

# CANAAN OLD HOME DAYS REPORT

The Canaan Old Home Days weekend held on August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, has grown each year and been very successful. The theme "Wide World of Sports" was well accepted and floats were outstanding -- including the MVRHS Girls Basketball Champions of 1997.

The events opened on Friday, August 1st with the Lobster/Chicken BBQ at the Canaan United Methodist Church at 5 p.m., followed by the American flag retirement at the American Legion Building, the Canaan USA Speedway stock car races, and the North Country Chordsmen and the Cardigan Mountain Tradition at the Old Meeting House.

On Saturday, parade formation at Williams Field started at 8:00 a.m., with the Dollars for Scholars concession and the Enfield/Mascoma Lions Club french fry wagon also at Williams Field. At 8:30 was the registration for the horseshoe tournament, both doubles and singles. The craft fair was held on the town common from 9-3, with the Canaan Little League concession and the Eastern Star apple pie and ice cream. The parade started at 9:30 a.m. with Grand Marshalls Guy Serviss and Doug Belloir. Entertainment at Williams Field following the parade included McLure's Band concert, Upper Valley Community Band concert, Foggy Mountain Cloggers demonstration, calliope music by Jack Snyder, and the Hobo Minstrel Fran Lorenzo.

The Soap Box Derby began at noon at the High Street Speedway. A car wash by the Friends of Canaan Main Street was held at the Mascoma Savings Bank. From 1 to 2 the Little Red Wagon was under the tent at Williams Field. The Historic District was open from 1 to 4, including the North Church and Museum. From 3 to 5 the Canaan High School Alumni met under the tent at Williams Field. The sky divers arrived at 3 p.m. At 4, there were fire truck rides at the fire house before the Firemen's Ham and Bean Supper. Following at 7 p.m., the Foggy Mountain Cloggers were at Williams Field under the tent. The dance was from 8 to 11 with Yvonne and the Reverbs.

Sunday began with a pancake breakfast at the Canaan Senior Center from 7 to 11. The Dollars for Scholars food concession and the Enfield/Mascoma Lions Club french fry wagon reappeared at Williams Field. At 8 the registration for the Road Race at the Museum building was held, with the race around Canaan Street Lake beginning at 9. There was a rubber ball tournament at Williams Field all day. From 9 to 3 the craft fair and Canaan Little League concession were on the town common with Fran Lorenzo the Hobo Minstrel. The Caravan Children's Show was at Williams Field at 11. At noon, there was a children's tractor pull, gas engine display, crash simulator, and the Annual Cow Flop Drop random drawing for spaces, all held at Williams Field.

The Historic District was open from 1 to 4. The Annual Cow Flop Drop started at 2. The Barney Family Singers performed at 3. At 4, the annual service at the Old North Church on Canaan Street was an appropriate closing for the weekend festivities.

Funds for the weekend activities are raised through sales of T-shirts, sweat shirts, tote bags, donations, the sale of Cow Flop Drop tickets, as well as craft fair fees. There is also Town funding. The Old Home Days Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month, from February through December.

Dates for the 1998 celebration are July 31, August 1 and 2. The theme of the parade will be The 50's and 60's. Please contact any one of the committee members if you would like to join us, we can always use new members and ideas for events to make the celebration interesting. Come join in the fund and celebration of Old Home Days in Canaan.

Georgia Tilton and John Q. Ricard, Canaan Old Home Days Co-Chairmen

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