

Ninety-second Annual Report
of the
New Hampshire Chapter
Appalachian Mountain Club



November 10, 2012

Happy Anniversary to our 25 and 50- year members!

They contribute to the heritage and legacy of the club and we are honored that these members have chosen the NH Chapter as their AMC home for so long!

50 year Members

Douglas Burnell
Kathryn Burnell
Robert Kruszyna

25 Year Members

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| John Arnold | Joanna Bloomfield |
| David Bogacz | David Breeden |
| Kenneth Brooks | Richard Cimikoski |
| Frances Delwiche | John Dunn |
| David Evankow | Kelly Farragher-Paras |
| Joyce Gawron | Patricia Heiges |
| Robert Heiges | Elizabeth Hess |
| Jean Hollis | Judy Holmes |
| Cheryl Houston | Margaret Leland |
| Bill Luisi | Anna Marconi |
| Judy McCarthy | Robert McCarthy |
| Eleanor McLaughlin | Richard McNamara |
| Patty Miller | Dennis Murphy |
| Melanie Nesheim | William Nesheim |
| Sharon O'Neill | Stanley Paras |
| James Progin | Thomas Quarles |
| Janet Scholl | Roger Scholl |
| Lynn Schwartz | Lewis Shelley |
| Karen Simms | Kendall Snow |
| Kristen Snowman-Shelley | Phyllis Stibler |
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| Susan Ware | Francis Webb |
| Susanna Wilkens | Marcy Wright |
| Sallie Yurkosky | Thomas Yurkosky |
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AMC NH Chapter Chair Report

The New Hampshire Chapter had a successful 2012, thanks to a chapter-wide focus on providing our members with a variety of fun trips with the best leaders.

Happy Anniversary to our 25 and 50- year members! These members contribute to the heritage and legacy of the club and we are honored that they have chosen the NH Chapter as their AMC home.

Our chapter is thriving thanks to passionate leadership from every committee. This past year, our ExComm leadership team and Chapter Treasurer invested in the future of the chapter by establishing best-practice financial policy and allocating budget dollars to leadership training, volunteer recognition, and new outdoor equipment.

The chapter hosted over 400 events and activities this year that provided expanded access to the NH outdoors. Education hosted the popular winter hiking series and a one-day leadership-training program for class 3-4 leaders. Programs created a new Winter Expo and hosted a special dinner program with Willem Lange. Mountaineering ran their annual ice climbing series, glacier travel/ crevasse rescue workshops, and several rock-climbing trips. Excursions had three weekend workshops at Cardigan, a delightful "spring into hiking" series, and a host of day trips throughout our beloved White Mountains. And our new Bicycling temporary committee got off to a great start with road and mountain biking trips to places like the Northern Trail, the Nashua River Trail, and Bear Brook State Park.

Getting kids outdoors is a priority for the club and our chapter. Paddling acquired ten kayaks to jump start a family paddling program and over the course of the summer the new boats got plenty of action at Wednesday night paddles, the Merrimack River duck race, and at NH Fish and Game's Wild NH Day. Meanwhile, our Family Group hosted fun events for the entire family including an annual hut night at Zealand and a camping/hiking/paddling weekend at Pawtuckaway State Park.

There's a lot going on and we're communicating through Mountain Passages, AMC email blasts, Facebook, and our chapter website. This year, Mountain Passages has transitioned from a traditional newsletter to more of a keepsake journal with member essays and a volunteer spotlight series. AMC email blasts are sent to members twice a month and we are now leveraging this communication for special NH events and notices. Facebook has become an integral part of our communication and our members are using it as a fun way to check in on postings by fellow chapter members. The Young



Members Facebook Page is particularly interesting to check from time to time—they're having a very good time! Finally, our AMC-NH.ORG website pulls everything together and enhancements from this year include leader introductions, wildlife galleries, leadership resources, and a photo contest!

Our efforts are having a positive effect on our members, leaders, and community partners. Chapter membership has grown to 12k members--a 10% increase over last year and a sign that our members love this chapter! Our leader ranks are also growing as a result of year-round training, specialized certifications like SOLO, and a supportive community. And community partners like the Souhegan Watershed Council continue to benefit from our volunteer efforts during annual cleanup events.

