

Old Home Days 1996 Report

The Old Home Days weekend was held on August 2nd, 3rd and 4th and again this year was very successful. The theme was "Commercials" and the floats were outstanding.

The events began Friday with a lobster/chicken BBQ at the United Methodist Church, following were the Canaan U.S.A Speedway stock car races and the Cardigan Mountain Tradition entertained at the Old Meeting House. All events were well attended.

Saturday, August 3rd, the annual craft fair and Canaan Little League concession on the Common. Dollars for scholars food concession and Enfield Mascoma Lions french fry wagon were at William's Field. The horseshoe tournament, doubles and singles were also at William's Field.

Grand Marshalls for the parade were Paul and Zilla Tucker. After the parade, entertainment was held under the tent by McLure's Band Concert and Upper Valley Community Band Concert, Foggy Mountain Cloggers Demo and games by Canaan Fire Explorer's Post, a wool spinning exhibit was held in the Legion Hall. At 11:30 am Jolice Conners Storyteller entertained children and the Soap Box Derby at High Street Speedway was held at 12noon.

The Historic District was open at 1:00pm-4:00pm that included the Museum and Old North Church.

At William's Field at 1:00pm Chain Saw Artist Dan Allen made a carving that was raffled off, from 3 to 6pm the Canaan High School alumni met under the tent at William's Field and was very well attended.

4:00pm Fire Truck rides for the children, 5:00pm the Fireman's ham and baked bean supper was held at the Fire House.

7:00-8:00 pm Foggy Mountain Cloggers Demo at William's Field, followed by Dancing at 8:00 pm to the live music of Yvonne and the Reverbs until 11:30 pm.

Sunday, August 4th 7am-11am Pancake breakfast at the Senior Center, very well attended. Dollars for scholars food concession opened at 8am, as did the Enfield/Mascoma french fry wagon at William's Field. The road race began at 9am around Canaan Street Lake, and the rubberball tournament at William's Field at 9am also. The children's tractor pull at William's Field at 10am. Gas engines were also at the field. At noon the drawing for spaces for the cow flop contest began. The Historic District was open from 1:00-4:00pm.

2:00 pm The 9th annual cow flop drop contest at William's Field. 3:00 pm the Corner Stones and the Barney Family Concerts were held under the tent.

4:00pm The annual service at the Old North Church, all was an appropriate closing for the weekend activities.

Funds for the weekend activities are raised through donations and sales of T-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags and sale of tickets for cow flop contest. There is also Town funding.

The Old Home Day Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month from February thru December. Dates for the 1997 celebration are August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The theme will be "Wide World of Sports".

We are always open to new ideas and suggestions for events. Please contact any one of the Committee members if you are interested in joining as we can always use new profile and ideas.

Watch your papers for the dates and plan to join the festivities.

Old Home Days Committee

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