



# THE BUZZ

December 2007

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2007**

**7:00 pm @ the Bee Hive!!!!!!**

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Way to go *Farmer's Almanac*! If you are not fired up for this season, then sell your sleds now! But, big red flag here...the **trails do not open till Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. Do not ruin it for all and go out on the trails before this date! Instead, come to our **Monthly Meeting this Wednesday, December 12, 2007** at the **Bee Hive** and hear all about what's been going on with your **Club**. I want to thank **Charlie "Whatta Worker" Livendale** for being **the only Sno-Bees member who has shown up for our Monthly Meetings this year!** That just shows the dedication that Charlie has to see what his **Club** is doing! But, if all the Officers and Directors decide that this is their last year to volunteer since no one else is showing any support, one person cannot do it all and the trails will close. Being an all volunteer sport, it is really unfair to let only a few do all the work here guys!! **It is real discouraging to see only one Sno-Bee Member come forward.** I would like to see all Sno-Bees Members at our Meetings! Show support! We Miss You! Come to the Meetings and help to motivate the **Club** to keep it all together. Bring your friends and have a great time. It will be well worth an hour of your time. **It is the Meeting after the Meeting at the Bee Hive that's the fun part!**

**Trails Coordinator, Lionel "Chief Worker Bee" Cyr**, wants to report that he had the All **Madden/Volunteer Trail Workers** out last weekend to clear some trees down and donate the wood to a needy family, all cut, split and stacked! Special thanks to **Justin "Trail Master-In-Training" Jennett, Jim "Bust Dem Drifts" Morrill, Mike "Oh Canada" Perrigo, Dave "Midnight Groomer" Watson, Lionel and Tina "Bam" Cyr** for cooking up a awesome lunch for the gang when they got back to the **Beehive!** Special thanks also to **Ducharme Machine Shop** and **Pierre "Let's Ride" Ducharme** for fabricating our new roll for our **Official Sno-Bees Roll Drag** that you see out on the trails after we get a huge dump of snow. This new roll should be able to pack more snow, be more stable and leave a more level trail. We have had to also improve the Gerard Perrault driveway crossing by the Barre Police pistol range out by the Reservoir Road. Special thanks to **Dubois Construction** for donating fill, **Newton Construction** for the trucking and **Dave "Revved to Go" Watson** for getting his tractor at home and spreading the dirt to make a ramp by the driveway for a safer crossing! Just a great project that did not cost us big \$\$ to accomplish.

**Grooming Chair, Dave "Get Away from the Groomer" Watson:** This is a new part of the newsletter that will be seen only while grooming operations are going on out on our **Trails**. First and foremost, I want to remind all you folks that the **trails do not open until SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2007**. Yes, we will be out grooming before this date to get our trails ready for opening day and you will see groomed trails. But the first person that goes out on the trail before the 16<sup>th</sup> will earn a day in court! Enough said! When the trails are open, try not to follow the groomer. It's best to head the other way and let the trail "set up". Be considerate of operating your sled near houses and please, keep your tuned pipes at home. If I hear your pipes and see you out there, I will report you! Ride safe and leave some groom for your fellow riders!

**Membership Chairperson, Patti "Giddy Up.. Let's Go!!" Booska:** The **TMA'S** have been released by **V.A.S.T.** and they are now in stock at all our **Official Sno-Bees TMA Outlets** for immediate sale! For a list of the businesses that sell these **TMA's** please go to our **Sno-Bees website** at [www.snobees.com](http://www.snobees.com). Or you can purchase your **TMA** online at this same website! **Remember, after December 15, 2007 you will be paying \$25 more for your TMA.** Buy your **TMA's** early and save \$\$ **For those that are mailing your money into me, I will need to have your application for a TMA received by Saturday, December 15, 2007 if you plan to avoid the rate increase.** Any applications received after this date will be returned for insufficient funds. So, get your TMA by the end of this week! Just go to **Brookside Store, Trow Hill Grocery, Laquerre's, Gilles, Guys Repair, PoolMart, M's RV, AJ's Sunoco, etc...**and

buy your **TMA**. **DO NOT WAIT TO THE LAST MINTUE TO GET YOUR TMA!** Only you can address this deadline & You have had enough warning!! Again, **PLEASE** send your email address to [membership@snopees.com](mailto:membership@snopees.com). You can also register your email address when you access [www.snopees.com](http://www.snopees.com). So, help us save money on postage and handling and register your email address with us. **Every little bit helps us to achieve our goals as a Club!**

The **Sno-Bees Snowmobile Safety Course** was held on **December 1, 2007** and we had 40 students attending. I want to thank **Dave "Just the Facts" Rouleau** and the **Barre Town Thunderchickens** for again co-sponsoring this event with us and for providing all the safety instructors. The number of students in this class is increasing. With that, I will again state the laws in operating a snowmobile if you are under the age of 16. **You need to be 12 years of age to take this course and get certified to operate a snowmobile and cross State Roads. Anyone from the ages of 8-11 who operate a snowmobile needs an adult to physically take the sled they are operating across State and local roads. For those riders who are 12-15 years of age, you need an additional snowmobiler in your group who is 18 years of age or older. Plus you must also have your Safety Course Certification with you. Failure to obey these laws will result in significant fines.** The **Sno-Bees of Barre** will not tolerate operators out on our trails who do not comply with these laws. Parents beware! Snowmobiles are powerful and underage riders need to be supervised to protect other riders as well as our landowners!

Letters for continuing sponsorship of the **Sno-Bees Official Trail Support Sign** located in **Brian "Get Er' Done" Bailey's** field are in the mail. If you are a business owner and would like to get the name of your business out on our trails for all to see, please call me at (802)249-0666. We have had a great response to this effort!! Part of this money has gone to buying our new roll and other needed items. Please take some time to ride to this **Trail Support Sign** and check out who is going to bat for us. We appreciate your support!

We have our **Sno-Bees \$20 Monthly Raffle Tickets** for sale this month. Please look to those **Sno-Bees Members** who have them for sale or you can purchase them online at our website. And, you can always stop by and see **Ron at Brookside** to get one.

The **Official Sno-Bees \$100 Dinner Raffle** will be held again at the **Canadian Club**. This event will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008. We have sent out letters to those people who attended this event last year. For those that did not attend last year and want to go this year, call Theresa Berkeley at (802)249-2678. All had a great time last year and this year should be no exception!

**See you at our next Monthly Meeting which we will be back at the Bee Hive!!** Bring what you want to imbibe and let's celebrate the start of a great snowmobile season!!! We are also looking for a few **Members** to help us start an **Official Sno-Bees Social/Special Functions Committee!!** Let's have some fun this year!!

**Thanks**

**John "Keep Seyon Open for Riding!" Plante**  
**President**

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