As we look to 2013, we're in a strong position thanks to dedicated members, terrific leaders, and guidance from the club's leadership team. We will continue to deliver fun trips with the best leaders and we look forward to seeing you in the great NH outdoors!

Karen J. Thurston, Chapter Chair



AMC NH Treasurer's Report

This has been an exciting year of change. Numerous initiatives have been undertaken concurrent with ongoing maintenance and updates to the New Hampshire treasury. Solid accounting practices and principals have been established with the objective of transparency while protecting the funds belonging to our members.

My first objective was to bring the Chapter, our activity Committees, and programs into compliance with the AMC and Chapter financial policies. I am happy to report this objective has been met. The process continues as we encounter new requirements for the needs of our growing Chapter.

A major undertaking by the Chapter has been to transfer our accounting to a professional computerized accounting software package. The benefits of this include the availability of numerous easily produced reports, simplified data entry, and options for change as the Chapter continues to grow. This effort has moved to the Committee level. Currently we have three activity Committees maintaining their own accounts managed by their treasurers. One of the Committees is currently up and running with the aforementioned software package and another Committee will soon be using it.

The Chapter had two Bank Certificates of Deposit. Due to current economic conditions and the downward trend in available interest rates, the funds in these accounts were earning less than one-half of one percent. The funds in both of these accounts have been consolidated and transferred to the invested reserve account managed by the AMC where the annual return is substantially higher.

We continue to receive a significant number of donations in honor of current members as well as in memory of departed members. These donations serve as a reminder of member perception of the quality of our activity programs, the care of our environment, and the strength of our organization. Donations may be made either directly to the NH Chapter or to the AMC, noting the NH Chapter as the beneficiary.

The ensuing year will bring new objectives along with continued refinement of our ongoing objectives. We will be reviewing our Chapter Financial policies, restructuring the budget process, and working more closely with the activity committees as they implement the new accounting procedures.

Bill Warren, Treasurer



AMC NH Secretary's Report

The 91st Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club, Gilford, NH, on November 5, 2011. The meeting was presided over by outgoing Chair Eric Savage. The Guest Speaker was Michael Tougias, the award-winning author of *Overboard!*

The following slate of nominees for the New Hampshire Chapter Executive Committee was presented and accepted by the members for the year 2011-2012.

Officers

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| Chair | Karen J. Thurston |
| Vice-Chair | Wayne Goertel |
| Treasurer | Bill Warren |
| Secretary | Marianne Page |

Committee Chairs

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| Conservation | Paul Hopkins & Ross Garofalo |
| Excursions | Peter Hope & Jennifer Varney |
| Education | Bob Humphrey & Denise Spoor |
| Hospitality | Patty Anderson |
| Membership | Mitch Manseau |
| Mountaineering | Jim Kent |
| Newsletter | Ron Janowitz & David Phillips, editors, Susan Englert, layout |
| Paddling | Kerry Frazier & Sally Leonard |
| Programs | Paul Berry & Marie Berry |
| Ski | Tony Schmidt & Emilie Phillips |
| Trails | Bill Darcy |
| Webmaster | Tom Todd |
| Young Members | Lora Claus & Stephanie Chambers |

Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Committee

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| Ruth "Sam" Jamke | Regional Director |
| Eric Savage | Immediate Past Chair |

In 2012 the Executive Committee held meetings in February, April, May, June, September, October and November. Weather pre-empted the March meeting. During the summer months we take a break from meetings. Our meeting places changed from Manchester to Concord. The Minutes were recorded and sent out to all executive committee members as well as the Family Group, Over 55 Group, and Roger Scholl, Director of Leadership and Volunteer Relations at Joy Street. The Webmaster made it possible to include all under the excommplusnh@amc-nh.org e-mail address.

Marianne Page, Secretary



AMC NH Bike Committee, Temporary

The Biking Committee this year offered more than a dozen rides of varying lengths and difficulty. Our Bike ride leaders not only offered bikes for the NH Chapter AMC, but also lead rides for the Boston Chapter and NY/ North NJ Chapters at the last two fall gatherings.



We finalized and printed our training materials for qualifying new bike ride leaders. This year we added 11 new leaders bringing us up to 19 qualified Bike Ride Leaders.

