

Declaration of Independence – July 4, 1776: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed

Amherst July 4th 2015

New Hampshire Firsts

Schedule of Events

Friday, July 3rd, Souhegan High School

RE/MAX Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides	5:30 - Dusk
Food! Pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, ice cream, slush — By Stadium	6:00-9:00 pm
Face Painting by Krickey the Clown, Stadium	5:30-7:30 pm
Roaming Railroad-Upper parking lot	6:00-Dusk
ShinDaiko Ensemble- Stadium	7:00 pm-7:30 pm
Band Concert - Amherst Town Band--Stadium	8:00 pm - Dusk
Fireworks! Jack Reed & Volunteers	Dusk
Major Sponsor: Granite State Credit Union	
Rain Date: July 4	

Saturday, July 4th, Amherst Village:

Historical Museums Open, Middle Street	9:00 am -1:00 pm
Children's Bicycle Parade - Amherst Lions Club	9:30 am
Judging 9:15 am, Knight Field on Main St.	
Parade with Bands, Floats, Antique Autos, 1st & 5th NH Regiments, Mini-Kars, Uncle Sam, Marchers, Clowns, Puppies on Parade (Knight's Field), NH Dignitaries, & More!	10:00 am "Step-off" from Wilkins School
Town Common Activities including Art Show—Artists and More Artists!	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Booths, Clowns, Pocket Ladies, Children's Activities, Food, Old Time Craft	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Demonstrations-Mid Green	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Animals on the Green-Middle Street End	9:00 am-12:30 pm
Declaration of Independence	
Reviewing Stand	9:15 am
Antique Auto Show—Church Side of Green	11:00 am
Reviewing Stand Ceremony	Following parade
Dignitaries, Awards, Citizen of the Year	
McGonagle School of Irish Dance Demonstration	Following Reviewing Stand Ceremony
Middle Street	

More information on <http://www.amherstnh.gov>
July 3 Rain information: WMUR.com

JULY 4TH IN AMHERST



New Hampshire Firsts

Independence Day Celebration Starts Friday Night at 5:30, July 3rd for Food, Rides, Music and Fireworks!

The traditional Amherst Independence Day Celebration will begin on Friday, July 3 at Souhegan High School and continue through the morning of July 4th in the center of town with the parade and toen common activities.

July 3, Friday, Souhegan High School:

Because fire codes state that no one can be within 300 feet of loaded fireworks shells, use of the stadium field will be limited to the area that is roped off. The shells are loaded early in the afternoon.

Food: The Fire Department will be selling hamburgers and hot



dogs near the stadium. Also near the stadium gate the Fourth of July Committee will be selling drinks, pizza, slush, and ice cream as fundraisers to help support the celebration. Jake's ice cream will have a truck on the premises.

Tethered Hot Air Balloon Rides: Once again REMAX is back with the hot air balloon to give tethered rides on the front lawn of the high school. Tickets will be \$7.00 per person. Profits will go to SHARE.

Anyone wishing to see the balloon set up should try to be there around 5:15 pm.

Face Painting: Krickey the Clown will be painting faces under

her canopy in the stadium until 7:30 pm.

Last year Krickey had more faces to paint than time — children should be there early! There is no charge.

Roaming Railroad: The Roaming Railroad will be running in the Annex parking lot until dusk. Thanks to support from BOTLGAS, the price for a ride will be only \$1.00 this year.

The Dustin Newhouse Band: Dustin and friends will be playing in the grassy area just outside the stadium and beside the Annex. This band has played on July 3 before. They're good and we're fortunate to have them!

ShinDaiko Ensemble: New this year, this is a Boston-based contemporary taiko ensemble that not only showcases the intensity, passion and history of Japanese ensemble drumming, but also incorporates other instruments and styles, both Western and Eastern. The Japanese character "SHIN" in ShinDaiko means "advancing" or "moving forward." The group seeks to always be moving forward in their musical vision. A must see! The ensemble will be performing in the stadium at 7:00 pm.

Amherst Town Band Concert: One of our favorite bands, the Amherst Town Band, under the direction of Patrick Matthews will play

at 8:00 pm in the stadium.

Fireworks! Jack Reed and his crew volunteer their time to put on a spectacular fireworks display for everyone. Thanks to the financial support of the Granite State Credit Union, the display is considerably larger than it used to be. The Credit Union has been a long time contributor and much appreciated for its community interest and support.

Rain Date: In case of rain, the fireworks display will be on Saturday, July 4th. Cancellation information will be available on WMUR.com.

Directions for Parade Participants

Parade participants should gather at Wilkins School, 80 Boston Post Road, by 9:15 to 9:30 am. For those new to Amherst, a map showing the Wilkins School, Jones Road, and the parade area can be found on www.SAU39.org under Schools, Wilkins. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m.

