



MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers

Al Lambert, President

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President's Message

I commend all of our members that, despite the sometimes-heavy rains, stayed and helped out at this year's Grass Drags & Water Crossings. To be there was the only way to comprehend the amount of soaking rain and mud that there was that weekend! The only good thing was that it wasn't cold so being soaked to the bone didn't seem to matter quite as much as it would have had it been! Although our total hours for the event will be down this year, we are very lucky to have gotten what we did! NHSA will be happy if they break even! It's been a strange fall to say the least. Let's hope that next year is much dryer! Thanks again to everyone that gave of their time in some miserable weather!

Don't Miss The Bowl-A-Thon
Dec. 4, 9:30
To benefit Easter Seals!

On a brighter note, we had a fairly nice day for our Flea Market with only a few sprinkles late in the afternoon. The county complex was a new location for us and it seemed to work out very well! This event would not be possible without all the time and effort that Bud Gordon puts into it long before the day arrives! With interest in the Vintage Show getting larger and larger, the event becomes bigger and better but, requires a lot more work! I know that Buddy will be looking for some help next year in helping to prepare for this event. So, if you want to be on the committee and earn some extra points at the same time, give Buddy a heads up so he'll know who he can look to next fall for help. "THANKS BUDDY" for another great show! Jeff Filleul once again did a

wonderful job setting up the cooking equipment (and cooking all day) and Andy Chase did a great job on those steak subs! "THANKS GUYS" Thanks also to the many club members that showed up and made the event manageable and a great success!

With the Grass Drags and Flea Market behind us, we can now begin to prep our sleds and wait for the snow to come! It won't be soon enough! Daryl has a few projects coming up to insure the trails will be in good shape this season so he'll be looking for some help in the near future. If you can help out with trail work, let him know (dsraskett@comcast.net or 529-5813) so he can contact you when a project comes up to give you a time and place to meet him. Look also to our website for trail info. If there are any upcoming work details it should be listed there also. <http://www.uncanoonucmountaineers.org/>

In speaking of trails, we have a situation that has arisen with the section of rail bed across the street from the Villa School that gets us onto the lake. According to the new rules of the use of the rail bed, now the Rails to Trails path, no motorized vehicles will be allowed on them. I have sent a letter to the town selectmen requesting an exception for winter use of this section. I'm awaiting their reply. We may need a strong showing of members to attend a hearing before the board to show that this is an important trail to many members of this town. I'll keep you posted!

Holiday Party & Yankee Swap
after our monthly meeting
December 12, 7:00 pm!

There have been two meetings thus far regarding the "motorcycle" Poker Run that we are

attempting to put together for next September 9th. We are working to find alternative ways to raise monies for Camp Sno-Mo that will bring club members together at the same time. We have made some early progress but still have a long way to go! We'll be having a dinner meeting on November 12th at 6:00pm at a yet to be determined restaurant. Anyone willing to help with the planning of this event is invited to "PLEASE" join in. You can never have too much help! If you can attend, please contact Sue Phillips (phillipsfour@comcast.net or 669-3501) so that she'll know how many to make reservations for. We are also looking for a name that gathers attention and interest in our motorcycle Poker Run. Do you have any ideas? We'd love to hear them! Contact David McGlaulin at racersuperdave@adelphia.net or 487-3938 with any & all suggestions!

Don't forget the Bowl-A-Thon on December 4th and that this year the club has agreed to pay the bowling fees for each bowler that raises \$25.00 (or more!) for Easter Seals Camp Sno-Mo. So keep this date in mind as a fun morning event for the entire family to do. Contact Kathy Poole (r_kpoole@yahoo.com or 529-3385) for more info or a pledge sheet.

That's enough for now! Our next meeting is November 14th, 7:00 pm at the Rec Center and I hope to see you there!

Your President,
Albert Lambert

Snowmobile Safety Class

Jan. 7, 2006

Contact Jeff Filleul
529-2129 to
register your child



B.S. from Bill

Hello all,

As Phil Rizzuto would say: Holy Cow!
What a busy month we have had. You know I can't let Grass Drags and Water Crossing Championships go by with out blasting them. Really, I have nothing to say against the event, but the weather, well, that's another story. What none of us expected was that both types of races would be held at the same time on the same track. OK, so that really isn't the case, but with the torrential rains and massive mud puddles, they could have

been. With over 15 inches of rain in October, this has been the wettest month in the history of New Hampshire, and that is the official total from Concord. As we all know, some areas got much more.

