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

October 24, 2015

**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!

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Ruth Knowles
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Katherine Larson
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Robert Lindstrom
Anne Melvin

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Lee Udy
Joan Zardus

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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 exceptional mission of outdoor recreation and conservation advocacy, through the hard work of dedicated volunteers and active Chapter members. Our Chapter is comprised of over 13,000 members of the AMC, is the Club's second largest Chapter, and has a roster of over 200 volunteer activity leaders.

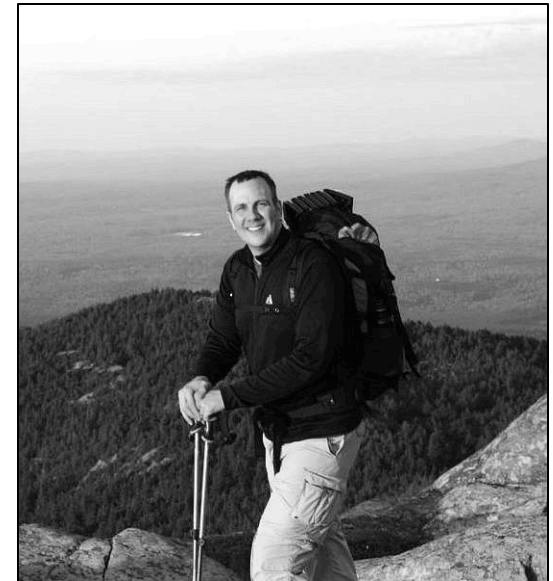
The volunteers of the New Hampshire Chapter organize and lead events which promote outdoor recreation, conservation, and training throughout New Hampshire. In the past year, our well-trained and dedicated volunteer leaders offered over 400 trips to people of all abilities, including nature walks, social events and 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 non-members alike, and draw thousands of participants from New Hampshire as well as other states.

We've continued to reach people outside the AMC family with our use Meetup and Facebook to publicize many of our activities, finding many new participants previously unfamiliar with our outstanding Chapter. Our leaders often remark at how quickly these Meetup and Facebook events fill up. We also continue to feature our Chapter events in our newsletter, ***Mountain Passages***, on our website, *amc-nh.org*, and through AMC email blasts.

Our Chapter and Committees continue to find ways to train and reward our volunteer leaders, an important area of focus the last several years. We've been thankful for decades of good Chapter stewardship by our Executive Committee, with prudent management of finances and a tradition of cultivating leaders from our activity participants.

As my term as Chapter Chair comes to a close, I must say that it has been a tremendous privilege to serve with such an exceptional group of volunteers. The NH Chapter has been a source of friendship and camaraderie for years, and working with our Executive Committee and many event leaders and participants has been inspiring. In particular, I am indebted to Past Chair Karen Thurston and Vice Chair Bill Warren for their wisdom and perspective the past four years, and to my wife Meredith (whom I met through AMC) for her ongoing support of my volunteerism.

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 C. Goertel, Chapter Chair

AMC NH Treasurer's Report

The financial position of the New Hampshire Chapter is strong, led by an increase in income from web memberships and our Chapter allocated funds, as well as from substantial contributions from Committees who have been conducting their own activities and realizing gains. The invested reserves account, which is managed for the Chapter by the AMC, also showed gains but they weren't as substantial as in previous years. However, NH Chapter funds overall are up 17% over last year, which confirms that our Chapter is active, healthy and financially stable.

From a day-to-day management standpoint, this past year has been relatively uneventful. All the systems and issues that were addressed over the past two years, (related to transitioning accounts and updating procedures), have been working as expected and allowed all in the Chapter to focus on leading activities for our members. Our yearly budgeting process, which typically requires one or more committee meetings to complete, was resolved in about an hour after the process was streamlined. This stability has allowed us the space to start reviewing how we handle other topics, such as participant data.

