



# MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers



*Dedicated to safe snowmobiling!*

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## Letter from the President

With the first meeting of the season behind us, we're off and running for the 08-09 season! Let's make sure to get our sleds cleaned up, checked out and ready to go before the snow starts to fly. Last year we had early snow and with any luck, this year will be the same. The season is too short to not be ready when the snow is falling and the trails open.

As of this letter, Dave McGlauffin and Bill Lofgren will have started our participation in the Poker Nights and with any luck these games will be a successful fundraiser for us. Thanks again, Dave, for getting this up and running and also to Bill for helping out!

The NHSA/Grass Drags situation, which I believe is out of control, seems to be getting worse! It was mentioned at the September County meeting that the NHSA office is now suing Dave Copeland regarding receipts and records he kept while coordinating and setting up the event! Keep in mind, the NHSA office had two law suits last year; one for early termination of their lease in Bow and the other for firing Irene Russell. They lost both and had to pay settlements in both cases! They are now attempting to sue (Dave) an NHSA member/volunteer which is against NHSA's own By-Laws! I'm hoping these allegations against Dave are

dropped by the office. I'll be attending NHSA's Presidents' Night meeting in Laconia on October 21<sup>st</sup> and should have more info for you following this meeting. Stay tuned!

October 25<sup>th</sup> will be our Annual Flea Market/Antique Sled Show in the field behind the Villa Augustina School. We need to get the word out for this event and one way to do so is to get as many flyers out as possible. If you would like some, contact Bud Gordon ([budgordon@comcast.net](mailto:budgordon@comcast.net) or 529-3408) and arrange to get them from him. We'll also need help the day of the event with the set-up and cooking of food. Again, give Bud a call if you can help out in any way prior to the event or the day of the event!

You'll notice on this year's calendar changes have been made to our weekends up North. The normal "Adult Weekend" is now a "Family Weekend" (Jan 16-18) and the weekend of the Ride-In is the Adult Weekend! This year's family weekend is Federal Holiday weekends so it offers a longer weekend should someone wish to take advantage of that. Also, with all the turmoil regarding NHSA and with so few families attending the Ride-In the past few years, it was felt that it may be a better weekend for the Adult Weekend someplace else instead! Plus, this year the Ride-In is at the Balsams Grand Resort Hotel which might be a little pricey for many members in this economy. NHSA was able to get a group rate of \$119.00 a night per couple, which is great for this Hotel, but still a bit high

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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**MON., OCT 13**  
**7:00 PM**  
 GOFFSTOWN REC CENTER

**FLEA MARKET**  
**Oct 25**  
**VILLA FIELD**  
 Contact Bud Gordon to help out!



## Fundraising

As we got closer to the winter season, our fundraising is officially underway!

Our Poker Tournament nights at the American Legion in Rochester, NH, are going well. Since our last Echoes, we have received 5 additional Poker Tournament dates from The American Legion. Our very first night was Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and our second night was on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Three more dates in Rochester are coming up on October 8<sup>th</sup> (this Wednesday), October 10<sup>th</sup> (this Friday), and then our 5<sup>th</sup> date October 15<sup>th</sup> (next Wednesday). If you enjoy Poker, please feel free to travel on over to The American Legion Post 7 in Rochester. The games run from 5:00PM to around Midnight. Bill Lofgren and I are planning on attending the Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> evening and staying around and playing some poker. If anyone is interested in joining us, please email me at [racersuperdave@comcast.net](mailto:racersuperdave@comcast.net) and we will set up carpool!

Many thanks to Bill Lofgren who played Limo Driver and drove me over on the first night. We stayed long enough to sign the required paperwork and then left in time for him to be at a school event for his daughters that evening! Bill also went to the American Legion on his own on Friday. Thank you Bill!

Our additional 5 dates for this year will begin in November on Thursday nights at the Lodge at Belmont. There is not only Poker at this location, but many casino games such as Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Three Card Poker, and Let It Ride. These games are cash games with a maximum wager of \$4.00. Check our calendar (last page) for the dates. You can also go to the Lodge at Belmont website, [www.thelodgeatbelmont.com](http://www.thelodgeatbelmont.com) for further information.

for some. You decide! We'll have the Family Weekend at the end of February as usual. More info on these weekends to come.

I hope that you're able to attend our next meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at the Rec Center. And, I look forward to seeing you at the Flea Market!

Your President,  
Albert Lambert



## Membership

Membership payments are now due. You should have received a renewal notice in the mail.

### Remember!!

If your renewal payment is not received by the November 10, 2008 meeting, you will owe an additional \$5.00 late fee.

### Reminder!!

If you have vanity plates, they need to be renewed by November 1, 2008 and you need your membership card.

