



THE BUZZ

October 2007

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 10, 2007

7:00 pm @ the Hilltop Restaurant

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I know that you have heard...*Farmers Almanac* has predicted a cold, harsh winter. Everyone shudders, except you! Praying for such a winter, we will do anything to see 2 feet of snow at Thanksgiving. But before anyone can think of riding, we need to invest our time and resources to make sure that our trails are maintained, opened properly and well funded. This means you have to either donate your time to physically help us or donate your \$\$ in the form of purchasing raffle tickets, re-sponsoring our *Trail Support Sign*, or giving us a little extra when purchasing your TMA this year. Remember, the *Sno-Bees of Barre* is an all volunteer run Club. You should feel real guilty if you just purchase your TMA and let others do the dirty work. Without volunteer help, there would be no trails for you to ride on. Come to our *Monthly Meetings* and get involved with our fundraising activities. Show the volunteers of our Club that you care and want to support their efforts. Your interest motivates others and shows us all that you are part of the *Sno-Bees Team*. Get involved before it's too late!!

Trails Coordinator, Lionel "Grill's Gone Wild Winner" Cyr, has been very busy documenting trail flood damage and filing *FEMA* claims. He and his *All Madden/Volunteer Trail Workers* have not virtually stopped working on our trails since the snow melted. We have new culverts and trail straightening on the *Groton Trail* as well as most excellent trail debrushing! If you want to join in on this fun, the *Official V.A.S.T. Volunteer Weekend* is on tap for the weekend of *October 20-21, 2007*. Volunteer and 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, i.e. 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 again this year. ***Hey, here's your chance to get involved! Don't disappoint the Club!***

Membership Chairperson, Patti "I Want to Rock" Booska, states that are many New & Exciting changes in the TMA's for this year. V.A.S.T. has implemented **New TMA Categories** to best fit your needs as a rider. New categories include **Commercial:** (ONLY available through V.A.S.T.), **Antique:** 25 years & older (A One time fee & ONLY available through V.A.S.T.), **Classic:** 15 years & older (save almost 1/2 off the regular rate), **Regular:** Resident or Non-Resident, **A 5-Day Pass:** (available ONLY at select dealers) & **A New Family Plan:** (offers a discount for multiple sleds from the same Owner. The first 2 TMA's at the regular rate & the 3rd and subsequent at a 50% discount). V.A.S.T. has also implemented **New Pricing rates: Early Bird-** if you buy your TMA before Dec 15th, 2007, you can **save 30%** off the regular price (A cost of \$80 including club & county dues). **After December 15, 2007 the full cost of your Resident TMA will be \$105.00. Be smart & plan to buy your TMA early** to prevent having to pay the new rate! **Those who WAIT will be paying \$25 to \$35 more for their TMA.** We expect to be able to offer the TMA's for purchase in the first week of November. Please be sure to check our website, it will be posted when they are available. The 1st year of these new offerings will be a learning process for us all. Please be patient with our TMA dealers & know we are doing everything possible to make this transition a smooth one. You can read more about these changes in the *V.A.S.T. News* or on their website at www.vtvast.org (Please Note.. pricing on the Vast website does not include the club & county dues of \$15). These changes will benefit those that buy early and want to support our Clubs & trail system no matter what we get for snow. This is good! More money for V.A.S.T. to give back to the Clubs for trail grooming and maintenance! Like last year, we urgently need your email addresses so that we can save some of the \$3,000 it costs to send you our *Sno-Bees Monthly Newsletter*. **SO, PLEASE** send your email address to membership@snobees.com. You can also register your email address when you access www.snobees.com. 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!**

The ***Sno-Bees Snowmobile Safety Course*** is again set for the first Saturday in December which is ***December 1, 2007***. We are again joining forces with the ***Barre Town Thunderchickens*** to co-sponsor this event! Please register early for this for there is limited space. Please call ***Dave Rouleau, President of the Barre Town Thunderchickens***, at (802) 371-1279 to reserve your space. This is Dave's work number, so please call during the day!

We also are planning our ***Sno-Bees Snowmobile Swap Meet*** again for this year. Look for this event to again occur sometime in the next few months. For more information on this and to volunteer your time in helping out, please contact ***Todd "Watch Out For That Tree" Heath*** @ (802)249-1777! This is a great time to sell your snowmobile and/or clothing!

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***. 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! Look to some one calling you to get you your ticket you had 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

Come to the October Monthly Meeting and you will hear more about our efforts to secure our trail access to this vital area for the future!

Get Involved!

Thanks

John "Keep Seyon Open for Riding!" Plante
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