



THE BUZZ

August, 2008

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2008

7:00 pm @ the Bee Hive

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all have had a good summer so far. The VAST news was mailed to all of you in July. Other than receipt of the news, most of you have not even thought about snowmobiling. For a few of us at the club, and of course your VAST officers and Directors, it never stops year round. The meetings continue every month at VAST for the officers and directors all year. If you know or meet any of these diehards, be sure to Thank them for their service to snowmobiling -- especially your Washington county director John Lynds, or your co-county trail coordinators Ted Domey and Doug Wilson. The work also continues year round at the Sno-Bees for the whole Board of Directors -- especially for your trail master and his band of trail workers. The club has been gathering every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM at the Hive for some good food camaraderie and to cut some brush, walk some trails, and plan for the upcoming season. If you would like to join us, please come up to the Hive and give Justin Jennett, your new trail master, some of your time, volunteer what you can to help make our trails the best they can be. I was told at a County meeting last spring by a VAST officer that our trails and our other county clubs are as good as the best there are.

I would like to introduce myself to all of you as your new President. My name is Jim Morrill and I look forward to working with the club to further improve our trail system, to help solidify our partnership with VAST, and take the Sno Bees forward. I live in Barre with my wife Cheryl and two daughters. In the past, I have held the Sno-Bees offices of trail trustee, director, trail master, grooming committee chairman and vice president. I would like to thank the previous officers and directors for their volunteer efforts to serve in their respected positions and help make the Sno-Bees the largest club in Washington County. I and your new slate of officers look forward to the coming season and meeting as many members as possible.

Trails Coordinator, Justin Jennett, has been very busy this summer documenting water and wind damage on our trails and submitting paperwork to VAST for construction grants. He and his **Volunteer Trail Workers** have not stopped working on our trails since the snow melted. Justin would also like me to let all trail trustees know that now is the time to check the trails for damage from all the rain we have received this summer. And to all club members -- if there is a section of trail damaged in your neck of the woods, please contact Justin and let him know so he can coordinate repairs.

Membership Chairperson, Patti Booska, says that there are changes coming again for TMAs for this year. You can read about this in greater detail in the **V.A.S.T. News or from the New Website @ <http://www.vtVAST.org>**. Hopefully you all filled your TMA survey that VAST had available on the website. Patti has been a member of the VAST committee looking at revising the TMAs. Please support her and VAST and look at and fill out the survey. The answers received from this survey will help revise the TMA system for all of us. And I have to add that a \$15.00 fuel surcharge is on the agenda -- and yes this will increase everyone's TMA. Please get involved and fill out the survey or come to the VAST annual meeting or our next club meeting weather you agree or disagree this is the only way an individual has a say on what eventually happens.

Remember the VAST annual meeting is just around the corner. The Sno-Bees are looking for all interested members in attending the meeting as delegates. The meeting is to be held September 20th at Burke Mountain. If you are interested, please come to our September meeting at the Hive and volunteer.

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of a Sno-Bees icon, John Black. He served the club since the beginning by holding many offices including President, Trail Trustee, and Committee chairman, Fundraiser 2nd to none, and a good friend and advisor to everyone who knew him. John volunteered his spare time serving others either with our club or his other associations that included the Masons, Shriner's or the Clown Jewels in Parade's throughout New England. A stop at John's camp in Groton made the ride very special to all of us that stopped. Battling cancer last fall he insisted to me that he was going to sell his usual amount of money raffle tickets for the club. May the friends you had on earth that have since passed join you in heaven. I'm sure there are plenty of Shriners' remembering about the greatest parade they ever experienced. John may the trails in heaven always be covered with plenty of snow the temperature perfect and be as smooth as the groomers up there can make them.

Fundraising for our Club is also off and running with our September meetings. As you all know, it takes substantially more monies than just your *Club* dues to make this all work. We will have our *Sno-Bees \$20 Monthly Raffle Tickets* for sale soon. Please look to those *Sno-Bees Members* who have them for sale and buy more than you did last year. If you need one, you can always stop by and see *Ron at Brookside* to get one. Also, we are going to be making the plans for our *Official Sno-Bees \$100 Dinner Raffle* that will be held again at the *Canadian Club*. Last year was a great time and I am looking forward to this event this year.

As you may know, *Jamie Heath*, the young daughter of our past Sno-Bees secretary *Todd Heath*, will be undergoing *specialized surgery* that will be done out of state. The Heath family will be incurring significant travel and lodging costs to be with their daughter during this time. To offset this expense, *a dinner dance fundraiser is being planned on Friday, September 5, 2008 at the Elks Club in Barre* (cocktails at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm). *The cost of this benefit is \$25 and tickets can be purchased at Brookside Store or by contacting Cindy Cambell at 802-272-8770 or by email at www.cindyc83@verizon.com*. As a fellow Sno-Bee member, I want to *thank you* for your support and for the support of the *Heath family*.

Groton State Forest New Proposed Trail

Come to the September Monthly Meeting and you will hear more about our efforts to secure a new trail into Groton State Forest.

Get Involved!

***Thanks Jim Morrill
President***

2008 Sno-Bees Officers and Directors

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