



MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers



Dedicated to safe snowmobiling!

Al Lambert, President

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President's Message

Okay, Daryl can start doing his snow dance again any time now! December was awesome but January was lean in the snow and cold weather department. Not a good combo for snowmobiling. Put on those special slippers you got for Christmas, Daryl, start dancing, and place an order for more snow and cold!

With the lack of snow over the past few years the numbers of students taking the Safety Class has been dropping. That wasn't the case this year though! January 5th's class was one of the largest we've had with almost 50 students/adults taking the class. It was also one of the best groups of students we've had as well. We even gained a few new club members. Thank you to Jeff Filleul, our Chief Instructor, Bud Gordon, Lee Forcier and my wife, Linda, for her assistance that day in conducting the class.

The Adult Weekend at the Hampton Inn in Littleton had a great turnout and was perhaps the nicest place that we've ever held this event! Unfortunately, there wasn't enough snow to ride from the Inn, but a short ride to Groveton put us on some good trails which made for a nice ride on Saturday. A few ventured out on Sunday—that's a whole other story!! I would like to thank Marc and Angie for providing Saturday night's entertainment at the 99! You had to be there! Like they say, what happens in Littleton, stays in Littleton! I'd also like to thank Lee Forcier for checking into this location and booking the rooms. I don't think that there'll be any complaints if we stay there again! Thanks, Lee!

The riding down here has been as good as most of the state. The very eventful club ride on Saturday January 26th had a great turnout and good trail conditions most of the way. I'll leave the storytelling for this day to others! Thanks, Daryl and Tommy, for doing a great job in getting us to Mt. Kearsarge and back.

Easter Seals Ride-In was the last event we had. It was attended by Dave & Ellen McGlaflin, their girls, Heather and Sarah, as well as Linda & I,

our daughter, Kelsea, & my niece Stephanie. Thank you, Dick and Kathy for rescuing me on Saturday—another story for later! I'm pleased to tell you that our club placed 3rd in State and 1st in Hillsborough County with our total donation of \$5,740.78!!! This large donation was once again made possible by Ron Allie's very generous contribution to Easter Seals in our club's name. Thank you so very much Ron for your continued support to our club and for your generous donation to Easter Seals, Camp Sno-Mo. It means so much to the kids of Camp Sno-Mo!

Regrettably, Ron and so many other well-knowns to the Ride-In, did not attend the event this year due to "reoccurring issues". Club attendance was down considerably and unfortunately the whole event was "low key", uninteresting and very small. Many of those present said they will not be attending the event next season unless drastic changes are made! Fortunately, be they present or not, clubs' donations for Camp Sno-Mo were sent in and just over \$76,000.00 was raised (down from years past!). This put donations raised to date over the two million dollar mark! Something snowmobilers can be truly proud of!

I'm not sure what all the issues are at the NHTSA office, but a considerable number of members are very upset with the current board/NHTSA office and many of the decisions they've been making. It would seem that this year's annual meeting will be a heated "must attend" event!

Our next meeting is February 11th at 7:00 pm at the Rec Center. Items we'll be discussing will be the Family Outing and Family Weekend coming up in February. I hope to see you there!

Your President,
Albert Lambert

Update from the Trail Administrator

Bring on the snow! At this time there needs to be more snow and colder weather for the trails to improve.



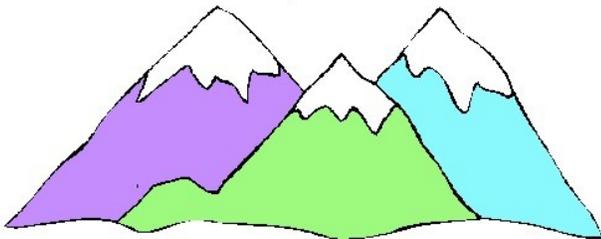
Please join us at the
Family Outing on Dow's Pond
Sunday, Feb. 18!

Winter Family Outing, Sunday, Feb. 17th

Come and join us at Dow's Pond, Colby Road in Weare. This is our third year at Dow's Pond and it is always a lot of fun! Unfortunately, we still need of a chairperson for this event. Can you help out? Please contact Al Lambert or come to the meeting this Monday night, Feb. 11th.

Join us for a fun weekend!

Family Weekend, Feb. 22-24
Cabot Inn, Lancaster



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The Family Weekend will be held Feb. 22-24 (or longer if desired) at the Cabot Motor Inn, Route 2, Lancaster, NH. (FYI: At this time, it doesn't look the restaurant and lounge will be open at the Inn.) If you are interested in attending the Family Weekend and don't have a room

reservation yet, call Lee Forcier at 497-4429.

B.S. from Bill

Hello all,

Well we had our first club ride in some years. And what an adventure it was. To give you an idea, I "wrote" a song about it. It is sung to the tune of *Gilligan's Island*.

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale,
A tale of a fateful run.
It started across from Lanctot's store
Sixteen UM's out for fun.

Trail Admin Daryl knew the route,
Our leader brave and sure.
Up to Kearsarge Mountain,
For a four hour tour, a four hour tour.

On the lake we blasted off,
Then Bill's top end went wild.
It looked like the trip was done for him,
After just a couple miles, after just a couple miles.

Bill Hart was far ahead but turned to join the fun.
Belt went pop.
Sled no go.
Shredded like some twine.
Chris Allison,
Her track locked up like Fort Knox.
Tow job number one.

So up to the top of the Mt. K,
The view worth a picture to take.
Homeward bound and all was well,
Until we hit the lake.

Joe went fast, the throttle down,
Sliding around the bends.
Flat out on the straights,
And wound up end over end.

The bars went left, they went right,
But the skis they did not twitch.
Another tow by Al,
Broken sled, son-of-a-*****!

So join us for our next club ride,
You're sure to have a blast.
And I'm quite sure there will be,
Someone in a cast.

Other notable items from our ride:

- Daryl was adamant, in at least on email to everyone and through emails from Al, that everyone be there by 9:00 am. Yet I'll give you one guess who showed up last!
- Sally could not ride with us because Andrew did not want to wear the helmet. So Tommy and Daryl lead us over hill and dale.

- Joe is fine, no injuries to him (the sled is another issue) despite trying to do his best impression of a snowmobile ballerina.
- The 10 minutes we spent with the Allisons and Bill Connors was nice. At least I got to say hi.

No more BS for now,

Bill Lofgren

CALENDAR OF EVENTS **2007 – 2008 Season**

Feb 10: ~~Daytime Ride~~ - **CANCELLED**

Feb 11: Club Meeting

Feb 17: Family Fun Day

Feb 22,23,24 – March 2: Family Weekend

Mar 8: Daytime Ride

Mar 10: Club Meeting

Apr 12: Pot Luck Dinner

Apr 14: Club Meeting

May 3: Banquet, final mtg, election of officers

Jul 12: Easter Seals Land & Lake Poker Run

Jul 19: Summer Family Fun Day

TBD: Camp Sno-Mo Thunder Run



Do you have some suggestions for
where to have our Banquet in May?

Please let Sally Raskett know at
Sarah.Raskett@FMR.COM, or better yet,
bring your ideas to the club meeting on Feb. 11th!

Were you out riding, having a blast?
When your sled broke and wound up stuck?
Have no fear, because Al's Towing will save you!

Al's Towing
I will tow any sled, no brand excluded!

Average cost per tow: An arm and a leg.

Call 1-800-NO FUN 4 YOU



Next Meeting: Monday, February 11th, 2008
7:00 pm, Goffstown Rec Center

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