



# THE BUZZ

November 2004

MEETINGS: 7:00PM

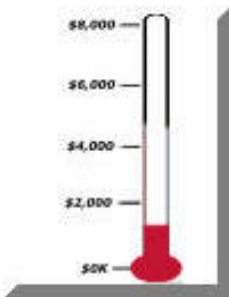
AT THE HILLTOP

THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH (Sept-April)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are again, the beginning of a new season is already upon us. I apologize for getting a newsletter out so late, but hope to get it out regularly now that snowmobiling season is almost here. With the start of any new season comes new trail work. Our hard working trail master has been busy all summer and fall, working every weekend with the help of only a few volunteers. There's lots of mulching, seeding and debrushing that still needs to be done on the new trails we are working on. It would be great to see some of our younger members out there helping out. I understand that many of you are busy with activities and can't find the time, much like myself, but we really need your help to continue to have the best trails around. We work EVERY weekend. If you would like to help, please show up on Saturday or Sunday mornings at the Beehive at 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please call myself at 476-9960 or Lionel at 479-9604. Thanks in advance for your help.

Speaking of needing help, we really need support from our members to keep the Beehive going. It costs us about \$8,000 a year for rent, utilities, and maintenance. That's a huge cost for a volunteer snowmobile club. It's a great facility; it's where we are able to keep our groomer, club tools, etc. We also hope to hold more events at the Beehive this winter and will announce them as they are scheduled. Any donation you can give would be a great help. We will keep you posted throughout the season on where we're at with donations. Our goal is to get enough donations to fund the Beehive. You can make donations online at the following address: <http://www.snobees.com/beehive.html>. Please know that as we are asking for donations for the building, I hear many times that people would donate for more grooming. Please know that this will help enhance our grooming operations, as this is our home base for club operations.



So far we have received about \$850 in donations. As you can see, we still have quite a ways to go. Thank you to the following people for your contributions: Wendon Bailey, donating one month's rent; cash donations from Dave Thomas, David Leslie, and Walter Hass. Also, thank you to Barre Electric for donating the tie wraps to put fencing on posts, Mike Perrigo c/o HP Fairfield for steel for the groomer drag, and Marc Cote for donating a new refrigerator to the Beehive.

### Safety Course/Education

Persons born after July 1, 1983 and who are 12 years of age and older must take and pass the snowmobile safety education course and carry their certificate while operating on the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (SSTS). For more information on age requirements, please see our website at <http://www.snobees.com/safety.html>.

**Safety Course Scheduled for 2004-2005 Season:  
Sponsored by Sno-Bees and Barre Town Thunderchickens**

**When:** Saturday, December 4th, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m.  
**Where:** Barre Town Elementary School  
**Registration:** Call David at 371-1279 to sign up  
**REGISTRATION IS FREE!!!! Lunch will be provided (pizza, chips, etc.)**

**Thanks to Don Bellavance of SnoBees and Dave Rouleau of the Thunderchickens for coordinating this training.**

The county dues that each of you pay have raised enough money to purchase two snow machines for use by the Washington County Sheriff's Department. The Barre Sno Bees were 100% behind this acquisition. The Sno Bees also volunteered the "Beehive" as a base for the sheriff's to operate out of while they get up and running. The County also approved \$1500 for a new law enforcement trailer for the two sleds. With the help of Greg Rouleau & Joey Laquerre a new trailer was purchased at Laquerre's. Sgt. Brett Meyer is well informed on the problems we have had in the past and is on board to help eliminate future problems. In addition, the board is looking at setting up trail patrols to increase awareness out on our trails. If you are interested in volunteering for trail patrols, which would be done in conjunction with law enforcement, or would like more info, please contact myself or any of the directors. Because of actions from some snowmobilers during last season, we were forced re-route four miles of trail at a cost of \$38,000. PLEASE RESPECT ALL TRAILS, LANDOWNERS, FELLOW SNOWMOBILERS SO WE DON'T LOSE ANYMORE TRAILS!!!

~~✍~~ Just a reminder that children under the age of 16 are not allowed on the trails alone. They must have direct adult supervision at all times.

**Membership Corner** – TMA's are in and ready to be sold!! Once again our **Sno-Bee Guarantee** is in full effect. When you purchase your TMA from our website, your TMA will be in the mail back to you on the **next business day!! GUARANTEED!!**

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 appreciated.

Did you know that we sell Sno-Bees Gift Certificates? With the holidays coming up, these make great stocking stuffers. You can also purchase these online on our Merchandise page, <http://www.snobees.com/merchandise.html>. Trail maps and other merchandise is also available. Trail maps should be available soon and pre-paid orders will be filled as soon as possible. For our members who do not have Internet access, I have included a 2004-2005 Membership Application for your convenience.

