



THE BUZZ

September 2006

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 13th, 2006

7:00 pm @ the Hilltop Restaurant

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe it?? Here we go again with our *First Official Sno-Bees Monthly Meeting* coming up on this **Wednesday, September 13th, 2006 at the Hilltop Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.** For all our members, please mark the second Wednesday of the month from September to April as the night to come to your Club's Monthly Meeting. We need everyone's help and participation to keep our trails open and maintained! As you all know, without volunteer help and support we cannot continue to provide the awesome trail system that we are fortunate to have!

Well, I heard from my daughter, *Monika "I am getting my TMA this Year!" Plante*, that an old farmer told her that the beehives (not to be mistaken from our very own *Sno-Bees BeeHive*) are very high in the trees this year. This is opposite of last year when the beehives were low in the trees. Beehives that high in the tree means that Mother Nature expects lots of snow! So, you heard it here first, the bees are telling us that we are going to get lots of snow. Even the real bees are true *Sno-Bees*!

This year's *V.A.S.T. Annual Meeting* is being held in our back yard at the *Barre Auditorium on Saturday September 23rd, 2006!* We have the ability to have *22 delegates* that can vote at this meeting on issues that come up. Here is your chance to get input on how *V.A.S.T.* is run and give input on how you feel things should go. Also, there is dinner that Saturday night and the *Sno-Bees* has sponsored this in the past, so there should be no excuse that the *BARRE SNO-BEES* cannot fill all of our 22 delegates for this meeting. We need this good showing as a Club or be forever chastised by our Northern and Southern Clubs!! If you want to go, please call me a.s.a.p.!!(802)476-4785.

On a Trails Note, *Trails Coordinator Lionel "Got a Chainsaw?" Cyr and Trailmaster Jim "I'm Baaaack" Morrill* have been very busy these past few months initiating the *Sno-Bees Summer Trail Debrushing Drive*. They had been meeting on Tuesday nights with various *Sno-Bees Members* cutting down brush to make our *Trails* safer and easier to groom. Both Lionel and Jim want to give a Sno-Bees Official "At A Boy" Salute of Thanks to the following youth volunteer trail workers: *Matt Marsh, Cary Rogers, Justin Jewett, and Dan Plante*. Now for the *Oldtimers Salute of Thanks: Jim Ross, Tina Hatch, Mike and Jean Perrigo*. This group has already debrushed from Adam Martin's camp to Bennett's Mill! Great job!! Now Lionel and Jim are asking for volunteers to meet at the *BeeHive starting this Sunday at 8:00 a.m.* Lunch in the form of burgers and sometimes venison is provided and all are welcome to help out!

Even though we only went out with our groomer twice last year, a majority of our resources go into trail construction and other expenses that are incurred all year in making sure we can open our trails in December. We also have invested some serious monies last year getting new tracks on our *PB 200 Groomer* and getting that ready. Also, we have to continue with our *V.A.S.T. Fall Groomer Maintenance Program* which is also expensive. We rely on all revenues to get our *Trails* open whether it is a bad year or not. I want to thank all of our 600 out of 900 members that did get their *TMA* pass last year. For those who never bothered to get a *TMA*, please buy one early this year and add a few extra dollars that we lost last year. *Support your Club!*

I am also pleased that we have had some changes in our *Sno-Bees Officers and Directors* ranks. Special thanks for *Jim Morrill* for stepping up this year and again taking over the *Sno-Bees TrailMaster* job. Jim was our *TrailMaster* back in the 80's and has agreed to commit himself again to help us out this year. Thanks Jim!! We also have a new

Sno-Bees Membership Chair with **Patty “ Do Not Touch My Sled This Year Trevor” Booska** taking this job! Thanks go to **Mark “ Got A Cousin in Joliette, Quebec” Cote** who has had this job over the years. I am sure that Patty will do a great job as well. Thanks Patty! We are currently looking for a **Sno-Bees Secretary**. Many thanks also go to **Brian “Don’t Sell the Sled” McAvoy** for all the years that he has put in as **Secretary**.

With that, please come to our first meeting of the year and have a toast with the new faces in **Sno-Bees** today! Let’s get off to a great start.

Thanks!

John “Back In the Saddle for One More Year!” Plante
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