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Report  
of the  
New Hampshire Chapter  
Appalachian Mountain  
Club

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## **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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Bryant Tolles  
Carolyn Tolles  
Marguerite Tucker

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Leon Worthley

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## **AMC NH Chapter Chair Report**

The New Hampshire Chapter had a very productive year in 2016. I am pleased to say I have the opportunity to serve as Chair for the 13,000 members of the New Hampshire Chapter. As I complete the duties and responsibilities of being Chair, I work toward ensuring my efforts are based on our membership and your enjoyment of the outdoors.

In November 2015, the five Officers met to map out a strategy for the upcoming year. The major objectives of the Officers included establishing Standing Rules for the operation of our ExCom; developing a Communications Committee; refreshing our Finance policy; completing a major volunteer leader recognition program; and working with all our committees to help them establish attainable goals for the year. We have had considerable success in completing this effort and will be meeting again before this year ends to lay out plans for our vision of the approaching year.

As I read through the various Committee reports, I am truly amazed at the level of volunteerism that helps make the New Hampshire Chapter truly special. In accepting the role of Chair, I realized my success was dependent on the work completed by our activity committees and support committees. I am very pleased to say the people who manage the committees, both new and old, are a fantastic group; I have enjoyed working with them and observing their hard work. I encourage each of you to take some time to read these reports. Keep in mind everyone working on your behalf as a member is doing so as a volunteer. They do it for a love of the outdoors and to give back some of what this wonderful organization has given

them. Recruiting is a constant effort and new volunteers are always welcome. If you want to participate in this, let me know.

As you read through this report you will notice the New Hampshire Chapter has made some significant financial commitments toward leader recognition, the purchase of the Final Frontier at Rumney Rocks, and funding for a mobility-impaired trail at the Cardigan Mountain Reserve. Your ExCom felt a great deal of pride when supporting these efforts as they go directly to the mission of the AMC while at the same time providing continued membership benefits for you.

Listed in this Annual Report are this year's recipients of 25-year and 50-year membership recognition. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the commitment each of you has made to the AMC. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Warren, Chapter Chair



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

The financial position of the New Hampshire Chapter is strong; our cash position this year equal to last year's and our invested reserves, which are managed by the Club, are holding their value, despite some volatility in the markets over the past year.

With the help of the Chapter Chairs, we have started to add more procedure to help clarify the responsibilities of various groups including the Chapter Treasurer and those in the Chapter who manage financial affairs as part of their leadership activities. We are currently finishing up the development of a Chapter Finance Policy to, among other things, provide some consistency on how the Chapter records the financial aspects of participant events.

Earlier this year, with the Club's assistance the Chapter approved a \$15,000 donation to "The Final Frontier" project of the Rumney Climbing Association to help with the purchase of the area known as the Northwest Crag. Climbers from all over the Northeast use this area and if the campaign is successful, the area will be permanently preserved for climbing and conservation. In addition, the Chapter previously committed up to \$15,000 to recognize and support Chapter volunteer leaders, who provide countless hours organizing and running trips. These commitments reflect the growing feeling in the Chapter that beyond holding a sufficient reserve of funds to assure financial stability, we should use our accumulated funds to take on larger projects that will provide permanent, long terms benefits to all those who enjoy the

outdoors. Looking ahead, we expect to make additional financial contributions to substantial projects and we will do that without impacting support for our long list of ongoing programs.



Respectfully submitted,

Rick Desmarais, Treasurer

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

The 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH on October 24, 2015. Wayne Goertel, Chair, presided over the meeting. Our Chapter is over 13,000 strong. This past year, our volunteer activity leaders continued to offer a wide range of 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.

Some goals were set for the Executive Committee for the year:

1. Streamline the processing of the Chapter budget. The budget process now starts with the officers reviewing the



requests prior to a full Executive Committee budget meeting. This was implemented with success and a budget was approved in February in record time.

2. Implement a finance policy for the Chapter. This process is nearing completion.

3. Implement Standing Rules which would be a set of rules for Executive Committee functionality to give flexibility for rule making vs. putting everything in bylaws once a year. This should be ready to implement in the near future.

4. The Executive Committee officers proposed rewarding active leaders with a significant item that leaders would be able to use and also to identify them as leaders to the public. The major item purchased so far is jackets which were ordered for the Excursions, Ski and Mountaineering Committees. Baseball caps and patches were also ordered and made available to all committees.

