



THE BUZZ

December 2004

MEETINGS: MOVED TO 7:30PM

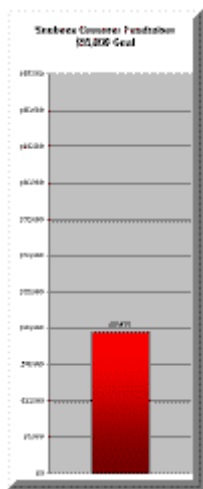
THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH (Sept.-April)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The December meeting will be at the Beehive, Not the Hilltop

I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving. I'm sure everyone is getting anxious for it to start snowing so we'll have a good base for our trails when they open. As I do every year I'm going to remind you to stay off the trails until December 20, 2004. This is VAST's new policy. It does not coincide with muzzle loading season as it did in the past. Please respect this date, as all trails may not be ready for use, and some landowners may have livestock in trail areas. When that day does come, I caution you to be extra cautious the first few rides. Our trail trustees have done all they can to make sure the trails are ready for riding. In addition, remember that many trails have changed and there may be a new corner that you're not expecting. If you see any major problems please give Lionel or myself a call so we can fix them. I hope you will also notice a new addition to our trails – road-crossing signs. We now have all road crossings signed with the street names. We feel that this is a great enhancement to our trail system.

Fundraisers



We recently sent out a newsletter to all members. I hope you had a chance to read it and consider making a donation to our Club. It would really be appreciated. 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, and to start adding to our fund to purchase our groomer in 2006. We do have \$18,000 in that fund from the sale of our old groomer, but we need to add to it to reach the \$55,000 it will cost us to purchase our current groomer. After sending out the newsletter, we received about \$1,470 towards the Groomer Fund so far. You can make donations online at the following address:
<http://www.snopees.com/donations.html>.

We also need an additional \$8,000 per year to fund the Beehive. So far this year we have received \$955 towards the Beehive Fund in donations. We still have quite a ways to go. Thank you to the following people for

your contributions this past month: Greg Rouleau, Claude Leclerc, Wayne Pelkey, Fecteau Homes, and Dennis LaBarre, Sr., Worksafe TCI/AOT Signs, John Lloyd, Randy Cooley, Jim & Kim Canavan, Martin & Shannon Romeo.

Every donation helps a lot, and we really appreciate your continued support.



Safety Course/Education

A safety course will be held on December 4th, 2004. About 40 students are signed up (which makes it a full class). Again, just a reminder that children under the age of 16 are not allowed on the trails alone, even if they have their Safety Course Certificate. They must have direct adult supervision at all times. **Thanks to Don Bellavance of SnoBees and Dave Rouleau of the Thunderchickens for coordinating this training.**

The board is still 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 Greg Rouleau.

Also, we have introduced a new trail signing system for “Sensitive Areas”. Please respect these signs and do not veer off the trail, or speed. They will be a lime green color. We do not want to lose any more trails. To see an example of these signs, please go to our website: <http://www.snobeesees.com/trailinfo.html>.

Membership Corner – Congratulations to Jodi Jacobs and Jim Morrill both of Barre for winning Volunteer TMA’s for the upcoming season!! Jodi and Jim were selected by drawing from all of the volunteers that helped out with trail work this fall. **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers; without you, our trails would not be ready for this upcoming season.

I’d like to take a moment to welcome all our new members this season. We appreciate your support. The club meets every second Wednesday of each month at the Hilltop Restaurant in Barre at 7:30 p.m. (however, the December meeting will be held at the Beehive). We encourage all our members to attend.

Reminder: This is a good time to call your insurance company and get your proof of insurance card. The card needs to be carried with you at all times while riding.

Lastly, please help us save money on postage. Please send me your email address so we can notify you when the newsletter has been posted on the website. You can then read it online, or print it out, whichever you prefer. Send your email address to: membership@snobeesees.com. Thank you and see you at the next meeting!!

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>AJ's Sunoco 320 Washington St Barre, VT 05641 802-476-9494 Hours: Mon-Sat 7:00-9:00 pm. Sun: 8:00 - 8:00 pm.</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>	

Don’t forget, buy your TMA early and avoid the rush.

Marc Cote – Membership Chairperson

Calendar of Events

The events we have scheduled are listed below:

Texas Hold-em Tournament - to be announced
\$100 Money Raffle - Jan. 22, 2005
Make A Wish Charity Ride-in - Feb. 5, 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 December meeting as well as some new faces! Happy Holidays.

Sincerely,

Brent Tewksbury
President

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Donald Bellavance – Director
Dave Watson – Director
Jim Morrill – Director

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 8, 2004 7:30 P.M. at the **Beehive**
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.snobeas.com (Memberships Available online)