

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



October 26, 2013

**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

Dan Allen	Sara Dowse
Foster Boardman	Frank Gutman
Robert Bond	Charles Kane
Natalie Davis	David Mann
Leonard Dowse	Richard Wilcox

25-Year Members

Daniel Abramson	John LaBonte
Bill Adam	Susan LaBonte
Barbara Amos	Clarence LaBonte
Jerry Amos	Abbott Lahti
Robert Arcand	Tod Leedberg
Geoffrey Ashworth	Albert Lemmel
Alexandra Breed	Casper Martin
Rob Burbank	Vicki Meagher
Philip Conlon	Robert Merwin
David Dodge	Tashia Morgridge
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Cynthia Ferrara-Kelley	Martha Pearson
Tony Fitzherbert	John Peterson
William Foster	Donald Rhodes
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AMC NH Chapter Chair Report

The New Hampshire Chapter had another super year thanks to a growing membership and a thriving volunteer community.

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

The chapter hosted over 400 events and activities this year that provided our members with a variety of outdoor experiences. Paddling continued to host their popular Wednesday Night Paddling series, started a new Trash Patrol program, and helped paddlers expand their skills with their White Water School. Mountaineering ran their annual ice climbing series, glacier travel and crevasse rescue workshops, an introduction to rock climbing series, and a two-day avalanche class at Pinkham. Excursions hosted three, weekend workshops at Cardigan, the annual Winter Hiking Series, and lots of day hikes for all abilities. Young Members hosted the first inter-chapter weekend at Cardigan Lodge and Ski hosted a wide variety of events including lunchtime skate skiing in Hanover, nighttime skiing in Bedford, and telemark clinics at Gunstock. And our new Bicycling committee completed its first year with road and mountain biking trips, and a special bike maintenance and repair workshop.

With all this activity, investing in our volunteer leaders is a priority for the club and our chapter. Volunteers are celebrated through annual committee picnics, special outings, and our new Volunteer Evening at the Currier Gallery. NH Trip Leaders continued to receive quality training from established chapter leadership programs and received incremental training from specialized outdoor organizations. Ski leaders received PSIA training and certification,

mountaineering leaders received AMGA SPI training, and paddling leaders received ACA rescue training. We believe that specialized training will attract and retain the best leaders and will in turn lead to outstanding experiences for our members.

There's a lot going on and we are communicating through Mountain Passages, AMC email blasts, Facebook, and our chapter website. Mountain Passages continues to be the cornerstone of our communication package with



a tradition of interesting articles and an evolved distribution split of 50-50, paper-electronic versions. AMC email blasts are used for special notices, Facebook is used for reinforcing our sense of community, and Meetup is being considered as a vehicle for posting trips. Our AMC-NH.ORG website pulls everything together and accomplishments this year include online payments via PayPal, enhanced trip reports and galleries, and an improved website ranking that is the best of all the chapters.

Accomplishments like this impact our members, leaders, and community partners. Our Chapter has grown to over twelve thousand members and we are adding approximately 200 members per month! We are very excited that over 60% of our members are family members - a sign that we will be the club of choice for the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts. Membership growth benefits the entire chapter and dues allocation enables us to invest in additional leadership training

from national organizations like PSIA and AMGA. Membership growth also benefits our community partners through chapter-sponsored events with the NH Fish & Game, the NH Audubon Society and Gunstock Ski Area.

As we look to 2014, we are in a strong position thanks to active members, dedicated volunteers, and a strong slate of officers including Wayne Goertel as Chapter Chair. We will continue to deliver fun trips with the best leaders and we look forward to seeing you in the great NH outdoors!

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen J. Thurston, Chapter Chair

AMC NH Treasurer's Report

Technology continues to integrate with the activities of managing the New Hampshire Chapter treasury. The AMC has developed a plan to transfer funds electronically into the NH Chapter's bank account. The NH Chapter received its first electronic Chapter Allocation during August. I anticipate direct electronic transfers for online memberships, and donations, along with all future Chapter Allocations.