5. The committees made some goals for themselves which were discussed at a December online meeting. These can be found on the Chapter website in the December 2015 minutes.

The following slate of nominees for the NH Chapter Executive Committee was presented and accepted by members for the year 2015-16 at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

### ***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

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

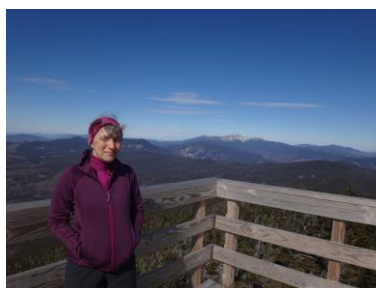
Immediate Past Chapter Chair	Wayne Goertel
Regional Director	John Mullins

Our guest speaker, Barb Audin, talked to us about her humanitarian efforts as she traveled in Nepal with Himalayan Healthcare. Barb and her husband Curt, both nurses, have traveled multiple times to locations around the world to bring healthcare to those in need.

In 2015-2016, 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,  
Wanda Rice, Secretary



## **Report from the AMC's Northern Regional Director**

In January 2016, I was elected to the AMC Board of Directors as Regional Director to represent the NH and Maine Chapters. I took over for Sam Jamke who retired after maxing out her three two-year terms on the Board, sharing good ideas and helping the Club and these two chapters live up to their potential. While I can't promise I'll stay six years, I look forward to many new adventures as a volunteer director working with the NH Chapter and AMC.

My devotion to the AMC stems from my interest in conservation, recreation, and education—all AMC tenets. I'm a longtime trails volunteer with most of my efforts contributing to the exciting trail and campsite development taking place in the AMC property called the Maine Wilderness Initiative (MWI). I love doing trail work and being outdoors anytime, especially sea kayaking, road or gravel biking, hiking, or XC skiing. Within the Maine Chapter, I chaired the Meetings and Education Committee for four years, organizing monthly potlucks and outreach programs in two locations across the state. For one year, I was acting vice-chair of the Chapter, and for two years I was chair of the Chapter's MWI Committee and a member of the AMC Board of Directors' MWI Committee.

My responsibility as a BOD member is to help make the best decisions about moving the Club forward to meet its mission,

objectives, and purposes and to develop and operate programs and services, all for the good of its members and the general public. I view my specific role as RD as working to strengthen the connection between the Club and the two Chapters I represent: to make sure that the Chapters' viewpoints are understood in BOD deliberations and that the Club's perspective gets heard at the Chapter level. Since joining the Board I have enjoyed working with Bill Warren in his first year as NH Chapter Chair and with Frank Miller as Vice Chair. I attend as many NH Executive Committee meetings as possible and appreciate getting to know many committee chairs and Excomm members.

AMC is a vibrant, forward-thinking conservation, recreation, and education organization, and its chapters are one of the reasons AMC is so healthy. To strengthen the organization even further, I urge NH Chapter members to become outgoing representatives of the Chapter, engaging others in conversation about the Club, explaining why you are a member, and encouraging others to join the Chapter or become active volunteers. There is a lot of hard work, learning, joy, and satisfaction in being a NH Chapter volunteer, and there are enough opportunities to share with others!

I'm so pleased to be part of the exciting work being done by AMC and the NH Chapter. I look forward to meeting Chapter members in the coming years—on the trails, at workshops, in meetings—and to working with the Club and Chapter on whatever exciting and new challenges the future holds. And, again, many thanks to Sam Jamke for her years of volunteer service to the Chapter and to the Club.



John Mullens

AMC Northern Regional Director

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## **AMC NH Bike Committee**

Our main goal for 2016 was to encourage people to get out and ride their bike. To this end we offered a variety of programs. A second goal was to try to increase the number of active bike leaders.

We offered two bike touring workshops, one in Nashua, and one in Keene, which covered the basics of how to prepare for a multi-day bike tour. We covered trip planning, what to bring, how to pack etc. In early summer we offered a bike overnight trip for those who attended the workshop. We had a dozen people attend the workshops and 6 riders go on the overnight.



We offered two bike challenges; one was to go on a ride of at least 10 miles and ride to or through 15 of New Hampshire's covered bridges. The second challenge was to ride a total of 140 miles of AMC NH Chapter - led bike rides. We have several riders that have gone on several bridge rides.

For our "back to biking 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 don't ride as efficiently as they'd like. Come Bike My NH rides were rides that our bike leaders led in their local areas, the idea being to show others what their area of NH has to offer bike riders and also to encourage more participation of our bike leaders.