Our Bike Ride Leaders have led rides on Rail Trails, on roads, and mountain trails, at different speeds and lengths from 15 miles to 50 miles.

The Biking Committee is also working to start a Chapter-wide Biking Committee to encourage the sharing of information and training.

Gene Harding, Chair
NH Chapter Temporary Biking Committee
<http://amc-nh.org/committee/bike/index.php>

AMC NH Conservation

The Northern Pass will soon announce a new route through Coos County. After the announcement, DOE will set an end date for the scoping period for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The time is now to submit your input for the EIS before the scoping period ends. Also be aware that the WMNF will use the DOE's EIS document for its review of the project. To make yourself heard, follow the link <<http://responsibleenergyaction.com/pages/789>>, read the document about how and where to submit an effective comment.



Paul Hopkins, Chair
<http://amc-nh.org/committee/conservation/index.php>



AMC NH Education

The Education committee had a successful 2011 & 2012. The 2011 Winter Hiking Series (WHS) was very well attended. Mother Nature however did not give us winter conditions until the last hike, and even so it was fairly mild for December on Franconia Ridge. The lack of winter conditions did not quell participant enthusiasm. Participants enjoyed themselves and, by their own accounts, learned a lot.



In April the Education Committee offered an introductory course to backpacking, but due to lack of interest had to cancel. The backpacking trip that was scheduled to follow the introductory class was also canceled. The committee will offer this again next year and hope for a better turn out.

We held a one-day Leadership training day for people who wished to become class 3 or class 4 leaders. Rick Silverberg and Bob Humphrey taught the class which was held in Warner, NH. Five participants attended. The class went well and all participants were encouraged to pursue leadership. On October 13th, 2012 Rick and Bob will again offer this training also to be held in Warner, NH.

With the advent of September the committee is now very busy reading materials and planning for this year's Winter Hiking Series. This popular program has been well attended in the past and is well on its way to a repeat performance. This year will mark the thirteenth anniversary of the series. The Education Committee would like to offer sincere gratitude to Bob Humphrey, Lou Caron, Norm Michaels, Bill Darcy, Jennifer Gross, Stacie Tate, Barbara Audin, and Andy O'Brien for their unselfish donation of time and expertise for this nine week program. Without their tireless support and years of dedication this class would not exist. The committee also wishes thank each of the participants for the dedication and support they have shown year after year helping making this one of the best programs of its kind offered anywhere!

Your Education Committee hopes to continue offering valuable educational opportunities and programs in the future and welcomes ideas or input from you, the members of the best chapter in the AMC; New Hampshire!

Bob Humphrey, Chair
<http://amc-nh.org/calendar/education.php>



AMC NH Excursions

This year was a great one for the Excursions committee! We had 3 very successful workshops at Cardigan at the beginning of the year, and were treated with a visit from a very special guest: John Judge! John enjoyed working with the Intermediate Snowshoeing group and was able to get the sense of just how great the New Hampshire Chapter's leaders are!



Many new Class 1 and Class 2 leaders were certified this past year, as well and two full groups of leaders were once again certified at SOLO training in November.

The committee tried some new initiatives to get folks who do not typically hike with us to give it a try!

The 'Spring into Hiking' event was an informal series of hikes of ranging difficulty and destination, all led by our fantastic volunteer leaders. Hikes included Mount Israel, Potash, Garfield and Washington, with some family group hikes also being offered. The series was so successful that there are plans to make it a more formalized event in the coming year.

Successful Excursions Committee meetings resulted in some initiatives designed to recognize those leaders who consistently post trips and are ambassadors for the chapter. These initiatives will continue into the coming years.

At the Annual Picnic a good time was had by all, graciously hosted by Paul Hopkins.

Family Group has had some very successful events over the past year. Our Annual Fall Gatherings at Cardigan Lodge in November continue to be popular. In the spring, we partnered with the Beaver Brook Association in Hollis and New England K-9 Search and Rescue to put on a Staying Found Workshop with over 50 participants. Wanda Rice organized a very popular, affordable and successful Mother's Day weekend hut night at Zealand Falls Hut. We easily filled the hut and had several families on a waiting list. In June Dave Passios continued the annual Family Group Trail-work-day on the Mt. Willard Trail.

