

## OLD HOME DAYS 1992 REPORT

The 1992 Old Home Days Weekend was held on July 31st, August 1st and 2nd, and was very successful and gets bigger and better every year. The parade theme was "Holidays." We would like to thank all those who participated and gave generously of their time and support to make this Old Home Days Weekend an enjoyable community event.

Friday, July 31st the events began at 5:00pm with a Chicken Barbecue sponsored by the United Methodist Church, followed by the Canaan USA Speedway Stock Car Races at the Fair Grounds. At the Meeting House on Canaan Street, the Valley Chords (Barbershop Chorus) gave a fine performance. All of the Friday night events were well attended.

Saturday, August 1st the Annual Crafts Fair and Lioness Food Concession were held on the Town Common from 9:00am until 4:00 in the afternoon. The Dollars For Scholars Food Concession was set up at William's Field from 9:00am until 11:00pm. Following the parade, entertainment at William's Field included: The Upper Valley Community Band Concert, Lawnchair Brigade, The Foggy Mountain Cloggers, Cardigan Mt. Riders, 4H Club horse and pony rides, games, and the Dunk Tank sponsored by the Mt. Cardigan Snowmobile Club. There was a photo contest exhibit on the Common and a Horseshoe Tournament at William's Field with doubles and singles competition.

At noon the Assembly Of God Church presented a delicious chicken barbecue. A Soap Box Derby was held at the High Street Speedway. From 1:00 until 4:00pm the Historic District was open, including the Old North Church and the Museum Building. At 1:00 o'clock at William's Field the Barney Family Childrens' Sing-a-long was a special treat, as well as Carrot the Pig and The Little Red Wagon Childrens' Puppet Show. Dan Allen, the Chain Saw Artist delighted everyone with his special talents. Later on his carving of the day was raffled off. At 5:00 o'clock, fire truck rides at the Fire Station preceded the Firemen's Ham and Bean Supper.

In the evening, from 7:00 until 8:00 the Foggy Mountain Cloggers put on a demonstration at William's Field, followed by dancing to live music by "Sound Investments."



Sunday, August 2nd the day began at 7:00am with a delicious Pancake Breakfast at the Senior Center, sponsored by the Senior Center Staff. Breakfast was followed by morning worship services. At 8:00am the Softball Tournament began at William's Field, as well as road race registrations at the park across from the Canaan Street Beach for the race beginning at 9:00am. The Dollars For Scholars Food Concession at William's Field opened at 8:00 o'clock. The Crafts Fair on the Town Common reopened at 9:00, and stayed open until 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. At 2:00pm the Annual Cow Flop Drop Contest took place at William's Field; random drawing for spaces began at noon. The annual service at the Old North Church was held at 4:00pm, an appropriate close to the weekend's festivities!

Funds for Old Home Days Weekend are raised through donations, the sale of T-shirts and sweatshirts, ads and sponsors for the program, hats, pins, the sale of spaces for the "Cow Flop Drop" event, the sale of coffee mugs, and Town funding. We also sponsor the Crafts Fair in November. We raised \$5,538.00, and expenses were \$6,159.93 - a net loss of \$621.93.

The Old Home Days Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month from February through December at 7:30pm. The dates for the 1993 Old Home Days Celebration are August 6th, 7th and 8th. The theme will be "Old Wild West".

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions for events. Please contact any one of the committee members if you would like to join us. Many of the regular events will be repeated, and many new events added. Watch the papers for the 1993 Old Home Days Weekend and plan to join in the celebration!

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