Over the past two to three years, as the Chapter has increased its use of PayPal for electronic payments for most activities, Chapter volunteers have been spending more time managing data related to participant logistics, such as names and addresses, and less time managing the financial side of the activities they lead. For the balance of electronic communication we've been using some conventional corporate methods for limiting access to data but we've recently started a long-term initiative to delve deeper. Over the next year we'll be assessing how we store participant information and how we communicate that information between ourselves. Part of this effort will be educational, focused on training volunteer leaders to be aware of the issues involved when handling this data and part of it will be technical, providing support and guidance on what techniques and tools should be used. To be clear, currently we don't handle participant payment data electronically so this effort is substantially aimed at protecting the names and addresses of our Chapter activity participants. As a topic of considerable concern in the commercial and consumer space, we believe that our obligation is to be continually vigilant in protecting all digital data that we collect from activity participants.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Desmarais, Treasurer



AMC NH Secretary's Report

The 94th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH on October 25, 2014. Wayne Goertel, Chair, presided over the meeting. Our Chapter is over 12,500 strong. This past year, our 225 volunteer activity leaders generated over 400 volunteer-led activities in the areas of hiking, biking, padding, climbing, and more. Our Chapter has offered free or low cost training opportunities in a variety of areas, such as rope climbing, glacier travel, hiking leadership, and map and compass skills, etc.

As a testament to the above, the NH Chapter received the 2014 Spirit of NH Volunteer Champion Award for its trips, activities and stewardship.

Wayne Goertel summarized how our Chapter helps connect our members to activities and in turn, helps people to grow to love the outdoors. The Excursions Committee has shown great success with posting activities on Meetup, reaching new folks unfamiliar with the NH Chapter or AMC. Our Chapter newsletter, website and Facebook groups are also well utilized.

Goals for 2015 will include:

1. Fostering more active Young Member participants and cultivating more Young Member leaders.
2. Better utilizing social media to reach out to folks not familiar with the AMC NH Chapter.
3. Continuing to support our awesome volunteers.

Bill Warren, Vice-Chair, presented members with proposed by-law changes. Key changes included:

- Provide the Chapter treasure with the ability to assist with individual committee finances if need
- Consolidate the Conservation and Education Committees
- Consolidate the Programs and Hospitality Committees
- Provide a process for electronic Executive Committee meeting and voting
- Cap the standing committee votes to two per committee

After some discussion, Bill Warren made a motion to accept the by-law changes as recommended. This was seconded and approved by voice vote.

The following slate of nominees for the NH Chapter Executive Committee was presented and accepted by members for the year 2014-15.

Officers

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

Committee Chairs

Bike	Gene Harding & Doria Harris
Conservation & Education	Paul Hopkins & Eric L. Savage
Excursions	Kevin Rooney & David Ross
Membership	Marianne Page
Mountaineering	Open
Newsletter	Ron Janowitz & Michelle O'Donnell
Paddling	Paul Berry & John Pilla
Programs	LuAnn Laquerre
Ski	Tony Schmidt & Valerio Viti

Trails Richie Holstein
Webmaster Tom Todd
Young Members Joshua Meltzer

Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Committee

Regional Director Ruth “Sam” Jamke
Immediate Past Chair Karen Thurston

Beth Zimmer moved a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. This was seconded and approved by a voice vote.

Marianne Page, Membership, welcomed and thanked those 25 and 50-year members in attendance. David Blohm, one of our 50-year members, joined the AMC in 1958 when he was eight years old. He read a moving letter describing his relationship with the AMC.

Wayne Goertel thanked our departing Executive Committee Members for their volunteer efforts and presented them with a framed photograph.

Faith Salter, Director of Volunteer Relations spoke to members. Our trips, activities, training and newsletter contribute to making us a leader among chapters. She spoke briefly about several conservation updates, including Northern Pass and wind tower proposals. She reminded members that all AMC conservation work is grounded in peer-reviewed science.



Our guest speaker, Ron Janowitz, offered a slideshow program titled, “Ruined in Utah.” Ron spoke to members about his time volunteering for the National Park Service at Natural Bridges National Monument.

In 2014-2015, 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**

Talk about how time flies! This January I will pass the baton to the able hands of my friend, John Mullens, of the Maine Chapter. It has been a wonderfully rewarding six years on the Board, and I am quite sure I will remain very much involved in all phases of the AMC, leading Adventure Travel trips and NH Chapter hikes, working as an information volunteer in the huts and lodges and participating in various Chapter and Club-wide events.

I am going to miss the regular contact with my NH and Maine Chapter friends and colleagues that I have had in my soon-to-end role as your representative on AMC’s Board of Directors.



I want to thank everyone for their support and cooperation over the years and hope we can stay in touch. I expect I will see many of you at Club events – please do say hello when our paths cross.

