



# MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

*Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers*

Dedicated to safe snowmobiling!



Al Lambert, President

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## President's Message

It is with great sadness that I extend the sympathies of the club and my family to the Philips' family in the passing of Marc's father just prior to Christmas. We are very sorry for your loss, Marc & Sue, and please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Knowing that 2007 was a difficult year for you on many fronts, we wish you both better times for 2008!

Well, we have nothing to complain about in the area of snowfall this season unless you've been stuck with having to shovel off your roof of the 30+ inches of snow on it. I told Daryl that he can stop his snow dancing for at least a week or two so that we all have a chance to give our backs a break from shoveling! What a year this is turning out to be. It's now getting to the point that we're running out of places to put the snow! But, we do deserve all this white gold after the past few years we've had, so be sure to get out and enjoy it, too, while it's here. Be careful though, despite the deep snow, the ice is "NOT" safe yet in most areas! The early snow covered thin ice and that greatly slows down the freezing process. In many areas the

ground hasn't even frozen yet and we are dealing with what looks like spring conditions with the many open water bars. Hopefully, we'll get some colder temperatures very soon to harden things up. But until then, be very careful when riding and be sure to stress to your younger riders the dangers that we currently have because of the lack of cold temperatures!

## Snowmobile Safety Class

**Jan. 5, 2008**

Contact Jeff Filleul  
529-2129 to  
register your child



The adult weekend, January 18-20<sup>th</sup>, is looking like it's going to be the best riding that we have experienced and many years! I'm not sure what is left for available rooms, but be sure to get in touch with Lee Forcier ASAP if you'd like to join in for the weekend. Lee's home phone is 497-4429. Don't delay; this should be a weekend to remember!



## **Come out and play at the Adult Weekend!**

Jan 18, 19 & 20

Contact Lee Forcier  
497-4429



Many thanks to our new social director, Sally Raskett, for chairing our annual Bowl-A-Thon this year. A great time was had by all that attended. Although the number of bowlers was down, it was still a great time for the young ones in the club and we still raised a decent amount of money for the kids of Camp Sno-Mo! Sally added a separate prize this year for the kiddie bowler with the highest score and the winner of that was Heather McGlaulin. Congratulations Heather! The usual drawing was had for the orange pins that are knocked down with the first ball thrown and that was won by none other than Sally. Go figure! Thanks, Sally, for a fun event for all!

Thanks, too, to Deb Whitney for organizing the club Christmas party. The food was great, the meeting was short and the Yankee Swap was hysterical as usual. Flashing Freddie & his companion didn't show up this year, but a great pair of slippers were taken home by Daryl. You had to be there! Thanks again, Deb, for a job well done!

If you are interested in attending this year's Easter Seals Ride-In February 1-3<sup>rd</sup> at the Beacon in Lincoln, check again with Lee or you can contact the Beacon resort yourself to see what's available. Attendance has been down in the past years, but with all the new snow I think it might create the turn around this event needs. This is also the weekend that NHSA draws the winners for the Super Raffle. The prizes this year are a 12' Blizzard V-Nose Tandem Trailer, a 2008 Polaris Turbo Switchback and a Yellowstone Snowmobile trip for 2, a \$2500.00 value. If you'd like a ticket for this raffle contact Dave McGlaulin, 487-3938 or email: [racersuperdave@comcast.net](mailto:racersuperdave@comcast.net). Hope to see you at the Beacon!

That's enough for now. I hope that you are enjoying this amazing snow that we are getting and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming club events. Our next meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at the Rec Center. Until then, be safe and enjoy the season!

Your President,  
Albert Lambert

## **Update from the Trail Administrator**

The trails are pretty good, but we need more cold weather so that they can harden up some more. Now that there is sufficient snow, we just need all the water bars to freeze up. I DO NOT recommend going onto Glen Lake at this point. The ice just isn't thick enough.

	<p>Please come to the Easter Seals Ride-In Feb 1-3</p>
<p>1-800-258-8934</p>	<p>Contact Lee Forcier or the Beacon Resort for room info</p>

## **B.S. from Bill**

Here it is, a few days before Christmas, and WOW! I don't know about the rest of you, but after the last two years, this much snow before the actual first day of winter, has caused me to have to change my underwear a couple of times. The sled is ready, the battery good (because it's new) and the hitch is on the truck. I hope to get out before the end of the year but since I will be in South Carolina for the last week of the year, that is a big IF.

Let's examine that battery some more, shall we? Between the old one and the new one, I had to put it in and take it out several times that day trying to prove it was dead or not. But that's not the point of this dissertation. Everyone has his or her odd habits in general and maybe more so when it comes to snowmobiling. Come on, one of you out there has to mount the sled only from the right or will always make a left handed circle before the first ride of the year. Regardless you get the idea. Time to point out my idiosyncrasy. I ALWAYS and ONLY load the sled on the left side of my trailer. What's this got to do with the battery? The answer lies below faithful reader.

There are only a couple of things that I service under my sleds hood while it is on the trailer. I can easily get to the spark plugs, the fuel switch (to turn the fuel flow off or on) and the oil reservoir fill cap. They are easy to get at from either side since they sit in the relative middle of the engine compartment and/or near the back of the compartment. Alas, not so with

the battery. It is tucked down on the left hand side, wayyyyyyyy in the front, just ahead of the starter motor and is about the lowest serviceable item in there.

Since my quirk says I have to have the sled on the left side, I can't approach the engine compartment from the left hand side. Think about it. The side of the trailer is there and if you haven't noticed, I am not the thinnest person in the world. Even with the cover up, in reality, no one could get to the bottom left front of the engine compartment from the left side of the sled. So I have to bend over, balance myself on an elbow on the engine header to get to the battery. All the while holding the battery with one hand because the other has the screwdriver needed to install the cables. God forbid I drop one of the screws that hold the battery cables. I've seen circus contortionists get into less complicated positions.

As Christmas is still in our minds and we want to really ride this year, let me end with LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW!

No more BS for now,

Bill Lofgren

**Membership payments are now due!**

**You should have already received a**

**renewal notice in the mail**

**Reminder!!**

**If you have not registered your sled, it is time! 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**

**P.O. Box 486**

**Goffstown, NH 03045**

**Any questions contact: Kathy Poole  
529-3385**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE**



**Contact Dave McGlaflin**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**2007 – 2008 Season**

**Jan 5:** Safety Class

**Jan 14:** Club Meeting

**Jan 18,19,20:** Adult Weekend, Littleton

**Jan 26:** Club Day/Dinner Ride

**Feb 1,2,3:** Easter Seals Ride-In, Lincoln

**Feb 10:** Daytime Ride

**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

**Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bowl-A-Thon!  
Together, you raised over \$600 for Easter Seals! Way to go!!!**



**2008**

**Next Meeting: Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>,**

**7:00 pm, Goffstown Rec Center**

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