The Gene Harding Memorial Bike Ride was a seacoast area ride led by long-time AMC NH Bike Leader Herb Kingsbury. This ride had 7 riders attend and enjoy ice cream on AMC in memory of Gene.

So far, in 2016 we seem to have a core of riders who regularly show up for rides in areas close to where they live. We intend to encourage our leaders to offer local rides next year as well.

Recruitment of Active Bike Leaders lead to two people indicate interest in becoming bike leaders, one had adequate training and experience to qualify as a bike leader the other is putting in the miles and gaining the skills and experience necessary to become a bike leader. The lack of availability of

our few active bike leaders underscores the importance of recruiting more active leaders.

Respectfully Submitted

Doria Harris and Hiel Lindquist

AMC NH Chapter Bike Co-Chairs

## **AMC NH Conservation Education Committee**

The Conservation Education Committee has expanded its efforts in 2015-16. Liz Wyman stepped in for Linda Moore as interim Co-Chair in May 2016, while Paul Hopkins continued his work as Co-Chair.

At a meeting in January, the committee set two goals for 2016. The first was to have a Conservation Corner article published in each issue of the Chapter Newsletter, and the second was to plan at least one conservation program. To date, we have published articles in each newsletter ranging from mosses to land conservation, and we have topics planned through 2017. The intent is to share conservation-related essays that increase hiker awareness and enjoyment.

We also established a partnership with NextGen Climate to co-host a series of screenings of the climate change film *This Changes Everything*. Based on Naomi Klein's groundbreaking book, *This Changes Everything* explores the inspiring stories of seven communities around the world that are standing up and making their voices heard to stop destructive fossil fuel extraction and the devastating impacts of climate change.

This ties in directly with AMC's club-wide focus on climate change education and awareness.

On July 13th, sixty guests filled the Red River Theatres in Concord for a free showing of the film followed by an engaging discussion about what individuals,



governments, and communities can do to combat climate change. Based on a show of hands, about half the crowd were AMC members, others were involved with NextGen, and the rest were community members who came to learn more about the issue. Many visitors spoke with AMC and NextGen volunteers to find out how to get involved with the two organizations.

Based on the success of this event, we organized two additional screenings of This Changes Everything at NHTI, Concord's Community College on Tuesday, October 18th and Friday, October 21st. We worked with NHTI faculty, who integrated the book and film into their freshman curriculum. Both screenings were open to the public as an opportunity to engage college students with our AMC community.

The Conservation Education Committee is looking for volunteers to help coordinate events and activities across the



state. Please e-mail [conservationnh@amc-nh.org](mailto:conservationnh@amc-nh.org) for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Hopkins & Liz Wyman, Co-Chairs

## **AMC NH Excursions Committee**

The AMC-NH Excursions Committee (now known as the “Hiking Committee”) had a busy year. Here are some highlights:

A day-long meeting, dubbed “The Gathering”, was held at Pats Peak Ski in November, with the Chapter’s Hiking Leaders, and leaders from other Chapter committees were invited as well. Several in-service sessions were held, including one which provided feedback from leaders on how to increase leader participation in on-going Chapter activities, as well as increasing visibility and accountability.

We again offered several outdoor education workshops of differing lengths and complexity, with expanded map/compass & GPS workshops which involved more leaders as instructors. These workshops and activities continue to be well-attended, in part because of our use of Meetup.

The Family Group of Excursions had a very successful spring hut night at Lonesome Lake Hut in early May with 30 people

attending. The Family Group annual fall gathering at Cardigan Lodge will be held on November 4-6. At this event we expect to fill all 60 bunks in the lodge as usual. The group is very excited to be welcoming more and more new families to our events and to our leadership team.

There continues to be a smooth transition on how routine trail maintenance is performed at Cardigan, the site of several of our educational activities.

One Committee officer was up for re-election, and Kevin Rooney was re-elected as Excursions/Hiking Co-Chair. We decided that since the “Excursions” title no longer seemed appropriate now that activities like Mountaineering, Paddling, Biking, Skiing, and others had formed their own Committees that we would begin the transition of referring to ourselves as the “Hiking Committee” rather than the “Excursions Committee”.

We expanded the “Reward & Recognition” program for the Excursions/Hiking Committee for those leaders who participated in high levels of volunteer activities. We made a major revision to the Leader Handbook.



