

OLD HOME DAYS

Old Home Days Weekend was held on August 3rd, 4th and 5th, and was a huge success. The theme was "The 50's and 60's," and many floats from local organizations followed this theme.

Our thanks to all of those who participated and gave their time and support in an effort to make the weekend fun for everyone.

The size of the parade and the number of events increase every year. Special events were held at William's Field following the parade, for everyone's enjoyment.

Friday, August 3rd, The Policemen's Lobster and Chicken Barbecue opened the weekend festivities at 5:00pm. Later on in the evening, races were held at the Fair Grounds. At the Old Meeting House on Canaan Street an exhibit of Currier and Ives prints was open to the public.

Saturday, August 4th, The Annual Crafts Fair, Food Concessions, and Flea Market opened on the Town Common at 9:00am. The Currier and Ives exhibit reopened at 9:00am, and the Parade commenced at 9:30am. It was the largest parade yet, led by the American Legion Color Guard and the Upper Valley Community Band. Governor Judd Gregg was present, and joined the parade as well. Grand Marshals were Daniel and Betty Fleetham.

A concert followed at William's Field, performed by the Upper Valley Community Band. Entertainment was also provided by the Foggy Mountain Cloggers and the Mount Cardigan Square Dancers.

At 10:30am there was Horseshoe Pitching, complete with prizes; a photo contest was held at the Legion Building from 10:00am until 4:00pm., and a "Games and Dunk Tank" was offered by the Mount Cardigan Snowmobile Club. The Historic District was open from 1:00pm until 4:00. A Soap Box Derby was held at 1:00pm at the High Street Speedway, and at 2:00pm we enjoyed the talents of a chain saw artist at William's Field. The end result, a fine carving, was then raffled off.

At 5:00pm a Fireworks Supper held at the Fire Station was well attended. At 6:30. a B.J. Aerobic demonstration was held at William's Field, and from 7:00 until 8:00pm, we were once again entertained by the Foggy Mountain Cloggers. To round out the day's festivities, we danced to live music, provided by Yvonne and The Reverbs. The music played on until 11:45pm.

Sunday, August 5th, Morning worship services were held at all churches from 7:00 until 11:00am, followed by a Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center on Church Street at 8:00 o'clock. The Softball Tournament at William's Field began at 8:00am, and registration for the Road Race was held opposite the Canaan Street Beach. At 9:00am sharp, the Road Race

began.

The Crafts Fair on the Common continued on Sunday, from 9:00am until 3:00 in the afternoon. At twelve noon a Horseshoe Tournament was held at William's Field, followed by the now "famous" Cow Flop Drop Contest at 2:00pm. A random drawing for spaces began at noontime. The annual service at Old North Church was held at 4:00 o'clock, a fitting close to a wonderful weekend.

During the past year we held an Easter Egg Hunt for the children; this was well attended and most successful. Santa Claus was present at the Crafts Fair in November, with gifts for the children. Fun was had by all!

The funds for Old Home Days Weekend were raised through donations, the sale of T-shirts, sweatshirts, and caps; ads, and sponsors for the programs, pins, raffles, and Town funding. We raised \$4769.00; expenses totaled \$3363.11. Profit \$1405.89.

The Old Home Days Committee meets from February through December, on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at 7:30pm to work on plans for the Old Home Days celebration for the coming year. The dates set for the 1991 Old Home Days Weekend are August 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The theme in 1991 will be "Nursery Rhymes."

We are always open to ideas that will make the weekend more fun, interesting and memorable. If anyone has any suggestions, please let us know. All are welcome!

Old Home Days Committee

Co-Chairmen:

Georgia Tilton

John Ricard

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