



# THE BUZZ

November 2005

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 9th, 2005**

**7:00 pm @ the Hilltop Restaurant**

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A foot and a half of snow so far! I think that the *Farmers Almanac* is right on this year. I know that I got 2 miles on my sled and it's because you should aerate your lawn in the Fall so that the nutrients can sink in once the frost melts in the spring! My lawn is going to look great next summer!

I want to take the time to discuss a few issues regarding the purchase or lease of our **PB200 Groomer**. We were asked by V.A.S.T. to make a decision by this past November 1, 2005 to continue leasing our groomer or buy it right now for **\$50,000**. We currently have one more year left on our existing lease with V.A.S.T. for the groomer and the decision that we needed to make was whether to re-lease the groomer starting in 1997. **Dave "I've Got a Rev and you Don't" Thomas** did a great job looking into the numbers to see if purchasing our groomer from V.A.S.T. would be a good idea. It was clear from his report that it is in the **Club's** best interest to own our own groomer rather than leasing it since we would get more revenue from V.A.S.T. Due to some concerns about fuel prices, groomer maintenance costs and other uncertainties, we felt that it would be prudent to give the **Club** an extra year to raise the 50K and not use all our existing cash to accomplish this goal. With the help of a few key members who have donated to the **Groomer Purchase Fund** so far, we do have about half or more the 50 K we need. Since buying our **Groomer** is the right thing to do, I have challenged the **Club** to get the remaining money we need to purchase this **Groomer** by October 1, 2006. Even though we have entered into a new lease with V.A.S.T. for the **Groomer**, they will let us buy the **Groomer** if we choose to before their fiscal year starts which is October 1, 2006. Our **Official Sno-Bees Fundraising Committee** is putting its finishing touches on an in depth program on how we are going to accomplish this goal. Once we have all the specifics of this plan done, we will roll it out to all our members and those in the corporate community who want to support our **Club!** Special thanks to all who have contributed so far and to the **Sno-Bees el Presendente' Groomer Committee** for getting us to this point! At any time, feel free to send in your check to help us achieve our goal to:

**"Get er' Done in '06"!**

We have had a few great events so far this season and I got to tell you, some of our **Members** are just missing out on the "good times" that we have had. Special thanks to **Bob "Where's My 4-Stroke Turbo Fusion?" Plante** and his **Central Vermont Used Snowmobile and Apparel Sale Committee** for all the hours of preparation. This year's event was held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. We had many members and guests selling snowmobiles and apparel while supporting our concessions for hot food and beverage. Special thanks to our sponsors: **Brookside "Say Hi to Ron!" Store, Hilltop Restaurant, Ran-Mar Corp., Bob Campo & Barre Elks, Sean & Nora's Restaurant, Upper Valley & Grill Store, Del's Pizza and Pasta House, Eric Lozier Tent Rentals, Soups and Greens Restaurant, J & J Portable Grill, and Columbo Stoneworks**. Next year, you **Members** have to take advantage of this event!

Well you missed **Zorro, Mother Theresa, Father John, Inlet/Outlet, Scuba Guy, Cat Woman, Batman**, and a host of other well costumed **Sno-Bee Members** at the **Inaugural Sno-Bees Halloween Party** held at the **Country Club of Barre** on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This was a scary night! Special thanks to Chair **Bob "Gotta Slightly Used Artic Cat Leather Jacket for Sale" Campo** for heading this event up and to **Michelle "Think Polaris" Campo** for all the decorations. Great job!

The *V.A.S.T. Safety Course* sponsored by the *Sno-Bees* and *Barre Town Thunderchickens* is being held on **Saturday, December 3, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at **Barre Town Elementary School**. For those riders that are 12 years of age or older, this course is necessary to enable them to cross roads *while in the presence of someone 18 years or older*. **All children 12 to 15 years if age need to pass this course to be able to do so. Stiff penalties and fines will be issued this year if anyone in this age group does not have anyone 18 years or older supervising the operation of their sled while on any V.A.S.T. Trail!**

On a *Trails Note*, we are in an *emergency situation*. Due to heavy snow and rain there are a number of trees down across all of our *Trails* everywhere. If you know who your *Official Sno-Bees Trail Trustee* is (this is the person who signs your trail where you get access to the trail), please call this person to offer your help in getting this debris cleared from the *Trail*. If you do not know who this person is, please contact our *Trail Master, Jeremy "I Wanna Ride" Malone* at the phone number listed to find out who this person is. If you want to just work on any trail, call Jeremy or Lionel. No one will get access to our *Trail System* unless these trees are cleared. No one! Also, if we do get an early snowfall like we did already, our trails do not open till **December 19<sup>th</sup>**. We have already received calls of sleds going onto their neighbors land! Please refrain from doing this. Use your own lawn or land! Don't prematurely upset a landowner before the trails are set to open on **Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**. I would know a number of riders would like to speak to you if you are the one caught doing this...

The *Official Sno-Bees TMA Application* is in this mailing. Due to high diesel fuel costs, we have added a line in the form to ask for a voluntary fuel subsidy to help us put fuel into the groomer. So far, there has not been any program from V.A.S.T. to make up for the sharp increase in fuel costs for the all *Clubs*. If all our 900 members circle one of the amounts, then we should not have a problem. If you do not use the *Sno-Bees TMA Application*, and you want to give to our *Official Sno-Bees Fuel "Get er' Going" Program*. Just add \$5, \$10, \$20, or more to your check to the *Sno-Bees*. You can't groom unless you got something in the tank!! For those who are looking to buy a TMA at one of our convenient *Official Sno-Bees TMA Outlets* please visit the following locations: **Brookside Store, T.J.'s Sled Shop, Guys' Repair, Laquerre's Artic Cat and POLARIS, AJ's Sonoco (on Washington St.), M's R/V, Gilles Hollow Inn, and Trow Hill Grocery!** If you do get your TMA's here, please be hospitable, these outlets do this for nothing and they provide a most excellent service for us. Please support their business! Also, please include your email address on any forms you fill out for your TMA with us. **We desperately need your email address** so that you can get this newsletter on your email days before our upcoming meeting and not the day afterwards!! (Sorry for this letter, it is going to be late!) We have only 200 email addresses out of 900 members. You cannot believe the costs involved with copying, stuffing, and postage. We could save big \$\$\$ if we can get all of our members, who have email, allow us to get their newsletter to them by email. We are one a few Clubs in the State who publish a newsletter such as this. So, helps us out and **"Get eR' Done"**!

See you at the Meeting on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m. @ the Hilltop Restaurant!

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