Respectfully Submitted:

Kevin Rooney & Beth Zimmer  
Excursions/Hiking Co-Chairs, Sept 1, 2016

## **NH Programs & Hospitality Committee**

This year we have added Debbie Marcus as interim Co-chair to programs to assist Terri and Lu Ann in planning and executing events. There were eight events scheduled this year. Our collaboration with the Concord, NH library continues to be successful along with the Rochester, Bristol and Dover libraries.

At the Concord Library on November 18, Allison Driscoll presented a talk about the basics of heat management and clothing options, skills preparation, gear requirements, physical conditioning, nutrition, safety and more. Allison gave an inside look into her own experience hiking New Hampshire's highest peaks in winter.

On February 4, Ron Janowicz was at the Concord library and presented his program: Ruined in Utah: Volunteering for the National Park Service. Ron discussed his experience volunteering for the National Park Services at Natural Bridges National Monument. He spent three months in the fall of 2013 working at this spectacular park in the southeast corner of Utah. During his three months, Ron had interesting conversations and encounters with visitors from all over the world.

In April, a group of NH AMC volunteers participated in WILD New Hampshire Day at the NH Fish and Game Department in Concord NH. This exciting outdoor festival for families featured over 70 exhibits of outdoor, conservation and environmental groups from New Hampshire. AMC NH was well-represented by volunteers from membership, hiking, biking, paddling, backpacking, and trails. Thanks to all our

volunteers who gave their time and knowledge to promote AMC NH.

On April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Concord Library and on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Rochester library Paul Hopkins presented his talk “It’s About Capturing the Moment”. Paul presented ideas, techniques, procedures and tips that can help you take a great photo that “captures the moment”. Most are relatively simple things that can be done with any camera while out hiking.

June 16<sup>th</sup> brought Paul Berry, NH AMC Excursions leader, to the Concord Library to present an overview of Concord area walks, hikes, and trails, highlighting some which included beautiful water views.



On July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bristol Public Library (Minot Sleeper Library), Tom Fisher our own AMC Manager of Cardigan Lodge presented a historical talk on Cardigan and the naming of surrounding trails. It was hosted by the Bristol Public Library to complement their

program "A Walk in the Woods". A multigenerational audience of 25 attended Tom’s talk on the history of the lodge and surrounding trails as well as the current efforts to maintain those trails today. Natalie Milligan contributed with passion on what Cardigan has meant to her.

On September 7, Paul Hopkins again presented his talk “It’s About Capturing the Moment” at the Dover library.



This year’s Programs finale is the Annual Meeting to be held at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Our featured speakers Sam Jamke and Denise Carter will present their exciting

experience in Antarctica following in Shackleton’s footsteps. Sam and Denise will share their photos and stories of this wonderful adventure trip.

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 continues to coordinate and organize events held in collaboration with the Concord, NH Library.



Respectfully submitted,  
Lu Ann Laquerre Co-Chair, Terri Wilson Co-Chair and Debbie Marcus Interim Co-Chair

## **AMC NH Membership Committee**

Congratulations and a big thank you are in order for our 50 and 25th anniversary members! Your dedication and involvement in our Chapter has enabled us to continue offering really fun and interesting activities. This month we have 50 members celebrating their “Golden Anniversary”, and 100 members who have also remained devoted to our Chapter all these years! Thanks!

Our New Hampshire Chapter was again the fastest growing AMC chapter last year. As of June 2016 we have a total of 13,098 members. With our hiking, paddling, biking, climbing, skiing, and conservation activities in this great NH playground, it’s no wonder. Members have also taken advantage of various educational programs, such as mountain safety, map and compass, and leadership training to name a few.

Soon we will be sending out postcards to new members. They can expect to see a welcome message highlighting the many ways to get outside and play with us, learn from us, and make new friends within the Chapter. Included will be an RPC code which, when scanned, will lead them directly to the NH Chapter membership page where they can find planned activities in the upcoming weekend and near future. We will also mention that we have a Facebook presence too. Lest I forget, there are also many wonderful pictures on the postcard showing how much fun it is to get outdoors with the Chapter!

Later this year the NH Chapter trifold brochure will be updated. The reader will see in more detail about who we are, what fun we have, and why they should join the Chapter!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Fairchild Co-Chair



## **AMC NH Mountaineering Committee**

The Mountaineering Committee (MC) had an active and safe year in 2015-2016. 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 2015 and September 2016, the MC completed 44 committee events spanning a wide range of locations. A core group within the MC continues to offer the

‘Tuesday Nights at Rumney’ rock climbing series with excellent turnout, which was first started in 2012.

