



# MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers



*Dedicated to safe snowmobiling!*

Al Lambert, President

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## Letter from the President

Regrettably, I begin this letter to extending mine and Linda's personal sympathies as well as those of club members to Lee Forcier in the passing of his mother this past holiday weekend. Lee, know that our thoughts are with you & Cheryl as well as all of your family at this very difficult time. We are very sorry for your loss!

Linda and I, as well as club members, also wish to extend our sympathies to Michelle & Tim Colby in the passing of Michelle's mother last month. We are very sorry for your loss and our thoughts are with you and your family as well.

I would like to ask that if anyone hears of a personal loss to a member of our club, that you please let me know so that I can pass on the information and extend the club's sympathies unless the family requests otherwise! Thank you.

The Bowl-A-Thon was held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and fun was had by all those in attendance! I regret that I was not able to make it this year, but heard from a very reliable source (Linda) that 3 year old Andrew beat his dad Daryl. Watch out Daryl! He'll be doing that on a sled before long! Winners in this year's orange pin knock down went to Eric Poole for the adult and

Sarah McGlauffin for the youth. Congratulations to all that attended and helped with this fundraiser. A special thanks to Sally Raskett for chairing the event again this year. Thank you!

The upcoming December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting is also our Christmas Party. If you are attending and wish to take part in the Yankee Swap don't forget to bring a gift for exchange. Members are also asked to bring a food item to share for the party as well. If you aren't sure what to bring, or what might be needed, contact Cheryl Forcier (497-4429 or [countrylife@verizon.net](mailto:countrylife@verizon.net)) and she'll be able to answer any questions you might have.

120 Club drawings will also begin at this meeting so be sure to turn in any tickets you may have sold, or be sure to buy one before the meeting, to get a chance at winning! Good luck to all ticket holders and remember that half the money raised goes to our scholarship fund.

Our club's weekend getaways will be here before you know it! So, be sure to let Lee Forcier know if you are planning on attending any of the planned dates we have on the club calendar so he can get a room reserved for you! I hope you can join us!

That's it for now! I hope that you can make the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Linda and I extend best wishes to everyone for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Have a wonderful holiday season with friends

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### *Holiday Party & Yankee Swap*



*after our monthly meeting  
December 8, 7:00 pm!*

**Did you wrap your Yankee Swap gift yet???**



## Fundraising

### Poker Nights!

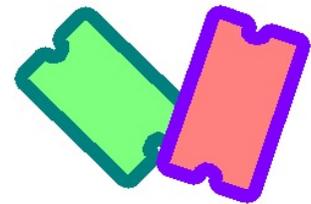
We are now in the middle of our final poker tournament dates for this year. The final 3 Thursday nights begin this week, December 4<sup>th</sup> and continue on the 11<sup>th</sup> and finally the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Lodge at Belmont. These events begin at 4:00PM. There is not only Poker at this location, but many casino games such as Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Three Card Poker, and Let It Ride. These games are cash games with a maximum wager of \$4.00. You must be at least 18 years old to play. Check out their website, [www.thelodgeatbelmont.com](http://www.thelodgeatbelmont.com) for further information.

### NHSA Raffle Tickets available!

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Our club gets 50% of the total funds raised by our ticket sales. This year's prizes are a 2009 Arctic Cat CrossFire R 8 LE, a Blizzard Aluminum Trailer with Sled Dock Cover, a \$1,000 Gas Card from Irving Oil Company & a \$500 Gas Card from Irving Oil Company. With gas prices the way they are this year, it might be a great way to sell some tickets to your friends and co-workers. Please get your tickets from me at the meeting or contact me via email, [racersuperdave@comcast.net](mailto:racersuperdave@comcast.net) or by phone, 487-3938.

### 120 Club Raffle Begins This Month! It's not too late to get your tickets or sell one to your friend or coworker!

All proceeds benefit the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Scholarship Fund. This is a 50/50 raffle with a ticket holder having 20 chances to win \$20.00 and then at the April meeting, there will be drawings for larger prizes. Cost is \$20.00 per ticket (\$1.00 a week for 20 weeks). Please see me at the meeting for your tickets.



Consider 120 tickets for quick and easy presents that also benefit the club!



Drawings are held every month until April!



and family. See you on the trails and be safe!

Your President,  
Albert Lambert

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership payments are now due. You should have already received a renewal notice in the mail.

#### Reminder !!

Please remember that the trails open on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> (snow permitting) and you will want to register your sleds' please mail your renewal now, I will need time to process your membership.

#### Remember!!

To add an additional \$5.00 late fee.

#### Mail to:

Uncanoonuc Mountaineers  
Po Box 486  
Goffstown NH 03045-0486  
Any questions contact Kathy  
Poole 603-529-3385

### Snowmobile Safety Class

Jan. 3, 2009

Contact Jeff Filleul  
529-2129 to  
register your child



## B.S. From Bill

Hello all,

Ok, so it was only a dusting, but I did see our first sticking snow of the season this weekend. It was enough for Marissa to make a snowball. Not quite as exciting as Turkey Day last year (remember the 8-10 inches we had?) but I'll take it. With any luck this year will be nearly as good as last year and colder so the water bars freeze (and Daryl can actually groom ALL the trail.)

