

THE BUZZ

November 2003

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

AT THE HILLTOP

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With only a little more than a month to go, the weather conditions are looking favorable for snowmobilers and other winter enthusiasts. The temperatures have been dipping into the teens and the Snow Gods are getting ready for a big party. Thanks to the many volunteers who have been helping out over the past few months we'll be ready. As mentioned in last month's newsletter our own Lionel Cyr received Trail Master of the Year, if he's not careful he's going to get it again. I'd like to really give a big Thanks to Lionel, and Dave Watson for all their time and effort. These guys have worked endless hours to make sure that our trail system is ready for the upcoming season. They have also had many, many faithful volunteers helping them out day after day. I hope to have a list of all of these volunteers in the next newsletter, as they deserve recognition and thanks for a job well done!

Although these volunteers have been working continuously on our trail system, they can't cover it all. So to all the Trail Trustees the club thanks you for your work on your own stretch of trail. Thanks for clearing the fallen trees, putting up snow fence, signs, and for opening gates. Thanks also for your relationships with the landowners who continue to allow us the privilege of having great trails on their private land! If you have any problems with your trails or need signs, etc. please give Lionel or myself a call.

The 4-Wheeler is available for your use and has recently been revamped. Thanks to John Plante and Lionel for taking the 4-Wheeler to Mike at Gilles Sales and Service and having him fix it for free! Mike we greatly appreciated this donation and thank you for all the parts and labor you put into our tired machine. These types of donations help our club continue to carry on, especially with the many construction projects that have been completed this fall.

As always I mention the need for volunteers and donations of one kind or another. Well at last month's meeting a member who can't work on the trails came up with another idea to help out the club. Giselle Chouinard is going to hand paint "milk mugs" with the Sno Bees name and logo, or a design of your choice including your favorite brand of snowmobile, and sell these mugs on the Website. The Sno Bees will then receive \$2.50 per mug sold. You can view these mugs on the Website at <http://www.snobees.com/merchandise.html>. Thanks Giselle for your unique effort!

With the season fast approaching it's that time again for another Snowmobile Safety Course. Once again this year it will be held at Barre Town School on Saturday

December 6, 2003 at 9:00 A.M. Donald Bellavance will teach the course again with the assistance of his wife, Carla. If you would like to sign your child up or even yourself please call Donald and Carla at 479-1433 and get your name in as it fills up fast. Donald and Carla; Thanks for your continued effort on this very important training.

From the Membership Chairperson – Introducing the new **Sno-Bee Guarantee!!** – When you purchase your TMA from our Website, your TMA will be in the mail back to you on the **next business day!! GUARANTEED!!** (Once they TMA's are available from VAST of course!) As an added incentive, the first 50 people to purchase TMA's on our Website will receive a **FREE** VAST 2003-2004 trail map, while supplies last!! Limit one free map per household. And that's not all!! All online applicants will be eligible for a drawing!! We will be drawing names and giving away 10 Sno-Bees hats at our February 11, 2004 Meeting!! So don't wait until the snow flies, go to www.snobees.com and get your TMA now before the 50 maps are all gone!!

Thank you to all of those members who have **already** purchased TMA's on our Website this season, this is a big time saver and your help is greatly appreciated. Your TMA's and Trail Maps will be in the mail as soon as they are available.

For our members who do not have Internet access, I have included a 2003-2004 Membership Application for your convenience.

We are pleased to announce that you can now buy your VAST TMA's & Sno-Bees Memberships at the Brookside Country Store in Barre. Thanks Ron!!

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

<p>Gilles Sales & Service 795 VT RTE 14 South East Montpelier, VT 05651 802-476-3101 www.gillesmarine.com Monday – Friday 8am - 7pm Saturday 8am - 4pm</p>	<p>Laquerre's Marine & Sports Center 1010 VT RTE 14 South East Montpelier, VT 05651 802-476-8199 www.laquerres.com Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm Saturday 9am - 3pm</p>	<p>Ms R.V. Sales & Service 5010 VT RT 12 Berlin, VT 05602 802-229-4741 Monday – Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday 9:30am - 5pm</p>	<p>Trow Hill Grocery 275 Hill Street Barre, VT 05641 802-476-1175 Monday – Friday 6am - 9pm Saturday 7am - 9pm Sunday 8am - 9pm</p>
<p>Guy's Repair Shop Outdoor Power Equipment Sales & Service 16 Brook St., Box 810 Barre, VT 05641 802-476-7502 Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm Saturday 8am – 12pm</p>	<p>The Hollow Inn & Motel 278 S. Main Street Barre, VT 05641 802-479-9313 1-800-998-9444 for Reservations www.central-vt.com/web/hollow/</p>	<p>T & J's SLED SHOP Todd Heath 21 Division St. Barre, VT 05641 (H) 802-476-8873 (C) 802-249-1777</p>	<p>Brookside Country Store 339 E. Montpelier Road Barre, VT 05641 802-476-5560 Hours Sunday 6:30 am - 8:00pm Monday-Sat. 6:00 am - 9:00pm</p>

Reminder: **Effective September 1, 2003** - all individuals operating a snowmobile, in Vermont on the statewide snowmobile trails system, shall have a liability insurance

policy or bond in the amounts of at least \$25,000 for one person and \$50,000 for two or more persons killed or injured and \$10,000 for damages to property in any one accident. In lieu thereof, evidence of self-insurance in the amount of \$115,000 must be filed with the commissioner.

Marc Cote – Membership Chairperson

Thanks Marc for all the extra effort you put into this club. In closing I'd like to mention a few important upcoming events.

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| > Saturday, December 6, 2003 | Snowmobile Safety Course |
| > Monday, December 15, 2003 | Trails Open (If conditions allow) |
| > Saturday, February 7, 2003 | Central VT Snowmobile Charity
Event (Make a Wish Ride In) |
| > Saturday, February 21, 2003 | \$100 Dinner Dance Raffle |

Also the first of six monthly drawings will be held this Wednesday for our monthly money raffle providing everyone gets their tickets turned in to Trevor. I hope everyone has a wonderful month of November. I also hope to see many of you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
President

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2003 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.snobeese.com (Memberships Available online)