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.

Despite challenging conditions for ice climbing in 2015-2016, we offered 3 one-day Introduction to Ice climbing classes and a new 3-Part Mountaineering Preseason Indoor Climbing Series over the winter months to get climbers psyched for Spring. Even counting for the weather constraints, our Ice climbing activities exceeded capacity and affirmed the demand is present to continue offering future events. With a little luck in the weather department, we will have better conditions for next year. New for 2016 was a summer climbing series titled ‘From Gym to Crag’, or as a veteran leader called it – ‘From couch to the Nordwand’, taking inspiration from other popular ‘Couch to \_\_\_\_’ fitness programs. The concept was to build climber’s confidence who are familiar with indoor gym climbing but unsure of the next steps for outdoor climbing in a stepwise and safe environment. Classes covered topics in anchor building, top rope setups, introduction to rock climbing and trad lead climbing and were very positively received. Climbing ethics was also discussed to ensure proper etiquette and use of the outdoors spaces that we all enjoy.



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. We are continuing to sponsor leaders who wish to gain recognized certifications including AMGA (American Mountain Guides Association) SPI (Single Pitch Instructor) credentials. The certifications benefit the entire MC through leader to leader training, methodology review and implementation of current best-practices.

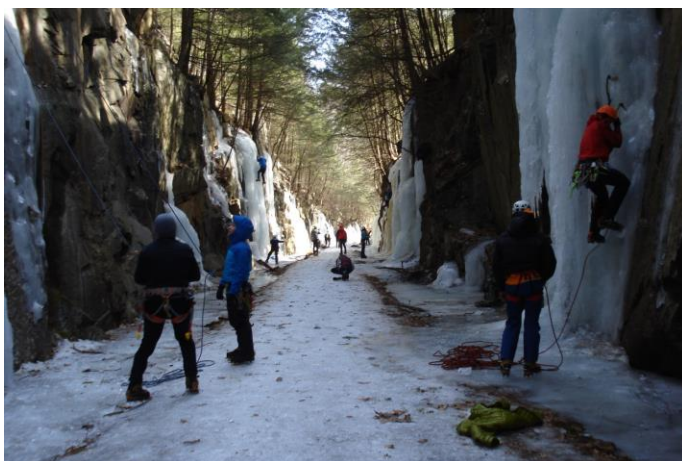
Rumney Final Frontier Project has been generously supported by both the Boston and New Hampshire AMC Chapters, with the requests coming from the mountaineering committees of both. NH has committed \$15,000 and the Boston Chapter committed \$10K with the possibility of more before the end of 2016 based on the group's fundraising results. The Rumney area is used by many AMC Chapters. Both NH and Boston chapters have extensively used and enjoyed Rumney for the last three decades and feel this support truly stands for the overall mission of the AMC. Rumney is an amazing resource that has served to get untold numbers of people out into the outdoors in a healthy, safe way.

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. There is also gaining momentum to cooperate with the Ski Committee for ski mountaineering activities which combine disciplines. Numerous leaders in the Mountaineering Committee are also Ski Leaders.

Leader appreciation has continued focus throughout the AMC to recognize all that our volunteers contribute to the AMC's mission. In 2016, MC joined forces with Excursions and Ski Committees to provide logoed Outdoor Research softshell jackets to our active leaders and as token of gratitude.

Joseph Dorsheimer, co-chair

Tom Sintros, co-chair



Ice clinic at the railroad cut in Keene, NH. Being able to drop so many ropes allows participants to experience different terrain features in a non-intimidating setting.

## **AMC NH Newsletter Committee**

*Mountain Passages*, the NH Chapter newsletter, circulates to approximately 4,500 print subscribers and approximately 4,900 email subscribers on a bi-monthly basis. Two volunteers edit and paginate the publication

This year, 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. Past editions of *Mountain Passages* can be found on AMC-NH.org.

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

## **AMC NH Paddling Committee**

For the past several years, Denise Hurt has assisted AMC to help the environment by organizing 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 has been removed from our waters as a result of many of our paddlers.

Wednesday Night Recreational Paddling continues to be

popular with people that have boats and those that do not. Paddlers without boats can reserve a boat paddle and pfd for \$10 and have it brought to the put-in for them. 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 up to 8 renters, 10 to 20 paddlers with their own boats, and 2 or 3 leaders. This year, several new people have volunteered to lead these trips.

