



THE BUZZ

October, 2008

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2008

7:00 pm @ the Bee Hive

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing this on Monday September 22, 2008 the first day of fall with summer behind us. The club is gearing up to do a lot of construction because of this summer's heavy rain. The usual tasks of debrushing, taking care of fallen trees, repairs to bridges, and trail marking have to be done before the snow season. This creates a lot of opportunity for the volunteering club member to gain a chance at winning a volunteer TMA for this snowmobile season. And this drawing will be held for all club members who turn out to help the club.

The officers and directors have just returned from the VAST annual meeting held September 20th at the Burke Mountain Base Lodge in East Burke. This year's meeting was hosted by Essex County. A lot of items were covered at the meeting and you can read about them in detail of this month's VAST news. This meeting officially kicks off the snowmobile season for 2008-2009. Just a couple notes on my impression of this year's meeting – 1) Next year's annual meeting will be hosted by Washington County. We need to really work hard at raising the bar due to the excellent job Essex County did this year. 2) President Pat Poulin and his officers working alongside him are doing a great job of leading VAST in these tough economic times. 3) Balancing this year's budget without the benefit of a contingency fund sitting in the bank was a very tough job. 4) Pat and his slate of officers along with the budget committee deserve our thanks for grabbing the bull by the horns and coming up with a balanced budget.

Trails Coordinator, Justin Jennett, Is looking for volunteers who would like to win a volunteer TMA by donating their time to the club the weekend of October 18-19. If you would like to volunteer, but can't make it this weekend, call or email Justin and he can make arrangements to have you volunteer when your schedule allows it between now and December 15th. Justin is actually starting work before the bid "work weekend". He is looking for volunteers starting October 5th (and every Sunday thereafter) at 9:00 a.m. Also Justin would like to pass along to all the trail trustees to contact him if you have any problems marking your trails or have a problem that you need help solving. Just call or email him

Membership Chairperson, Patti Booska, says that there are changes coming again for TMA's for this year. You can read about this in greater detail in the *V.A.S.T. News or from the New Website* @ <http://www.vtVAST.org>.

The price of a TMA is going to be increased due to a fuel surcharge of \$20.00 this year. This money is needed to cover the increase of the price of fuel, and so the trails continue to get groomed on regular basis at our club and the other clubs throughout the state.

Remember to purchase your early bird TMA before December 15th and save.

It is with deep regret that I announce the death of Christopher Rogers, son of Jeff and Lisa and brother to Kristen & Danielle. Our condolences on the loss of your son / brother. Christopher and his dad were always there at every major construction project the club has had the last few years. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

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. If you need one, you can always stop by and see **Ron at Brookside** to get one. Also, we are going to be making the 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.

Groton State Forest New Proposed Trail: Come to the October Monthly Meeting and you will hear more about our efforts to secure a new trail into Groton State Forest.

Get Involved!

***Thanks Jim Morrill
President***

2008 Sno-Bees Officers and Directors

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