



Fifteen antique and vintage snow machines were on display at the Andover Snowmobile Club's annual Snowfest on February 15. Photo: Beth Frost

Antique Snow Machines at Club's Annual Snowfest

15 snow machines on display at the "fun raiser"

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On February 15, the Andover Snowmobile Club held its annual Snowfest event at the Andover Fish and Game Club in East Andover. It was our 11th year hosting this event.

One never knows what the snow and riding conditions will be. This year we

lucked out in that we had plenty of snow coverage, and the rail trail was in good shape, so lots of folks were able to ride their sleds here. Others happened to be riding by and stopped in.

This event is a fun day and an opportunity for folks to show off their antique and vintage machines. We had 15 machines on display and a good attendance by folks stopping to look and enjoy the awesome food. There was no

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Eric Johnson and Mark Cowdrey have fired up the new wood pellet-fired evaporator at Tucker Mountain Maple. The first boil of the season was on Sunday night, February 23. Photo: Heide Johnson

Tucker Mt. Maple Welcomed All for Maple Weekend

Many watched sap turn to syrup

Press release

Ten Kearsarge area sugar houses, including Tucker Mountain Maple in East Andover, again joined forces to offer a fun-filled Maple Weekend for visitors on March 22 and 23. From sap gathering to boiling demonstrations and free samples of the final product, these maple producers were ready to help cure those with cabin fever.

Visitors toured maple orchards to see how sap is collected, learned the history behind maple sugaring, and enjoyed some maple treats. Many made the rounds of several sugar houses to see how producers use different techniques and equipment. The hours were 10 AM to 4 PM, and admission was free.

Recent research reveals that pure maple syrup is loaded with vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants, making it a genuine "spring tonic." Minerals in the soil help contribute to the flavor and nutrition in maple syrup, and the soils around Mount Kearsarge produce some of the tastiest and most nutritious maple

syrup in the state.

Besides Tucker Mountain Maple in East Andover, these Warner sugar houses were open on Maple Weekend: Baker's Syrup at 611 Newmarket Road; Bates Maple Syrup at 6 Collins Road;



The new addition on the Tucker Mountain Maple sugarhouse holds part of the feeding system for the wood pellets. The silo holds 6.5 tons of pellets, enough for the whole season. Photo: Heide Johnson

Beaver Meadowbrook Farm at 402 Route 103 East; Courser Farm at 427 Schoodac Road; Kearsarge Gore Farm at 173 Gore Road; Rogers Maple Syrup at 133 Couchtown Road, and Zock's Maple Brook Farm at 98 Birch Hill Road.

Webster sugar houses participating are: Hi/Lo Farm at 266 Pond Hill Road; Kimball's Sugar House at 390 White Plains Road, and Turyn's Tap'n & Sap'n at 11 Clough-Sanborn Road.



The Andover Fire Department was a big part of the St. Baldrick's fundraiser, with 15 heads shaved and almost \$9,000 raised. Left to right: Scott Davis, John Bridgmon, Stu Randall, Andrew Perkins, Andrew Guptill, Bill Demers, Chuck Ellis, Scott Kidder, Mark Perry, Tim Eltzroth, Rene Lefebvre, Fred Lance, Jeff Miller, Jake Johnson, and Steve Barton. For still more St. Baldrick's photos, see page 38. Photo: Meghan Barton

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