Patty Anderson taught the paddlers leadership class in the winter and several participants have become leaders with more on their way to becoming leaders.

Jerry Smith has lead several Sea Kayaking trips and is mentoring several potential new leaders.

Debbie & Kerry Frazier continue to lead weekend whitewater trips to Errol NH on Memorial Day and Labor Day as well as leading the Annual Class II West River Trip in the Fall.

Joe O'Neil was our most prolific leader again this year.

30 Volunteers came together again this year to teach the Annual Whitewater School in April.

All of our trips are lead by volunteers, without whom there would be no trips. We wish to thank 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.

Submitted by Paul Berry & Joe O'Neil Paddling Co-Chairs

## **AMC NH Ski Committee**

During the 2015-16 ski season, the NH AMC Ski Committee offered a wide variety of ski trips, workshops and workdays, both during the weekdays and weekends. The number of events is actually more than for any previous season, even though the historical lack of snow put a damper on these activities. Here is a brief summary of our activities:

- 52 ski day trips (cross-country, light back-country, and down mountain backcountry) in NH, VT and MA
- 1 multi-day resort-skiing trip in the Chic-Chocs, Quebec, (8 skiers)
- 6 midweek evening telemark clinics at Gunstock, NH
- 12 midweek evening light-BC classes at Storrs Hill, NH, 2 classes per week
- 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 (10 participants)
- 1 Workday at Cardigan Mountain on the ski trails (38 participants)

Of the above 52 individual events, more than half were canceled due to poor snow conditions or leader availability. The total recorded attendance for all of the events was of 90 participants plus 38 participants for the work day at Cardigan, for a total of 250 participants.

In addition to the above, the ski committee also offered three classes at each of the two NH-AMC winter schools at Cardigan lodge: Intro to BC skiing, Intermediated BC skiing and Downmountain skiing.

The Avalanche workshop was held at the Highland Center in the Washburn room, an excellent facility, in February 2016. The class was full.

The chairs developed a long-term vision and goals for the ski committee, which includes increasing the number of ski leaders from the 2015-2014 season of 20 to 27 within the next two years, re-define the different levels of leadership to acknowledge more active leaders, improve training for leaders and define “professional” grow paths. We also would like to increase female participation to our trips and to our leadership group.

The ski committee also created a sub-group of skiers, called The Ascenders, which will train to develop ski and mountaineering skills to tackle more advanced terrain.

Along these lines, the ski committee has organized a yearly one-day training event specifically for ski leaders. The event will be held at Cardigan Lodge in November 2016, and taught by the more experienced leaders.

In December 2015 the committee offered the traditional group class for Telemark and Alpine downhill, held at Loon Mountain and taught by Jim Tasse. 11 leaders attended.

6 leaders attended PSIA clinics, Paul Pinkham, Larry Veal, Valerio Viti, Ted Stevers, Tim Linehan, Marty Janoschek,

1 leader in training has completed the mentoring requirements, Casy Calver, who is now a Level I leader.

5 ski leaders attended the Eastern Snow and Avalanche Workshop in North Conway in November 2015: Marty Janoschek, Jed Eliades, Casy Calver, Matt Schraut, and Valerio Viti.

Ted Stevers and Valerio Viti obtained higher PSIA certification for Telemark skiing, Level III and Level II respectively.

2 Ski leaders, Valerio Viti and Matt Schraut, 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 20 active Level I leaders and 7 leaders-in-training: Becca Munroe, Jim Howard, Joel Sadler, Karl Steady and Michelle Beadle, JR Petrus, Nik Fiore.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Pinkham, Valerio Viti

Co-Chairs, Ski Committee



## **AMC NH Trails Committee**

The AMC-NH Trails Committee took on several projects and responsibilities over the past year.

We initiated a new class at the chapter's 2016 Spring School, Trail Maintenance 101. An exciting opportunity, we worked with AMC's trails volunteer coordinator and Cardigan region leader, Michael O'Connor, and spread the trail work gospel. TM101 included both classroom instruction and performing basic trail work. We'll be back in 2017.

Our table at Wild NH Day was very successful. A quiz with prizes brought a lot more opportunities to talk with people and show them our tools. 125 visitors completed the quiz; six prizes were awarded.

