



MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers



Dedicated to safe snowmobiling!

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Letter from the President

Well, we did get a white Christmas, now we seem to be stuck with one of the longest cold stretches in over a century! Can't stress enough the unknown dangers when crossing any body of water right now. Just because it's been very cold, that's no guarantee that the ice is safe enough to cross. Even if you see a track from someone else's sled going across the ice, doesn't mean they made it across safely. If there is any doubt, do not cross. A wrong decision isn't worth your life. The season is just beginning and good ice, if there can be such a thing, takes time to make and is ever changing.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas as well as a Happy New Year with friends and family around you. With any luck you may have gotten out already and worked any bugs out of your sleds after their long hibernation! Linda and I have not had a chance to get out yet due to truck issues and Linda putting in a lot of volunteer time with the Great Danes. But our first ride will happen shortly. We are has been working the trails and they are looking very good! Daryl is having some issues with our groomer but hopes to have them resolved shortly!

Be sure to check riding conditions for the area you want to ride in before you head out. Each year brings trail changes so you don't want to waste time and gas to find trails are closed for one reason or another. Better to spend time on the trail and not in your vehicle looking for another place to ride due to trail issues!

Our next Club Meeting is Monday,
January 8 at 7:00 pm
At the Goffstown Rec Center

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- *Poker tournaments are coming up and we still need some representatives from the club to sign on the days they are held. Can you offer some time to go up and sign a form? (It's required for them to allocate the funds to our club and ultimately Camp Sno-Mo) All it takes is a signature at Lakes Region Casino the day of the tournament. It's that easy. We thank you for your help with this!*
- *Know the conditions and available trails outside before you venture out, and be very careful on ice.*
- *Club rides are coming up, so check the calendar and watch for emails!*
- *Safety class coming up Saturday, January 6, 7:45 a.m. Registration is necessary, contact Jeff Fileul, (603) 867-4129.*

With the holidays behind us and quite a bit of snow on the ground, it's looking like a great season is ahead of us. We have several club rides coming up so keep checking your emails to keep up on what's happening.

Our club is having its safety class this weekend (Sat, Jan 6th) for ages 11 and up. So, if you know someone with a child that hasn't taken a class yet, this would be a great time to take it. Also, anyone born after July 1, 1986 has to take the class if you want to ride in VT and several other states. If not yet registered with Jeff Filleul (603) 867-4129, please do so ASAP. We want to make sure we have enough materials for everyone. The class will be held at the Goffstown Rec Center, Mast Road in Goffstown. Please arrive by 7:45 am so we can get everyone signed in before class starts at 8:00 am.

We didn't have a county meeting in December so I don't have any new news from NHSA. The online membership for NHSA should be up and running and hopefully will stay that way!

At our meeting on Monday, Jan 8th, we need to discuss what we want to do for the county basket as we won't have another meeting before the Ride-In (Feb 2-4).

For Reciprocity weekend (Jan. 26-28) our club will be going to Maine. Enjoy the snow and be safe! Hope to see you at the meeting or at one of our upcoming events.

Your President, Al Lambert

Grooming Update

I redid the 36 foot bridge behind the high school and I'm now working on fixing the groomer. I hope to be done soon so that I can get out and see how things are. I'm currently nursing a broken ankle as well, unfortunately.

Trail Administrator, Daryl Raskett

Fundraising Update

2018 Charity Casino Dates are here, HELP NEEDED!

Lakes Region Casino in Belmont will again be the location for our 10 Charity Casino dates, January 17-21 & 24-28, 2018! We could really use someone else to help sign paperwork for at least 1 or 2 days as these dates fall on Canada reciprocity weekend and ME/NH/VT reciprocity weekend. Also, I will be away snowmobiling in Yellowstone from January 25-31. All it will require is for the person to travel to the Casino and sign the paperwork the day of the event.

120 Club Tickets

We will have our first 5 drawings this month for the 120 Club. If you still need your ticket, see me at the meeting or contact me via email or phone. Tickets are \$20. You have 20 chances to win \$20 in the weekly drawings and there will be larger prizes awarded during the final drawings. All proceeds go to the Scholarship fund!

New fundraising ideas are always welcome. If anyone has any ideas for additional fundraising, please feel free to email me at racersuperdave@comcast.net or call me at (603) 487-3938 or (603) 315-8115.

Club Trip Reciprocity Weekend

January 26-28, 2018
Comfort Inn
Wilton, Maine

Rooms \$115 per night + tax
Call 207-645-5155
Mention Uncanoonuc Mountaineers

- We have only 8 rooms reserved! Call soon to reserve.
- Ride in NH, ME & VT with your NH registration

Easter Seals Ride-In

February 2-4, 2018
Town & Country Inn
2 Main Street
Gorham, NH

Call to reserve your room
603-466-3315

- Great riding
- Raffles
- Auction
- Comedy night
- Free supper
- Good times!

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS

Saturday, January 6, 2018
8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Goffstown Rec Center
155 Mast Road, Goffstown

Registration is required.

Contact Jeff Filleul at 603-867-4129

Bring lunch, snacks, drinks

**EVERYONE born after July 1, 1986 must have this (or similar) class/certificate to ride in VT and other states





Calendar of Events Uncanoonuc Mountaineers 2017-2018

January 6 – Snowmobile Safety Class, Goffstown Parks/Rec Ct, 7:45-5 PM

January 8 – Club meeting, Parks/Rec Center, 7 PM

January 13 – Club night ride (Saturday)

Jan 19-21 – Reciprocity Weekend with Canada (Quebec trails only)

Jan 26-28 – Reciprocity Weekend w/ NH, ME, VT—Club trip

February 2-4 – Easter Seals Weekend, T & C Hotel, Gorham, NH

February 12 – Club meeting, Parks/Rec Center, 7 PM

February 17 – Local Club Ride or Family Fun Day (more info TBA)

February 18 – Bear Brook State Park Museum open house, we do cook shack

February 23-25 – Club Family Weekend (more info TBA)

February 24 – Local Club Ride ????? (Saturday)

March 9-11 – Club Family Weekend, Errol Motel, Errol, NH

March 12 – Club meeting, Parks/Rec Center, 7 PM

March 24 – Pot Luck Supper (more info TBA)

April 7 – Weare Winter Wanders' Hill Climb, Pat's Peak

April 9 – Club meeting, Parks/Rec Center, 7 PM

April ?? – Annual NHSA Meeting (more info TBA)

May 5 – Banquet, Final meeting, Election of Officers

August 17 – Board Meeting for new officers (Friday)