



MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers

Al Lambert, President

November, 2004

President's Message

It's nice to have the month of October behind us! It's always a very busy month and this one was no different. We went from the Grass Drags (which for some of us was a Thursday to Sunday event), the Pumpkin Regatta the following weekend and then the Flea Market & Vintage Show the weekend after that! It hasn't left much time for fall cleanup around the house so I'm somewhat hopeful that Mother Nature will give us time to catch up on it! The one thing that we're all thankful for was the nice weather that we had for all these events, which showed greatly in the numbers of people that attended. The Grass Drags had an incredible turnout, and to make it through the weekend without any rain was such a pleasure for racers, attendees and workers! Our Flea Market also had a truly fantastic turnout by sellers and buyers in numbers that we haven't seen in years. The Vintage Show is getting bigger and better as well! We had a great turnout by our members for all these events. Thank you to everyone who took the time to help out and make all these events such the big success that they were! *Thank you all for your support!*

The month of November is much quieter with only our meeting on the 8th and Sam's Club on the 20th. We are looking for help on November 20th so please let Dave McGlauffin know if you can give a hand that

day. We'll be selling Krispy Kreme donuts and probably hotdogs & hamburgers as well as the NHSA Supper Raffle tickets, which is our primary fundraiser for Easter Seals this year. If you would like some of these tickets to buy or sell, please contact Dave McGlauffin (487-3938) and he'll get them to you.

**Bowl-A-Thon at
King's Lanes, Dec 5**
Contact Kathy Poole
529-3385



Just as a reminder, your dues are due the 1st of November! So please get them to Sally if you haven't already! Dave McGlauffin also has the 120 tickets for anyone wanting to get in on that as well. The first drawings for the 120 will begin at our December meeting with four numbers being drawn that night with each winner getting \$20.00. Chances of winning something are good and all proceeds benefit our scholarship fund.

-- Remember --
The Adult Weekend is
January 14-16
Contact Lee Forcier
(497-4429) for details

The weeks are going by quickly and before we know it we'll be heading North for our Adult Weekend in Lancaster! Rooms are filling fast so don't delay in letting Lee Forcier (497-4429) know if you would like a room for that weekend. Lee also has the new trailer decals for those of you that ordered them at the end of last season. He will have them at the November meeting for you to pick up.

That's all for now, and once again "Thank you" to all the members that helped with our events this past month. Again, our next meeting is November 8th, 7:00 pm at the Rec Center. I hope that you are able to attend and please feel free to share with us any ideas that you may have for the club.

Your President,
Al Lambert



B.S. from Bill

Hello Red Sox Nation,

I know that this is the newsletter for the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers SNOWMOBILE club, but please indulge me. Secondly, pinch me, because I am still not sure if this is a dream or not. My father turned 60 this year and I know he fully expected to go to the grave before he saw the Red Sox finally win the World Series. I have yet to reach 40 and I was almost convinced of the same. 86 years is a heck of a long time to wait, but the 31,548 days between Red Sox championships just make it that much sweeter.

Now all of us loyal, continuously disappointed and long suffering fans can rejoice. The Red Flops are no more and the curse is broken and lays shattered on the fields of Fenway Park and Busch Stadium. We devout multitude will even allow all the fair weather and bandwagon jumping fans to join us in unbridled celebration. There is nothing that can take away the absolute joy that is raining down upon our team and us. This is what we've been waiting for. It is finally "Next Year"!

Before the World Series win and before "The Comeback", the Mountaineers had a few of events to attend to. First was the NHSA Grass Drags. As usual it was a long 2 or 2 ½ days for those of us who worked but in the end well worth it. First and foremost is the money the club gets for every hour of volunteering we put in. For me, the second reward is knowing that I can help both the club and the NHSA. Finally, you can get to watch some of the events or talk to people or be alone depending on what your assignment is. Regardless, I know our club and I know we make the best of it and have fun.

That was followed the next weekend by Goffstown's Pumpkin Festival and Giant Pumpkin Regatta on Oct. 16th and 17th. While the event was two days long, we only participated in the Saturday of that weekend. I personally worked our table for the first few hours and we did a good business selling Krispy Kreme donuts, coffee and hot chocolate. The weather cooperated and the day, while cool and windy, it was a sunny and perfect fall day. The nip in the air, and possibly the Krispy Kremes, brought a lot of people to the table to find out information about the club. I know several applications left with interested parties and several people took trail maps.

Last but not least was the Flea Market on Oct. 23rd. While the final numbers aren't in, it does appear to have been a success. For a complete write up on the event, look elsewhere in this newsletter. I want to say thanks and a job well done to Mike and Chris Batty, Erica Gordon, Kelsey Lambert and Eric Poole for all the help they gave us at the food pavilion on Saturday. We all

ate a few more French fries than we should have, but you were all well-behaved, helpful and fun to work with. Despite my personal eating disaster of that day, I still lost 2lbs for the week. Finally, Daryl, it was just a little mud, I wasn't close to getting stuck and anytime you want to see whose truck has more you-know-what's, let me know.