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

AMC NH Bike Committee

Our main goal for 2014 was to encourage people to get out and ride their bike. To do end we offered a variety of programs.

Bike Touring – In the winter months we offered talks regarding traveling by bicycle. In the spring we offered a workshop, which covered the basics of how to prepare for a bike tour. We covered trip planning, what to bring, and how to pack, etc. In early summer we offered a bike overnight trip for those who attended the workshop. We had a half dozen people attend the talks, one attended the workshop and one went on the overnight.

Bike Challenges – We offered two challenges. One was to go on a ride of at least ten miles and ride to or through fifteen of New Hampshire's covered bridges. The second challenge was to ride a total of 100 miles of AMC NH Chapter-led bike rides.

We had several riders who completed the covered bridge challenge and about ten more who have gone on several bridge rides. We also have several riders who are close to completing the 100-Mile Challenge.

Back-to-Biking Program – For this program, we offered bike riding sessions which covered shifting, braking and other bike handling skills for people who ride but are not comfortable riding or who feel they do not ride as efficiently as they would like. Three sessions were offered.



Come Bike My NH Rides – These were rides that our bike leaders led in their local areas, with the idea being to show others what their area of NH has to offer and to also encourage more participation of our bike leaders. Thus far in 2015, we have offered more rides of various types that in all of 2014. We seem to have a core group of riders who regularly show up for rides in areas close to where they live. We intend to encourage our leaders to offer more local rides next year as well.

On a more somber note, Biking Co-Chair Gene Harding passed away this past September after a brief illness with cancer. He was a positive and caring man, whose presence will be greatly

missed.

Respectfully submitted,
Doria Harris, Chair

AMC NH Excursions Committee

2014 was another busy year for the Excursions Committee, seeing a total 140 volunteer leader-led activities. Most were day hikes, usually to a NH High Peak or “48K”, but many were instructional workshops or multi-day events. Our Chapter emphasizes the value of backcountry skills training and strives to provide outdoor education at little or no cost to our members and the general public.

Here are some specifics:

The **Winter Hiking Series** lead by Director Bob Humphrey and Co-Director Larry Yetter trained 24 participants in the fine points of



winter hiking. Three of these participants continued their training with Leadership workshops at Cardigan and are now completing the mentoring process to become hike leaders.

Our **Cardigan Workshops** provided education to a record number of people. The January Winter session had 48 participants including 6 leader candidates; the February Winter session had 42 participants with 5 leader candidates; and the April Spring session had 43 participants, with 11 leader candidates. Between the three workshops above and our October one-day Leadership Training class, we covered a total of 20 topical areas. This effort is led by our Workshop Director Rick Silverberg and Co-Director Bob Humphrey, and supported by 42 NH Chapter leaders as teachers and support staff.

The **Family Group** started their season with a very well attended “Staying Found Workshop” in the early spring. This event was presented by members of New England K-9 Search and Rescue and co-hosted by the Beaver Brook Association in Hollis. Around 40 people in attendance learned how to keep kids from getting lost and what kids should do if they do become lost while hiking. June 6 & 7 was the Family Group’s annual spring hut night, which was at Madison Spring Hut this year. Family Group had a 35-year reunion. The Family Group annual fall gathering at Cardigan Lodge is our premier event and will be held on November 13-16. At this event we expect to fill all 60 bunks in the lodge as usual. Wanda Rice continues to serve as Family Group Coordinator and her efforts to lead and maintain this active group are much appreciated.

Through the efforts of John McHugh, the **Presidential Range Hike** was again successful, with 21 participants and 4 NH Chapter Hiking leaders. Four of these participants became AMC members, and the PRH generated more than \$16,000 for

the AMC. The PRH is the single largest group to visit the huts during the season.

We also increased our Map and Compass and GPS training offerings this year to include an overnight workshop. These courses are always popular with waitlists. A Women's introductory backpacking session was also held this year and the first "Walk with a Ranger" program was offered to Leaders this year. Our thanks to Beth Zimmer for her efforts with these trainings.

