



THE BUZZ

December 2005

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 14th, 2005

7:00 pm @ the Hilltop Restaurant

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, the signs are going up, we got new volunteers clearing fallen trees off our trails and now...Mother Nature has to do her thing to get the SNOW here so we can "Ride, Sally, Ride!! I cannot explain to you the efforts that have been made to get us to where we are today. We want to thank a few people and also roll out a new Trail Support Program to have yearly support for our Club!

First, a *Moment of Silence* to remember **Jack McLaughlin** who passed away last weekend. Jack was not only a supporter of our Club and snowmobiling, but he enjoyed going to other Clubs functions as well. Be it a Bean Ride In, the Groton Chicken Barbecue or just a ride to Hassle Inn with fellow members **John Black, Charlie Livendale, Bill Fraser, Scott Lange** and others. Jack enjoyed snowmobiling and he gave his unyielding support to the cause whether it was a grant to the **Groomer Fund** or attending our last November 2005 Monthly Meeting. I know that I can speak for our whole Club and wish the McLaughlin Family well during this difficult time.

On a Trails note, **Lionel Cyr, Trails Coordinator**, wants to thank those who have stepped forward these past few weeks to help out with clearing the debris as a result of the heavy, wet snow that we had in October. We had a few members who went above and beyond the call of duty and gave multiple weekend days to help out. Special thanks to **Mike Perrigo, Dave Ross, Jim Ross, Dave Watson, Tina Hatch, and Dave & Bob Pembroke**. We also have a contingent of workers from the under 20 age group who came forward to help clear debris last weekend who were led by **Matt Marsh**! Hats off to Matt and his group for wanting to get involved and show pride in our **Club**! We need this age group and other age groups (25, 30, 35, etc...) to get involved. All I have been seeing is the over 45 age group trying to keep it going and this is not good for the long term stability of our **Club**. Matt has stepped up and I hope others do as well to keep our **Club** functioning as it should be. Let's also thank all of our **Sno-Bees Trail Trustees** for working with their landowners, inspecting and signing their trails, and making things right so that we can all snowmobile! You guys are the backbone of our **Club** and deserve a big pat on the back! Thank You!

We are not looking for martyrs here, just one person to do his or her one thing for the **Club** and that is what keeps our **Club** going. Come to our meeting and see how you can help. Buy a **Sno-Bees Raffle** ticket. I don't ever want to hear that "I have bought my TMA and that's all I'm doing" or "I just don't have the time..." or "If you just would call me..." Well, we need people who can anticipate when things need to get done and get involved! We can't waste time by calling people and then hear "I'm sorry, I'm busy on Saturday". In the fall, projects have to be done and trail signs need to be put up. This is done by fellow members who sacrifice family and/or work time to get this stuff done. If you can't work on the trail, donate to the **Sno-Bees** what you feel 8 hours of your time is worth. Get involved; don't wait for a phone call... Remember, our **Trails** do not open until December 19th. Please respect our landowners and do not venture out until this date!

In regards to my newsletter last month, I failed to mention **Champlain Farms and Dave Thomas** for all the support that they gave to our **Used Snowmobile Sale** which was this past fall. Thank you!

Also, some interesting notes from a few riders have been posted at our website, www.snopees.com.

"Joining Barre, really like the grooming. Leaving Woodford Club",

“I filled out your on-line membership application and was impressed to have received my membership card in the mail within 4 days. I just want you all to know that your website is extremely helpful and informative. Keep up the good work. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed”,

“In my opinion, your club website is the best...”

Way to go ***Angela LeClerc, Sno-Bees Webmaster***. One of the added benefits of being a ***Sno-Bees Member!***

Remember to buy your ***\$100 Sno-Bees Dinner Raffle ticket*** for our ***Annual Sno-Bees Dinner Raffle*** which is to be held at the ***Canadian Club on Saturday, January 20th, 2006***. If anyone would like a ticket to this prestigious event, please call ***Theresa Berkeley, Vice President @ 249-2678***. We have allotted more tickets for this event so that those who couldn't make it last year, canb get to go this year. ***Get 'em while they last!***

The ***Sno-Bees*** is looking for someone to donate a photocopier to use in our ***Sno-Bees Official Office*** at the ***Beehive***. Please contact me if you have one for us!

Again, 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! See you at the Meeting on Wednesday, December 14th, 2005 @ 7:00 p.m. @ the Hilltop Restaurant! Thanks to ***Trevor Booska*** for working with ***Marc Cote, Membership***, in servicing the above ***Outlets***.

Good Riding!

***John “Anyone Want to Buy my 04' 800 Edge X w/ warranty till February?” Plante
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Sno-Bees of Barre ***Trail Support Program***

The ***Sno-Bees of Barre*** is one of the oldest and established Clubs in the VAST Trail System maintaining over 60 miles of quality snowmobile trails in ***Central Vermont***. Our Trail System extends from the ***Barre-Montpelier Road to the State parking lot in Groton***. It attracts snowmobile traffic from all over the state and also riders from around ***New England*** who recognize ***Central Vermont*** as a premier snowmobile destination that they are willing to travel to because of easy access to several business locations in and around ***Central Vermont*** and the quality of services that our community can offer.

To help support the maintenance of our trail system we have started a trail support program. This program includes signage for your business at our most major trail intersection which has over 300 sleds passing on any given Saturday or Sunday and over 1,000 sleds passing throughout the week. It also includes 12 months of advertising on our website's virtual billboard ensuring that your company will get the maximum exposure it deserves. Currently our website experiences over 10,000 hits per year from snowmobilers throughout ***New England*** and beyond.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to benefit your business as well as to support a family sport that brings additional business to the ***Central Vermont*** area. The price for all of this is only \$250 for the year. Please take the time to review the attached details for this program which will be a "win – win" for everyone involved. To get your business recognized on our Trails, please send your camera ready artwork and your \$250 check to ***Sno-Bees, P.O. Box 262, Barre, VT*** or, if you want a larger sign, please call myself, ***Bob Campo*** or any of the other ***Sno-Bees Directors*** listed below.

Thank you.

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