Our group also combined forces with the Worcester Chapter for a fun camping trip to Pawtuckaway State Park in August. We would like to thank

all the Excursions trip leaders who have volunteered their time to help lead trips with us. Their help to make our trips safer is greatly appreciated.

Jennifer Varney, Co-Chair

Peter Hope, Co-Chair

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/excursions/index.php>

Wanda Rice, Family Group

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/excursions/family.php>

AMC NH Programs & Hospitality

The Programs Committee planned and scheduled four events for this year. We plan to increase the offerings for next year. Anyone interested in helping should contact the Programs Co-Chairs.



Our first event was a Winter Expo held at the Concord Technical Institute in early December. Volunteers from many committees brought sample gear and staffed tables to inform members and the public of the kinds of activities we offer. Our inaugural Expo event was well received and well attended by members and interested prospective members.

Our next offering was a Dinner Meeting held in Concord in conjunction with the NH Fish & Game "Wild NH" day. Willem Lange spoke to a sell-out crowd at the Makris Lobster House. He gave a great talk about paddling the Rae River in Canada.

After the program Willem visited with attendees, signed autographs and posed for pictures. This picture shows Patty Anderson, Willem Lange and Ron Janowitz.



In June we scheduled a Summer Expo / Activity Day at Franconia State Park however the weather did not cooperate and the event was canceled that morning. We plan to try again in 2013.

Our last event is the Annual Meeting to be held at Pheasant Ridge Country Club on Nov 10, 2012 with John Judge, AMC President as the speaker. This should be a great event.

The Programs Committee has also taken on the marketing of the AMC NH fleece. An illustrated advertisement in the print version of Mountain Passages has generated brisk sales as we enter "fleece season". Vests,



Pullovers, and Jackets with the AMC Logo are available at the 'store page' on the Chapter Website or contact the Programs Co-Chairs

Paul Berry, Programs Co-Chair

Marie Berry, Programs Co-Chair

Patty Anderson, Hospitality Chair

<http://amc-nh.org/calendar/calendar.php>

AMC NH Membership

Our chapter began reporting this year with 10,584 members in September 2011 and gained over 1,000 members as of September 2012, making us the third largest chapter after New York/North Jersey. And we're gaining strongly on them. To an extent, this reflects AMC's strong marketing. However, New Hampshire's strong leadership teams and our exciting, dynamic, comprehensive website are responsible for getting members engaged with us and renewing their memberships. "If you play with us, you'll stay with us." is the mantra of all our activities committees. Take a look at our website.

We sent out new member postcards to every new member. The Stephanie Chambers' designed large format card welcomes the new, points them directly to the website to find the latest information on whatever activity attracts them. You may also find the New Members page of interest however long you've been a member.

Stephanie also designed a tri-fold brochure that we're using to great advantage at many venues. Its photographs attract potential members to it and, need I say more, our website. The NHAMC business cards our leaders now have provide an easy introduction on the trails and waterways. And who designed it?

We're also looking to get further involved in the use of social media. If you'd like to help us with that, or otherwise be involved in our Membership effort, please contact me. We can explore new possibilities together.

Mitch Manseau, Chair

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/membership/newmember.php>

AMC NH Mountaineering

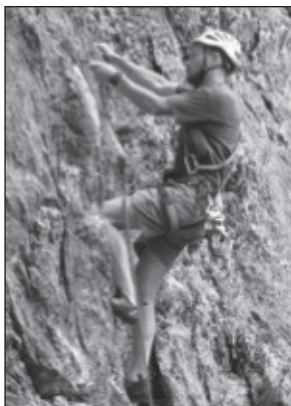
The Mountaineering Committee had an active and safe year in 2012. We ran technical rock climbing and ice climbing trips involving use of ropes, climbing harnesses and belaying. For our regular trips, participants must be experienced in technical climbing. At a minimum they must know the basic climbing knots, how to belay, and have their own climbing harness, shoes and helmet.

From January to early March there were 6 ice climbing trips and from June to mid-October there were 19 rock climbing trips. In addition, we held the ongoing Monday evening indoor climbing sessions at Vertical Dreams climbing gym in Manchester.