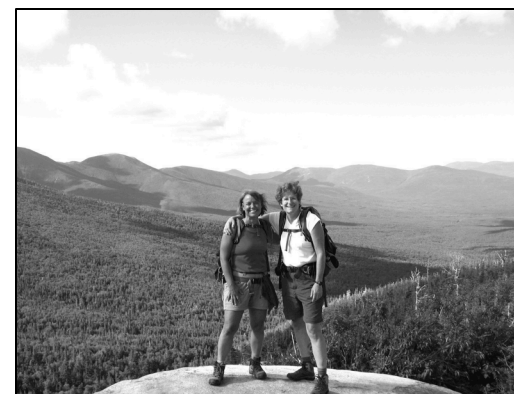
We attribute the increased participation in all activities in part to social media through both Meetup and Facebook. We owe thanks again to John Bergman and Beth Zimmer for their efforts with Meetup, and Jamie Gillon for maintaining a Facebook page for Young Members.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Rooney and David Ross, Excursions Co-Chairs

NH Programs & Hospitality Committee

This past year the Programs Committee and Hospitality Committee were merged together and is now known as the Programs Committee. Terri Wilson volunteered to join Programs and was appointed interim Co-Chair at our June Chapter meeting. There were seven events scheduled this year. Our collaboration with the Concord, NH library was well received and a number of events were presented from this location.

Our first event was held on November 15 with the gracious host location at Dartmouth College. Nancy Sporborg and Pat Piper gave one of their last presentations of,



"It's Not About the Hike!" A small group of attendees enjoyed their uplifting personal story of encouragement for challenges in life and how we might manage challenges in each of our personal lives.

On January 14, Paul Berry gave a presentation at the Concord Library about Winter Fun. A large group of attendees learned of easy and affordable locations for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and hiking spots. This was a good opportunity to learn how to use new equipment received during the holidays.

In April, a group of volunteers participated in WILD New Hampshire Day at the NH Fish and Game Department in Concord NH. This was an exciting outdoor festival for families to enjoy with over 70 exhibits from outdoor, conservation and environmental groups from New Hampshire. We had our own representation from membership, hiking, biking, paddling, backpacking, family group, mountaineering, and trails. Thanks to all our volunteers who gave of their time and knowledge to represent AMC NH.

In May, Bill Warren taught a class at the Concord Library on outdoor nutrition, trail cooking and fueling up for day hikes. A

group filled the room to listen to his class and came away with how to prepare foods that blend carbohydrates, fats and protein to make your legs move and keep your brain working.

On July 21, Paul Berry hosted a program for those interested in paddling kayaks, canoes and paddleboards in Concord and nearby areas. Information was made available about equipment, rentals and trips.

Hiking in the fall was presented on September 23, at the Concord Library. A presentation was given with general information about fall hiking and to highlight some of the nearby places and other trails available throughout New Hampshire.

Our last event is the Annual Meeting to be held at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH on October 24th, 2015. Our speaker Barb Audin will speak to us about her travels as a Himalayan Health Care Volunteer. Barb will share her photos and experiences of her efforts to help provide primary care to villages in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains, located north of Kathmandu.

The Programs Co-chairs wish to thank all those individuals who presented, supported and attended our events. A special thank you goes out to Paul Berry who coordinated and organized the events held in collaboration with the Concord, NH Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Lu Ann Laquerre, Co-Chair & Terri Wilson Interim Co-Chair

AMC NH Membership Committee

We are so very proud of our 50 and 25 anniversary members! They are the backbone of our organization, upholding the principles of our AMC. We congratulate 20 members on their 50-year, "Golden Anniversary" in the NH Chapter, and 84 members on celebrating 25 years of continued membership in the Chapter.

We welcome all to our Annual Meeting in gratitude for their fortitude in active participation, leadership, and financial support, as they are an inspiration to us all. Our token of a certificate is a small thank you from our Chapter with an invitation to dinner shared at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

With a grateful heart and thanks we wish them continued enjoyment in all the Chapter has to offer. As we develop the next generation of stewards of our mountains, and the leadership for our expanding memberships we acknowledge their experience we build upon.

Our NH Chapter is still the fastest growing chapter in the AMC family. We have a total of 13,057 members as of September 2015. Family memberships total 8,034, Family 'Life' memberships total 212, Individual memberships are at 3,402, Life memberships at 196, Seniors at 863, followed by Under 30 at 335 and Youth Leaders up to 15! Congratulations to all.

