



THE BUZZ

October 2006

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 11, 2006

7:00 pm @ the Hilltop Restaurant

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is that time of year to get things going and ready for the winter riding. All the work that we need to do to get ready happens right now! Whether it is volunteering for trail work, or purchasing raffle tickets to raise monies to fuel our efforts, now is the time. We also have to fight for the future right to snowmobile as well, especially if it is *the Groton State Forest...NOW IS THE TIME!*

Trails Coordinator Lionel "Let's Get er' Done" Cyr and *Trail Master Jim "Let's Roll" Morrill* have done some great work so far clearing our *Trails* and they need help! Every Sunday morning 8:00 a.m. they need all the volunteers that we can get to help them out. There is also a *V.A.S.T. Volunteer Weekend* on October 21, 2006 where you may be able to win a TMA for the year. Meet at the *BeeHive* @ 8:00 Saturday morning with any equipment that you may have: Chainsaws, ATV's, etc... Lunch will be provided. On that note, I want to thank *Jean Perrigo and Tina Hatch* for their help in making sure our volunteers are fed. Thanks!

Membership Chairperson, Patti "I Want to Ride in Canada" Booska, says that the TMA's are in and they are available at our *Official Sno-Bees TMA Outlets* and *Online*. We also urgently need your email addresses so that we can save some of the \$3,000.00 it costs yearly to send you our *Sno-Bees Monthly Newsletter*. We are going to have a contest with winners of our *\$20 Monthly Raffle Tickets* for the lucky one who we pull their email address. *SO, PLEASE* send your email to membership@snobees.com. You can also register your email address when you access www.snobees.com and click on Contact Us (at the top) and fill in the Feedback Form. All members that currently get their *Sno-Bees Monthly Newsletter* by email are also automatically entered into this contest. So, help us save money on postage and handling and register your email address with us. Every little bit helps us to achieve our goals as a *Club*. Also, if you buy your *TMA* before December 16, 2006, you are entered (by the Club) into a V.A.S.T. contest to win one of two new snowmobiles!! There are also many other prizes. So, get your *TMA* early this year.

Our *Second Annual Halloween Party* is being planned for *Saturday, October 28th, 2006* at the *Country Club of Barre!* We had a great showing last year and we are excited to bring this back to you again this year. We have a chicken and pasta dinner, dancing and prizes for best costume! For tickets, please call *Theresa "Lets Work together Girls" Berkeley* at 249-2678 by Thursday, October 26th, 2006 to purchase a ticket. You could also stop by and see *Ron "WildCat" Plante at Brookside Store* and get tickets as well. So, for those who are not scary looking enough, get your costume ready and step out for a night with your fellow *Sno-Bee'ers!*

We also are planning our *Sno-Bees Snowmobile Swap Meet* for *Saturday, December 2, 2006* at the *Canadian Club* on Route 14. This is a great time to sell your snowmobile and/or clothing! Come and sell your sled or come to buy a sled! There will be everything for sale there. Come early and get the good stuff!

Fundraising for our Club is also off and running. As you all know, it takes substantially more monies than just your *Club* dues to make this all work. We will have our *Sno-Bees \$20 Monthly Raffle Tickets* for sale this month. Please look to those *Sno-Bees Members* who have them for sale and buy more than you did last year. If you need one, you can always stop by and see *Ron at Brookside* to get one. Also, we are making the final plans for our *Official Sno-Bees \$100 Dinner Raffle* that will be held again at the *Canadian Club*. Mark your calendars. We have booked the Canadian Club for January 19th, 2007. Last year was a great time and I am looking forward to this event this year.

We had the best showing for Members last year and this year should be even more fun, especially if we can ride our sleds to this event! Expect some one calling you to get you your ticket if you had one last year and for those who want to go and do not have a ticket, please call me at (802) 476-4785.

Groton State Forest Management Plan is out and our old **Sno-Bees Trail to Seyon Pond** is not on it. Come to this month's meeting and you can hear all about it. We are going to invite some of our politicians to come as well to hear why we need this trail and why another 2,500 acre "wild area" is not in the best interest for the **Sno-Bees of Barre**. If you cannot make our **Monthly Meeting**, there is a **Groton State Forest Management Plan Public Input Meeting being held on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at the Danville High School at 7:00 p.m.** The reason why we need this old trail to be on this **Management Plan is that Mr. Shoelem's 4,000 acre woodlot is for sale.** This is the part of our trail that extends from **Bennett's Mill to about 600 yards short of the first entrance to the Loop Trail in Groton.** This is a big piece of trail that we cannot go around unless we use the **Gore Road Trail to Seyon Pond** that **the State of Vermont used to groom in the late '60's!! This new Management Plan forbids any V.A.S.T. trail or even a mountain bike path going into their "Seyon Watershed Special Management Area".** I and Wayne "**Let it Snow**" **Pelkey** went to the **Vermont Department of Forest and Parks** meeting last week when this plan was rolled out to **V.A.S.T...** The reason why they said that we could not reopen this trail is that **if they let us go through, then they would have to "let the loggers in!"** We need to fight this now or lose the chance to use this area if the Shoelem land is sold to someone who does not like snowmobilers. Go to the **Meeting in Danville or to our Son-Bees Meeting on Wednesday, October 11, 2006** and then write to the **Governor** saying that you are a taxpayer of Vermont and you want the old snowmobile trail from Gore Road to Seyon open for snowmobiling. I need all of your email addresses now so that I can get to you a fact sheet and addresses so that you can send some emails, faxes or letters to those that can help us in this struggle. We need to secure our **Trails of the Future** and the future is now!

Come to the Meeting and hear more about this.

Thanks!

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