



# THE BUZZ

*Summer, 2009*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all put plenty of miles on the sleds last season. We had the best snow cover for riding we have had for a few seasons. Sno-Bees membership was at 753 for the '08-'09 season. This is great considering the economy. I always tell people who ask about our higher than average membership, that the Sno-Bees are focused on the best groomed and best trails we can provide our membership & VAST and that seems to work the people who agree become our members.

A Big thanks from the officers and members to Dave Watson and our grooming crew also Justin Jennett and our trail crew/trustees for another successful season.

The Sno-Bees voted to give ½ gallons of maple syrup to our over 150 landowners this spring. Due to the increase of the price of syrup we had a lot of discussion during the March Sno-Bees meeting to possibly do something different for Land Owner appreciation. I think the club made the correct decision. I can tell you first hand our landowners are very appreciative of the gift and some were surprised we are still handing them a ½ gallon of VT pure gold for letting us ride our sleds across their land. Without our landowners, snowmobilers do not have a trail system.

During April, myself, Trail Master Justin Jennett, past President John Plante, Director Lionel Cyr, Treasurer Mike Perrigo, joined the members of the Country Club of Barre to help with the club's annual spring cleanup, held just prior to their club opening for the season. The Sno-Bees thought helping with the cutting of brush would help show this vital landowner appreciation for them letting us ride across their club during the winter, and provide skilled help with chain saws clearing brush adjacent to a couple of the club's fairways. Unbelievable is the only word I can use to describe the turnout the CC of Barre had for this event! Over 100 of their members turned out to help cleanup their club to rake, cut brush, hang curtains in the club house, and get the club ready for opening. With a membership of only about 280! I wish we could somehow attract the same percentage of members to turn out to help during VAST volunteer weekend. The CC has annual dues many times greater than the cost of a TMA. I have heard many times from snowmobilers that I am not going to volunteer too with the cost of a TMA that should be enough. The CC of Barre members showed up to help their club during their own volunteer weekend. The difference I believe is the CC members know that by helping provide grounds maintenance it helps to keep the cost of membership down.

Our help was appreciated by the Country Club. We had the chance to work with many of the members and later on talk with many Country Club officers, including President Jim Moriarty. The support given to their club by the Sno-Bees was very much appreciated. If you are a golfer, you owe it to yourself to play 18 holes at the CC of Barre. It really is a beautiful course and the members are always happy to see you.

I hope everyone reading this takes the time to attend the annual meeting / show being held September 12<sup>th</sup> in Barre this year hosted by Washington County. Unlike past annual meetings, our county is going to hold everything including a catered lunch by John Reilly of the Hilltop Restaurant and we will be concluded by dinner time. Also this year a Snowmobile show with groomers, sleds, clothing, trailers will be held next door in the BOR building fittingly on the same floor that holds the ice for the fall / winter / Spring seasons. This show is open to all VAST members and the public. THE SHOW IS FREE AND WILL BE HELD FROM 9 AM TILL 5PM OPEN TO EVERYONE hope to see you all there!

*Thanks Jim Morrill President*

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