



MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers

Dedicated to safe snowmobiling!



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Al Lambert, President
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Letter from the President

I'll begin this month with a huge **thank you** to Ron & Sherry Alie for once again making their contribution to Easter Seals through our club. With the addition of their generous contribution it makes our total \$5610.00, which put our club in second place in Hillsborough County. Thanks, Ron & Sherry for thinking of us!

The family weekend in Errol went well and the riding wasn't bad considering the season we've had. It was a little thin around town but nice in the mountains as usual. Rick was a great host, as always, and with any luck we may try for one more ride up there before the sleds get put away for another season.

It's looking like a lost season for the Southern parts of the state this year with just about all clubs reporting that they haven't had their groomers out at all! Registrations are also way down which will greatly affect the Grant & Aid \$\$\$ for next season.

Also, it looks as though the state is trying to get their hands on all targeted funds so as to place said money into the state's general fund. If this were to happen it would be the end of the Grant & Aid for trail work and grooming

operations! It would be a devastating blow to snowmobiling in this state. It has already passed the House as HB 1669 and will be heading to the Senate soon! It was attached to another bill which is how it was snuck in. Stay tuned for more info on this as it becomes known and I'll let you know what you may need to do to help stop it from happening!

Our season is coming to a rapid close and before long we'll be having our election of officers and our May banquet! Keep in mind that if you're interested in taking on a position on the Board of Directors, please let us know ASAP! We are still in need of someone to be Publicity Director at the very least.

That's all for now! I hope to see you at the March 12th, 7:00 pm meeting at the Rec Center and if you're still riding your sled be safe!

Your President,
Albert Lambert



Our next Club Meeting
is on Monday,
March 12 at 7:00!

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- *The UMSC donation to Easter Seals placed second in Hillsborough County at \$5,610.00!*
- *Poor snowmobile season in Southern NH leads to low registrations and lower Grant and Aid money for next season.*
- *Watch for updates on HB 1669 which may make Grant and Aid money for trail work unavailable in the future!*
- *Now is the time for nominations for Board of Directors positions. Publicity Director still available! Please consider helping if you can!*
- *Charity Poker Tournaments are back!*
- *Scholarship applications due by April 30th*
- *Family Weekend in Errol and UMSC letter to the Sno Traveler*

Fundraising

120 Club Raffle!

We have 4 more weekly drawings this month and 4 more weekly drawings at the April meeting along with the final prize drawings. All proceeds go to the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Scholarship program!

2012 Charity Poker Tournament are coming!

We have received our dates from the Lakes Region Casino (formerly the Lodge at Belmont). The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers will be the charity for 10 days from May 20th thru May 29th. If you enjoy casino games such as BlackJack, Roulette, Let it Ride, 3 Card Poker and of course Texas Holdem, please take a trip to Belmont and help the club raise money! The Lakes Region Casino is located in Belmont NH, on Route 106 just a few miles North of New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

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.

Trail Update

No snow equals no riding! Obviously we had a horrible winter! I will resume trailwork year round as I do. I will be doing a thorough viewing

of our trails and will watch for future summertime work that will need to be done.

Trail Administrator,
Daryl Raskett

Publicity Director Needed ASAP

Our club is still without much-needed representation on our board. We are in immediate need of a Publicity Director. Our board members who are fully involved in other positions could really use your help. If you are able to spare some time and help out in this position we would greatly appreciate it!

Scholarship Applications

Reminder! Applications for the club scholarship are due by April 30th. To be considered, the applicant must be:

- a senior in an accredited high school with a graduation date of June 2012
- The son/daughter of a UMSC member in good standing (3+ years)
- Accepted to an accredited postsecondary learning institution for the 2012-2013 academic year

Contact Linda Lambert at 497-4023 or iwont4gt@myfairpoint.net for an application.

Family Weekend in Errol

Winter in the Southern part of our state was definitely a bust this year, but in the upper Northern areas of the state it was a different story—thank goodness!! Four couples from our club, the Lamberts', Rasketts', Buttricks' and the Smith's, ventured to Errol for the club's family weekend on Feb 17-19th in hopes of finding some nice riding. And that we did. The riding was good to excellent and this year we got a new scenic view of Dixville Peak, not from the top but from afar. The entire mountain range is lined with windmills now—about 25 of them—what a fabulous sight.

Again this year we made our way to the Bull Moose for supper one night and Log Haven from lunch on another (I love that place). And, as usual the Raskett boys, Andrew and Tommy, were great riders and drivers, never a complaint came out of their mouths. They are such a joy to bring along.

Ricky, the hotel owner was as pleasant and helpful as usual. He really makes it a treat to spend the weekend there. It's definitely worth the long, bumpy ride to stay there and ride the trails in that area. It's my favorite place to ride in the state because the trails are kept so well groomed and not many people ride in that area. OK, we did meet up with a few bozos who didn't know how to pull over to the side of the trails when they stopped. But, you find those bozos no matter where you go or where you are.

