

Bike Rodeo A Rip-Roaring Success

Thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and all of the kids who participated The Pittsfield Police Department and Pittsfield Fire/Rescue Bike Rodeo was a fun and educational day for all.

Great weather prevailed over the Globe Parking Lot on October 5, 2008 as over 40 bike (and scooter) participants tested the course set up for judging their skills on the road. Children fared very well throughout each station with three who finished in the very top of their class. Determined by age and how well each did on all the stations, the **winners of the Bike Rodeo Skills Contest** are **Shelby Perry** in the 6-8 year old category; **Gabe Anthony** in the 9/10 year old category and **Raman Keith** in the 11/12 year old category. Congratulations to you all on your awesome bicycle handling skills! Also, the **winner of the bike helmet raffle from National Night Out is Don Terrio**, age 3. Please come to the Pittsfield Police Station to pick up your prizes.

Huge thanks go to our helpers and sponsors of the event; Don Tyler and the Pittsfield Fire/Rescue for providing new bike helmets and fittings for the participants and plenty of manpower for the event; The Mountain Bike Group of Pittsfield for manning the Bike Inspection Station, these guys did a top-notch job and kept our bicyclists safe on the course; Craig Wharem and Karate International of Exeter, NH for providing us with valuable manpower; Globe Manufacturing for the use of the parking lot and great advertising on your sign; Ed Vien and the Pittsfield Chamber of Commerce for advertising the Rodeo on your new signs as well; B&S Septic for donation of the Port-A-Potty for the day; NH Highway Safety Agency for supplying goody bags with stickers, pens and safety tips and to Deb Jordan of Northway Bank for providing water bottles; the Police Department for providing bottles of water and granola bars for the kids once they completed the course and providing the prizes; Mattress Maker for providing cardboard to make the cars and other obstacles of the course and the Pittsfield Police Explorers and their art talents for creating the obstacles; The Suncook Valley Sun for front-page coverage; The New York State Bicycling Coalition for the format used in this bike rodeo; P.E.S News, Channel 24, Concord Monitor and the Pittsfield NH Website Committee for advertising the event. Special thanks go to Stefani Gauthier and Chris Tyler for helping out with the course and registration. Big Thanks to Meggin Dail, Deb Gauthier and Officer John Webber for pulling the event together.

Everyone is very pleased with the successful weather, turn-out, donations and volunteer help and can't wait to do it again next year!