



MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers

Dedicated to safe snowmobiling!



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Letter from the President

On behalf of club members and ourselves, Linda & I wish to extend our sincerest sympathies to VP, Sally Raskett and her family for the recent passing of her mom. Our thoughts are with Sally and her family at this difficult time.

What a month February has been! Tons of snow and lots of cold made for a busy month dealing with snow in our yards as well as having to deal with getting it off our roofs before they failed! But with that said, there has been some great snowmobiling throughout the state and I hope that you have been able to get out and enjoy it.

Last month we had 3 club events--Easter Seals Ride-In in Gorham, club trip to Errol, and a local ride which encompassed Goffstown, Weare, Henniker, and a few towns in between (93 miles). Upon arriving at the Easter Seals Ride-In we turned in our \$3,000 club donation and was informed that Ron and Sherry Alie had made their donation in behalf of our club which brought our donation total to \$5,000.00. Many thanks to Ron & Sherry for their generous contribution to Easter Seals through our club. It shows just how much this event means to the Ron & Sherry, that even after he has been retired from Fish & Game for

many years he continues to make a very generous contribution to Camp SnoMo to help the kids! Sincerest thanks, Ron & Sherry!

A weekend in Errol was next! Only 5 of us were able to go.. That said, there was great riding and some really cold temps! Saturday morning was -24° which made for needing some extra layers for our ride. We were also able to get a few hours in on Sunday, too, with some sun and warmer temps. As always the riding was great in Errol and Ricky was a great host!

Our last ride was a local ride which began at Devriendt's Farm Stand on Mast Road. Daryl led us up a smooth trail to the top of North Mountain where we enjoyed the view then headed down to the Bog Road area to meet Steve Waldorf. He gave us a tour of forestry area that he manages & cares for a network of trails in. Steve has done a great job with the trails in that area and it was a pleasure to have him show us around. Thanks, Daryl & Steve!

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- Snowmobile season in great shape thanks to all the snow!
- \$5,000 Uncanoonuc Mountaineers donation to Easter Seals Camp Sno-Mo. Many sincere thanks to members and friends of the club that have donated, and to Ron & Sherry Alie!
- Club ride memoirs!
- Another club weekend coming up March 6-8 in Errol, NH.
- 2014-2015 season calendar

**Our next Club Meeting
is Monday,
March 9 at 7:00 pm
At the Goffstown
Rec Center**

We then returned to the Farm Stand, regrouped and decided to head to Clough with Karl taking over the lead. From there, we made a loop through Henniker returning to Clough then back to Devriendt's.

It was 7:30 pm when we got back and after a few very rough sections we called it a day--except Karl & Ethan who rode to North Mt again then head home. Thanks so much to Karl for leading the ride on the third leg of the trip. I'd say it was a GOOD DAY!

February was a great month for the sport and it looks like March may have even more snow for us. It would seem that we should have some good riding for some time to come so be sure to enjoy it before it's gone!

We have our last club weekend March 6-8th in Errol, with 8 adults and 3 kids going. Be sure to check your emails to see how that plays out.

I look forward to seeing you at our next club meeting on the 9th, 7:00 pm at the Rec Center.

Your President,
Al Lambert

Trail Update

The trail from Glen Lake to Weare and Dunbarton has been groomed if you would like to get out and give it a try this weekend.

Trail Administrator,
Daryl Raskett

Club Trip Memoirs

Our club has had 3 club trips up north so far—Vermont, Gorham, and Errol—all offering great trails, beautiful riding, wonderful company, and lots of fun. But, unfortunately, none have gone without mishaps, either. Let me, Linda, explain!

1st trip—Vermont

The riding was super, temps were a bit cold, and the hospitality at the Lodge was excellent. A short ride on Friday went well. We were off to a get start. We set out again Saturday morning and before we had a chance to get too far, Tommy's sled broke down. Al towed it to the nearest road to make it easier to pick it up later. We decided to head back to the Lodge, have an early lunch at the Lodge, and get directions from the owner on how to get to the street the sled was left. Daryl & Greg headed out with trailer in tow. Told to take a "right" out of the parking lot and go 1 mile, they took the OTHER "right" (the one most of us call left) and drove almost 20 miles before realizing they went the wrong way! Some of us headed back out onto the trails and enjoyed the rest of the day.

No, the excitement didn't end there. Dave & Greg had to leave that evening, so Dave packed his truck as he waited for Greg to return. Then it happened—Dave locked his keys in his truck! "Hello, AAA!" Sunday we rode for a few hours without incident. Overall, it was a great trip.