Membership facilitated several hikes in winter, as well as a Hut hiking series to all 8 of the NH huts in the White Mountains. They were labeled 'over 55 hikes' to appeal to new and returning members.

Our colorful brochures highlight 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. NH Membership looks forward to new ideas with continued enthusiasm, in service of its members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marianne Page & Trudi Janoschek, Co-Chairs

AMC NH Mountaineering Committee

The Mountaineering Committee (MC) had an active and safe year in 2014-2015. The MC calendar is separated into 3 sections – ice climbing, glacier travel preparations and rock climbing. We offer technical climbing trips throughout each season involving ropes, harnesses, helmets and ice tools. Our activities require the participants to have a certain technical acumen to join, while our workshops and clinics offer a safe educational experience for new and regular climbers. We offer gear loan (harness, helmet, crampons, ice tools, etc.) as

needed from the MC gear inventory to ensure everyone is welcome to participate while keeping a keen eye on safety.

Between September 2014 and September 2015, the MC completed 46 committee events spanning the gamut of locations. A core group within the MC continues to offer the ‘Tuesday Nights at Rumney’ rock climbing series (first started in 2012) with excellent turnout.

In addition to our regular trips, we ran a number of climbing/mountaineering clinics. In April, we conducted a 1-day Introduction to Glacier Travel Workshop, and a 2-day Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue Workshop. These workshops fill to capacity each year and 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 (including an Ice Multi-pitch clinic new for 2015) and seven summer climbing workshops, which included the Annual Top Rope Site Management where many new



MC Leaders are discovered. Leader training was completed with Mooney Mountain Guides for Anchor Building and Multi-

pitch leading techniques. Ice climbing activities in Keene and Barrington, NH exceeded capacity and affirmed the demand is present to continue offering these East-West locations in the future.

The MC is committed to leader development within our technical fields. Staying current with accepted and best practices is critical to participant safety and growing the MC. At the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 meeting, the MC approved using available Chapter funds (already allocated through the budgeting process) for leader certification including AMGA (American Mountain Guides Association) SPI (Single Pitch Instructor) credentials. We have three leaders in the AMGA SPI process for 2015. The certifications benefit the entire MC through leader-to-leader training, methodology review and implementation of current best-practices.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Joseph Dorsheimer & Tom Sintros, Co-Chairs

AMC NH Newsletter Committee

The Newsletter Committee published six bi-monthly newsletters during the reporting period November/December 2014 through September/October 2015. Each 8-page issue of *Mountain Passages* was mailed to approximately 4500

members, and emailed to approximately 5400 members. Since the printed and emailed newsletters are read by several members in a family, the total readership exceeds 10,000.

The newsletters contained articles about 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.

Jessica Clifford assumed the responsibility for the layout of the newsletter in January 2015. Michelle O'Donnell "retired" as editor, and Brett Billings assumed that role in May 2015. The Committee is thankful for Michelle's professional work and



friendship, and wishes her well. Brian Morin managed the electronic distribution of the newsletter.

Advertising revenue in the amount of \$1080 was generated, which helped offset the cost of printing and mailing.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Clifford, Brett Billings, Brian Morin & Ron Janowitz,
Newsletter Committee

AMC NH Paddling Committee

Wednesday Night Recreational Paddling and Monthly Trash Patrols continue to be the most popular offerings again this year. We also offered our Annual Whitewater School, weekly whitewater trips in the spring, and several tidal trips. We plan to offer a paddler's First Aid Class again this fall.



Wednesday Night Recreational Paddling allows paddlers without boats to rent a boat paddle and PFD (personal flotation device) for \$10 and have it brought to the put-in for them. This year we had more people wanting to rent each week than we could provide for. The trips were held each Wednesday from June to September. Each week we went to a different location in the Merrimack Valley and in the Seacoast. Paddlers included 8 to 12 renters, 10 to 20 paddlers with their own boats, and 2 or 3 leaders.

Denise Hurt organized Trash Patrols the first Saturday of the

month from May to October. Trip members would paddle a river or pond and pickup trash in the water or on the banks. Hundreds of pounds of material have been removed from our waters as a result of many of our paddlers.

The number of whitewater leaders actively leading trips has been decreasing resulting in fewer whitewater trips being offered.