In addition to our regular trips we ran a number of climbing/mountaineering classes. The 2 day avalanche awareness class is held at Pinkham Notch in December on an annual basis and involves both classroom sessions and hands on learning digging snow pits to evaluate snow pack stability and use of avalanche beacons and probes to locate buried victims. In April, we conducted a 1-day Introduction to Glacier Travel Workshop, and a 2-day Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue Workshop. These well attended workshops introduce aspiring mountaineers to the methods and skills needed for safe climbing in glaciated terrain, covering knots and rope-work, roped team traveling, self arrest, team arrest, anchor building and crevasse rescue hauling systems. Proceeds from these workshops contribute to the self-sufficiency of the Mountaineering Committee by lessening the burden on club funding.

We also ran a one -day leading ice climbing class, a two day introduction to rock climbing class, and a two day class on how to safely set up ropes





and run a rock climbing trip (mainly for people interested in becoming rock climbing leaders). We also held Top Rope Site Management training for our new climbing leaders, and a refresher TRSM for current climbing leaders.

Leaders from the Mountaineering Committee continue to collaborate with the Excursions Winter Schools, and the Winter Hiking Series, representing our interests in those venues, thus providing a progressive learning experience for those interested in Mountaineering disciplines.

The Mountaineering Committee used chapter funds to continue training for our leaders and instructors.

The Mountaineering section of the NH Chapter web site continues to expand with documentation for leader requirements, and course curriculums. We are also expanding the photo content with recent trips.

Jim Kent, Co-Chair

Tom Sintros, Co-Chair

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/mountaineering/index.php>

AMC NH Newsletter

The Newsletter Committee published six bi-monthly newsletters during the reporting period - from November/December 2011 through September/October 2012. Each 8-page newsletter was mailed to approximately 5150 members, and emailed to approximately 3200 members.

Since several members in a family read the printed and emailed Mountain Passages newsletters, the total readership is approximately 10,000.



The newsletter design was modified in November/December 2011 to improve appearance and readability. Feedback has been positive. Subject articles included: biking, paddling, hiking, instructional workshops, schools and leadership training, dinner programs, family group activities, skiing, hut nights, volunteer spotlights, recipes, personal essays, memorials and more.

Advertising revenue in the amount of \$2820 was generated, which helped offset the cost of printing and mailing.

Newsletter chairs

David Phillips, editor

Susan Englert, layout

Ron Janowitz, editor

<http://amc-nh.org/members/MP/index.php>

AMC NH Paddling

The Paddlers started 2012 with the acquisition of ten kayaks and a trailer for their transport, to initiate a Family Paddle Program as part of Vision



2020. Over the course of the summer, there were at least a dozen events held to introduce families with children to kayaking (and canoeing) on the flat-waters of New Hampshire. Children under the age of eighteen paddled for free. We were delighted with the response to our first year of this program.

The whitewater season was abysmal, due to weather and water. More Kayakers than Canoeists attended our Annual Whitewater School, which was a first. Our boat rentals were down this year. Fortunately, the Wednesday Night Paddle program was very successful, and helped take the edge off the loss of rental revenues of the whitewater season.

We participated in several community events, including the spring Fish and Game Show, the Duck Race for the Manchester Women's Community Health Center, and a paddle for the Merrimack Fisheries. We also helped with the Mighty Merrimack Swim by keeping swimmers in their lanes, sponsored by the Merrimack River Watershed Council. The Paddlers also helped with the annual Souhegan River Cleanup at the beginning of June, sponsored by the Souhegan Watershed Council.



Denise Hurt has proposed a new trash removal project for the rivers of New Hampshire. She has researched this activity with a gentleman who collects massive amounts of trash every time he paddles. We are hoping the club will supply the funds for this idea. The Paddlers purchased a new whitewater canoe, an Outrage 13, for use/rental. We also sponsored a group of canoeists who attended a Class 3 whitewater program at Zoar in the Berkshires.



The Paddlers' First Aid and CPR courses are being offered in the coming months. Water Safety and a rolling clinic have been offered this summer. We are looking forward to an influx of new members on the Paddlers' Committee, bringing some fresh thoughts and ideas to the club.

Sally Leonard, Co-Chair

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/paddling/index.php>

AMC NH Trails

This year we had a light schedule as we transitioned the Trails Chair from Bill Darcy to long time trail work leader, Richie Holstein. Richie and all of the NH Chapter Executive Committee send a well-deserved "THANKS" to Bill for all of his work.

