

THE BUZZ

September 2002

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, yes it's that time of year again. Summer is winding down with Labor Day just a week away. It's time to start thinking about whether you want your machine serviced or if you're going to do it yourself. With a new snowmobiling season upon us we also have some new faces in the club. So let me start off by thanking all the past officers and directors, your dedication to this club has helped it grow in the right direction. With the hard work and planning you've done, it will only make it easier for the new officers and directors to carry on the leadership the Sno-Bees have achieved. A complete list of officers and directors for the 2002/2003 season is listed below, if you have any questions, comments, or problems, please contact one of us so we can answer, listen, or find a solution.

With a new season, comes change. The first is the sale of our "Queen Bee III", Sno-Cat Tucker groomer. This unit was sold in May to a club in Bethel, VT. The funds from this sale have been invested, in a safe market, and are earmarked for the future purchase of grooming equipment. Not to worry, our leased Pisten Bully 200S and its operators will continue to maintain a trail system worthy of awards.

Changes in County dues will be implemented this year as well. In years past, Washington County did not have County dues, like many neighboring counties. This year a \$3.00 County due will be charged. These dues will be collected by all Washington County clubs and used as emergency, and safety funds. Right now it looks like VAST dues will remain the same as last year. If any changes are going to take place they will happen at the 35th VAST Annual Meeting, which will be Saturday, September 21 at the Killington Snow Shed Lodge. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow snowmobile enthusiasts from across the state, voice your views, and see exactly how VAST operates. It begins with a pre-meeting, followed by the annual meeting, happy hour, dinner, and concludes with music and dancing. Vendor booths with the newest in sleds, equipment, and clothing will be set up. The Sno-Bees are entitled to 26 voting delegates based on our 2001/2002 membership of 785 members. It's always a good time with lots of laughs, if you've never been and are interested or if you know what it's all about and don't want to miss out this year please call or email me so that we can get you a dinner ticket.

WWW.SNOBEES.COM has been our Website for about a year now. Wow, right? Well it's about to get better. Marc Cote our new membership coordinator has been working on setting up an on line application which you'll be able to fill out and pay for your membership via credit cards from your computer. This should make it easier for everyone involved, and hopefully will gain us additional members. Thanks Marc! The changes don't end there; we now have a place for the president's message, links to email officers, and a personal look. Thanks to Dave and Lauri Thomas for their help, both on the site and additional expense of the site.

Donations are a big part of this club. Whether it be donating time, materials, money, or granite blocks... Yes, granite blocks, I'd like to extend a huge Thank You to Rock of Ages and Bob

Campo for the donation of a granite block to the Barre Sno-Bees for a silent auction. The block from Rock of Ages was auctioned off to the highest bidder, which was Buttura & Gheradi Inc., thank you Mark Gheradi! This fundraiser was chaired by John Plante, and brought in \$5000+ to the club! Way to go guys, and Thanks!

Other notes of interest from around the state include the Lamoille RR Bed project; which passed and will be starting in different phases from St. Johnsbury to Morrisville. New rules on age restrictions passed and are effective now. Also, all intersections will be renumbered this year on the map for an easier numbering system.

Now a few words from our trail master... "Hello Members! I hope all of you are having a great summer. My summer is flying by. I have been busy doing paperwork for this years trail projects, and working on my house. The club is looking to install a new 40' bridge, redecking a smaller bridge, and debrushing several trails. So what I'm looking for are volunteers to help with all this work to be done. So please try to find some time to lend a helping hand. I'm looking to start this work in early September. If you can help, please call me. For all the trail trustees, please walk your trails and report back to me if the trail needs work. Also if you need new signs, stakes, etc., let me know. I'm also looking for Landowner Permission Forms. If you need some, let me know. Thank You members and trail trustees, all this makes it possible for the Sno-Bees club to work!!!"

Trail Master~~~Lionel Cyr

Well, there it is my 1st newsletter. I hope to see a lot of you at our 1st of many meetings this year, Wednesday, September 11 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Hilltop Restaurant. We will be filling our calendar with events for the year, setting up workbees, and sharing a few laughs. My goal as President is to continue the growth of this club with a positive image, and get more members actively involved. I look forward to seeing new faces and hearing new ideas for the club. Enjoy these last few days of summer, as the snowmobiling season is rapidly approaching!

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

First Meeting of season: Wednesday, *September 11*, 2002 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop
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