All of our trips are lead by volunteers, without whom there would be no trips. We wish to all our trip leaders and volunteers this year. We'd like to encourage interested paddlers to consider becoming leaders. The paddling committee will provide you with training and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Berry & John D. Pilla, Co-Chairs

AMC NH Ski Committee

Trips - During the 2014-15 ski season, the NH AMC Ski Committee offered a variety of ski trips, workshops and workdays, both during the weekdays and weekends. Here is a brief summary of our activities:

- 28 ski day trips (cross-country, light back-country, and down-mountain backcountry) in NH, VT and MA
- 1 multi-day resort-skiing trip in Quebec
- 6 midweek evening telemark clinics at Gunstock, NH
- 6 midweek evening light-BC classes at Storrs Hill, NH
- 1 weekend x-country clinic at Gunstock, NH

- 11 midweek lunchtime sessions of skate/classic skiing at Oak Hill in Hanover, NH
- 1 Avalanche workshop at Crawford Notch, NH
- 1 Workday at Cardigan Mountain on the ski trails (33 participants)

Of the above 55 individual events, 10 were canceled due to poor snow conditions or leader injuries. The total recorded attendance for all of the events was of 217 participants plus 33 participants for the workday at Cardigan, for a total of 250 participants.

The NH Ski Committee also provided a co-leader for the ski trip to Val David in Quebec organized by the Boston Ski Committee. The original co-leader from the Boston Chapter had an injury and the NH Chapter was asked if any of us could help with the weeklong trip. Al Grimstad kindly offered his time and help and traveled as a supervisor to Quebec with the Boston Chapter.

In addition to the above, the Ski Committee also offered three classes at each of the two NH-AMC winter schools at Cardigan lodge: Introduction to Backcountry skiing, Intermediate Backcountry skiing and Down-mountain skiing.

Administration - The Avalanche workshop, traditionally organized by the Mountaineering Committee, was for the first time organized by the Skiing Committee and held at Crawford Notch rather than Pinkham Notch in January 2015. The class was full.

The Committee's ski school based at Cardigan Lodge was officially recognized by the Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) and is now a PSIA ski school where PSIA-sanctioned events and classes can be held. This is a big

accomplishment for the Cardigan Mountain Ski School. Tony Schmidt is the first director and Ted Stevers will take on the reins for the upcoming season.

The committee created an informal position of "newsletter editor and secretary" to help the chairs manage the administrative workload and the newsletter. Al Grimstad, a long time ski trip participant, has taken on the responsibility and has been doing a great job at publishing the newsletter and keeping track of trip attendance.

Tony Schmidt is relocating to Alabama and resigning as Committee Co-chair. Paul Pinkham has stepped in as the new Ski Committee Co-chair. Paul is a very experienced skier and has been leading ski trips for the committee for over 6 years.

The Ski Committee created a logo for its members. The logo was created by Bill Covino and Valerio Viti, and is largely based on the official AMC logo. The logo was printed on stickers and patches and distributed to the NH skiers. In addition, a T-shirt with the logo was created and 22 such T-shirts were sold to leaders and trip participants.

Skill Improvement and Training - In December 2014 the committee offered a group class for Telemark and Alpine downhill, held at Loon Mountain and taught by Jim Tasse; eleven leaders attended.

Nine leaders attended PSIA clinics: Paul Pinkham, Emilie Phillips, Thor Smith, Valerio Viti, Tony Schmidt, Ted Stevers, Scott Taylor, and Marty Janoschek.

One leader-in-training has completed the mentoring requirements, and we welcome Matt Schraut as a Level I

leader. Also, Tim Linhean from the CT AMC Chapter has joined the ski leaders, having completed his mentoring.

Four ski leaders attended the Eastern Snow and Avalanche Workshop in North Conway in November 2014: Marty Janoschek, Ted Stevers, Matt Schraut and Valerio Viti.

Certifications - Marty Janoschek and Tim Linehan obtained a PSIA Level I Telemark certification.

Two leaders, Marty Janoschek and Ted Stevers, obtained AIARE Level I certification for avalanche safety. The 2015/16 is the first-season for Paul Pinkham as co-chair of the committee and the fourth season for Valerio Viti.



The committee now has 19, active Level I leaders and 5 leaders-in-training: Becca Munroe, Jim Howard, Joel Sadler, Karl Steady and Michelle Beadle.