From May to October we generally schedule trips throughout New Hampshire: the Old Bridle Path in Franconia Notch, the Sunapee Ridge section of the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway (the New Hampshire Chapter's adopted trails), Pawtuckaway State Park and more.

Chapter volunteers – including some for their first time – contribute hundreds of hours towards various projects:

Old Bridle Path (the chapter's White Mountain adopted trail): basic maintenance.

Brushing, drainage, and blazing at Pawtuckaway State Park.

Connie's Way ski trail: basic maintenance.

Projects in previous years have included:

- * Old Bridle Path for basic maintenance plus continuing to rebuild the many rock staircases.

- * Basic maintenance on the Sunapee ridge section of the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway.
- * Improving trails on Meredith, NH Conservation land.
- * Participated in volunteer trail-work weekends at AMC's Three Mile Island and Cold River.

This year the committee on behalf of the chapter picked up some responsibility for a section of the Metacomet-Monadnock Trail just north of the border with Massachusetts.

Richie Holstein, Co-Chair

Bill Darcy, Co-Chair

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/trailcrew/index.php>

AMC NH Webmaster

The goals of the Webmaster have been to make the AMC-NH.ORG website a resource that attracts people to the NH Chapter and encourages them to participate and continue to be involved.

The website attempts to project sense of friendly welcoming and camaraderie along with excitement, knowledge, competence, and a high activity level.

The first step in this process is for people to find the website through search results or links. Therefore a key is to provide content that many people find uniquely useful on a repetitive basis for return visits.

Major Initiatives

Some Major initiatives in this past year included:

Leader Introductions– To attract participants we have greatly expanded the “introducing the leaders” section to show to the world that our leaders are friendly, welcoming, interesting people who would love to meet you and have you join them in various activities while at the same time showing that they have a lot of experience. This project also engages the leaders so that they identify with the Chapter and their committee. So far we have 75 leader introductions.

Leader Galleries– This year a new feature are the leader galleries that each leader is invited to include. Pictures are of the leader and their interests or by the leader. This shows people the wealth of experience of our leaders and



provides the leaders a place to show off their best. Again, these also engage our leaders to keep them participating. So far we have 12 leader galleries.

Trip Reports and Galleries– Under each committee we have added galleries and reports of various trips and activities that our leaders and membership have taken. The eventual goal is to become a resource that our membership will automatically turn to towards showing off what we are doing rather than publishing on some commercial website. With good image captioning and a story this will drive search engine hits to us while also keeping our membership engaged as people look up what their friends are doing. In addition to a simple introduction and gallery format, stories and narrative with inline pictures are also supported.

Committee Information– We have encouraged the committees to publish more and more information about their activities, workshops, guidelines, procedures, and their specialty in general. We have published trips, workshops, guides, reference-material, manuals. The idea is to have the committee pages a resource, again to attract new participants as well as engage members and leaders.

Wildlife-Guides and Galleries– This project is an attempt to be a complete guide to all of NH Wildlife such as wildflowers (133 species so far), trees (22 species), amphibians, birds, butterflies, ferns, fungi, insects, lichens, mammals, mosses, reptiles, and alpine flora. To help people learn the species a quiz has been developed that engages readers and stimulates learning. The overall project is engages the membership and readers and will become a major resource for NH outdoors enthusiasts.

Executive Committee Images– To Show that our EXCOMM are active outdoors people we have added gallery images of our Committee Members to our EXCOMM page with links to their leader introduction page. This brings a sense of familiarity to the EXCOMM.

Leadership Resources– We have added more information on leadership resources in particularly supporting the Vision 2020 inclusion of family and kids.

Photo Contest– To engage membership and increase the quality of the images on the website we have been running a photo and story contest.

‘What’s New’– This feature is designed to engage returning website visitors by directing them to new features and articles on the website without the tedious searching. We also feature special events to attract participation.

Event Calendar– The event calendar was upgraded to allow events to be added by Chapter Chairs and others. It was enhanced to allow increased hover text and links to activities.

Ongoing Usage

The Chapter web pages continue to be one of the easiest to navigate and it is very easy for users to get activity listings, a major driver of return visits.