Last year I reported our activity committees were in the process of implementing the use of professional computerized accounting software. As of now all but one of the committees have installed this programming and are effectively utilizing the benefits associated with the software.

In 2012, the NH Chapter transferred funds from its Certificate of Deposit accounts to the Invested Reserve accounts managed

by the AMC. The NH Chapter has received significant returns on its invested funds.

Our activity committees continue to provide frequent programs for our members and look to the NH Chapter for funding where necessary for either direct benefit to the members or indirect benefit to the members through additional training of our leaders. Most of the activities offered are provided by a diverse group of volunteer leaders without cost to the NH Chapter.



In February, an ad hoc Budget Committee meeting was held to discuss the NH Chapter budget process. A number of spending and budget proposals were discussed by the committee and a baseline for future NH Chapter budgets was established. The committee recognized the need to separate budget requests into three clearly identifiable categories: operational expenses, ongoing training expenses, and capital/extraordinary expenses. The first two expense types are to come from our expected annual income and the last expense type to be supported by our savings. The process was such a success and provided such considerable interest at the Club level, we were asked to present our process and findings to the other eleven Chapters of the AMC at the Spring Retreat. The presentation was very well received.

Funding for leader appreciation and recognition along with continued financial stability will be hallmarks of the NH

Chapter finances for the coming year. As membership grows in the NH Chapter we are provided with more essential resources to implement important initiatives directed to the benefit of our members.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Warren, Treasurer

AMC NH Secretary's Report

The 92nd Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club, Gilford, NH on November 10, 2012. Copies of past annual reports can be located on the chapter website at amc-nh.org/chapter/index.

The meeting was presided over by Chair, Karen Thurston. Eric Savage presented members with changes to the Chapter by-laws, which were voted on and accepted by the members in attendance. AMC NH bylaws can be located on the chapter website at amc-nh.org/chapter/ChapterByLaws2012.

John Judge, Executive Director of the Appalachian Mountain Club was our guest speaker. He spoke to members about **Vision 2020**, which outlines AMC's goals for the next decade. Details regarding AMC goals can be found online at outdoors.org/about/amc-vision2020.cfm.



The following slate of nominees for the NH Chapter Executive Committee was presented and accepted by the members for the year 2012-2013.

Officers

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

Committee Chairs

Conservation	Paul Hopkins & Ross Garofalo
Excursions	Jennifer Varney & Leon Tokatlian
Education	Bob Humphrey & Denise Spoor
Hospitality	Patty Anderson
Membership	Mitch Manseau
Mountaineering	Jim Kent & Tom Sintros
Newsletter	Ron Janowitz, David Phillips & Susan Englert
Paddling	Sally Leonard & Marcy Stanton
Programs	Paul Berry & Marie Berry
Ski	Tony Schmidt & Valerio Viti
Trails	Richie Holstein
Webmaster	Tom Todd
Young Members	Stephanie Chambers & John Greene

Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Committee

Regional Director	Ruth "Sam" Jamke
Immediate Past Chair	Eric L. Savage

In 2012-2013, the AMC NH Executive Committee held monthly meetings (with the exception of January, July and August). Items discussed at these meetings included such topics as: NH-related conservation updates; budget planning and fiscal practices; calendar items, activities and planning of special programs; volunteer appreciation and recognition; AMC initiatives; and membership initiatives; etc.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Zimmer, Secretary

AMC NH Bike Committee

The Biking Committee continued to grow and expand its activities this year. While continuing to grow by adding new Bike Ride Leaders, we also expanded our training by offering a bike maintenance and repair workshop as a second level of training for our ride leaders.



This year the AMC New Hampshire Biking Committee offered bike rides from the Berkshires to the seacoast. Our first rides started in April and will continue into late fall. This year we offered a variety of rides, family rides, one-day rides and two-day rides on roads and trails.

