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

**October 25, 2014**

## **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***

Barbara Abbott	Carl Martland
George Abbott	Sheila Matz
David Blohm	William Nichols
Mary Blohm	Frederic Preston
Anita Burroughs	Granthia Preston
Jonathan Burroughs	George Schwenk
Robert Dean	Joseph Stephenson
Harold Dexter	John Stites
Mary Dexter	Ugo Tosco
Robert Hall	Richard Tyler
Milton Kay	

### ***25-Year Members***

Maureen Brousseau	Edward Hanna
Judith Chaves	Thomas Hyde
Elaine Chick	Martin Janoschek
Rodney Dore	Trudi Janoschek
Thomas Dunlea	Allan Kabel
Thomas Gelinas	Ruth Kabel
Helen Gingras	Richard Kelly
John Hall	Wilf Martini
Darrell Hamilton	Michael McCarthy
Lee Hancock	Dana McFaden

Harold McFaden  
Parker Morgan  
Sally Morris  
Robert Najar  
Robin Najar  
Roger Pinchard  
Rene Planchet  
Susan Pratt  
Craig Sanborn  
Cammie Savage  
Eric L. Savage  
Forrest Seavey  
Sheila Siener

Arthur Simington  
Lynn Simington  
Michael Surette  
Kimball Temple  
Maria Temple  
Chris Thayer  
Daphne Wall  
Fred Ward  
Ruth Ward  
Richard Warner  
Richard Wilson  
Wendy Wilson

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## AMC NH Chapter Chair Report

The New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club has enjoyed another year of success in supporting our club's mission of outdoor recreation and conservation advocacy, through the hard work of dedicated volunteers and active Chapter members. Our Chapter is comprised of over 12,000 members of AMC; the Club's second largest Chapter. It has a roster of over 200 volunteer activity leaders, and further benefits from many other Chapter members who support our numerous activities and outreach.

The volunteers of the New Hampshire Chapter organize and lead events, which promote outdoor recreation, conservation, and training throughout New Hampshire. In the past year, our well-trained and dedicated volunteer leaders offered over 400 trips to people of all abilities, including nature walks,

programs, hikes in our state's hills and mountains, kayaking and canoeing, bicycling, skiing, and climbing. Our Chapter helps to maintain the rivers and trails we utilize, offers top-notch training events for beginner and advanced skills, and



promotes conservation. These events are open to Club members and nonmembers alike, and draw thousands of participants from New Hampshire as well as other states. Our Chapter's communication outreach has experienced considerable recent change. Daytrips for all Chapters have

become found and filled primarily through online means, and have been recently eliminated from our Club magazine, ***Outdoors***. Unfortunately, the inaugural issue (Sept-Oct, 2014) of what replaced the Chapters' content was disappointing: bland Chapter "advertisements", and the significant multi-day trips from all Chapters were crammed together like newspaper classifieds without separation by region or host Chapter. We hope Chapter content gets better treatment in future issues. Thankfully, our recent use of the Meetup online platform for publicizing several of our activities has been remarkably successful, finding many new participants previously unfamiliar with our awesome Chapter. We also continue to feature our Chapter events in our newsletter, ***Mountain Passages***, and on our website, **[amc-nh.org](http://amc-nh.org)**.

The New Hampshire Chapter offers a variety of training opportunities to participants, either free or at very affordable prices because our instructors volunteer their time. In the past year we've provided a white water paddling school, an ice climbing series, glacier travel and crevasse rescue workshops, an intro to rock climbing series, an avalanche class, weekend workshops for hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing, and clinics for navigating with map & compass.

We hope you've been able to join us in the past year for outdoor adventure. 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,  
Wayne Goertel, Chapter Chair

## **AMC NH Treasurer's Report**

The financial position of the New Hampshire Chapter is strong, with Chapter funds up more than 10% over last year with substantial gains being realized by our Invested Reserved account, managed by the AMC. Income from web memberships and our chapter allocated funds are both up over the previous year, another positive sign of Chapter growth and financial strength.

