

THE BUZZ

October 2003

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The leaves have turned, there's been snow in the mountains, deer season has begun, it's only a matter of time before we'll be out riding. I've talked to several excited members who have been picking up their new sleds at various dealers around. If you're one of those, I'm sure you've also sat on your sled at least a few nights and envisioned the trail ahead of you. Thanks to our Trail Master Lionel Cyr and the many volunteers who have been working throughout the summer we should once again have an excellent trail system.

The VAST annual meeting was held last month and once again the Sno Bees came home with some awards. The first award was an individual award to our own Lionel Cyr. Lionel was recognized as Trail Master of the Year! This is a well-deserved award for Lionel who has put in countless hours on the trails all throughout the year. Congratulations Lionel for being chosen Trail Master of the Year for the entire State of Vermont! The second award was for the club as a whole. The Barre Sno Bees were presented with "Club of the Year"! This award reflects all the hard work that everyone involved does for the club throughout the year. It reflects our trails, grooming, signing, safety education courses, fundraising, and Make a Wish Foundation support. So to everyone who helped, Thanks and Congratulations!

With that said we have to continue to work hard to keep our trails up to our standards. There is still a lot of work to be done this fall before riding begins. Our annual workbees will be held on Saturday, October 11th and Saturday, October 18th. They will begin by meeting at the beehive at 8:00 AM both days and Lionel will give you direction as to what has to be done. I can't stress enough how important it is that we have your help. Our normal volunteers are getting burned out and need a helping hand. Please show up at least one day and help out, it will mean the difference between having trails and having excellent trails. Some trails will not even be open if we don't get extra help. We will provide lunch and a cookout afterwards both days for all those that volunteer. As mentioned last month we will be giving away a free TMA to one lucky volunteer each day!

In last month's newsletter I mentioned you might have the opportunity to buy insurance when you buy your TMA's; that will not be the case. You will have to purchase your own liability insurance through an insurance provider of your choice. This is mandatory this year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself, VAST, or email our membership chairperson, Marc Cote.

In closing I'd like to thank our Vice President Dave Thomas and Champlain Farms for the donation of 100 gallons of fuel towards our groomer. This type of generosity helps our club tremendously by allowing us to maintain our trails and building for the continued growth of the club. I look forward to seeing you at our monthly meeting on Wednesday, but more importantly at our workbees on the 11th and 18th of October.

Sincerely,

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2003 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop
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