Campaigning groups in the political section will form on Jones Road where there will be signs designating the line-up.

Because of road construction in the village again this year, getting to the school may be slightly different than in the past. People are also reminded that the bridge on Manchester Road is not useable at this time.

The parade starts at Wilkins School, moves up Boston Post Road toward the center of town, turns right onto Main Street going past the Amherst Town Library, then turns left onto Knight Street. The parade then turns left on to Amherst Street, continues through the traffic lights then turns left onto Middle Street.

The parade continues to Main street turning right at the Amherst Common. An updated route map is also on this page. The parade route is about a mile long.

Parking at Wilkins School is behind the school only. There are stairs leading from the parking area to Jones Road. Bathrooms are available in the school. If it's hot, participants may bring water.

State and local dignitaries and Citizens of the Year who have been invited to march in the parade gather at the front corner of the Wilkins School entrance driveway under the trees near the school sign.

Non-campaigning Floats and mini entries are assigned spots in the front parking lot between the grassy areas or the side of the exit and entrance driveways. Spots will be designated by signs with group names. Marching groups, including bands and special attractions, have assigned spots which they can find by asking volunteers wearing orange vests and/or committee badges. Judging of floats and mini entries will be at 9:30 a.m.

Fire engines will line up opposite Wilkins School on Boston Post Road. Antique cars will line up along New Boston Road.

Insurance rules prohibit the throwing of anything, including candy, during the parade.

Amherst Antique Auto Parade on the 4th of July

The town of Amherst invites owners of Antique, Classic, and Special Interest vehicles 25 years and older to participate in this year's 4th of July parade.

The parade steps off at 10am on Saturday, July 4th. Car owners are asked to begin lining as directed on New Boston Road across from Wilkins School beginning at 8:30 am and not later than 9:30 am. Proof of insurance is requested and noted for town liability reasons. To address overheating issues- we will ask all the older pre-war cars to line up first and follow the fire trucks as directed by the Parade Marshal. All cars will receive a high visibility orange windshield letter so your name and car is announced as you drive by the reviewing stand. Parking for all the Antique cars is provided around the Amherst green after the parade and we encourage owners to park and stay for pictures, show off their vehicles, and accept their prizes.

Please note there is a NEW Parade route this year to avoid the local road construction: From Wilkins School up Boston Post Road, Right on Main Street, then left on Knight St, Left on Amherst St past Shell station, Left on Middle St, then Right on Main St past reviewing stand and around village green to special parking area marked for parade cars.

There will be 6 prize categories with blue ribbons and your pictures in the next months edition of *The Amherst Citizen*. Period outfits, banners and kids are always encouraged! Pre-register if possible by sending email to coddington@jae.com or calling 801-4389. If you cannot pre-register we will get your

JULY 4th ANTIQUE CAR PARADE Amherst, NH

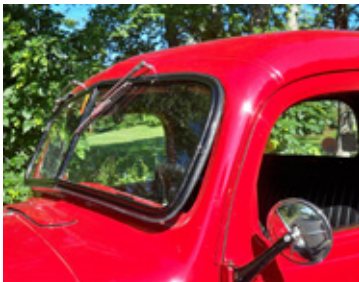


PRE-REGISTRATION ENCOURAGED!

For more information, please contact: George Coddington at 801-4389 or Noel Ward at 566-0948

Please email your name, car make, year, model, and insurance carrier to coddington@jae.com.

Proof of liability insurance required. Tossing candy or other favors from the vehicle is strictly prohibited.



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ROLL OUT YOUR RIDE!

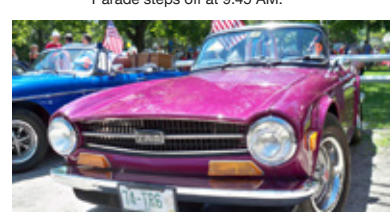
Show off your antique or special interest vehicle (over 25 years old) in Amherst's 4th of July Parade.

Period dress encouraged for older cars!

TIME & PLACE

Saturday, July 4th, 2015
Parade assembles from 8:15-9:30 AM opposite Wilkins School on Boston Post Road.

NEW PARADE ROUTE THIS YEAR:
From Wilkins School up Boston Post Road. Right on Main Street, then left on Knight St. Left on Amherst St., past Shell station
Left on Middle St, then Right on Main
Past viewing stand and around village green to special parking area for parade cars.
Parade steps off at 9:45 AM.



AWARD CATEGORIES for 2015

Best Overall • Best pre-WW2 car • Best pre-1968 car
Best Convertible • Best performance car
Most Unusual, Exotic or Interesting



PHOTOS BY NOEL WARD

Noel Ward at 566-0948. We look forward to good weather and a great turnout as always.

