



# MOUNTAINEERS' ECHOES

*Newsletter Of The Uncanoonuc Mountaineers*



*Dedicated to safe snowmobiling!*

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## Letter from the President

Welcome! It's that time of year again. Time to start thinking about checking under the covers of those sleds that have been waiting patiently for their turn to play and to make sure someone else hasn't taken up residency in your sled. With any luck we'll have snow like last season but with a lot less rain! Keep your fingers and toes crossed and pray to the snow gods just like Daryl did last season.

Bill Lofgren will remain our Publicity Director for the coming season. Thanks, Bill! We wish you luck in your job search, but do hope that you find something close by so that we don't lose you. Good luck, Bill!

We had a great turnout for the May banquet at Travers in town and the meals were excellent! We weren't sure if the floor was going to hold out for the evening, but thankfully it did! A change was made to the ballot prior to voting when it was suggested that a possible conflict of interest (for check signing purposes) could arise with Lee as the Treasurer and Cheryl (his wife) as the VP. Sally Raskett agreed to take the VP position and Cheryl the Social. All present agreed and a vote was cast for the 08-09 Board of Directors. Great job Sally on the banquet!

Linda and I would like to thank those that were able to

attend the Family Outing this summer. We had a nice day and the rain held off till late afternoon! Considering the summer we had, that was incredible in and of itself!

Our first meeting is on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Goffstown Rec Center. We will close the books for last season as well as hear closing reports from the various board members and chairpersons of events. Once that is taken care of, we will then begin the 2008-2009 season meeting. The main goal of the first meeting is to set the calendar of events for the coming season. The Board of Directors met in August to draft a first run for the coming season calendar, but if you have some ideas for functions or events please come and share them with us. We are always looking for new things to do and places to go to add to the calendar!

The club is not officially participating in this year's Grass Drags due to the way that the NHSA office treated the now "past" committee that had built the event into what it had become. Seeing the great success of this event, the NHSA office felt that it was now time for them to step in and take control of it! It seems strange that they were never able to make the time for meetings over the past years when times were tough, but now that the event has grown to the point it has, they are more than happy to take over! As a NHSA member club, we wish them well but are very disappointed in the way this was handled and especially how they treated those who put an enormous amount of personal time,

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



## Fundraising

effort and resources into building this event! With that said, if you had worked this event in the past and would like to work it again, they are looking for workers and would be glad to hear from you. Just be sure to let them know that you are with the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers if you do decide to work. You can find all the info you need about the event on the NHSA website.

Dave McGlauffin was able to finalize all the paperwork with the state for us to be able to participate with some of the local poker associations and the track in Belmont. It is our hope that this will replace the loss of income from the Grass Drags which had been falling slightly each year due to fewer people working. These events will only require a few members (maybe just one) to be present on a given night and has the potential to exceed past fundraising events with no risk on our part. A no risk factor for us, with good possible returns, seems worth a try! We'll see how this goes and make adjustments if we need to as we go forward. If you are interested in working one of these events please let Dave know at [racersuperdave@comcast.net](mailto:racersuperdave@comcast.net) or 487-3938.

I hope you had a great summer, what summer there was, and I look forward to seeing you at some of our events in the coming season.

Your President,  
Albert Lambert



Wow! Where did the summer go? It is hard to believe that it is already time for our first meeting of the year. Here is all the latest on the fundraising front.

After a very long wait, we have finally gotten all of the paperwork straightened out and we can now be a **Charity for Poker Tournaments!** We are going to be the Charity for 5 dates this year at the Lodge at Belmont and we already have the 10 dates for next year. We are still working on getting the additional 5 dates that we are authorized for this year. Hopefully those will be coming soon. The dates will all be on Thursday nights. **Here are the dates for this year: November 13 & 20, December 4, 11 & 18. Here are the dates for 2009: May 21& 28, June 4, 11, 18 & 25, July 2, 9, 16 & 23.**

Please come out and play some Texas Hold'em Poker, Blackjack, Craps, Roulette, Three Card Poker, Let It Ride cash games or play some Texas Hold'em Tournaments. Go to the Lodge at Belmont website, [www.thelodgeatbelmont.com](http://www.thelodgeatbelmont.com), for further information.

We will still be holding our 120 Club raffle for the Uncanoonuc Mountaineers Scholarship. Tickets will be available beginning this meeting with the first drawings at the December meeting. 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). 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. Contact Sally Raskett at 529-5813 or via email at [SARAH.RASKETT@FMR.COM](mailto:SARAH.RASKETT@FMR.COM) for further information.

We also have the 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 & and \$500 Gas Card from Irving Oil Company. Please see David McGlauffin for your tickets.

Finally, if anyone is interested in working for NHSA at the Grass Drags in Freemont this year, please contact Dick Poole at 529-3385 or via email at [r.kpoole@yahoo.com](mailto:r.kpoole@yahoo.com). Anyone working at the Grass Drags earns \$10.00 per hour for our club.

- Dave McGlauffin



Membership payments will soon be due. You will soon receive 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

## B.S. From Bill

Hello All,

Let's see, where did we leave off. Oh yeah, it was the end of the season and we were getting ready for our annual banquet. At that illustrious event I stood up and told you all that I probably was done, and no longer going to be associated with the club. That night I was just hours away from being flown to Tulsa, OK for a third interview for a new job and I was 90% sure I was going to get it. I resigned my post and bid you all a fond farewell.

Well,  
I'm BAAAACCCCKKKKK!

The company I was ready to pledge my loyalty to and willing to move my family for decided that after the expense of flying me out and a 5 hour interview, that there was "a feeling that it just wasn't right". Now what the <bleep> does that mean? Hey, it's their loss and I am glad to be back.

So, I am still looking for full time work but at least I am on a 3-4 month contract job. It's not perfect but it is money coming in. Maybe it'll be extended or turn perm. Wish me the best.

Back to the banquet. I am not sure what the capacity or weight limit of that room is, but I am pretty sure we were over both. Does anyone know if you could see the depths of Hell before we all crowded in there? And why was I near the corner where the floor had a 3 inch separation from the wall?

Next time I want to be by the door!

Our annual invasion of the Lamberts was actually dry this year. That's saying a lot given how the rest of summer has caused several of us to grow fins and gills. Of course Marissa, Sarah and Heather already had theirs from all the swimming they were doing. Again there was good food, good friends and lots of laughter.

I have heard that the Old Farmers Almanac is predicting a colder than normal and snowier than normal winter. Let's hope so!

Regular readers of my column will know that I regularly take at least one chance to poke a jab at Daryl. This month I am going to break with tradition. I am going to praise him. For those that haven't heard, Daryl was awarded the *Groomer of the Year* at the NHSA Annual Meeting. As the Publicity Director, I was responsible for writing the nomination. There was no trouble or hesitation. I wrote from the heart and let them know that Daryl is more than just a club member who grooms. He is helpful to those with a sled issue, he is easy to laugh with, a great leader on our rides and someone I am proud to count as a friend. Congratulations Daryl, you deserve the award.

No more BS for now,  
Bill Lofgren



# TICKETS AVAILABLE



Contact Dave McGlaulin

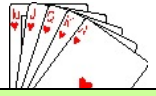




**2008-2009  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
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- Sept. 8 .....Annual & first club meeting of season
- Oct. 10-12.....NHSA Grass Drags
- Oct. 13 ..... Club Meeting
- Oct. 25 .....Annual Flea Market/Antique Sled show
- Nov. 10.....Club Meeting
- Nov. 16.....Bowl-A-Thon, 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