### Mail to:

Uncanoonuc Mountaineers  
P.O. Box 486  
Goffstown, NH 03045

### Any questions:

contact Kathy Poole at  
603-529-3385

## **NHSA Raffle Tickets available!**

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Our club gets 50% of the total funds raised by our ticket sales. This year's prizes are a 2009 Arctic Cat CrossFire R 8 LE, a Blizzard Aluminum Trailer with Sled Dock Cover, a \$1,000 Gas Card from Irving Oil Company & a \$500 Gas Card from Irving Oil Company. With gas prices the way they are this year, it might be a great way to sell some tickets to your friends and co-workers. Please get your tickets from me at the meeting or contact me via email, [racersuperdave@comcast.net](mailto:racersuperdave@comcast.net) or by phone, 487-3938.

## **120 Club Raffle Tickets available!**

It is time to begin selling our raffle tickets for the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Scholarship Fund. This is a 50/50 raffle with a ticket holder having 20 chances to win \$20.00 and then at the April meeting, there will be drawings for larger prizes. Cost is \$20.00 per ticket (\$1.00 a week for 20 weeks). Please see me at the meeting for your tickets.

## **Easter Seals Bowl-A-Thon!**

We will be holding our annual Bowl-A-Thon for Easter Seals this year on November 16, 2008 at 9:00AM at Kings Lanes in Pinardville. This is a great opportunity to come out with the family and have a great time raising funds for Easter Seals. Contact Sally Raskett at 529-5813 or via email at [SARAH.RASKETT@FMR.COM](mailto:SARAH.RASKETT@FMR.COM) for further information. Sponsor sheets should be available at this month's meeting.

## B.S. From Bill

Hi all,

I really, really hope the Old Farmers Almanac is correct this year. They predicted a colder and snowier winter than normal. Now we all know that last year was about as snowy as it gets around here. OK, so it was F\*\$R&^# snowy! The third heaviest snowfall on record (and by only a couple of inches.) So even if we don't hit 2/3 or 3/4 of that it should be a good winter snowfall wise.

The only drawback last year, despite the tremendous snow, was the lack of a deep freeze. This led to many trails having significant water crossings that were not frozen. Again, let's hope the Old Farmers Almanac is right about the cold weather. Those of us that went on the Adult Weekend know the fun I had making a solo run from the hotel parking lot. That first "mile" (OK, so I have some trouble with distance and maybe it was two miles) was a bit of a problem.

So, it's time to tune up the sleds, check that all the gear is clean and ready and the trailers are in full working order. Winter is just around the corner and if Mother Nature is good to us, the first tracks can be made by Thanksgiving weekend and last year they were in many places!

No more BS for now,  
Bill Lofgren

## Trail Administrator

The trail grooming paperwork has been completed. Soon there will be some trail work done. Stay tuned!



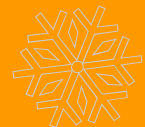
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**TICKETS AVAILABLE**



**Contact Dave McGlauffin**

***Is your sled  
ready for  
snow yet?***



**2008-2009  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
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- Oct. 10-12.....NHSA Grass Drags
- Oct. 13 ..... Club Meeting
- Oct. 25 .....Annual Flea Market/Antique Sled show
- Nov. 10.....Club Meeting
- Nov. 16.....Bowl-A-Thon, Kings Lanes, 9:00 AM
- Dec. 8 .....Club Meeting, Holiday Party with Yankee Swap
- Jan. 3 ..... Safety Class
- Jan. 9.....Friday Night Club Ride for Dinner
- Jan. 12 .....Club Meeting
- Jan. 16-18.....Family Weekend, location to be determined
- Jan. 24.....Club Day/Dinner Ride
- Feb. 6-8.....Adult Weekend, location to be determined  
Also Easter Seals Weekend
- Feb. 9.....Club Meeting
- Feb. 14..... Family Fun Day
- Feb. 20-22.....Family Weekend (longer tentative)
- 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 ?? .....Easter Seals Land & Lake Poker Run (Motorcycle Ride)
- July 15.....Summer Family Fun Day at The Lamberts

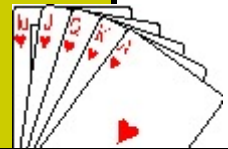
**Thursday Night  
Poker Nights at  
Belmont Lodge:**

**2008**

- Nov. 13
- Nov. 20
- Dec. 4
- Dec. 11
- Dec. 18

**2009**

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



**Poker Nights at  
Rochester American  
Legion:**

**2008**

- Oct. 8 (wed)
- Oct. 10 (Fri)
- Oct. 15 (Wed)