As predicted in last year's report, most transactions have moved from paper-based to electronic. Funds transferred to the chapter from the AMC arrive electronically together with full accounting documentation. In addition, the Chapter has expanded the use of our PayPal account to include most chapter activities. Our Webmaster has built the necessary technical resources to allow deposits to be made to the central PayPal account tagged in a way that is clear as to which activity they should be applied. In addition to the primary goal of making it easier for participants by offering an additional payment option, these electronics transfers leave clear records that increase the visibility and transparency of our financial operations.

One of the main responsibilities of the Chapter Treasurer is to keep committee members informed about the financial health of the Chapter as well as the status of funds delivered against budgeted funds requested. To that end I've changed the format of the monthly financial reports issued in order to make them more accessible to committee chairpersons. Feedback has been positive, but the format will be reevaluated each year and modified as necessary to meet the stated goal.

The New Hampshire Chapter started working on an activity-based budgeting process last year, one that focuses primarily on the value of activities delivered to our chapter members and also on leader training and recognition. From the expense related to maintaining a printed newsletter to capital and user activity related expense, all potential opportunities to fund Chapter activities are evaluated against these goals. The funds allocated to the Chapter primarily support membership activities, and with the new budgeting process we have put in place funds are delivered to activity committees based on what activities will be supported, not as a lump sum. The communication between the different activity groups in the Chapter during this budgeting process as they explain their spending priorities has helped foster a better understanding of how each group supports the goals of providing desired member activities, leader training and leader recognition. This cross-pollination of ideas from different activity groups has helped create some new opportunities for involvement as well as reinforce the culture of the New Hampshire Chapter.



Respectfully submitted,  
Rick Desmarais, Treasurer



## **AMC NH Secretary's Report**

The 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Canterbury Woods Country Club, Canterbury, NH on October 26, 2013. Over 120 members were in attendance.

Karen Thurston, Chair, presided over the meeting. Our Chapter is over 12,000 strong and grows each month by approximately 200 new members. The Chapter continues to invest in leadership training and recognition, which contributes to high quality activities.

Four, 50-year members and a number of 25-year members were recognized and honored.

Susan Arnold, AMC VP for Conservation addressed the members. She gave an overview of the Club's position on both the Northern Pass Project and proposed wind farms in New Hampshire. This year was the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AMC huts.

Tim Kennedy, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented the 2013-2014 slate of Officers and Executive Committee members, which was approved unanimously by the members in attendance.

### ***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 & Jennifer Varney
Hospitality	Lu Ann Laquerre
Membership	Marianne Page
Mountaineering	Jim Kent & Tom Sintros
Newsletter	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

### ***Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Committee***

Regional Director	Ruth "Sam" Jamke
Immediate Past Chair	Karen Thurston

Our guest speaker was Michael Tougias, author of [A Storm Too Soon](#). He gave a presentation on a true story of a disaster at sea and the subsequent harrowing Coast Guard rescue.



In 2013-2014, the AMC NH Executive Committee held monthly meetings (with the exception of January, July and August). Minutes from these meetings can be found at: <http://amc-nh.org/chapter/index.php>

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Zimmer, Secretary

## Report from the AMC's Northern Regional Director

It continues to be a pleasure to represent two of the Club's most vibrant chapters (NH and ME) on the Club's Board of Directors. Both chapters are growing in number of members and continue to offer exciting activities for all members. In January, I will begin my last of six years on the Board – hard to believe! The past couple of years have been very exciting ones – our now-not-quite-so-new president, John Judge, is making his mark on the Club and shaping its mission. We see a greater than ever appreciation of our volunteers and an active striving to engage the younger generation in outdoor recreation and conservation.



The club recently underwent a rebranding effort, came up with a new logo and tagline, and created a new look for the Backcountry section of *Outdoors* magazine.

We opened a new NYC office and are making great strides partnering with local organizations to offer close to home outdoor recreational opportunities in the area. We are also looking at acquiring a camp in Harriman State Park in southern NY State so that the metropolitan area will have its own special AMC “destination.”

Closer to home, the AMC Rx Outdoors program is increasing in popularity and more physicians are writing prescriptions to get kids outside. AMC staff are working with college outing clubs to engage students, and family-oriented events are widely available, both staff and volunteer-led. The lodges in the Maine woods are growing in popularity and bed nights are way up. Medawisla renovations are underway and it is hoped that the camp can re-open in a year or so, with both full service and self-service options available.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth 'Sam' Jamke, AMC Director, Northern Region

### **AMC NH Bike Committee**

The biking committee selected the theme "Bike New Hampshire" for this year. To accomplish this we offered a wider variety of bike rides to help us meet your biking interests. We also added a Biking co-chair, Doria Harris, this year and look forward to working with her throughout the next year.