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



AMC NH Trails Committee

While we continue to maintain our commitment to the Old Bridle Path, the AMC-NH Chapter's adopted trail, we've begun to rebuild the committee.

This year we've only been able to perform basic brushing and drainage. Hikers passing us, as the work neared completion, remarked how glad they were for the work we do.

The most positive results this year were the addition of two co-chairs, Bill Foster and Denise Carter, as well as getting Jamie Gillon, already a trail adopter, as a trails trip leader.

Denise has taken advantage of a spectacular "door prize" from the Highland Center post-National Trails Day barbeque: a gift certificate to any of AMC's week-long trail crews. She will use it for a Cold River Camp Volunteer Vacation in October.

From May to October we generally schedule trips throughout New Hampshire. Chapter volunteers – including some for their first time – contribute hundreds of hours on various projects:

- Old Bridle Path in Franconia Notch
- Brushing and drainage at state parks
- AMC Mt. Cardigan Reservation

If you really love our trails, show them a little love!

Just one day a year makes a huge difference in how



much work we can get done. Learn what keeps a trail in good shape and what YOU can do to achieve that. We'll provide the

training and tools while you enjoy the satisfaction of giving back. Most importantly, everyone can help and trail work is fun. We wouldn't keep doing it if it weren't!

Respectfully submitted,
Richie Holstein, Bill Foster & Denise Carter, Co-Chairs

AMC NH Website

Our website is intended to attract people to the New Hampshire Chapter and encourage them to participate in our many activities. It is critical to our Chapter, as the AMC magazine **Outdoors** gives us so little press and directs readers to our website for activities listings. Thus, the website is the primary mechanism for outdoor enthusiasts unfamiliar with AMC or the NH Chapter to find us via online search.

We've been without a Website Committee Chair in 2015, and small updates to our website this year have been implemented by a few volunteers, including myself. Our current site has an interesting history and evolution, the result of many hours of custom programming by dedicated volunteers. Its current state, however, requires support by people with web programming skills, in contrast to being a site that our volunteer leaders could both easily manage and upload content to. Considering the objectives our Executive Committee and working groups discussed this year regarding a desired website presence, we are evaluating a re-platforming effort in the upcoming year.

We've had difficulty recruiting help to support our "homegrown" website. Our site has an immense amount of content, some of which is not central to our mission, nor directly related to our Chapter's activities. Quite simply, we need to "right-size" our website, to increase its accessibility by viewers, and to reduce its administrative burden.

Our anticipated volunteer-managed website will have a similar style as our parent Club's site, outdoors.org, will be easy to navigate from a variety of devices (especially smaller screened mobile devices), and will be as easy to support as possible.

A key feature is for the site to be more self-supporting, where a variety of individuals can upload content. Consulting with other Chapters and our Executive Committee, we intend to pilot a new site using the WordPress platform. WordPress is commonly used for blogs and small to medium sized sites, with an incredible amount of templates, plug-ins/add-ons, and community support. The Maine Chapter has a very nice implementation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wayne C. Goertel, Chapter Chair, Interim Webmaster

AMC NH Young Members

Young Members (YM) has continued a wave of momentum over these past few years; it is both active and growing.

We added three hiking leaders: Sarah Keats, Nick Montecalvo and Jamie Gillon. Two more, Josh Meltzer and Chris Higgins

took leadership training. Ski leader in training Michelle Beadle plans to introduce YM specific ski trips this winter when she completes leadership.

The weekend events we host, usually in conjunction with the Maine Young Members, have been going very well. We had the following events: Fall Cabin weekend at Lonesome Lake in November, Spring Cabin weekend at Carter in May, Squam Lake Camping in June, Barnes Field Car Camping in August, and our annual Osceola Vista Car Camping. We also have additional cabin weekends planned at Moosilauke Ravine Lodge and Highland Center in October and November. The seven weekends this year nearly doubles the number of events we held last year.

The number of socials we host have also been expanded, with a monthly Lakes Region social being added to the ongoing Portsmouth and Manchester Socials that have been



happening for a number of years. After one successful event, we also have plans for a regular Upper Valley social as well. Additionally, we successfully held a guest speaker/dinner in the spring, our first event like this in several years. We already plan to have another in the late fall.