If you didn't come with us, you missed a great time. If you did, hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Linda Lambert
Secretary



Uncanoonuc Mountaineer's Letter Submitted to the Sno Traveler

Hi all,

Well, is it or is it not winter? It's so hard to tell with temps being as high as they've been combined with the fact that we have little to no snow in almost all of NH!! How pitifully sad that is, especially for all the businesses who rely on the snowmobilers for their livelihood during the winter months. Why is Mother Nature being so cruel?

On a better note, our club put on a Safety Class on January 7th with must success! We had a great group of kids and a record number of adults taking the class as well. It was a long day for all but well worth the effort by instructors Jeff Filleul, Al Lambert, and Lee Forcier. Linda Lambert got writer's cramp from having to fill out so many certificates and certification cards, but that, too, was worth the effort when seeing the smiling faces of those who earned their rewards. Thank you to all who attended whether it be as a student or an instructor. Thank you to Fish & Game Officer Geoffrey Pushee who came to speak to the class. Great job everyone!

Due to lack of snow almost everywhere, our 2 January club trips had to be cancelled. Al and I went go to Maidstone Lake in VT the weekend of Jan 20th to snowmobile with friends who have a camp up there. We weren't expecting much due to the conditions in NH. They didn't have as much snow as usual but there was enough for the groomers to make the trails smooth as glass making for great riding conditions. The only glitch, on Saturday the secondary clutch on my sled began to fail 3 hours into the day!! Luckily we were able to make it back to camp, get our daughter's sled

and head back out. (Glad she's at college and didn't need her sled!)

Then came the Easter Seal's Ride-in. Only the Smith's and the Lambert's (that's us) were able to make it to the Ride-in this year but we had a blast. We even kept Bob & Cindy up way past their bedtime. We went up on Friday, turned in our \$3,500+ club donation, and headed out to ride. Wow, were we shocked by the superb riding conditions!! All the trails from Gorham to Errol and everywhere else we went were as smooth as glass and there was plenty of snow to cover all the trails including the power lines! As evening approached, Bob realized he made a wrong turn several miles back—no problem—the trails were so beautiful we didn't mind having to retrace our steps. Kudos to the clubs that groomed the trails in that entire area—they are the ones who made the weekend a complete success for us—well almost. You see, there was yet another glitch on yet another Saturday (Are you seeing a pattern here? I sure am and I don't like it!) Anyways, this time Al's sled got sucked into the soft powder on the side of the trail, (funny how that happens) and try as he may to recover, he couldn't pull it off. The huge bolder buried beneath the snow and the 3" tree got the better of both he and the sled. Al was fine, except maybe his pride. Damage?? Pretty hefty we think, maybe even totaled, but it's still being looked at by our own private repairman, Daryl. Good thing the sled's insured!! And yes, you probably already guessed, Al used our daughter's sled on Sunday.

Now the dilemma is, should we go snowmobiling in Vermont again this weekend or should we play it safe and just stay home and watch a movie? I must admit I'm a little hesitant to go to Vermont due to our 2 for 2 record! These trips are costing us a fortune in repair work! Gosh, I wish money grew on trees!

We have another family weekend coming up February 17th-19th this time in Errol at Ricky's motel. What a great guy he is! All rooms at his motel have been newly renovated with knotty pine and each has a theme (Patriots, bears, deer, etc.). Five couples and 2 great kids, Andrew & Tommy, are anxious and ready to ride in Errol. If you would like to join us, please email me at iwont4gt@myfairpoint.net so that I can reserve a room for you. There's plenty of snow there and the trails are great.

Well, I guess that's it for now. Hopefully, by the time I write our next letter to the Snow Traveler our track record will have improved.

Until next time, ride safely, have fun and Happy Valentine's Day.

Think snow—lots of it.

Linda Lambert
Secretary
Uncanoonuc Mt'eers

For Sale

Arctic cat 2 piece suit - girl's youth size 16 (equivalent to adult med)—in perfect condition. Mostly black with purple, green and orange insets. Says Team Arctic on the front and back. \$75.00. Contact Linda Lambert at iwont4gt@myfairpoint.net

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**2011-2012
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- Mar 12**Club Meeting, 7:00, Goffstown Rec Center
- Mar 31**Pat's Peak Hill Climb (sponsored by the Weare Winter Wanderers)
- Apr 9**Club Meeting, 7:00, Goffstown Rec Center
- Apr 21**Pot Luck Dinner at the Forcier's
- May 12**Banquet, final meeting, election of officers
- May 20-29**Charity Poker Nights, Lakes Region Casino



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