We began the season with some introductory rides on rail trails and lightly traveled roads at slower speeds and shorter distances, appealing to families and people new to biking or people who are not used to riding in groups. We followed these events up with rides at faster paces and for

longer distances on both roads and rail trails, and we added some overnight rides for those who want to combine some camping with their biking.

We will accept bike ride leaders from any part of New Hampshire, but we are especially interested in finding new ride leaders in the northern and southwestern areas of the state. Our first Bike Ride Leader training was on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at Cardigan Lodge in Alexandria NH.

As the off-season for biking approaches, we would like to suggest that bikers around the state watch your local newspapers and government information releases for biking opportunities. Many cities and towns are becoming active in developing biking routes and converting unused rail beds into hiking and biking paths.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gene Harding & Doria Harris, Co-Chairs

### **AMC NH Excursions Committee**

It was a busy year for the Excursions committee, with many new leaders successfully completing the mentoring process. Both of the winter workshops at Cardigan lodge were successful, and the spring workshop was especially successful, hosting more participants than either of the winter! The backpacking and 'stay out all night with just your daypack' courses continue to increase in popularity each year.

The Excursions committee offered almost 200 activities in the past twelve months!

In addition to adding leaders to the roster, the other major accomplishment this year was the new Excursions presence on the Meet Up sites. Thanks largely to John Bergman and Beth Zimmer, the committee now has a Meetup page that boasts membership in the hundreds! The Winter Hiking Series is also expanding its reach, both through publicity on the Meetup site, and also through the addition of Larry Yetter as co-director. Together, Larry and director, Bob Humphrey, have streamlined the advertising and screening process, built a strong and experienced group of instructors, and expanded hike options throughout the series. We are looking forward to a very successful year!



Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Varney & David Ross, Co-Chairs

## **NH Programs & Hospitality Committee**

The Programs Committee and Hospitality Committee planned and scheduled seven events for this year. Two of the events were in collaboration with the Concord Library and they were very well received. We hope that the

collaborative relationship with the Concord Library may continue with more events in the future.

Our first event was a Winter Expo held at the Concord Technical Institute in early December. Volunteers from the various activity committees brought sample gear and staffed tables to inform the public about the kinds of activities we offer. Our third annual Winter Expo event was not as well attended as the first two and it is obvious that a new forum and/or venue will need to be considered.

In April, Programs again coordinated representation for AMC-NH at Project WILD NH. Thanks to Sam Jamke, Tom Sintros, Richie Holstein, Gene Harding and Bill Warren for volunteering to represent the Chapter at this event. 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.

Our next offering was a Dinner Meeting held in Concord. Sam Jamke spoke to a sell-out crowd at the Makris Lobster House. She spoke about her experiences “Trekking Patagonia” while leading AMC Adventure Travel trips. She shared beautiful photos of scenery and wildlife, along with stories from two trips she has led to Patagonia. Sam is an AMC Adventure Travel Leader and answered questions



about the logistics of running a trip to this far-away paradise.

In May, we scheduled our first collaborative event with the Concord Library. Jennifer Pharr

Davis shared her presentation “Called Again” with the group. She is the overall record holder on the Appalachian Trail, having hiked the 2181 miles in just 46 days. She has written several books and was named a National Geographic Adventurer. She has been widely interviewed by national media and owns her own hiking adventure company in North Carolina. Her presentation was well-received by the more than 100 attendees.

In September, our second collaboration with the Concord Library, “Everest Basecamp in Nepal” was presented by Ellen Ruggles, AMC member and excursion leader. She gave a wonderful



accounting of her adventures while traveling to the Everest Basecamp accompanied by a beautiful slideshow. She also provided a display of interesting items she brought back from Nepal. It was a fascinating and educational evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 65 or more attendees.

Our last event is the Annual Meeting to be held at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH on October 25, 2014 with Ron Janowitz, AMC Adventure Travel leader as the speaker.