We are pleased to announce that you can now buy your VAST TMA's & Sno-Bees Memberships at AJ's Sunoco on Washington St in Barre. Thank you Armand, Joyce and Steve for your support!!

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

<p><b>Gilles</b>  <b>Sales &amp; Service</b>  <b>795 VT RTE 14 South</b>  <b>East Montpelier, VT</b>  <b>05651</b>  <b>802-476-3101</b>  <u><a href="http://www.gillesmarine.com">www.gillesmarine.com</a></u>  <b>Monday – Friday</b>  <b>8am - 7pm</b>  <b>Saturday 8am - 4pm</b></p>	<p><b>Laquerre's</b>  <b>Marine &amp; Sports Center</b>  <b>1010 VT RTE 14 South</b>  <b>East Montpelier, VT</b>  <b>05651</b>  <b>802-476-8199</b>  <u><a href="http://www.laquerres.com">www.laquerres.com</a></u>  <b>Monday - Friday</b>  <b>8am - 6pm</b>  <b>Saturday 9am - 3pm</b></p>	<p><b>Ms R.V.</b>  <b>Sales &amp; Service</b>  <b>5010 VT RT 12</b>  <b>Berlin, VT 05602</b>  <b>802-229-4741</b>  <b>Monday – Friday</b>  <b>9am - 6pm</b>  <b>Saturday</b>  <b>9:30am - 5pm</b></p>	<p><b>Trow Hill Grocery</b>  <b>275 Hill Street</b>  <b>Barre, VT 05641</b>  <b>802-476-1175</b>  <b>Monday – Friday</b>  <b>6am - 9pm</b>  <b>Saturday 7am - 9pm</b>  <b>Sunday 8am - 9pm</b></p>
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<b>Guy's Repair Shop</b> <b>Outdoor Power</b> <b>Equipment Sales &amp;</b> <b>Service</b> <b>16 Brook St., Box 810</b> <b>Barre, VT 05641</b> <b>802-476-7502</b> <b>Monday - Friday 8am -</b> <b>5pm</b> <b>Saturday 8am – 12pm</b>	<b>The Hollow Inn &amp; Motel</b> <b>278 S. Main Street</b> <b>Barre, VT 05641</b> <b>802-479-9313</b> <b>1-800-998-9444 for</b> <b>Reservations</b> <b>www.central-</b> <b>vt.com/web/hollow/</b>	<b>T &amp; J's SLED</b> <b>SHOP</b> <b>Todd Heath</b> <b>21 Division St.</b> <b>Barre, VT 05641</b> <b>(H) 802-476-8873</b> <b>(C) 802-249-1777</b>	<b>Brookside Country Store</b> <b>339 E. Montpelier Road</b> <b>Barre, VT 05641</b> <b>802-476-5560</b> <b>Hours Sunday 6:30 am -</b> <b>8:00pm</b> <b>Monday-Sat. 6:00 am -</b> <b>9:00pm</b>
<b>AJ's Sunoco</b> <b>320 Washington St</b> <b>Barre, VT 05641</b> <b>802-476-9494</b> <b>Hours: Mon-Sat 7:00-</b> <b>9:00 pm.</b> <b>Sun: 8:00 - 8:00 pm.</b>			

### Reminders:

**Trails do not open until Monday, December 20, 2004.** Please do not head out onto the trails until then.

**Marc Cote – Membership Chairperson**

### Calendar of Events

At the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, we scheduled events for the upcoming season. The events we have scheduled are listed below:

Texas Hold-em Tournament - Jan. 8, 2005  
\$100 Money Raffle - Jan. 22, 2005  
Poker Run - Feb. 19, 2005

More information to follow on locations and times.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and continued support. I hope to see a lot of our regulars at the November meeting as well as some new faces! I would especially like to see some of our younger members attend. You are the future of our club. Have a good month.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury  
President

**Brent Tewksbury** - President- 476-9960  
**Ryan Bellavance**- Treasurer- 476-4573  
**Ron Plante**-Trails Coordinator- 479-2124  
**Marc Cote**- Membership- 476-6495  
**Greg Rouleau** – Director  
**Scott Lange** – Director  
**Randy Lamberti** – Director  
**Dave Martin** – Director  
**John Berkeley** – Director

**Dave Thomas** - Vice President- 864-5155 (ex.225)  
**Brian McAvoy**- Secretary-479-5943  
**Lionel Cyr**-Trail Master-479-9604  
**Angela Leclerc** – Webmaster  
**Adam Martin** – Director  
**Theresa Berkeley**- Director  
**Donald Bellavance** – Director  
**Dave Watson** – Director  
**Jim Morrill** – Director

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 10, 2004 7:00 P.M. at the Hilltop  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: [www.snobeas.com](http://www.snobeas.com) (Memberships Available online)