Looking forward, the AMC NH Chapter Biking Committee wants to continue to expand the number of rides, location of

rides and the types of rides. If you are an AMC member and a bike rider and are not seeing the type of rides you like on our web site, we invite you to join us and bring your ideas to our planning for next year. If you want to join our committee please contact Gene Harding by email: Gene37h@aol.com.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Harding, Chair

AMC NH Education Committee

The Education Committee has been in a transitional period this year following Bob Humphrey's departure as Chair. We are grateful for his many years of devoted service in this role, and have been exploring the best way to continue the programs and events that he so successfully developed and promoted during his tenure, as well as considering new areas where the committee can add value. This has led us to a comprehensive look at what the role of the committee will be going forward.

There are two major dimensions being examined. One is the balance between taking direct responsibility for educational programs and serving as a resource for educational programs that are administered by particular activity committees. For example, several programs have been taken under the wing of the Excursions Committee, including the very popular Winter Hiking Series (Bob's most notable legacy). Given their particular focus on one activity - in this case, hiking - it made sense to move them under the aegis of that committee. There is also discussion about the potential overlap between Conservation and Education, and how we can support each other's efforts. On the other hand, programs that cross

activities, like SOLO first aid training for leaders, may be better administered outside of any one, activity committee.

The second dimension explores the balance between providing educational opportunities for our volunteers, chapter members at large, and outreach to non-members. This part of the conversation is just beginning and there are many potential opportunities here, limited only by the interests and willingness of members to become part of our efforts.



Whether directly, or in support of the work of other committees, we will continue to offer valuable educational opportunities and programs. We actively invite you, the members, to get involved in defining the

ongoing role of the Education Committee, or to provide input about the kinds of programs you would like to see and help out with. To be a part of the conversation, feel free to get in touch with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Eric L. Savage, Chair

AMC NH Excursions Committee

2012 was a year of change and growth opportunity. We began the year with several well attended meetings of the committee in which we evaluated the hiking opportunities available to

people and how the AMC could continue to attract participants who are also hiking with Meetup groups and similar organizations that offer last minute sign ups and many ‘show and go’ opportunities. The committee decided to conduct a pilot project in which we will list a sampling of NH chapter AMC trips using the Meetup framework to see if this is a viable option. All screening and other best practices will be followed, as this is just a test of using the system. The pilot will launch in the fall of 2013 / spring of 2014.

In early spring, the committee held a leader recognition event at Pat’s Peak ski area in which more than twenty leaders gathered to be recognized, share best practices and learn from



each other. Rick Silverberg was recognized for his long time service to the committee, and a good time was had by all.

Three very successful workshops were held at Cardigan in which many leader candidates completed the training and are working through mentoring to become New Hampshire chapter leaders. We had a number of new Class 1 (all season) and Class 2 (three season) leaders this year and continue to work toward growing our pool of qualified leaders.

The Winter Hiking series was full again this year and approximately twenty-five participants enjoyed learning about winter hiking and gear, strengthening their skills and becoming comfortable hiking in snowy conditions. This year there was

actually some snow and ice late in the series so they were able to get real world practice!

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. Finally, a good time was had by all at our annual picnic, graciously hosted by Paul Hopkins.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Varney, Co-Chair

AMC NH Programs & Hospitality Committee

The Programs Committee planned and scheduled eight events for this year, adding four events to the offerings in 2012. 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 things we offer. Our second Winter Expo event was both well received and well attended by members and interested prospective members.

In March, nearly fifty people gathered at the Pilgrim Church in Nashua to share some great home



cooking and to learn how to improve their photography skills. Paul Hopkins, hike leader, Chapter Conservation Chair, and serious amateur photographer gave a presentation that was jam-packed with tips and illustrated with his beautiful outdoor photography.

Also in March, Paul Berry from Programs, and Gene Harding from Bicycling, represented AMC-NH at the Southern NH Outdoor Expo. It was held at Hampshire Hills in Milford and was sponsored by the Milford Conservation Commission as an outreach to the public and to support the Granite Town Rail Trail.