He will give a presentation, “Ruined in Utah,” about his adventures as a volunteer for the National Park Service. He will share photos of his three months last fall as a volunteer





at Natural Bridges and describe his experiences. He will describe how you can apply to become a National Park volunteer.

The Programs Co-chairs wish to thank all of those individuals who presented, supported and attended our events this year and during our three-year tenure as your Programs Co-Chairs. We have enjoyed serving.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul & Marie Berry, AMC NH Programs Co-Chairs  
LuAnn Laquerre, AMC NH Hospitality Chair

### **AMC NH Membership Committee**

We are so proud to congratulate 21 members on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Club, and 46 members on their 25<sup>th</sup> year in supporting the AMC. Their fortitude in active participation, leadership and financial support is an inspiration to all of us. All were invited to share a free dinner at our Annual Meeting, and those who were able to attend, were honored with a pin and a certificate.

With a grateful heart of thanks, we wish them continued enjoyment in all the Club is offering. As we develop the next generation of stewards of our mountains, we welcome their experience towards education. Happy Anniversary!

NH continues to be the fastest growing chapter in the AMC family, with a total of 12,465 members as of September 14, 2014. Our chapter prides itself in offering outdoor fun and

activities in hiking, biking, skiing, mountaineering, and paddling for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages. Our leaders are well prepared to lead on land and in the water, in our state and around the world!

To reach out to new members, we take advantage of the opportunity to send a NH Chapter personalized welcome on the back of the Club welcome letter sent out from Joy Street. We continued our Welcome postcards in addition, with 1700 mailings between October 2013 and May 2014. In May the existing stock of our beautiful postcards was exhausted and the decision to discontinue rather than revamp and reorder the postcards was reached by the Executive Board. The board agreed with the membership co-chairs, the time consuming effort and expense of mailing was no longer the best way to inform and greet our growing membership, ever more savvy in the digital arena. The club also sends us copy of responses to questions of why a new member joined, and their preferred activity in our chapter. Between June and September of this year we added an additional 458 members to the chapter.

New members were invited to a special beginners hike on Welch and Dickey in November, and to Five Finger Point and West Rattlesnake in July. Both hikes were well received and



Membership plans to continue to offer hikes for Beginners.

Our colorful trifold brochures marketing the NH Chapter continue to be popular as they detail Biking, Excursions, Family Group, Over-55 Group, Mountaineering, Paddling, Skiing, Trails, Young Members and our famous Winter and Spring Schools. We also give out many business cards with our web address.

Membership Co-chair Ed Parker, will be leaving NH to start a new job out-of-state. I wish him good luck in his new pursuit with many thanks for his ideas, enthusiasm, and IT knowledge in today's world of communication.

NH Membership looks forward to serving our chapter members with fresh ideas, and with continued enthusiasm.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Marianne Page & Ed Parker, Co-Chairs

## **AMC NH Mountaineering Committee**

The Mountaineering Committee had an active and safe year in 2013-2014. 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 2013 and September 2014, the Mountaineering Committee conducted 19 trips totaling 37 days, and 14 workshop/clinics totaling 19 days. This

included the successful "Tuesday Night Summer Climbing Series" in Rumney, NH, which was started in 2012.

The Mountaineering Committee also conducted a two-day, overnight Southern Presidential Traverse trip where demand exceeded our capacity. It's clear there is significant public interest in these organized overnight Winter trips. Mountaineering was represented at the NH Wild Day exposition on April 19, with intentions to repeat in 2015.

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. This clinic will transition to the Ski Committee starting December 2014. 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 offered three, one-day Introduction to Ice climbing classes, a two-day Introduction to Rock Climbing class, a two-day Rock Climbing Leader Workshop, a one-day Climbing Self-Rescue course, a one-day crack climbing course from Art Mooney, and a one-day "Psychology of Climbing" class. We also conducted a two-day Top Rope Site Management course for leader qualification. We held a "series" of ice climbing days held in Keene, and new for 2014, a day of skills practice at Stonehouse Pond in Barrington. These climbing sessions exceeded capacity and affirmed the demand is present to continue offering these East-West locations in the future.

The Mountaineering Committee also participated in the December 2013 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.

