



MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers

Al Lambert, President

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President's Message

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. As I write this letter it's over 40 degrees outside and except for a few patches of snow there's mostly bare ground. Let's hope that a late start to the season means a longer season! Keep your fingers (and toes) crossed for our adult weekend!

The Bowl-A-Thon on December 5th had a tremendous turnout and a wonderful time was had by all that attended. I'd like to thank the Allison's for raising the most money which helped greatly to bring the total funds raised by everyone for this event to just over \$1000.00. This money will be added to this year's Easter Seals Ride-In donation. This year's orange pin, spiral ham raffle winner was Nancy Austin. Congratulations! Once again, I'd like to thank all of you who helped make this event a continued success!

If you weren't able to make last month's meeting/party, you missed another good time! The Yankee Swap, as always, was a lot of fun and once again proved to produce a gift, or two, which is sure to make a repeat appearance next year! (You had to be there!) We also had a great assortment of food and desserts, which truly made for an enjoyable evening. It was a fun time just to be with friends!

Our club will be giving a Safety Class on January 8th at the Maple Ave School. If you have a child (or know someone with a child) that is 12 or older and would like to have them take this course, contact Jeff Filleul (529-2129) ASAP! There may still be space available! Any child 12 and over is required to have this certificate (or a valid drivers license) to operate their own sled, even if they are in the company of their parent or guardian, when leaving their own property.

Our Adult Weekend is fast approaching and if Mother Nature doesn't get her act together, we may be looking at the possibility of having to trailer to find snow! We also have a club ride scheduled for the night of the January 7th, which doesn't look like it will be happening at this rate! I'm maintaining a positive outlook and believe that the snow will come. As we all know, it's New England and anything can happen in just 24 hours! I hope!

Our next meeting is January 10th, 7:00 pm at the Rec Center. We'll be discussing the upcoming Adult Weekend and the Easter Seals Ride-In, which will be before our February meeting. I hope to see you there or at one of these future events!

Your President,
Albert Lambert

B.S. from Bill

Hello all,

I knew my Bowl-A-Thon was going to be a rough one when on Wednesday, I got an email from Ellen McGlaufflin. I had sent in last month's BS column and in it I mentioned that the Bowl-A-Thon was on 12/12. Ellen informed me that I was one week late. Well that just started my problems. Suddenly I had 2 workdays to get donations and a very stingy bunch of co-workers. I was busy Thursday and Friday night and all day Saturday and couldn't get out to the neighbors before Sunday. My total donation was \$25 and that was from my own checkbook.

I know I am not the world's best bowler, but it's not all my fault. My arch nemesis, the nefarious "Orange Pin" kept up its assault on my scoring. Last year I only got two orange tickets to try and win the ham. I thought this year couldn't get much worse. Oh, how wrong I was! The orange pin in my lane seems to have developed a bowling ball repellent force field that I could not penetrate but once. If the pin was on the right side of the set, my ball was left. If it was right, my ball was left. God forbid if it was the head or king pin. My ball was then most assuredly in the gutter. Last year I swore I would use bumpers this year, but I didn't. Maybe next year I'll actually remember.

As for my accident at the Bowl-A-Thon, all I can say is that all of you almost saw more of *Big Bad Willy* than anyone or I had intended.

Does anyone else think that it was appropriate that someone named Dick got "Flashing Freddie" at the Yankee Swap?

We are supposed to go for a ride this Friday, 1/7/05, but I don't think that is going to happen. Snow and cold weather do not seem to be in the forecast for this year. Are we going to have another year where two or three trips up

North are the most we get and the snowfall is pitiful?

No more BS for now,
Bill Lofgren

Bowl-A-Thon Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who attended this year's Bowl-a-thon. We had a great time with the biggest showing of bowlers in a long time, and many new faces! We all competed for the ham by trying to knock down the orange pin with our first ball. The little kids were much more successful at this than the adults. We adults tried too hard while the kids were just having fun. The winner of the ham this year was newcomer Nancy Austin. Congratulations Nancy!

The "Most Fun Award" must go to Bill when he went to bowl his first ball in a frame and almost closed us down for flashing. His zipper came down and got stuck. Thank goodness most of the kids were busy bowling. Bill, we want to remind you that this was a family event, not adult weekend. (Ha Ha) I would like to say "Great Bowling" to Ed who was the winner of all three strings of the adult lane, and better luck next year to Bill who lost all three strings. Al and Kathy took turns coming in 2 and 3 place. (we had no bumpers like the others)

The "Largest Funds Raised Award" goes to the Allison's who raised the winning amount of \$405.00. Thank you so very much. The total so far that we have raised is around \$900 dollars (not all pledge sheets are in yet). **REMINDER - ALL PLEDGE SHEETS AND MONEY NEED TO BE TURNED IN AT THE NEXT MEETING.!!** This way we will be able to turn it in at the Easter Seals Weekend.

In closing I would like to thank everyone who attended: Ed LeBore, Bill Lofgren, the Gordon family, the Allison Family, the McGlaufflin Family, the Poole Family, the Lambert Family, the Allen Family, Nancy Austin, Lee Forcier and

Grandsons - Nick and Brad, and last but certainly not least - Casey Lesmerises.

Yours in Bowling,
Kathy Poole

Club Member Items for Sale

02 Blizzard 12' black enclosed trailer drive in/out, "V" nose 6'6" interior height \$5,000.00.
Call Lee for more info, 497-4429 or 759-5999

2 peach face love birds with cage \$75.00.
Call Lee for more info, 497-4429 or 759-5999

Adult Weekend!

FYI--If you are booked at the Cabot Inn for the Adult Weekend trip (Jan. 14-16) and would like to cancel due to the questionable conditions, you have until Monday's meeting (Jan. 10th) to let Lee Forcier know of you plans! He can be contacted at home at 497-4429 or by cell at 759-5999. Please, **DO NOT** call the Cabot to cancel. It **MUST** be cancelled through Lee so that neither you or the club incur any costs.

We do have some snow in the forecast so, snow conditions may not be an issue by next weekend! There's always the option to trailer from the Cabot to wherever the snow is! Or, maybe you just want to get away for the weekend! Either way, if you don't want to gamble on what the weekend offers, you **MUST** let Lee know.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed!
Al Lambert

CALENDAR OF EVENTS *(mark your calendars!)*

Jan 7th: Club night ride and supper
(tentative)

Jan 8th: Safety Class, Maple Ave School

Jan 10th: monthly meeting

Jan 14-16th: Adult Weekend

Jan 22nd: Club day/dinner ride

Feb 4-6^h: Easter Seals Ride-In

Feb 14th: monthly meeting

Feb 19th: Family Outing then a night ride

Feb 20th: Club daytime ride

Mar 12th: Club daytime ride

Mar 14th: monthly meeting

Apr 11th: monthly meeting

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

May 7th: Banquet, final meeting, election
of officers

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

DON'T FORGET...



Next Meeting: January 10th, 2005

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