In April, Programs again coordinated representation for AMC-NH at Project WILD NH. This expo was held at Fish and Game in Concord and was well attended. It provided the opportunity to increase visibility to hundreds or thousands of attendees.



Willem Lange, *Windows to the Wild*
Hiking Up Cardigan to High Cabin
Photo Courtesy of www.NHPTV.org

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.

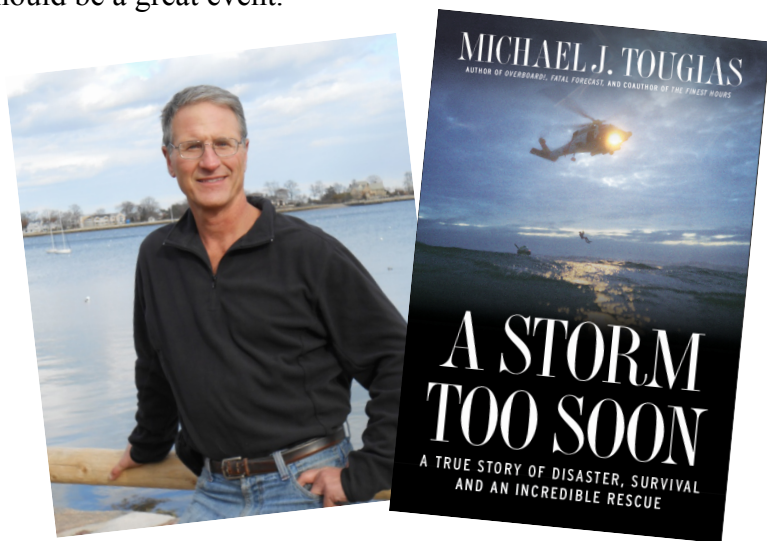
He gave a great talk about hiking Katahdin and visited with attendees afterward.

In June we scheduled a luncheon meeting at the Pease Golf Course Grille28 with Sam Jamke presenting “Trekking Patagonia”. This was our first luncheon event, our first June event and also our first event in the Seacoast. This event was

scheduled to coincide with Market Square Day and we marketed it to appeal to those attendees and also to those who might like a round of golf. Unfortunately, registrations were not sufficient to hold the event. We hope to reschedule the presentation at a later event.

On October 10, we have scheduled our first collaborative event with NH Audubon. It is an informational evening meeting at 7pm to be held at the NH Audubon Center at Silk Farm Road in Concord. “Tar Sands in New Hampshire? What Are the Issues?” will be presented by Carol Foss, PhD, Director of Conservation at NH Audubon.

Our last event is the Annual Meeting to be held at Canterbury Woods Country Club on October 26, 2013 with Michael Tougas, author of “A Storm Too Soon”, as the speaker. This should be a great event.



The Programs Committee also continued the marketing of the AMC NH fleece during 2013. An illustrated advertisement in the print version of Mountain Passages generated brisk sales.

Vests, Pullovers, and Jackets with the AMC Logo are available at the 'store page' on the Chapter Website.

The Programs Co-chairs wish to thank all of those who presented, supported and attended our events this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul & Marie Berry, Programs Co-Chairs

AMC NH Membership Committee

Our NH membership is alive and well, growing each month to make us the second largest chapter in the AMC, with over 12,000 members. Only Boston – where the AMC originated and has its Headquarters at Joy Street – is larger.

We want to thank and wish a Happy Anniversary to our 25 and 50-year members with a grateful heart for their continued



support, for their leadership, their experience and financial support. With the Club’s emphasis on ‘getting youth outdoors’ we value their participation in education.

