

OLD HOME DAYS 1995 REPORT

The Old Home Days Weekend was held August 4th, 5th, and 6th, and was very successful. The theme "Holidays" was great and floats were outstanding. We would like to thank all those who participated and gave generously of their time and support to make the weekend a very well-attended community event.

The weekend began on Friday with the Lobster/Chicken barbecue, sponsored by the United Methodist Church. The events following were the Canaan USA Speedway Stock Car Race, and the Valley Chords (a barbershop quartet) at the Old Meeting House. These events were well attended.

Saturday, August 5th, the Annual Craft Fair and Little League concession were on the Common, Dollars for Scholars and Enfield-Mascoma Lions French Fry Wagon were at William's Field, the horseshoe tournament, doubles and singles, were also at William's Field. At 9:30 A.M., the parade was held. Grand Marshalls were Mary Hazen and Marjorie Eastman. Entertainment under the tent and on the field followed the parade. A band concert by McClure's Band, the Foggy Mountain Cloggers, and Little Red Wagon from UNH were enjoyed by all attending. The Mascoma Valley Post Card Club had an exhibit at the Legion Building. The Soap Box Derby was held at the "High Street Speedway." At 1:00 P.M., chainsaw artist Dan Allen carved a figure that was raffled. The Historic District on Canaan Street was opened: The Old North Church, Museum, and Town House. From 3-6 P.M., the Canaan High School Alumni met under the tent at William's Field and was very well attended.

At 5 P.M., the Firemen's Ham & Bean Supper was held at the Fire House, preceded by fire truck rides for the children. In the evening, from 7-8 P.M., a demonstration by the Foggy Mountain Cloggers was held under the tent, followed at 8 P.M. with dancing to the music of Yvonne and the Reverbs.

On Sunday, August 6th from 7-11 A.M., the Pancake Breakfast was held at the Senior Center, sponsored by the Senior Center. At William's Field at 8 A.M. was the softball tournament, Dollars for Scholars Concession and the Enfield-Mascoma Lions French Fry Wagon. The Road Race registration was held at the park opposite Canaan Street Lake at 8 A.M. From 9-3 the Craft Fair and Little League Concession continued at the Common. At 2 P.M. the 7th Annual Cow Flop Drop was held. Random drawings for spaces began at noon.

The Annual Service at the Old North Church was at 4 P.M. and was an appropriate closing for the weekend festivities.

Funds for the weekend activities are raised through donations and sales of T-shirts, tote bags, sweatshirts, and the sale of tickets for the Cow Flop Drop, as well as craft sale fees. There is also Town funding.

The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month from February to December. Dates for the 1996 celebration are August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. The theme will be "TV Commercials." We are always open to new ideas and suggestions for events for the weekend. Please contact anyone of the committee members if you would like to join the committee. We can always use new people and ideas. Many of the regular events will be repeated and new ones added. Watch your papers for the dates and plan to join the celebration.

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