



MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers

Al Lambert, President

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President's Message

Well, another season has come and gone yet again! It will certainly be a season to remember for sure! For most of us it will be because of how short the season was and for others it will be remembered for different reasons! Right Bill? I know of members that didn't even bother to register their sleds this season because of how late the snow finally came. Either way, let's hope that next year is a better year (it won't take much to achieve that) and an injury-free one!!!

The Adult Weekend was attended by Linda and myself, along with Bob & Cindy Smith and Russ & Cathy Brown. Bill Lofgren was able to drive up Saturday morning with his sled just out of the repair shop and join us for the day's ride. I'm glad to report that the weekend went by without incident! We had some great riding and although it didn't snow in the Lancaster area that weekend, it was snowing everywhere around us. It was an unusually quiet Adult Weekend to say the least, but at least we can say that we still had one and didn't have to miss a year! Here's hoping that next year things are back to normal! Our Pot Luck Supper will be April 16th at Bill & Annie's house and all are welcome to join in for the evening of food, fun, and discussion about the past season and our hopes for next year! Bill is keeping track of who is bring what for food, so give him a call (222-2244) to see what dishes he has up to now to insure a

good mix of items. Thank you Bill & Annie for hosting this event again!

We will be addressing candidates for the Board of Directors positions at the April meeting that will be voted on at the May Banquet. If you would like to give a position a try, I'm sure that there will be some receptive current Board Members willing to pass on the reins! When the Phone Committee calls with the list of positions that need filling please give it some consideration.

Just a quick reminder, if you want to attend our May 7th Banquet at the Stonebridge Country Club you need to get in touch with Kathy Poole (529-3385) now! We need to give them a headcount in advance so don't delay if you'd like to join in on the closing meeting of our season. I hope to see you there!

That's all for now, and I hope to see you at our April 11th meeting at 7:00pm at the Rec Center.

Your President,
Al Lambert

B.S. from Bill

Hello all,

First, let me say that I am healed.
For all that have wondered and inquired

my hip is about 95%. The bruising and discoloration was gone in three weeks. There is still some swelling but it is not hard as a rock anymore. The only time I even notice it is if I bump it or my wife slaps my behind on that spot. With my reputation and past history, that happens a lot.

Only six members managed to make it up for the Adult Weekend. The Lamberts, Bob and Cindy Smith and Russ and Cathy Brown all made the weekend trip. On Saturday, at about 6:30am, I hooked up the trailer and headed North. The trip up was uneventful with a little light snow and not much traffic. I arrived at the Cabot Motor Inn about 9:00am and unloaded (my fixed and ready to run) sled right on time to join the six for a ride. We would later wonder if there was a force field around Lancaster as it was gray but not snowing.

Off we went, with good conditions and a fun group. I was strategically placed in the number 4 slot, right in the middle of the line. Linda said it was something about keeping me "in line" and safe. Does anyone else think that was overreacting a bit? I mean really, what was I going to do, pass everyone, fly ahead and off trail? I am happy to report that there were no accidents, adventures of the unplanned nature or meetings with trees during this trip.

As I said above, Lancaster was pretty much snowless, but within a couple of miles down trail it was snowing heavily. For the next 40 miles or so, it snowed and snowed and snowed. We had great conditions under sled but by the time we stopped for gas, just before lunch, many of us were having trouble seeing as the snow collected upon our masks and eye protection. Finally we made it to Gorham for lunch and after refueling our bodies, we headed back out into the snow. It had calmed down some, but still was snowing pretty well. Yet we were all dumbfounded as we got back to the hotel and there was virtually no snow on the ground.

Now, this Lancaster force field story gets even more interesting. After 100 miles or so of fun on the snow, it was time for me to pack up and head out. No more than 10 miles down the road, in Whitefield, the snow is coming down. As easy as my ride up was it was that hard going home. I hit everything from blizzard conditions and ice on the road to even one stretch that was dry. The problem was that I had no idea what was literally around the next bend.

Don't forget April 16th is the Potluck Dinner at my house. I will have the grill going. A sign-up sheet will be going around at the next meeting but if you can't make the meeting, email me at wlofgren@ip-acd.com so I can coordinate the food.

Finally, most of you should have received the information from Dave McGlaulin about the work opportunity with NHIS. Please, consider helping us out. It will be a nice little fundraiser for our club and you might even get to see the race!

No more BS for now,
Bill Lofgren

Annual Banquet, May 7

The Annual Banquet will be held at the Stonebridge Country Club on May 7th. At the March meeting we voted to have plated entrees this year. For those attending the Banquet, you will have a choice of one of the following: Shrimp & Scallops Provencal, Roast Prime Rib (12 oz), or Roast Leg of Lamb. The cost of the banquet will be \$25.50 per person. We need to know if you will be going to the banquet at the April meeting. (A sign-up sheet will be passed around.) Kathy will also be collecting the money at the April meeting. If you have not yet used your points money, you may use them for the banquet. (See Lee Forcier if you are unsure of your points balance.) If you are not able to make it to the April

meeting and plan on going to the banquet, please call Kathy at 529-3385,

DON'T FORGET...



Next Meeting: April 11th, 2005

and mail a check to Kathy Poole,
191 Buzzell Hill Rd, Weare NH 03281.

Hi guys,
First, here are the directions: Rte. 293 to Brown Ave. Exit south on Brown Ave, past the airport, (at the lights to the entrance of the airport, turn right to stay

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Second, Annie and I have season tickets for the Wolves and game #2 is on the 16th. So, I would like to move the dinner to a mid-day cookout. Say 11-4 or 5pm. If this is OK, go ahead and publish that change. Otherwise, we will find someone for the Wolves tickets and keep the pot luck as a dinner.

Thanks,
Bill

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(mark your calendars!)

Apr 11th: monthly meeting

Apr 16th: Potluck Supper at Bill & Annie's house

May 7th: Banquet, final meeting, election of officers at the Stonebridge Country Club

Jul 9th: Summer Family Outing at the Lambert's

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