In August-July, the AMC advised us of 2,391 new members. We sent each of them our large format postcards (399 in March) to invite them to the New Member Page of the Chapter website http://amc-nh.org/committee/membership/new_member.php, putting them in touch to enjoy the activities they

have joined us for. Then their Activities leaders, the Webmaster, and *Mountain Passages* editors all work to get them involved in the chapter – encouraging these new members to stay with us when their initial membership is up, having seen the value of belonging. One such new member joined as soon as he retired from teaching in Manchester, came to one of our book hikes, and continued to sign up with excursion leaders all summer. This was an opportunity to see involvement in action, which we leaders all promote.

Our Leadership is outstanding, our education and training second to none, but in the end it is up to the individual to find their place. How to entice them to get involved remains our goal for the coming year. Please share your ideas with us.

We still hand out our colorful tri-fold brochures at several venues, highlighting what our chapter offers, as well as business cards for a quick intro on the trail. Look for them at huts, and outdoor equipment sellers. Ask a leader for them next sign-up!

Our membership chair Mitch Manseau will be leaving at the end of this term. He has maintained all the stats, pasted labels and stamped cards until Marianne Page took over mailings at the beginning of the year; Mitch made overtures to Veterans and Colleges towards working with us in the pursuit of Outdoors for fun and education. Therefore, it is our pleasure to say, “Thank you for the many years of labor and love in



Membership, Mitch!” His commitment, expertise, and humor will be missed.

We continue looking for help on the Membership Committee, especially for more youth-oriented outreach. Do you have approaches that you’d like to try? If so, please contact Marianne Page.

Check out our mission stated on the NH Chapter website in our letter to New Members.

If you play with us, you will stay with us. Come join us outdoors. Our website will tell you what, when, and where.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mitch Manseau and Marianne Page, Co-Chairs

AMC NH Mountaineering Committee

The Mountaineering Committee had an active and safe year in 2012-2013. We offer 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. At our workshops and clinics, we provide helmets and harnesses as needed.

Between September 2012 and September 2013, the Mountaineering Committee conducted 18 trips totaling 29 days, and 9 workshop/clinics totaling 13 days. In addition, there is an on-going Monday evening indoor climbing session at Vertical Dreams climbing gym in Manchester, offered 34

times during this period. New this year was a "Tuesday Night Summer Climbing Series" at Rumney.

In addition to our regular trips we ran a number of climbing/mountaineering clinics. The two-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 one-day Introduction to Glacier Travel Workshop, and a two-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.

We again offered two, one-day Introduction to Ice climbing classes, 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). New in August 2013 were one-day clinics for Introduction to Aid Climbing, and Protection and Anchor Building. These advanced clinics were in partnership with Mark Synott and IMCS respectively.

The Mountaineering Committee also participated in the December 2012 NH AMC Winter Expo held at NHTI in Concord.



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.

In May 2013, two of our leaders completed AMGA SPI training. The field test and official certification will be conducted when the leaders schedule them. This training continues the process of training and certification consistent with the Club Leadership improvement initiative.

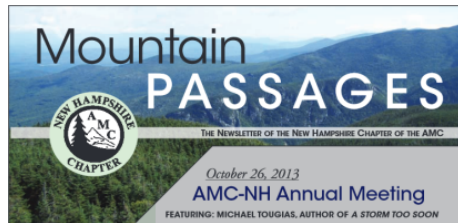
The Mountaineering Committee used committee-generated revenue to purchase four new climbing ropes, six harnesses, two pairs of crampons, two sets of ice tools, and a new storage chest.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Kent & Tom Sintros, Mountaineering Co-chairs

AMC NH Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee published six bi-monthly newsletters during the reporting period of November/December 2012 through September/October 2013. Each eight-page issue of *Mountain Passages* was mailed to approximately 4,900 members, and emailed to approximately 4,540 members. Since the printed and emailed newsletters are read by several members in a family, the total readership is far greater than 10,000.

The newsletters contained articles concerning upcoming events, past events and much more. Subjects included: biking, paddling, hiking, instructional workshops, school and leadership training, dinner programs, family group activities, skiing, hut nights, volunteer spotlights, recipes, personal essays, conservation and more.



