



MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers



Dedicated to safe snowmobiling!

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Letter from the President

Regrettably, I begin with extending the club's deepest sympathies to Maurice (Moe) Bilodeau for the passing of his wife Brenda. Brenda was diagnosed with cancer several years ago and fought it bravely and tirelessly with many ups and downs through these past years. At the young age of 47, Brenda lost her battle. She will be greatly missed by all who new and loved her. Our thoughts and prayers are with Moe at this very difficult time.

I would like to extend best wishes to Bill Lofgren on a speedy recovery with his knee surgery. Bill missed out on getting on his sled this season but I know that he is greatly anticipating getting on his bike ASAP. Good luck, Bill!

Also, Bill Hart just underwent heart by-pass surgery after a sudden heart attack revealed that he had three clogged arteries. Best wishes, Bill, to you and your family during your recovery.

February has been a great riding month throughout the state and we had a great

time with our two club weekends in the North Country. The Adult Weekend in Littleton had great riding right from the door and except for a little rain Sunday morning, the weekend was a 10! Sunday morning's rain ended by 10:00ish and it turned into a pleasant sunny day of riding. The family weekend in Errol was also awesome! Great snow conditions and pleasant temps made for a very enjoyable weekend! Tommy and Andrew, my riding buddies, were great passengers over the weekend and quickly realized who had the best and fastest sled: the Prez! I'll make Cat riders of those two yet, Daryl! The highlights of the weekend were probably the buffalo ranch and the snow laden trees on Dixville Peak. Great snow conditions and no sled issues equal an enjoyable weekend! With this latest snowfall, we may be able to get some great riding in March also. Keep your fingers crossed!

News from the Easter Seals Ride-In was that it was a great success as \$76,619.47 was raised for Camp Sno Mo. Our club received an award for second place in Hillsborough County with our final dollar amount of \$5,172.50. This amount was made possible, again, by Ron & Sherry Alie making their contribution through our club. Thank you, Ron & Sherry, for all you do for the kids

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NEXT MEETING:
MON., MAR. 9
7:00 PM
 GOFFSTOWN REC CENTER

of Camp Sno Mo, and for including the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers in your donation. I heard that the Resort was very impressed with the etiquette and, most importantly, the money spent by snowmobilers so, they want the event there next year! Wow, not bad for place that in the past didn't want anything to do with our smelly machines! As always, money and times dictate policies!

Our March meeting is also the time to start the process of selecting a slate of officers for next year. If you would like to run for a position in the club, let Linda Lambert know so that she can put your name on the ballot. Her e-mail is: the3lamberts@myfairpoint.net. Positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director, Fundraiser, Membership, Publicity, and Trail Master. New blood and ideas are always welcomed and encouraged!

Enjoy what's left of the riding season and remember our next club meeting is March 9th at 7:00 pm at the Rec Center. See you there!

Your President,
Albert Lambert

Important Local Trail News

Hopefully, you have received the e-mails regarding the access of the old rail bed to snowmobiles. We have met with the town selectmen and they have agreed to look into this further, since it was believed in the past that the money that was received through the grant prohibited the use of motorized vehicles. Representative John Hikel learned that this was not the case and that the grant did permit the use of snowmobiles during winter months. John was the one to present this info to the board and requested that they look into making the rail bed accessible to snowmobilers. This would help local businesses in the winter, as well as gain access to additional funds and resources in completing and maintaining the Rails to Trails project.

I would like to thank all of our club members that attended the meeting to show our support of this and to answer any questions that the board had. I'll do my best to stay on top of this and keep you all posted of any future meetings that will need a show of support to keep this moving forward.

Your President,
Albert Lambert

Trails Update from NHSA

1. The primary trail from Cornish to Claremont has been closed by a landowner. Alternate route is being looked into.
2. The Whiteface Trail System in the Ossipee area has reopened.
3. Per the town of Epping, there is NO PARKING for Recreational Trail users on Mast Road, in Walgreens or Lowes parking lots or at New England Speedways parking lot. VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED!
4. Due to dam construction the water level in Sunrise Lake in Middleton is extremely low and snowmobilers should use extreme caution on the like this winter as there are several hazards that have been exposed.

Vintage Snowmobile Race and Rally

A vintage snowmobile race and rally will also be occurring on April 4th at the Balsams with a special room rate for this event of \$89.00 per night, per double occupancy + tax. You can check out the Balsams website for more info on this event.

www.thebalsams.com



B.S. From Bill

Hi all,

After a couple of weeks of nearly nothing the snow fall has returned. Sure the north didn't get as walloped as the more southern, coastal areas, but hey, the season goes on. Thus, those of you who can ride this year are still having fun and I am envious.

Exactly two weeks ago I (finally) had my left knee operated on. I am back to about 90% but even if the sled was in working order, I couldn't still ride. While I can move and do some normal stuff, using my legs like shocks as you do a sled is still out of the question. I have to admit that I have missed this year. Not riding with any and all of you has left me out of the loop. I don't know of the silly things that have gone on out on the trail. I don't know who did what at the lunch/dinner stop. Most importantly I didn't do anything crazy/stupid/silly/"what the &\$^#" that I could report on.

Finally I didn't make the family day at the pond because that was the weekend I was recovering from my knee surgery. I suppose that all this time off on my part has spared anyone's, including my own, reputation from being besmirched in this column. For that you are probably all happy. On the other hand, my knee was a great excuse for being waited on hand and foot by the family and a way to get the neighbors to clear the snow

in my driveway. It also gave a chance to take some good drugs and sleep a lot.

I am looking forward to an injury free year. That way I can make it through the motorcycle season without any interruptions and come next winter I can ride with the wind again.

No more BS for now,

Bill Lofgren

A Special Thank You!

As this incredible snowmobile season starts to wind down a bit, we want to say a big THANK YOU to all those who took such good care of us on the TWO family weekends! The boys absolutely loved going away and spending the days on the snowmobiles (as well as swimming, running from room to room, helping Miss Cindy with her tea, eating Mr. Bob's candy, etc., etc., etc!)

A VERY special thank you to Al and Linda Lambert. Honestly, we would have never made it through 25 degree below zero weather, or some rough trails at times, without the two of you. Linda, thank you for the fleece pants (for all of us), the neck warmers, the food, and helping to get the boys dressed on both trips, both days! They would not have been as toasty warm and we would not have gotten on the trails until noon had you not been with us.

Al, thank you for always allowing one (if not both) of our kids to ride with you. As Andrew slept on your arm for an hour while riding, you must have thought to yourself "yeah, been here, done this, why am I doing it again?"

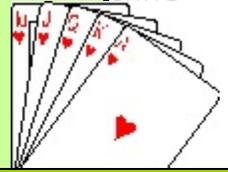
They have not yet completely gone to "the dark side" by wanting an Arctic Cat, but after this last trip, they do seem to be very intrigued by the couch you call a snowmobile.

Thank you everyone!
Daryl and Sally Raskett

For Sale

'98 Jag 440 Deluxe ESR with new carbides and removable/adj. backrest. Just gone through last season and used very little after servicing.
'03 ZL600 SS ESR with remote start. Also gone through last season and in excellent condition.
For more info on these sleds, contact Al Lambert at 391-2597 or the3lamberts@verizon.net.

2008-2009
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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Thursday Night
Poker Nights at
Belmont Lodge:

2009

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

- 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 11Easter Seals Land & Lake Poker Run (Motorcycl
July 15.....Summer Family Fun Day at The Lamberts

