

THE BUZZ

November 2002

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's looking better and better everyday. Those cold temperatures and mini snowfalls have everyone thinking about the up and coming season. After an all right season last year, we're due for another record year. With all the hard work the many volunteers have put into our trail system this fall, the Sno Bee trails should be pristine. We had our annual volunteer weekend Oct 19th and 20th with a great turnout on a not so great day. The day ended with a barbeque at the beehive with burgers and dogs from Quality Market. If you missed it there are some great pictures on the Website, including a few muddy volunteers! Many volunteers who couldn't make it this weekend have been working other weekends getting the numerous projects complete so our trail system will be ready to go December 15th. So a big Thank You goes out to all the volunteers including those from out of town and out of state who once again made the trip up to help out. Lionel, Ron, and Dave thanks for being prepared so we could get the work done.

At our last monthly meeting we came up with some events for the upcoming season. The annual Central Vermont Make A Wish Charity event will be held at the Music Club again this year on Saturday, February 8, 2002. A new Polaris snowmobile will be raffled off again that day, look for more details on the Website and upcoming newsletters. The Sno Bees 3rd annual Dinner/Raffle will be held on Saturday, February 15th, and the annual Poker Run doesn't have a date as of yet but is expected to be in early March. We've also decided to bring back the Sunday morning "Fun Rides", which will start at the beehive at 9:30 A.M. on any Sunday that conditions allow for. These rides may go to another club's ride in, or simply make a scenic loop with fellow members. More information will be available on the Website, as the riding season gets closer.

Also at our last monthly meeting we approved the donation of \$600 to the Vermont Traditions Coalition. This is an organization that is dedicated to land management policies that protect Vermont's hallowed hunting, angling, trapping, snowmobiling, farming, and forest harvesting traditions. They have been hard at work to protect our access to the former Champion lands and other public land threatened in Vermont. This organization is critical to our livelihood. We as a club made a donation, if you as an individual would like to make a donation you may do so by emailing Pennie Companion at Penlafou3@aol.com or Frank Stanley at Frank@outdoorsmagazine.net. Any contribution that can help out this organization, will ensure a strong voice in protecting our fragile trail system.

The last issue of the “Buzz” mentioned a few issues that need resolution and or event dates. The commercial TMA issue has been resolved with a \$250 registration that can only be purchased through VAST. The issue of insurance for VAST, as a whole, is not resolved as this newsletter is written; however they are very close to signing with a new carrier. As far as the **Snowmobile Safety Course** - The Sno-Bees will be having a Snowmobile Safety Course on December 7, 2002, at Barre Town Elementary School beginning at (?) am. This six-hour course covers the basics of snowmobiling. You will learn about troubleshooting, basic maintenance, how to trailer your snowmobile, cold weather survival techniques, basic first aid and proper riding techniques. You will also find out how to join a snowmobile club and where to find what the trail conditions are anywhere in Vermont. Finally, the rules of the road and the snowmobilers’ code of ethics will help guide you to a safe, enjoyable time on the trails this winter. Anyone willing to volunteer their time to help would be much appreciated and can contact Donald at the number below. Registration is based on a first come, first serve basis. Space is limited. Please contact Donald Bellavance at 479-1433 to register.

And Now for **FREE MONEY...From the Membership Chairperson** – Thank you to all of those members who have already registered on our Website, www.snobees.com, this is a **BIG** time saver. Your TMA’s will be in the mail as soon as they are available. Also, you are automatically entered into the \$200.00 cash drawing!!

*******Important Membership Announcement!! *******
Don’t wait until the snow flies!!

Buy your VAST TMA’s & Sno-Bees Memberships from our Website, www.snobees.com, between now and December 31, 2002 and you will be automatically entered into a drawing for a Cash Prize of \$200.00!! The drawing will take place on January 8, 2003 at our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. You do not need to be present to win. The winner will be notified via email. One entry per snowmachine. New members are welcomed.



For our members who do not have Internet access, I have included a 2002-2003 Membership Application for your convenience.

VAST TMA's and Sno-Bees memberships are also available at these fine locations:

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Marc Cote – Membership Chairperson

Thank you, Marc and Donald. In closing I'd like to thank Charlie Desmarais and Liberty Mutual for sponsoring this months newsletter. Please find attached, information regarding the group savings plus program he offers. Also our meetings are always open to all members; new, veterans, shy, and even Arctic Cat riders. So come join us in making the Sno-Bees a leader in club participation and organization.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
 President

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 2002 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop

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