No more BS for now and The Sox are #1,
Bill Lofgren

Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Host Successful Flea Market

By William L. Lofgren Jr.
Uncanoonuc Mountaineers

GOFFSTOWN – The day was cloudy, cold and blustery but a large crowd turned out on Saturday, October 23rd for the annual Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Snowmobile Club Flea Market and Antique Snowmobile Show. The seasonably cold weather, just hinting at the possibility of snow, brought out many snowmobile enthusiasts who were there to sell, buy, browse and show their antique sleds.

This year's turnout was very favorable as more than two dozen trucks and trailers laden with snowmobiles, parts and accessories for sale or trade began arriving before the sun came up. A couple of eager sellers were there waiting to enter the site even before any of the Mountaineers club members could roll out of bed. The event drew folks from many New England states including Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont and Connecticut. By mid-morning the parking area at the field was filled and many customers had to use the overflow parking lot on Normand Rd.

The Antique Snowmobile Show was a popular event this year with several competitors showing 30 sleds and two mini-bikes, a 1970 Honda CT 70 and a 1971 Rupp Roadster, both of which were in working order. Included in the show were sleds from as far back as 1963. That particular sled was a Ski-Doo R6 owned by Dave Gallant. The show also included a 1964 Hus-Ski 373 which has a tractor type front with two tracks that tows a pair of skis with a seat mounted above them owned by David Barton. Voters for Best In Show also had to consider a 1975 Arctic Cat El Tigre' Z 440 that has just 443 miles on the odometer and is in original mint condition owned by Gary Chaffee, a Sno Jet Thunder Jet 440 modified sled which is still raced occasionally and very competitive on ice, owned by Bud Gordon and a 1971 Cushman Trackster twin tracked vehicle owned by Ray Blondeau of Goffstown. The winner was Jay Egan of Connecticut with his 1976 Arctic Cat 440 Z, a restoration that was just finished two weeks before and this was the sled's first show. One sled that came close was a 1974 Polaris TX 250 owned by the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers member and NHSA County Directory, Jeff Filleul. The TX has been in his family since it was new. For those that enjoy buzzing across the frozen white tundra it is always a joy to see the care and effort that goes into keeping and restoring these treasures of snowmobiling's early days.

Blitz, the Manchester Wolves mascot, was there to entertain the kids and autograph pictures. The Mountaineers made sure no one went home hungry. Breakfast sandwiches and coffee got the early birds going. Those who got hungry for lunch had plenty to choose from including steak tip subs, sausages, peppers and onions, hamburgers and chicken fingers, all of them accompanied by fresh French fries. As sponsors of the event, the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers made sure all the attendees had plenty of information and membership applications for the club and the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association. There were several snowmobiling related raffle prizes given away to some lucky people to cap off the day.

Finally, the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers owe Ed Monty a huge thank you for the use of his field, which he made sure was mowed and ready for us, behind the Villa Augustina School, just off Normand Rd. For several years now, Ed has allowed us to use his land for our Flea Market and we are most grateful. Without his generosity we would be left struggling to find a location to host our event. We would also like to thank all the land owners whose property abuts Ed Monty's field for allowing us to disturb their Saturday with the sounds of cars, trucks and snowmobiles starting well before the sun comes up. The Mountaineers would also like to say a special thanks to Advantage Motorsports for sponsoring the trophy and dash plaques. Also, thanks to A-1 Sports Center, Amherst Motorsports, Cactus Jack's/T-Bones, Freedom Cycle, Gil's Yamaha, H K Power Sports, Livingston's Arctic Cat, Manchester Monarchs, Manchester Wolves and Blitz, Nashua Pride, Owen's Marine, Pinard Lube and Wash, Shorty's Mexican Road House and Valvoline Instant Oil Change.

Club Member Items for Sale

02 Blizzard 12' black enclosed trailer drive in/out, "V" nose 6'6" interior height \$5,000.00.
Call Lee for more info, 497-4429 or 759-5999

2 peach face love birds with cage \$75.00.
Call Lee for more info, 497-4429 or 759-5999

99 Arctic Cat Panther 550 ESR
New clutch and in excellent condition.
Has plastic skis and tow hitch.
\$2800.00 Call Al @ 493-8419

UM Trailer Decals

The new trailer decals are now available! If you ordered one (or a set) at the end of last season Lee Forcier will have them at this month's meeting. We have a few extras on hand if you wish to purchase one and will order additional ones if needed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(mark your calendars!)

Nov 8th: monthly meeting

Nov 20th: Sam's Club Fundraiser, Manchester,
8:00-4:00

Dec 5th: Bowl-A-Thon, King's Lanes, Pinardville

Dec 13th: monthly meeting and Yankee Swap

Jan 7th: Club night ride and supper

Jan 8th: Safety Class (tentative)

Jan 10th: monthly meeting

Jan 14-16th: Adult Weekend

Jan 22nd: Club day/dinner ride

Feb 4-6^h: Easter Seals Ride-In

Feb 14th: monthly meeting

Feb 19th: Family Outing then a night ride

Feb 20th: Club daytime ride

Mar 12th: Club daytime ride

Mar 14th: monthly meeting

Apr 11th: monthly meeting

Apr 16th: Pot Luck Supper at Bill & Annie's
house

May 14th: Banquet, final meeting, election of
officers

Jul 9th: Summer Family Outing at the Lambert's

DON'T FORGET...



Next Meeting: November 8th, 2004

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