Brendan Taylor, AMC's North Country Trails Volunteer Program Supervisor, took action on a suggestion we made when we met with him last winter. This year every chapter's trails committee got a gift certificate worth hundreds of dollars for a volunteer vacation. Ours went to one of the Spring School course participants.

The chapter transitioned from adopting the Franconia Notch's Old Bridle Path to trails around Cardigan Lodge. Several NH Chapter leaders adopted trails, and we cooperate with other adopters on maintenance.



On National Trails Day (NTD) one of the Cardigan Spring School students returned to work with



us. We formalized the tradition of feeding everyone at the end of the day — with help from the Cardigan Lodge manager we ran a pot luck BBQ. Everyone got T-shirts or bandanas.

Arising from NTD at Cardigan was a suggestion that Nature Trail 2 be upgraded to a wheelchair-accessible trail. We recently heard that there will be a proposal in AMC's 2017 Trails budget for the work!

#### Other accomplishments:

- NHTC raised its profile among other chapter trails committees. We participate in discussions on chainsaw policy and are part of group working to redefine the Interchapter Trails Committee.
- One of our co-chairs volunteered to co-lead a week of trail work out of Camp Dodge.
- We met with Patrick Hummel, the NH Parks and Recreation volunteer coordinator. He laid out a menu of projects where NHTC might help. Regrettably, it took a while until we could take advantage, removing bogus blazes at Fox State Forest. There's plenty more work to do!

- We continue to work with the NH and Boston chapter ski committees. Every November we spend a day on the Cardigan ski trails and end with a great meal at the lodge.
- The Trails Committee added leaders Scott Taylor and Darrell Hamilton. Both have been trail work mainstays for years, with Scott wielding a chainsaw and Darrell the brush cutter. Both look to renew or achieve chainsaw certification.
- Our tools finally have a home, a commercial storage shed conveniently located for all our leaders to have access. Dave Passios helped us by cleaning and testing some of our power tools. The long-unused tools trailer and a few other items were donated to NH State Parks. Our committee has a prominent notation on their donations web page.

It's been quite a turnaround from the previous few years! We look forward to continued growth in 2017 with a larger schedule.

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

Just one day a year from YOU 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 a trail that keeps people safe and protects the land around it. 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, [www.amc-nh.org](http://www.amc-nh.org) is intended to attract people to the New Hampshire Chapter and to 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. It also is a repository for information and history of the chapter and an information resource for our leaders.

This year we attempted to simplify the look and feel of the web pages to make it easier to find information and navigate the site. We continue to have listings of upcoming NH trips pulled from the AMC Trip Listings that are presented in a textual list format. Each trip has a few lines of description and a link to get more information about that trip.

The various chapter committees have provided lots of good material which has been added to the web site. We are continuing to look at ways to let Chapter Committee Leadership post directly to the website.

This year, AMC implemented a major re-design of the club website, [www.outdoors.org](http://www.outdoors.org). We are monitoring the results of that new look. AMC has indicated that chapters will have the ability to post more information to an area of the club website devoted to chapters. We anticipate copying some of our more static NH Chapter material to [outdoors.org](http://outdoors.org) next year.

Submitted by Wayne Goertel and Paul Berry Website Co-Chairs



## **AMC NH 20's and 30's**

We had three 20's and 30's group members attend leadership training for hiking. Ann Hudnall has already completed all three mentored hikes. Kara LaSalle and Katie Vaughn are working on fulfilling the prerequisites to begin their mentored hikes. Josh Meltzer and Chris Higgins went through training in 2015. Chris recently finished his third mentored hike, Josh finished his first. Michelle Beadle has recently become a mountaineering leader, after already obtaining ski leadership training. We have one confirmed participant for the inter-chapter leadership training session at Harriman Outdoor Center.

This year we managed to host four camping weekends. We had two smaller (by design) ones in June, at Squam Lake and in the Berkshires, both had around ten participants, and

successful hike offerings during the weekends. We then had a larger event at Barnes Field with over 20 participants, and 5 hike offerings. New Hampshire also had a number of participants at the Mitzpah Hut and Rangely lake weekends put on by the Maine 20's and 30's group. We have a camping weekend at Osceola and a cabin weekend at Highland Center scheduled for September and November.

There were two 20's and 30's specific weekend day hikes offered, both filled in advance, though one had a number of hikers cancel due to weather. We also had a successful monthly weeknight hiking series, with at least five participants at each. We had six hikes that were not group specific, but were led by 20's & 30's group leaders in order to fulfill Excursions group leadership requirements, most were offered in conjunction with our big weekends. Interest was strong for all of these, with participants in and out of our demographic.