Advertising revenue in the amount of \$3,380 was generated, which helped offset the cost of printing and mailing.

Respectfully submitted:

Ron Janowitz, David Phillips & Susan Englert, Newsletter Committee

AMC NH Paddling Committee

The 2013 paddling season started with the White Water School, April 20-21. Despite facing cold, fast water, clear but chilly weather, squirrely boats, trepidation and lots of anxiety,

four solo canoeists and twenty kayakers met the challenge of completing the 2013 White Water School. It was a great event done only with the efforts of volunteers from the Boston and NH chapters who interviewed, informed, encouraged, loaned boats, gear and clothing, shopped, cooked, cleaned, instructed, shuttled, safety boated and more. Many students joined our spring and summer trips to complete their Class II certification.

Family Paddling had three trips on the Exeter and Pemigewasset Rivers, and Edward McDowell Lake. These easy, family-friendly trips continue to draw crowds. Over 30 participants came with a broad spectrum of skills from first time paddlers to whitewater paddlers getting their children into the sport

The Wednesday Night Paddle program continued to be a great success with the warm weather bringing out many new boaters of all ages and skills. John Pilla organized nine trips from the end of June through August.



Denise Hurt has had a marvelous response to the Trash Patrol Program. Average attendance was eleven paddlers per trip with many new, non-AMC people joining the two or three AMC Paddlers who consistently lead the groups. This program has taken a lot of hard work, has been well received by all who participated with Towns very receptive to picking up the sorted and bagged trash from the put-ins, a big plus. The patrols removed 1,329 pieces of trash from the Nashua, Squanacook, Contoocook and Merrimack Rivers, including plastic and glass bottles, cans, balls of all sorts, rebar, a coil of plastic tubing, a

weed sprayer, plastic trash barrel, tires, a lawn mower, an aluminum extension ladder, large foam sheets, a very creepy dock ornament, and a backpack we were afraid to open, and a practically new pair of flip flops, men's size 10. Most paddles were accompanied by food: a BBQ on the Merrimack at Tyngsboro attended by paddlers and the trash pick-up guy, and sandwiches from Panera on the Squanacook. Subway has donated lunch for the upcoming paddle on the Merrimack.

Eight paddlers just completed a grueling two-day swift-water rescue class taught by ACA certified instructor, Mike Gatewood. All participants agreed this extra training was the best way to reward leaders; it was something that they would have never done on their own and added skills to make them better leaders. It was the best way to spend our appreciation/recognition money. The Paddlers' First Aid and CPR courses will be offered this fall.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcie Stanton, Co-Chair

AMC NH Ski Committee

Trips

During the 2012-2013 ski season, the Ski Committee offered 24 backcountry trips, 6 telemark clinics and 2 sets of midweek cross country ski clinics/socials, in Hanover at lunchtime mainly for skate skiing and in Bedford for classic and skate skiing on Wednesday evenings. While six, backcountry trips were canceled due to poor conditions, trips

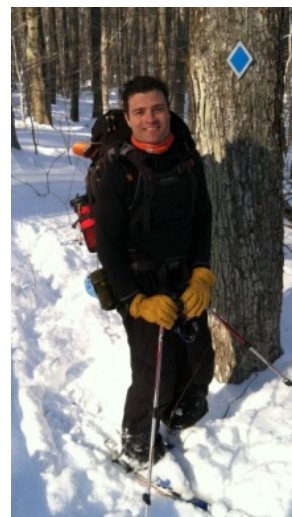


were attended by about 220 participants.

The ski committee also offered three classes at the two NH-AMC winter schools at Cardigan lodge.

Administration

The Chapter has authorized reimbursement for a leader that choose to pursue PSIA membership. This is new for this past



Budget session. Additionally, the ski committee has budgeted for training expenses for eight leaders, which is up from five last year.