Speaking of the man, when is my sled going to be done? That is a rhetorical question as I know Daryl will get to it in time. There is also the tiny little matter of paying him. But, when your track has a rip from a missing stud hole, to a pre-formed cutout and across to another, there is no riding to be done till it is fixed. Here's hoping none of you have as much to pay or as long to wait for your pre-season prep.

On Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, a group of us went bridge rescuing. Daryl and I were on Locust Hill Rd. waiting for our help when we heard what was unmistakably a big diesel engine. Up the hill here comes Jim Dow (you know him, we ride and race and gather on his pond each year) and an employee, James, with his excavator. I had no idea Daryl had a big toy coming. Finally Todd O'Laughlin and Steve Waldorf off the power lines on their 4-wheelers.

Off into the woods we head, along the power lines, into the woods, down the hill to the stream, clearing big boulders and trees encroaching on the trail.

I still don't know if this placid little water way has a name or not, but I am going to call it William Falls. You'll see why later. Where the bridge once stood was air. The bridge was intact, but the problem was that it was 100 yards down the stream. It had been washed away during the spring yet had thankfully lodged without breaking on ½ fallen tree.

Jim drove his big yellow Tonka Toy downstream and proceeded to drag it back to its original locale inch by inch. Each 10 to 20 feet "we" had to reset the chains and the excavator and pull again. I say we, but I wasn't doing much as Daryl had given me the important, if not dangerous job, of taking pictures. Now picture taking itself is not dangerous, but when it's Sally's camera if I drop it or break it both Daryl and I will be singing soprano. At times it was useless for the person resetting the chains to get off the bridge. He would stand or squat and "surf" the wooden mass. Of course the person was always Daryl.

Sooner than you can say "Tommy and Andrew, stop that!" the bridge was back home. Well maybe not that quick, but it was pretty swift for a couple ton bridge. As we reset the supports and built up the ramps at the ends we decided to use some logs to make the ramps. Since I had done very little I decided to help. I put the camera down, far away from the work area (see, I was thinking) and picked up a 6 foot section of tree trunk. Daryl claimed I was going to charge him as I was starting a new business - Bill's Skidder Service. Well he should know not to make me laugh when I am working.

I put the log down too quick, it bounced off a rock and smacked me in the temple. I was fine and I figured that since something always happens to me at these things, that was minor and I could live with it.

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But you know that can't be the end of the story. Remember my renaming of the wee, little river, William Falls it was and the care I was taking with Sally's camera? Everyone reading this probably has surmised that the two are going to collide at some point. We were literally done. Jim had already started back up hill, albeit slipping and grinding but he was gone. Daryl had been playing with his off road truck in the river. That's when I noticed that Jim had left a heavy duty chain on the bridge. I said something to Todd about it and he said he would grab it and bring it to Jim. As he pulled it off the bridge to his 4-wheeler on of the hook ends got caught between the slats of the bridge deck. Bill to the rescue!

Yeah, right! I tucked the camera in my back pocket and "sprinted" out to the bridge. I bent down to get the hook end unstuck. **DISCLAIMER:** I know I am not the most fleet of foot, nor am I the most nimble. Thus, I did not wish to squat or kneel to get the hook out. Thus, as I tried to help Todd I slipped. I stumbled. I flailed. Then I dove. Belly flopped. Face planted in the cool, babbling, tranquil waters of this bucolic stream. The good news is that I was not and am not hurt from the fall. Embarrassed, yes. Hurt, no. Thought I was going to die for getting Sally's camera wet, indeed. Luckily it was on my butt (remember, in the back pocket) and that did not go under water. It still worked and my appendages are still attached.

To top it all off, I had to call Annie and tell her what happened. That was bad enough, but it was infinitely more humiliating because the last thing she told me as I went out the door was, "Don't fall in the river."

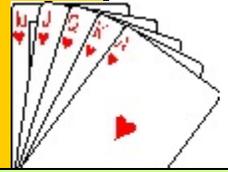
No more BS for now,  
Bill Lofgren



**A special thank you to our  
bowlers for raising money for  
Easter Seals!!**



**2008-2009  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
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- Dec. 8 .....Club Meeting, Holiday Party with Yankee Swap
- Jan. 3 ..... Safety Class
- Jan. 9.....Friday Night Club Ride for Dinner
- Jan. 12 .....Club Meeting
- Jan. 16-18.....Family Weekend, location to be determined
- Jan. 24.....Club Day/Dinner Ride
- Feb. 6-8.....Adult Weekend, location to be determined  
Also Easter Seals Weekend
- Feb. 9.....Club Meeting
- Feb. 14..... Family Fun Day
- Feb. 20-22.....Family Weekend (longer tentative)
- March 7.....Daytime Ride
- March 9.....Club Meeting
- April 13..... Club Meeting
- April 18.....Pot Luck Dinner at The Forcier's
- May 2.....Banquet, final meeting, election of officers
- July ?? .....Easter Seals Land & Lake Poker Run (Motorcycle Ride)
- July 15.....Summer Family Fun Day at The Lamberts

**Thursday Night  
Poker Nights at  
Belmont Lodge:**

**2008**

- Dec. 4
- Dec. 11
- Dec. 18

**2009**

- May 21
- May 28
- June 4
- June 11
- June 18
- June 25
- July 2
- July 9
- July 16
- July 23