The weeknight series was especially beneficial in gaining first time participants – I highly recommend this be adopted at some level for other groups.

There was a ski social with a 6 person turnout. Interest was strong for the two backcountry ski events that had to be canceled due to weather. Snowshoeing had strong interest for two events as well, but also had to be cancelled.

Michelle cross posted a number of climbing events to the 20's & 30's audience, and there was between 3 and 8 participants at all of them.

We had two dinner events at 900 Degrees in Epping. Allison Driscoll spoke on the Muir Trail, and Josh Goodrich spoke on

the Appalachian Trail. Both had over ten attendees, with Josh's event being closer to 20.

We hosted 21 social events throughout the year, in five different regions, most were dinner, but several were connected to outdoors themed movies. The socials typically drew anywhere from 5-10 people, with the Banff Film Festival one drawing around 20. Socials are also events that draw in a lot of first timers, and are a great promotional tool. I have also noticed that these events draw in a lot of people from outside the core age demographic, as these types of events are not really offered outside of 20's & 30's. For that reason, I feel that general audience socials are worth looking into. It seems that people in their 40's like to attend events like these to learn about the group. Given that our chapter, as well as others, seems to lack people in this middle range, it might be something that is looked into.

I must say, that I was very happy with this year's activities, and with the new leaders coming down the pipeline, I am even more optimistic about next year.

Submitted by Jamie Gillon  
and Ann Hudnall

AMCNH 20's & 30's  
Co-Chairs



## **AMC NH Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Tim Kennedy, Marcy Stanton and Melanie Winther, submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on October 29, 2016.

All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October 2017.

### ***Officers***

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

### ***Committee Chairs***

Bike	Doria Harris & Hiel Lindquist
Conservation and Education	Paul Hopkins & Elizabeth Wyman
Excursions	Kevin Rooney & Beth Zimmer
Membership	Jen Fairchild
Mountaineering	Michelle Beadle & Johannah Hunter
Newsletter	Brett Billings
Paddling	Paul Berry & Joe O'Neil
Programs	LuAnn Laquerre, Terri Wilson & Debbie Marcus
Ski	Paul Pinkham & Valerio Viti
Trails	Denise Carter, Bill Foster & Richie Holstein
Website	Paul Berry & Brian Morin
Young Members	Jamie Gillon & Ann Hudnall

***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	1965	Dr. Ursula Sanders
1921	John R. McLane	1966-67	Mrs. Miriam Underhill
1920-22	Wilbert F. Gilman	1968-69	Terence P. Frost
1923-25	Louis P. Elkins	1970-71	Dorothy G. Burak
1926	Wilbert F. Gilman	1972	S. Robert Colby
1927-29	William C. Brunel	1973-74	E.H.B. Bartelink
1930	Julius C. Sturm	1975-76	Ruth Houghton
1931-32	Dr. John Worthen	1977	Holly Anderson
1933	Julius C. Sturm	1978-79	Robert C. Hansen
1934	Samuel P. Hunt	1980-81	Paul S. Shaw
1935	Clifton A Smith	1982-83	Harry Wescott
1936	Julius C. Sturm	1984-85	Henry Peterson
1937-38	I. Reed Gourley	1986	Jay Seavey
1939-40	Walter T. Winch	1987-89	Douglas F. Wyman
1941	Avis Cross	1990-91	David L. Harrigan
1942-43	Elizabeth Crosby	1992-93	D. Kurt Piper
1944-45	Arnold Perreton	1994-95	Kathleen D. Piper
1946-47	Earnest C. Goland	1996-97	Roger R. Scholl
1948-49	Osgood E. Waite	1998-99	Andrew H. McBride
1950-51	Almon G. Harris	2000-01	Anne Melvin
1952	H. Shirley Dwyer	2002-03	C. Pete Mason
1953	Harry Birch	2004-05	Robert Harrington
1954-55	Charles V. Tallman	2006-07	Ruth "Sam" Jamke
1956-57	Florence W. Harris	2008-09	Paul Berry
1958-60	J. Clifford Gallant	2010-11	Eric L. Savage
1961	Dr. Harry C. McDade	2012-13	Karen J. Thurston
1962-63	Mrs. Luther G Dearborn	2014-15	Wayne C. Goertel
1964	Robert Hill		



