



Gilmanton 4th of July Association

2008 Year End Report

The Gilmanton 4th of July Association (G4JA- www.geocities.com/gilmanton4thofjuly) couldn't have asked for a better day AND evening to celebrate the Fourth. The weather was superb and everyone came out in droves to join in the fun.

THE PARADE was the largest ever and spectators lined the entire parade route. Parade winners, as recognized by our Judges, were...

- ★ Best Decorated Kids Bike: 1st Place-Brady Clark, 2nd Place-Beck McClean, 3rd Place-Kyla Mercier.
- ★ Funniest: "Family Entertainment Radio" Kristi & Joe Laurendeau of Gilmanton.
- ★ Most Original: "Pinewood Derby" Cub Scout Pack 242, Gilmanton Iron Works.
- ★ Most Beautiful: "The Granite State" Boy Scout Troop 242, Gilmanton Iron Works.
- ★ Best of Show/Antique Car: Thunderbird hardtop owned by Bill & Lois Porter, Franklin.
- ★ Judge's Choice: Thomas W. Smithers III, Chain Driven Antique Truck, Gilmanton.

Parade Route for 2009: The route may change slightly as per a recommendation by Gilmanton's Chief of Police. The Parade may turn down and end onto Meadow Pond Road. This would provide ample parking for parade participants loading back up into their vehicles and ultimately have Route 140 blocked for less time. The Association, in cooperation with the Town of Gilmanton, will further discuss and a final decision will be announced.

It was Gilmanton's largest **FIREWORKS show ever** and Wendell Beck of American Thunder stated that he and his staff thought it was the best show they had ever displayed! The crowd obviously agreed according to overheard exclamations post fireworks.

Thanks to **GILMANTON YOUTH ORGANIZATION (GYO)** for fabulous food at the parade/fireworks and for the Crystal Lake beach clean up the next morning (thanks to Rich Hillsgrove and family)!

The G4JA would like to thank our annual crew of "satellite" volunteers for once again pitching in and making it all happen. *The Association couldn't do it without your VERY generous donation of precious time and expertise!*

- ★ Signage & face painter, ad and pr/poster persons: Kristie Owens & Jamie Clark
- ★ Parade coordinators/line-up: Jack Fanning & Mark Jesseman
- ★ Balloons/food prep: Liz Bedard & Steve Owens
- ★ Parade tent set up/general equipment haulers: Glen Lines, Paula Gilman, John Dickey, Dr. Scott & Lisa Robinson
- ★ Fireworks novelty sales/parade refreshments: Carolyn Dickey, Meg Nighswander & Dr. Hal Bush
- ★ Waste management/recycling: Doug Kaplan & Ralph Goodwin! Thank you!!!!
- ★ Grandstand music: Don Guarino...Bob & The Hay Balers
- ★ Parking cars: Scott Clark & John Dickey
- ★ "No Parking" signs on Crystal Lake Rd: Jay Reed
- ★ Fireworks barrier fence: Mickey Daigle & Mike Amaral

Thanks also to the Town of Gilmanton for budgeting monies toward the 2008 fireworks and to the Gilmanton Police and Fire Departments for your presence at all functions. A special thanks to Judy Williams and Gary Lines of Parks & Recreation at Crystal Lake Park for hosting the July 4th throngs.

FINALLY, thank you to the citizens of Gilmanton for your generous donations! Your donation goes directly into the G4JA account to help pay for 2009 advertising, novelties/fund raising items, parade awards/ribbons/flags, etc. and of course the fireworks show!

As of 2/23/09	Bank Balance	\$3,083.67
	Petty Cash	\$ 115.00+-

<u>2008 Expenditures:</u>	Fireworks	\$4,250.00	<u>2008 Income:</u>	\$3,250.00	Town of Gilmanton
	Novelties	\$ 376.13		\$1,625.24	Public Donations
	Awards/flags	\$ 118.19		\$ 200.00	GYO
	Advertising	\$ 420.90		\$ 3.53	Interest earned
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$5,165.22</u>		<u>\$5,078.77</u>	<u>Total</u>