What is the result of all this activity? According to Alexa our website ranking has improved from 14,000,000 to about 4,200,000 and our links in have improved from 61 to 81 according to recent reports. Of course there is a long way to go, so the challenge continues.

Tom Todd, Webmaster

AMC NH Young Members

We turned ten this year!

The big celebration happened “Suits and Boots” style in July. If you spotted people in evening wear in the woods with their hiking boots on, congratulations, you spotted a Young Member! We rented out a cabin near Hanover NH to play, eat, and dance in our natural habitat.



Young Members is 278 AMC’ers strong, according to our facebook page, up about 100 from this time last year. We’re mostly in our 20’s and 30’s, looking to find other folks who like experiencing the outdoors with friends, and getting to know more

about our recreation opportunities within the AMC. We had three main goals set for 2012: hosting more big weekend events to boost membership, making an effort to thank our volunteers, and specifically recruiting post-college students into our ranks.

Unexpectedly on the agenda, Young Members spent time working its way through a leadership transition. The committee struggled earlier this year in facilitating its founding members to take a step back, allowing younger leaders to step forward into new responsibilities. Getting good at recruiting



new volunteers and staying focused on what today's Young Members want is the key to sustaining this committee, one that is focused on a specific age group of people. Young people! Steph Chambers and incoming co-chair John Green spearheaded a new effort at forming by-laws that will clarify responsibilities and allow us more time to do what we do best: recreate outdoors!

This conversation didn't detract from an ambitious agenda. In addition to monthly socials in Nashua, Portsmouth, Concord, and Manchester, Young Members gathered for several big weekend events at Lonesome Lake Hut, Barnes Field, Osceola Vista, and the Forks for our second annual raft trip (this time we took on the Kennebec!)

We were well prepared for the hiking season thanks to Stephanie Chambers' beginning hiking series. She led three hikes visiting Crotched Mountain, Pack Monadnock and Welch & Dickey with a more moderate hike to Goose Eye during our successful camping weekend to Barnes Field.

We took initial efforts to recruit graduating college seniors, but didn't get very far. A killer new Young Members t-shirt designed by Kimball Rexford, and a sweet flyer designed by Stephanie Chambers will be great tools if the group tries to tackle this again in 2013.

Also on the agenda for next year, we plan to make good use of our friendships with the Maine and Rhode Island YM chapters. A cross-chapter hut weekend is already in the works for the fall. Headed into winter, Kaitrin "Gaiter" Davis is working with the ski committee to keep our calendars full when the snow starts to fall.

And speaking of events...Now is the time to mention the people who are the soul of our activities. A huge thank you goes out to the awesome Young Members who made up the 2012 Advisory Board, setting direction for our group. Their input, time, and dedication are sincerely appreciated: Steph Chambers, Jeff Claus, Lora Claus, Kaitrin Davis, Wayne Goertel, Jamie Gillon, John Green, Jeni Hollander, Lynn LaFountain, Terianne McKeon, Josh Meltzer, Peter Ravanis, Kimball Rexford, Eric Savage, and Wendy Weisiger.

Without you, none of this would be possible.

This is an amazing group of people, living in an amazing state. We challenge the next generation of Young Members to pursue their vision for the group. We invite interested Young Members to join us on this team.

If it's anything like the last ten years, it will be an amazing ride.

A message to Graduating Seniors! Fun doesn't stop at college.

Hiking, Camping, Biking.

Climbing, Bonfires, Whitewater.

Mini Golf, Ping Pong, Dance Parties.

Amazing people. In an Amazing state.

AMC New Hampshire YOUNG Members

**We're in our 20's and 30's
and we know how to have a good time.**



Connect with us!

Facebook: Appalachian Mountain Club - New Hampshire Young Members

Google: AMC NH Young Members



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Lora Claus, Co-Chair
Stephanie Chambers, Co-Chair
<http://amc-nh.org/committee/youngmembers/index.php>



AMC NH Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Anne Melvin, Leon Tokatlian, and Debbie Frazier, submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on November 10, 2012.

All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October 2013.

Officers

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| Chair | Karen J. Thurston |
| Vice-Chair | Wayne Goertel |
| Secretary | Marianne Page |
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