Training and Certifications

In December 2012 the committee offered a group class for Nordic downhill, held at Gunstock and taught by Jim Tasse. Ten leaders attended.

Valerio Viti obtained a PSIA Level I Nordic certification and Paul Pinkham obtained a PSIA Level III Nordic Downhill certification.

Five leaders, Thor Smith and Valerio Viti, Tony Schmidt, Tyson Sawyer and Ted Stever, attended PSIA clinics.

Grigory Petrov has completed the mentoring requirements and is now a Level I leader. The committee now has seventeen active Level I leaders and two leaders in training: Alex Cohn and Simon Algren

Respectfully submitted,
Tony Schmidt & Valerio Viti, Co-Chairs

AMC NH Trails Committee

From May to October we scheduled trips throughout New Hampshire, including: the Old Bridle Path in Franconia Notch (the trail our chapter has adopted in the White Mountains), the Sunapee Ridge section of the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway (another of our chapter's adopted trails), Pawtuckaway State Park and more.

Chapter volunteers – including some for their first time – contributed hundreds of hours on various projects: basic maintenance on Old Bridle Path; brushing and drainage at Pawtuckaway State Park; and basic maintenance on Connie's Way ski trail. We are fortunate to have had the Pinkham Notch pro crew take care of bridge repair and removal of major blow downs. We also performed basic maintenance on Mt. Willard in cooperation with the AMC NH Family Group.



Just one day a year is all that's necessary if everyone pitches in. Don't be surprised if you find trail work as fun, creative, interesting and compelling as the rest of us who return time and time again – for your one day a year, or more. If this sounds fun, that's because it is! We wouldn't do it if it weren't

What do you want to do? Volunteer? Lead? Help in another way? We're ready to teach you how and why, even if you have no experience. And we'll challenge you (both mentally and physically) when you're ready! Every project is different and has work for everyone. We have all the tools you'll need (funded in part from your AMC membership dues).

Just bring yourself! Look for our events on the AMC NH chapter and club web sites and in *AMC Outdoors*.

See you on the trails!

Respectfully submitted,
Richie Holstein, Chair

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

Online Payments - We have written new modules that let trip and workshop leaders collect registration and payments for even small events through Paypal.



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 show 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 have been doing. In addition to a simple introduction and gallery format, stories and narrative with inline pictures are also supported. New stories this year were Jim Kent's Columbia Icefields Trip, Tim Kennedy's "A long Winter Hike", Grigory and Kaitrin's Nepal Trek, and Marianne Page's Big Bend Trip. We continue to solicit stories and galleries.

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. This year we added twelve leader introductions for a total of 83.

Leader Galleries - We continue to add to 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 or leaders to keep them participating. This year we added three more galleries.

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 and manuals. The idea is to have the

committee pages available as 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 (158 species so far), trees, 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 engages the membership and readers, and will become a major resource for NH outdoor enthusiasts. The gallery now includes over 308 species with 1,462 pictures.

Ongoing Website Usage

The Chapter web pages continue to be some of the easiest to navigate, and it is very effortless for users to get activity listings – which are a major driver of return visits.

What is the result of all this activity? According to Alexa, (a web information company that provides free website analytics) our website ranking has improved from 14,000,000 in 2011, to about 4,200,000 in 2012, to about 1,200,000 now - best of all the chapters. Unfortunately, websites linking back to us has decreased from 77 to 57 according to recent reports. Of course there is a long way to go, so the challenge continues.



The most successful websites are where users can contribute their own input, usually in a collaborative way. We continue to solicit such material and will work to make it easier and more popular for people to contribute to website features.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Todd, Webmaster

AMC NH Young Members

We have had several great events this year, the highlight of which was the first inter-chapter Young Members weekend at Cardigan Lodge held this spring. We got folks from the various AMC groups all over the northeast together for a great weekend of hiking. In addition to some great hikes, a brief compass lesson was offered and well attended.



