



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

STEVE AVERY

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Day Job: For the last 17 years, Steve has held the position of VP of Facilities for *VT State Employees Credit Union (VSECU)*.

How long has Steve been helping the club:

10 years, give or take a few! After regularly attending meetings for a few years and raising his hand to help, he finally raised his hand for the right job; Trail Trustee. Tim Stone, the club's Trailmaster at the time, took him up on his offer and since the early to mid-2000's, Steve continues to oversee the same 3-mile stretch of trail. That's dedication Steve!

Volunteer position(s):

In addition to serving as a trail trustee, Steve continued to serve as Secretary for a year or so, taking over for Pat Reed. Like many before him, his service did not stop there, he continued to serve as Vice President to his role today as President. He is currently serving his second year as President. Thank you for your leadership, Steve!

Steve also helps with the sign board. He helps designs the signs, installs them, and recently worked with his brother-in-law, Jamie, to install lighting and a US flag for the board. He truly enjoys this work, and it pays off for the club as the businesses keep supporting the club!

Most enjoyable activity for the club:

Working on the trails and being outside is one of Steve's favorite jobs for the club.

On the administrative side, Steve is honored and proud to serve as President of the Sno-Bees. He enjoys being part of a team that has the same goal. Having his son, Shawn, serving beside him as Secretary is pretty cool too!

What do you like best about the club:

What stands out to Steve about the club is the extensive amount of longevity of membership and volunteerism. John, Greg, Dave, Bob, Carl, Burger, Paul, Lionel just to name a few; the list goes on. It's so impressive to see how many member volunteers have 30+ years of experience serving the club. All that experience is what makes up this small-town club!

Most memorable experience:

1. Steve's Dad (on the TNT) and his Grandpa Fenton (on the Rupp in the picture below) taught him how to ride when he was around 7 - 8 years old. Steve's best memories are riding with father, uncle, siblings, cousins, and grandfather back in the early 70's; breaking trails, going for rides with the family and enjoying the outdoors and instilling the love of the sport. *"Nothing could beat a day on the trails with Grandpa riding the Polaris Colt and coming back to the house at the end of the ride to a homecooked meal that Grandma made for us. To this day – her donuts are the best I've ever had. "*





(Early days riding in the sled towed by Grandpa)

2. Riding with family and friends. Steve has three sons; two of which like to ride. His oldest, Shawn, has a love of snowmobiling like his dad and have shared many great times together.



(Taking in the view with Shawn)

3. Ride-In for Veterans in 2022 and '23 were special to Steve. He was so happy and proud to be a part of it.

Submitted by Francine Perkins, Membership Volunteer