Children's Bicycle Parade Changes Starting Time

The Lions Club Children's Bicycle Parade led by Anne Hoag, is beginning half an hour earlier than in previous years due to the change in the parade route for the main body of the parade. The children will meet at Knight's Field, the triangle of lawn at the end of Main Street, at 9:15 a.m. for judging this year in order to be ready for stepping off between 9:30 and 9:45 am. The earlier than usual start will allow the children to proceed down

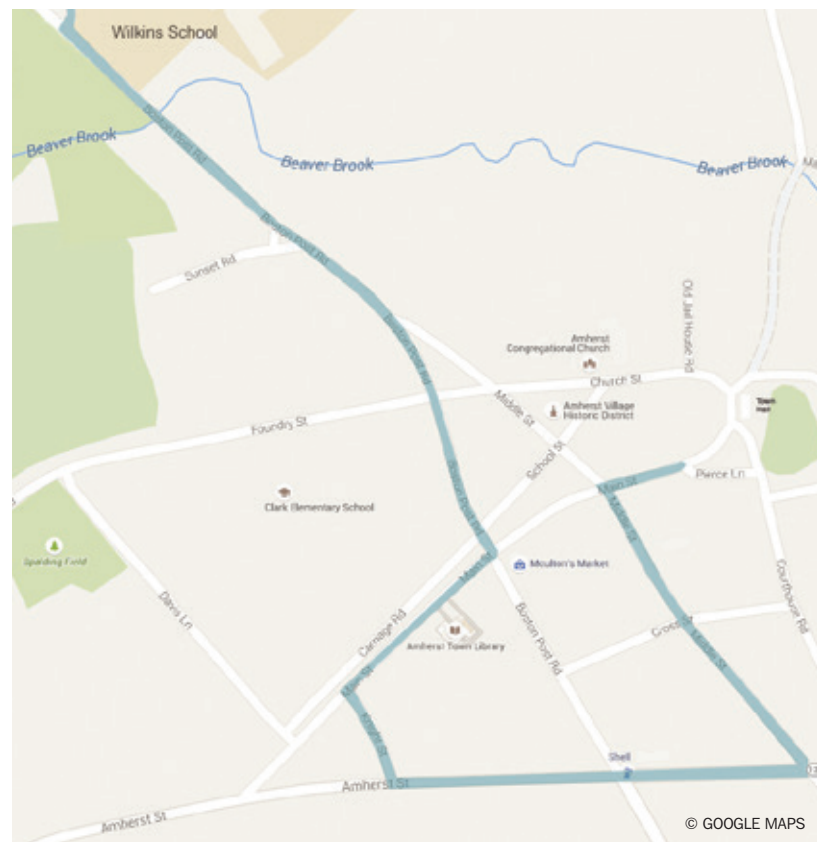
Main Street toward the town hall and pass Moulton's corner before the main body of the parade arrives there.

Anne Hoag, a member of the Amherst Lions Club, has been running the bicycle parade for many years. She says she can't remember when she started. Since she will most likely be moving out of town shortly,

she claims that this will be her last year—but then she hesitates and adds, "of course I might just come back to do it again." Amherst is indebted to her for the years of pleasure that she has given to the children—and to all of us.

Bicycle decorations will be judged for originality, creativity, and effort on the part of the child. Prizes are given out in each of four age categories as well as "carriages." Every child gets a participation ribbon. All children on bicycles must wear helmets.

New Parade Route for the Fourth of July



The Fourth of July parade will be taking a new route through town this year due to the construction on Foundry Street. Finding a way to get from Wilkins School to the village green that was about the same distance as the original route of one mile and had sufficient public viewing spaces was a challenge for the committee. There were not many options. With the help of the Amherst town administration, police department, department of public works, and fire department, a route was decided upon.

The parade will leave Wilkins School at 10:00 am on July 4th as usual. It will go up Boston Post Road and then turn right on Main Street. It will pass the library and turn left on Knight Street. At the end of Knight Street, it will turn left on Amherst Street and proceed through the traffic lights. At the intersection of Amherst Street and Middle Street it will turn left. At Main Street it will turn right and go past the Reviewing Stand as usual.

Children participating in the Bicycle Parade will continue to meet at Knight's Field but their part of the parade will step off at 9:30 am. It will go down Main Street from Knight's Field, past the library, and then past the Reviewing Stand. Judging will be at 9:15 am. at Knight's Field.

Puppies will meet at Knight's Field at 9:45 am and join the parade from there.

This is all new, and there is bound to be some confusion, but this is Amherst's parade and somehow the citizens have always come together to make it work-- rain, shine, or construction!