

# **THE BUZZ**

September 2003

**MEETINGS: 7:00PM**

AT THE HILLTOP

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

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Well here we are again, the beginning of a new season is already upon us. It seems like just yesterday was 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. With the start of any new season comes new trail work. Like years past we have plenty to do, between now and rifle season. Our hard working trail master has been busy all summer, working almost every Wednesday night with the help of only a few volunteers. (Dave Watson, Trevor Booska, Dave Martin, and Brian McAvoy are the only ones I'm aware of out of 800+ members!) I understand that many of you are busy with summer activities and can't find the time, much like myself. So I ask you to give us one or two days this fall on either October 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. Both days are on Saturday and will give us the opportunity to get a lot of the work done, if not all, depending on the turnout. We really need your help to continue to have the best trails around. Please call myself at 476-9960 or Lionel at 479-9604 with any questions, or simply show up on one or both of the dates above at 8:00 A.M. at the Beehive! Thanks in advance for your help. Oh, and by the way, one lucky volunteer will be awarded a free season's TMA drawn at random on each day!

Attention landowner's; on Tuesday, September 9 and Tuesday, September 16 from 7:15 pm-9:15 pm there will be public hearings held on Vermont Interactive Television (VIT) regarding landowner incentives for those allowing snowmobile trails on their land. This is your chance to hear what proposals have been made and to give your input. In addition, this hearing will also discuss the trails liability insurance and funding for recreational law enforcement. The two closest sites to Barre are in Waterbury at Stanley Hall, State Office Complex, and in Randolph at VTC, Morrill Hall. For more information you can go to <http://www.vtvast.org/funding.html>, or call myself.

In other statewide news, many of you may already be aware of the mandatory liability insurance required on all registered snowmobiles. For those of you that aren't, this season all snowmobiles will be required to have state required minimums for liability insurance. Vast is negotiating with our Trails liability insurer to provide an optional policy at time of your TMA purchase. This has not been finalized; I'll keep you posted.

The Sno Bees will not be hosting our annual swap meet this year, as we'd rather use that time and energy working on trails (October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>!). But if you'd like to still attend a similar event, there will be a Winter Fun Expo on Saturday, September 20, 2003 at the Rochester High School in Rochester, VT. The event begins at 10:00 am, and will include new and used snowmobiles as well as many dealers and vendors. The Route 100 Snow Travelers are sponsoring it.

As you all know the Sno Bees are always looking for donations. You may have remembered last spring when I wrote looking for tools, torches, and a welder. Well Christmas came early this year, Santa provided us with a welder, and Scott Lange and Merriam Graves came up with a set of torches for the Sno Bees. Thank you all very much. We are in the process of purchasing tools, and should have them by the work weekends (October 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>!).

In closing I'd first like to apologize for getting this newsletter out so late. The first meeting crept up on me (It's probably tonight at 7:00 at the Hilltop, if you're reading this on Wednesday, September 10!) I will have next month's newsletter out sooner..... Anyway I hope to see a lot of our regulars at the meeting as well as some new faces! Have a good month.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury  
President

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2003 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop  
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