The one thing that continues to be a challenge, however, is that we have a hard time getting leaders for activities outside

of “hiking.” We hope to better collaborate with other committees which in turn will bring a broader array of activities, beyond hiking, to our YM. We did have one very popular flatwater kayaking trip led by John Pilla. The hikes we do have tend to fill up, indicating that interest is strong.

All in all, it has been a great year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Gillon & Josh Meltzer, Co-Chairs

AMC NH Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Tim Kennedy, Marcy Stanton and James Kotusky, submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on October 24, 2015.

All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October 2016.

Officers

Chair	Bill Warren
Vice Chair	Frank Miller
Treasurer	Rick Desmarais
Secretary	Wanda Rice

Committee Chairs

Bike	Doria Harris
Conservation and Education	Paul Hopkins & Linda Moore
Excursions	Kevin Rooney & Beth Zimmer
Membership	Trudi Janoschek & Ellen Ruggles

Mountaineering	Joe Dorsheimer & Tom Sintros
Newsletter	Brett Billings & Brian Morin
Paddling	Paul Berry
Programs	LuAnn Laquerre & Terri Wilson
Ski	Paul Pinkham & Valerio Viti
Trails	Denise Carter, Bill Foster & Richie Holstein
Website	Paul Berry & Wayne Goertel
Young Members	Jamie Gillon & Ann Hudnall

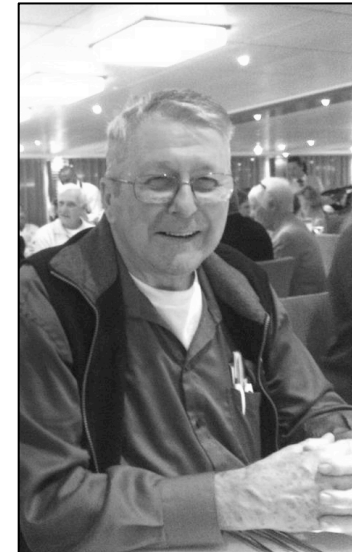
1975-76	Ruth Houghton	1996-97	Roger R. Scholl
1977	Holly Anderson	1998-99	Andrew H. McBride
1978-79	Robert C. Hansen	2000-01	Anne Melvin
1980-81	Paul S. Shaw	2002-03	C. Pete Mason
1982-83	Harry Wescott	2004-05	Robert Harrington
1984-85	Henry Peterson	2006-07	Ruth "Sam" Jamke
1986	Jay Seavey	2008-09	Paul Berry
1987-89	Douglas F. Wyman	2010-11	Eric L. Savage
1990-91	David L. Harrigan	2012-13	Karen J. Thurston
1992-93	D. Kurt Piper	2014-15	Wayne C. Goertel
1994-95	Kathleen D. Piper		

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

Immediate Past Chapter Chair	Wayne Goertel
Regional Director	John Mullins

Past AMC NH Chapter Chairs

1921	Frank E. Heald	1946-47	Earnest C. Goland
1921	John R. McLane	1948-49	Osgood E. Waite
1920-22	Wilbert F. Gilman	1950-51	Almon G. Harris
1923-25	Louis P. Elkins	1952	H. Shirley Dwyer
1926	Wilbert F. Gilman	1953	Harry Birch
1927-29	William C. Brunel	1954-55	Charles V. Tallman
1930	Julius C. Sturm	1956-57	Florence W. Harris
1931-32	Dr. John Worthen	1958-60	J. Clifford Gallant
1933	Julius C. Sturm	1961	Dr. Harry C. McDade
1934	Samuel P. Hunt	1962-63	Mrs. Luther G Dearborn
1935	Clifton A Smith	1964	Robert Hill
1936	Julius C. Sturm	1965	Dr. Ursula Sanders
1937-38	I. Reed Gourley	1966-67	Mrs. Miriam Underhill
1939-40	Walter T. Winch	1968-69	Terence P. Frost
1941	Avis Cross	1970-71	Dorothy G. Burak
1942-43	Elizabeth Crosby	1972	S. Robert Colby
1944-45	Arnold Perreton	1973-74	E.H.B. Bartelink



Eugene Harding, 1937-2015

The AMC NH Chapter would like pay respects to Bike Committee Co-Chair, Eugene Harding who passed away this past September after a brief illness with cancer. He was an active volunteer and one heck of a decent human being. He will be greatly missed by all.