Wet, muddy, cold and miserable is an awful way to spend a weekend. With the destruction done by all those trucks, cars, snowmobiles and heavy equipment I bet we could have made the worlds largest mud pie by Sunday evening. If you weren't there or didn't park in the employee parking, you missed Mud Lake. I still don't know how all those trailers got out of there. In the parking areas, pits, flea market and everywhere, vehicles were getting stuck like flies on flypaper. What a mess!

As for the event itself a few things stick out. It would have been nice to see, hear and smell those drag sleds and to hear the racers comments about the track. History has shown that the racers like our track as one of the best and now with a longer run out area, they should be even happier. I don't know if it was the rain, or the competition or what, but it seemed that more pro water crossers were sinking like stones than ever before. When the NHSA and NE Grass Drags decided to extend the run out for the sleds, it required the cutting of a new road. This road splits from the main pit access road right where the water pits and the road to the flea market are. Someone had a good idea of what was to come because there was a sign hanging there that read Malfunction Junction and boy was it ever.

If you have been living under a rock and have not been watching the weather this October (and who hasn't), Mt. Washington set a record for snowfall in a 24hr period twice within 10 days and had a total of 72 inches in those 10 days. If this is any indication of what is to come, YAHOOOO! Let's just hope that gas prices keep coming down. We don't want it to be a great snow year and not be riding because it costs an arm and a leg.

On the 22nd, we missed the rain by minutes and managed to have what appears to have been a very successful Flea Market. I have only done three or four of these flea markets now but I do have ears and I heard the "old timers", to a person, say that the Hillsborough County Complex location was about as close to perfect as we could get. For the few that I have done, I know that this was the best turnout for both display and show sleds and sellers. The flea market field was packed and hopping. The food was almost flying off the grills and we ran out of hot chocolate and coffee for a while. Also, our esteemed president had a good day as he sold both the 100cc motorcycle and the sled he had for sale.

In between all these events, a committee was formed to add what could be our biggest event ever. In September of 2006 we are planning to host a motorcycle Poker Run with the proceeds going to benefit Camp Sno-Mo through Easter Seals. I have to say, being part of the committee, that things are rolling along nicely and starting to

gel and we've only been at it a couple of weeks. Soon we will present to the club the outline of the event and what we are expecting for happenings. What I want to do now is beg you all (I am down on one knee right at the moment) to offer what ever help you can. Sue Phillips has been an organizer of five prior runs (to benefit the Children's Brain Tumor Foundation in memory of her brother) and is the head of the committee. One thing she has emphasized repeatedly to us is that we need a lot of hands to make this go smoothly. We need people to go get donations (more info coming on that in the future), get materials needed for the event, help at the event, clean up and I am sure many other aspects. So please, please help out to make this an extremely successful event.

No more BS for now,
Bill Lofgren



Want an effortless way to help the club earn money?

I am Laurie Galletta of Go Travel, and I have offered my vacation planning services to assist with the fundraising efforts of the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers. I specialize in cruise and land vacation packages. In addition to fantastic personalized service, I also work to get you the best vacation value for your money.

I have offered to give 10% of my earnings back to the club from any bookings that reference the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers. Any applicable bookings made by club members or friends & family will qualify! All you need to do is say the Uncanoonuc Snowmobile Club sent you and that is all! What could be better? Excellent service, great value, dream vacations, and helping the club at the same time.

People are traveling again. It is never too early to reserve your space for that cruise or that resort you have been dreaming about. Contact Laurie Galletta via e-mail at l_galletta@comcast.net or call me at 603-624-7330. Support those that support the sport, and don't forget to tell me that the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers sent you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(mark your calendars!)

- Nov 14:** Club meeting
- Nov 28:** County meeting, 7:30pm, Rec Center
- Dec 4:** Bowl-A-Thon, 9:30am Kings Lanes, \$9/bowler or **free** for those that get donations of \$25 or more!
- Dec 12:** Club meeting, holiday party with Yankee Swap
- Jan 6:** Club night ride for supper
- Jan 7:** Safety class
- Jan 9:** Club meeting
- Jan 13-15:** Adult Weekend
- Jan 21:** Club day/dinner ride
- Feb 3-5:** Easter Seals Ride-In, Lancaster
- Feb 12:** Family outing then night ride
- Feb 13:** Club meeting
- Feb 18:** Club daytime ride
- Mar 11:** Club daytime ride
- Mar 13:** Club meeting
- Apr 10:** Club meeting
- Apr 15:** Potluck Supper at Bill & Annie's
- May 6:** Banquet, final meeting, election of officers
- July 14-16:** NHIS Nextel Cup fundraiser
- July 22:** Family Outing at the Lambert's



Next Meeting: November 14th, 2005

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