

# THE BUZZ

October 2002

*MEETINGS: 7:00PM*

AT THE HILLTOP

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone, hope all is well. We would expect to have frosty mornings and warm afternoons by early October, however we continue with warm mornings and hot afternoons! The Sno-Bee meteorologists say that this is the calm before the storm; therefore this should be the last newsletter I have to write with my air conditioner going.

The Annual Meeting has come and gone. Thank you to those who went and represented the Sno-Bees. I understand it was a good meeting, as I could not attend myself. Dave Thomas did provide me with a brief summary. The Budget was passed, no TMA (Trails Maintenance Assessment/VAST Membership) increase this year, and all VAST officers will remain the same with the exception of the recording secretary, which Bonnie Holbrook will fill. Two other hot topics at the annual meeting were insurance coverage for VAST and commercial snowmobiling TMA's. Neither of these issues was resolved; a lot of discussion on the two gave the board information they needed to resolve at a later board meeting. More information will be available out our next monthly meeting.

At the annual meeting there was a centerpiece contest, in which the Sno-Bees received 3<sup>rd</sup> prize and a check for \$50.00. I'd like to thank Theresa Berkeley for finding a talented individual such as Gisele Chouinard to create such a piece of artwork. The centerpiece can be seen at the beehive, nice job ladies! Thank You!

Speaking of the beehive, the month of September rent was waived and donated by Wendon Bailey. Thank You Wendon! For those of you who haven't yet seen the beehive, the VAST volunteer weekend is coming up on October 19 & 20; we will be meeting at the beehive at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to help out the club with trail projects, meet some other members, see what goes on beneath the snow, enjoy a barbeque provided by the club, and sign up for a chance to win a TMA from VAST or a lifetime TMA membership from VAST. We hope to see you there, as we need your help. If you have any questions you can email us through our Website, [www.snobeets.com](http://www.snobeets.com) or call us at the numbers listed below.

**Membership Information** – It's that time of year already and there are a lot of new and exciting things happening in regards to the membership. I'm **very** pleased to announce that you can now pay for your TMA's & Sno-Bees Memberships from our new, redesigned Website!! ([www.snobeets.com](http://www.snobeets.com)) The Sno-Bees has created a Paypal account to process your online payments. Paypal accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express credit cards. In addition to the being able to pay online, you can also fill out our online membership application form and submit it to us for processing.

Don't worry; you can still pay by check. To pay by check or money order, simply go to our website, [www.snobeets.com](http://www.snobeets.com) and fill out the membership application, print it, and then click the submit button. Then, enclose the printed copy of your application with your payment and put it in

the mail. This will allow us to start processing your application while we wait for your payment to arrive.

Once we have received your payment and have processed your application, your TMA decal(s) will be mailed to you via First Class mail.

Please feel free to submit your applications and payments now before the November & December rush. Your TMA decals will be mailed as soon as they are available. (Late October)

In addition to the online application, we have added a lot of other content to our Website, like the By-Laws, Newsletters, Calendar of Events, Trail Information & Lodging information. Please be sure to check it out. As usual, feedback is always welcome.

Also, for those of us who can not volunteer on the up coming 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Weekend, and want to make a monetary contribution, a “Make A Donation” button has been added to our home page for your convenience.

**Membership Chairperson**  
**Marc Cote**

**Webmasters**  
**Lauri Thomas & Angela Leclerc**

Thank you Marc, Lauri, and Angela on a very useful and attractive Website.

At our next meeting we will be choosing a calendar of events for the season, including safety courses for this fall, poker run, raffle dinner/dance, and hopefully some new ideas will be presented. With 785 members last year, the Sno-Bees are the largest club among 14 in the county and one of the larger clubs in the state. However we are lacking in attendance at our monthly meetings. It would be pleasing to see some of our seasoned veterans return, as well as some ambitious rookies of any age eager to help. That’s it for now, enjoy the foliage and I hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury  
President

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#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 2002 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop

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