



THE BUZZ

November 2006

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 13, 2006

7:00 pm @ the Hilltop

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yes, we are finally getting some snow and I know that, after last year, I am not going to fool you into thinking that we are going to have a banner year this year. We are all in the same boat – all thinking and praying for some decent snow. I have heard that we are in an El Nino winter weather pattern. If this is anything like the last time we were in this, you better ride when you have a chance and ride *A LOT!* You never know when it is going to melt!

Groton State Forest Management Plan

In my travels, I have heard from many of you who did write their letter in support of access to the Seyon Pond area for snowmobiling. With all the hours that have been logged in on this issue, I am very proud of this **Club** for sitting up and taking notice! Special thanks to all of you who did send a letter in and for those who did sign one of the petitions. Special thanks to the following businesses who let us place these petitions for the public to view and sign for the support of this trail:

Derek's Store-Marshfield, Roland's Store-East Barre, Upper Valley Grille-Groton, Joe's Pond General Store-W. Danville, Auggie the Painter-Barre, Mulligans Restaurant-Barre, L.W. Greenwood Polaris-E. Randolph, Canadian Club-Barre, Gilles Sales & Service-Barre, North End Deli-Barre, Dudley's General Store-E. Montpelier, Laquerre's Artic Cat & Polaris, Guy's Repair-Barre, Tim's Convenience Store-Plainfield, Lenny's Shoe and Apparel, Beverage Baron- Barre, Poolmart-Barre, Gusto's-Barre, All around Power-St. Johnsbury, Brookside Store-Barre, Marshfield General Store-Marshfield, and Larry Trottier, Orange V.A.S.T. Director.

To date, we have well over 700 signatures that the *Sno-Bees of Barre* have presented to *Jonathan Woods, Commissioner, Forest and Parks, State of Vermont*. This petition and most of all, the *Sno-Bees letters of support*, will make a difference in how the *Seyon Pond* area will be treated. I will keep you all updated to our efforts to secure our access to the *Groton State Forest*. Special mention goes to *Todd "Have a Tundra & Will Travel" Heath* for his determination in getting the petition out and to *Jeff "Co-Pilot of the Year" Rogers* for assisting in that effort.

Trails Coordinator Lionel Cyr and *Trail Master Jim Morrill* wants all *Sno-Bees Trail Trustees* to make sure all your signs are up and your trail inspected for trees down, washouts, etc... Let's get ready and ride when the time comes. Thanks to all Trustees and their helpers for getting these signs up and for their relationships with landowners. This is the "backbone" of our Club! Also, special thanks to this summer and fall *Sno-Bees Sunday Morning Trail Work Crew: Justin Jennett, Mike Perigo, Jim Ross, Tina Claflin, Cary Rogers, and Matt Marsh.*

Membership Chairperson, Patti Booska has been hard at work getting *TMA's* processed. Please get your email to Patti at membership@snobeas.com so that you may be able to win one of three \$20 Monthly Raffle Tickets! Also, *purchase your TMA's on line or at a sponsoring dealer and be entered into a chance to win a new snowmobile sponsored by V.A.S.T. you need to purchase your TMA by December 16, 2006!* Raffle tickets are also available on-line @ www.membership@snobeas.com! Thanks to Patti and Trevor for coordinating this massive effort!

Sno-Bees Monthly Raffle Tickets are out and be prepared to open your wallet and buy these \$20 tickets! The more you buy, the greater chance that you will either win \$100, \$50, or \$25 at all of our upcoming *Monthly Meetings!* If

you have not bought one of these yet, go see Ron at **Brookside General Store** and he may have one for you. You can also call me @ 476-4785 if you want one.

Sno-Bees Dinner Raffle Chairperson, Theresa Berkeley, wants all those who bought a \$100 ticket last year to know that they will be getting a letter with your number very soon. Please send your money in to secure your Raffle number for this year. Last year, this **Dinner Raffle** was held at the **Canadian Club** and we all had a great time! This event has become one of our premier events and this year should be no exception. We are again having this event at the **Canadian Club on Friday, January 19, 2007**. If you did not have a chance to go last year and want a ticket, please call **Theresa** at 249-2678.

Sno-Bees Trail Support Sign: We have again put up our Sno-Bees Official Trail Support Sign in the field behind Brian Baileys house off Sunset Road. Businesses and individuals who want to support everything that goes into supporting our trails have purchased 1 foot by 2 foot signs advertising their business. When you ride by this sign this year, notice who is advertising on this sign and please support their business as well! There are still a few spots available! **Mulligans Restaurant** is our newest supporter! Get down there and have yourself some hot wings and a beverage of your choice! Thanks Corey!

V.A.S.T. Safety Education Course Report: Monika "I Passed and I'm Ready to Ride" Plante, reports that there were approx. 30 kids who attended this years safety course which was held on Saturday, December 2, 2006 at the Barre Town School. The kids want to thank the instructors who helped them to pass the test and for the **Thunderchickens** and the **Sno-Bees** for putting on this course! **Let it Snow!!**

Thinking positively, remember, **the V.A.S.T. trails this year do not open till December 16, 2006**. If you are able to get out and see trees down on the trail, get a chainsaw and cut it down or call **Jim "Trailmaster" Morrill**. We need all your help as well to see that things get done. This is an all-volunteer effort and "if everyone does just a little bit"...we can all make this happen!

Thanks!

John "Keep Seyon Open for Riding!" Plante
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