We also had a great camping weekend at Barnes Field in August and our annual Bear Brook picnic in June was a great success. By the time this report hits the printers, we should be at Osceola Vista for our other major camping weekend in

September. Attendance has been good this year, thanks in part to more integration and co-participation between the NH, Maine, and Narragansett Young Member groups. There has been some work done on a fall cabin weekend, but dates and details have yet to be finalized.

Some of our existing leaders have expanded their involvement into hosting more complicated events, and a few individuals with future leadership potential just started to get involved in the group.

Respectfully submitted,
John Greene, Chair

AMC NH Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Anne Melvin, Tim Kennedy, Mark Goodearl, and Wesley Tucker, submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on October 26, 2013.

All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October 2014.

Officers

Chair	Wayne Goertel
Vice Chair	Bill Warren
Treasurer	Rick Desmarais
Secretary	Beth Zimmer

Committee Chairs

Bike	Gene Harding
Conservation	Paul Hopkins
Education	Eric Savage
Excursions	David Ross & Jen Varney
Hospitality	Lu Ann Laquerre
Membership	Marianne Page
Mountaineering	Jim Kent & Tom Sintros
Newsletter Editors	Susan Englert, Ron Janowitz & Michelle O'Donnell
Paddling	John Pilla & Marcy Stanton
Programs	Marie Berry & Paul Berry
Ski	Tony Schmidt & Valerio Viti
Trails	Richie Holstein
Webmaster	Tom Todd

The Ex-officio members of the Executive Committee will be:

Immediate Past Chapter Chair Karen J. Thurston
 Regional Director Ruth "Sam" Jamke



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Past AMC NH Chapter Chairs

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|---------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 1921 | Frank E. Heald | 1964 | Robert Hill |
| 1921 | John R. McLane | 1965 | Dr. Ursula Sanders |
| 1920-22 | Wilbert F. Gilman | 1966-67 | Mrs. Miriam Underhill |
| 1923-25 | Louis P. Elkins | 1968-69 | Terence P. Frost |
| 1926 | Wilbert F. Gilman | 1970-71 | Dorothy G. Burak |
| 1927-29 | William C. Brunel | 1972 | S. Robert Colby |
| 1930 | Julius C. Sturm | 1973-74 | E.H.B. Bartelink |
| 1931-32 | Dr. John Worthen | 1975-76 | Ruth Houghton |
| 1933 | Julius C. Sturm | 1977 | Holly Anderson |
| 1934 | Samuel P. Hunt | 1978-79 | Robert C. Hansen |
| 1935 | Clifton A. Smith | 1980-81 | Paul S. Shaw |
| 1936 | Julius C. Sturm | 1982-83 | Harry Wescott |
| 1937-38 | I. Reed Gourley | 1984-85 | Henry Peterson |
| 1939-40 | Walter T. Winch | 1986 | Jay Seavey |
| 1941 | Avis Cross | 1987-89 | Douglas F. Wyman |
| 1942-43 | Elizabeth Crosby | 1990-91 | David L. Harrigan |
| 1944-45 | Arnold Perreton | 1992-93 | D. Kurt Piper |
| 1946-47 | Earnest C. Goland | 1994-95 | Kathleen D. Piper |
| 1948-49 | Osgood E. Waite | 1996-97 | Roger R. Scholl |
| 1950-51 | Almon G. Harris | 1998-99 | Andrew H. McBride |
| 1952 | H. Shirley Dwyer | 2000-01 | Anne Melvin |
| 1953 | Harry Birch | 2002-03 | C. Pete Mason |
| 1954-55 | Charles V. Tallman | 2004-05 | Robert Harrington |
| 1956-57 | Florence W. Harris | 2006-07 | Ruth "Sam" Jamke |
| 1958-60 | J. Clifford Gallant | 2008-09 | Paul Berry |
| 1961 | Dr. Harry C. McDade | 2010-11 | Eric L. Savage |
| 1962-63 | Mrs. Luther G Dearborn | 2012-13 | Karen J. Thurston |