The Mountaineering Spring Meeting in April 2014 included concerns about spending Committee funds for AMGA SPI certification. The consensus was to discontinue this practice, in spite of the co-chairs position, and Chapter funding for Leadership certification.

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 - November/December 2013 through September/October 2014. Each 8-page issue of *Mountain Passages* was mailed to approximately 4570 members, and emailed to approximately 4700 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 \$2620 was generated, which helped offset the cost of printing and mailing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Janowitz, & Michelle O'Donnell, Newsletter Committee

## AMC NH Paddling Committee

To start the 2014 paddling season, 35 volunteers from NHAMC Paddlers and the Merrimack Valley Paddlers worked together to plan, instruct, feed, and provide hospitality for 17 Kayak and 7 canoe students. The Whitewater School was a combination of classroom talks and practice on the water concluding with a Class 2 white water instructional run on the Sugar River in Newport NH.

Use of our Meetup site contributed to increased attendance at our Wednesday evening recreational paddling series. Average attendance went from 20 a week in 2013, to 30 in 2014, despite weather cancellations and rescheduling, and included many beginner paddlers and families with children. One beginning couple purchased their own kayaks after paddling with us for a few weeks. Along with the increased participation we had a record number of rentals this year and usually had to split the groups in two. On one trip we had a friend of a participant take photos from overhead with his drone!

Use of the Meetup site had proven to be a great way to attract new members and get people to our events. We received only a small handful of registrations from the website listings.

A reporter from the Hippo Newspaper interviewed Co-chair John Pilla to promote kayaking and the NHAMC paddlers in an article *Try a Kayak*.

The trash patrols are going nicely. Although we had to cancel in July because of high water and high winds, and the weather for the August one was a little sketchy, we cleared 928 pieces of trash from the Nashua and Merrimack rivers ranging from tires and lawn chairs to plastic bottles and soda cans.

Subway and D'Angelos supported us with food, and towns helped us by picking up the collected trash. A plus has been attracting new paddlers!



White water trips on the Pemigewasset, North Woodstock section was very popular and several members showed up who have not paddled with the club in a while.

This year Jerry Smith lead a sea kayaking trip from Portsmouth across the river, up the Maine coast and back for a total of 11.9 miles. Paul Berry led several tidal trips in Portsmouth harbor.

Ten paddling leaders/volunteers, led by instructor Mike Gatewood, attended the 2014 whitewater rescue class held on the Pemigewasset-Bristol river August 16 -17. Camping at Davidson's campground really added to the whole experience. The class went smoothly, and we received positive feedback from the participants. Everyone learned something new, and all worked hard on safety and rescue drills. Thanks to Dan Corey for coordinating the training.



A leadership class to train paddling trip leaders was held in February taught by Patty Anderson. Five people attended with skills in flat



water and whitewater. Two attendees went on to complete their leadership requirements and are qualified trip leaders for AMC NH Paddlers. They are Dan Corey and Suzanne Cox.

The Paddlers' First Aid and CPR courses will be offered this fall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcy Stanton & John D. Pilla, Co-Chairs

## **AMC NH Ski Committee**

During the 2013-2014 ski season, the Ski Committee offered 24 backcountry trips with 125 participants; 6 telemark clinics with 24 participants; and 2 cross country ski clinics/socials with 13 participants. In addition, lunchtime skate skiing sessions were held in Hanover.

The Ski committee also offered three classes at both sessions of the AMC NH's Winter School at Cardigan lodge.

The Chapter has authorized reimbursement for leaders that choose to pursue Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) membership. Additionally, the



Ski Committee has budgeted for training expenses for 8 leaders. Four leaders, Thor Smith, Valerio Viti, Tyson Sawyer and Ted Stever, attended PSIA clinics.

Six ski leaders attended the Eastern Snow and Avalanche Workshop in North Conway in November 2013. Two leaders, Alex Cohn and Tony Schmidt attended AIARE Level II Avalanche Safety course in Baxter State Park, ME.

A group of 8 ski leaders took a backcountry skiing trip to the National Park of La Gaspesie in Quebec.

Starting in 2015, the Avalanche Awareness course that was historically taught in the Mountaineering Committee, will be sponsored by the Ski committee.

In December 2013 the ski committee hosted the Annual Jim Tasse Telemark Ski Clinic for trip leaders. Fifteen leaders attended this clinic, which was held at Loon Mountain.