2nd trip—Easter Seals Ride-In, Gorham

The 1st thing we did was sign in and give our \$3,000 donation to Easter Seals. We were told that Ron & Sherry had made a \$2000 donation under our club's name! Many thank Ron & Sherry. Then we visited the rooms set up with raffles items, auction items, & "free stuff". Having done our "duty" there, we decided to ride. Being the first ones there on Friday, Al, Allen, his sister, Lisa, & I set out onto the trails. The trails were flat, the temps were fine, Allen was so excited to finally be able to ride his "just out of the repair shop" sled. But, less than 20 miles into the ride, the sled refused to run properly and sometimes not at all! So much for that repair shop! With no other choice, he rented a sled from a local shop for Saturday at a ridiculous high price, had to have it back by 4:30, and worst of all, it drove like crap! What a rip off! But, Allen was such a gentleman about the whole thing! I surely wouldn't have been so nice.

During our short ride, Bruce called stating he would be late because he had to get Nora's sled fixed. Finding out that the shop couldn't do it until AFTER the weekend, he, too, called to rent a sled. But, all they had was a Bearcat—that won't work! So, after another quick call to Al--problem solved, she rode Kelsea's sled—she's at KSU Vet School so she wouldn't be using it. Thank you, Kelsea.

OK, it's Saturday morning and we all headed out, but not with incident again. While attempting to round a sharp corner, I got my ski caught in the soft powder and it sucked me off the trail and into the deep powder. I was able to keep the sled moving for about 20' but fell short of getting it back on the trail by about 4'. Damn, now I was buried and upset with myself as I should've been able to go 4' more! No damage to my sled or me. Luckily, Allen & Al were able to get me out. Thanks guys—you're the best!!

3rd trip—Errol

There were only 5 of us on this trip--Bruce, Nora, John, Al & I had a blast. The trails were excellent, temps were very cold (-25 Saturday). We all bundled up with extra layers & all sleds were running well—what could go wrong?! Well, Murphy's Law kicked in once again—he follows me everywhere!! John, being the gentleman he is, tried to make a trail for his mom to use. However, his effort fell short as he tried to plow his way through the extremely deep powder. He buried his sled. But, the 3 guys got it out fairly easily.

On our way back from the Canadian border we stopped by the Pittsburg clubhouse. That's where it happened and my mishap wasn't quite so easy to fix! After seeing Bruce & John back their sleds up onto a very low snow banking, I attempted to do the same. Not a good decision—I tore the snow flap off my sled without even realizing it! (I'm sure Murphy

was there!) Nora and Al didn't even try to go up it. Smart move on their part.

Two really nice guys from the Pittsburg fire/rescue squad who were there showing off their new rescue trailer immediately came over and offered their help despite the freezing temps. It was successfully reattached, despite frozen hands and having to use Plan B. Thank you so much to these 2 kind men and of course, my husband, Al, for their assistance and persistence—I know it was a difficult task because of the bitter temps. Again, many thanks. There were no further incidents that day or on Sunday. Great trip overall.

Local club ride

Our latest ride was a local ride which began at Devriendt's Farm Stand in Goffstown. The trails were great to bad, depending where we rode, temp was warm, and company was great. Sally rode Kelsea's sled as hers was broke. Daryl led 12 of us up a smooth trail to the top of North Mountain where we enjoyed the view then headed down to the Bog Road area to meet Steve Waldorf. He gave us a tour of forestry area that he manages & cares for a network of trails in. It was a pleasure to have him show us around that area. Thanks, Daryl & Steve—great trails!

We returned to the Farm Stand, regrouped and decided to head to Clough with Karl taking over the lead. Al decided to take 2 kids on his sled with

him—Andrew & Jayden. Not too far into the ride, Trysha's sled tipped over and she fell off—both were fine. Congrats to Trysha, she's now an official snowmobiler!! ☺ We made it to Clough, ate at Dimitri's, made a loop through Henniker and headed back to Devriendt's via Clough (encountering more bumpy trails along the way). We called it a day at 7:30 pm after a 93 mile journey. Karl & Ethan rode to North Mt again then home. Thanks so much to Karl for leading the ride on the third leg of the trip. I'd say it was a **GOOD DAY!**

Fundraising

120 Club Raffle!

For \$20 you can still win any of the remaining weekly drawings and the larger prizes drawn in April! Please see Bruce Buttrick to purchase your ticket. All proceeds go to the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Scholarship Program!

Fundraising,

David McGlaufflin

Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Season Calendar 2014-2015

March 7 Ride to Baker River Valley Club House – contact Al Lambert

March 9 Club Meeting, Parks/Rec Center, 7:00 pm

April 4 Weare Winter Wanderer's Hill Climb, Pat's Peak

April 13 Club meeting, Parks/Rec Center, 7:00 pm

April 18 Pot Luck Supper

May 2 Banquet, Final Meeting, Election of Officers