is a major victory for all Vermont residents who enjoy the environment that the Seyon area and the whole of Groton State Forest provide us! **Our future in riding snowmobiles from Barre to Groton State Forest looks bright!** This has been a 2-3 year effort and I want to thank **Steve "See You @ Loudon" McLeod** and his **Vermont Traditions Coalition** for their steadfast support of our efforts, **Washington County Senator Phil "King of Thunder Road" Scott, Todd Heath and Jeff Rogers** for getting our petition out to the communities surrounding Groton Forest, and all our **Sno-Bees members** who signed it, sent letters in or made calls to our legislative leaders to keep Seyon open for riding! **Special thanks to Governor Douglas and his administration who want all Vermonters to enjoy the environment that Groton State Forest provides!**

**The Winners of the Sno-Bees \$20 Monthly Raffle**

**February 2008**

\$100 Ted Lane

\$50 Karen Dodge

\$25 Greg Isabelle, Art Dessereau, Ace Electric  
Chas Merrill, Hassle Inn (John Black)

**March 2008**

\$100 Gary Lacroix (donated back)

\$50 Peter Lamberti

\$25 Carolyn Robinson, Ed Rouse, Roland Bellavance,  
Bill Rowden, Charles Livendale

**See you at our next Monthly Meeting this coming Wednesday, April 9, 2008 which we will be back at the Bee Hive!!**

**Thanks**

**John "We have Kept Seyon Open for Riding!" Plante**  
**President**

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