One leader in training, Alex Cohn, has completed the mentoring requirements, and he is now a Level I leader. The committee now has 17 active Level I leaders with two leaders in training.

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

## **AMC NH Trails Committee**

The primary work of the Trails Committee this season has been to keep up with our commitment to the Old Bridle Path in Franconia Notch, the AMC-NH Chapter's adopted trail.



Beyond basic brushing and drainage, we managed to blaze the length of the Bridle Path. Hikers passing us, as the work neared completion, remarked how glad they were for the upgrade.

Damage from Hurricane Sandy and heavy rains in the fall of 2013 left deep gauges on the section of the Old Bridle Path beneath the point where Walker Brook comes closest. The AMC Professional Crew rebuilt the treadway and reworked a large drainage ditch to the side of the trail. They put in wood water bars in that stretch as well. While there's already been some obvious wear on the new work (the Bridle Path is very heavily traveled), it may well be the case that Walker Brook will again jump its bank and wash away all that was done.

Richie Holstein received instruction in chainsaw safety from the State of NH Trails Bureau.

We are presently in discussion regarding how to best support efforts to sustain a trail crew at the Mt. Cardigan reservation.

We generally schedule trips throughout New Hampshire from May to October. Volunteers – including some for their first time – contribute hundreds of hours on various projects:

- Old Bridle Path (the chapter's White Mountain adopted trail).
- Brushing and drainage at various state parks.
- AMC Mt. Cardigan Reservation.
- Occasional 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.

We're ready to teach you how when you're ready! Every project is different and has opportunities for everyone. We have all the tools you'll need – just bring yourself! Look for our events on the chapter and AMC web sites. 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](http://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 key is to provide content that many people find uniquely useful on a repetitive basis for return visits.

We have been a success as our website popularity as rated by Alexa, shows our usage statistics far higher than any other AMC-related website other than the AMC's main website, [outdoors.org](http://outdoors.org). ... and our usage had been growing.

Our Chapter website underwent a significant revision and upgrade this spring, with a more modern look and feel in line with AMC's recent rebranding efforts. It was a challenging project, but gave us the opportunity to do a little reorganization on the website while maintaining the easy navigation. This project took over 400 hours of effort.

NH Chapter should be proud as we have one of the closest website designs to the AMC's rebranding guidelines. The website is now a lot cleaner looking that it has been in the past.

We upgraded the modules for online payments that let trip and workshop leaders collect registration and payments for even small events through PayPal. A number of leaders

have become very proficient in setting these up. The PayPal system was used for about 20 events through the year. With the ease of setting these up, committees are having an easier time of collecting funds for their events.

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 like to meet you and have you join them in various activities while at the same time showing that they have a lot of experience. Each leader is invited to include pictures that are of the leader and their interests, or by the leader.

The establishment of Wildlife Guides and Galleries is a project that attempts to offer a complete guide to all of NH Wildlife such as wildflowers (179 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 increased by 25% this year. It includes over 418 species with 2059 pictures. We have more photographers



participating, and have a backlog of images to publish.

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 & Wayne Goertel, Chapter Chair

## **AMC NH Young Members**

This year the Young Members group held several events and saw an increase in active membership. This past winter we had several ski socials that were popular and well attended. In the spring, we had our Young Members annual dinner, and Bear Brook picnic. We collaborated with the Young Members Maine group and held a Hut Weekend at Mitzpah Spring Hut in May. In the summer we held our Barns Field Camping Weekend with an official led hike up Mt Jefferson. Fall brought the Osceola Vista Camping weekend, in collaboration with the Maine and Narragansett chapters, offering hikes up the Hancocks and Osceola – which coincided with the “Flags on the 48: event.



All these events have brought in new membership and

increased interest in the group. Coming up in November we'll host our Fall Hut weekend at Lonesome Lake. This year there has been a renewed interest in winter hiking, with several of our newer members scheduled to attend the NH Chapter's Winter Hiking Series. Overall, the year has had several successful events and increased membership.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joshua Meltzer, Chair

### **AMC NH Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee, consisting of 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 25, 2014.

All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October 2015.

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Membership	Marianne Page
Mountaineering	Open



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