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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!

50-Year Members

David Brownell
Sumner Colgan
P. Thompson Davis
Richard Esson
Gerald Laubach
George Newman
Roger Soderberg

25- Year Members

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George Adams	William Darcy
Diane Arsenault	Patricia Darcy
Karen Arsenault	Robert Decolfmacker
Richard Atkinson	Wesley Dull
Judy Barthakur	Madelyn Duzinski
Dennis Belliveau	Ron Eberhardt
Diane Belliveau	Alice Eberhardt
Eugene Box	Lucienne Efel Gallagher
William Casey	Beverly Entwisle
Michael Clemons	Peg Fischang
David Cochran	William Fray
David Cook	Diane Fray

Jefferson Freeman
Robert Freund
Mark Gallagher
Margaret Garneau
Robert Garneau
Michael Garner
Tom Garnier
Gina Garnier
Betsy Gemmecke
Don Gemmecke
Steven Hagan
Doria Harris
James Harrison
Janice Harrison
Nancy Hirshberg
Linda Holton
Peirce Hunter
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Mark Maciolek
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Christine Patton
Peter Pirnie
Merle Pomroy
Robert Powers
Gordon Powers
David Publicover
Janice Ramaska
Janice Robbins
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AMC NH Chapter Chair Report

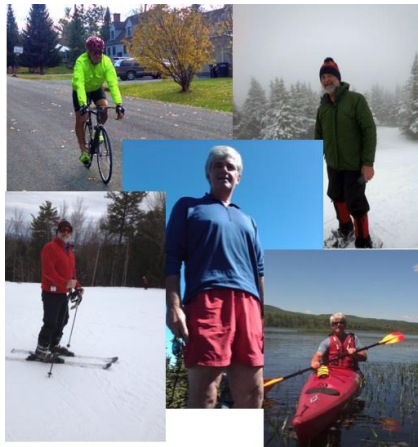
The New Hampshire Chapter of the AMC is once again enjoying healthy times. We are financially strong, administratively strong, and our committees are solid. We have been able to develop many new volunteer leaders while keeping our existing leaders enthused. We continue to offer over 400 volunteer activities including over 60 workshops each year for our 13,302 New Hampshire members, members from other Chapters, as well as those not members yet. In addition to these outdoor activities we have been offering evening programs such as those at the Concord and West Lebanon libraries.

This year we developed written Standing Rules, a finance plan for activities, and reviewed our Bylaws with some small revision recommendations. A Communications Committee was formed to be a conduit to tell our NH story. Our committees were asked to set annual goals. Committee reports are posted on the following pages. Please take a moment to read their reports. I think you will be impressed.

This year the NH Chapter hosted Fall Gathering 2017 at Camp Robin Hood in Freedom, NH. It was the largest Fall Gathering in the History of the AMC. It was our chance to invite the entire AMC to come play with us in our beautiful playground of rivers, lakes, roadways, and mountains. A special thanks goes out to our Programs Committee and the Fall Gathering Committee.

Finally, as I make my exit, it is my time to say thank you for allowing me to serve each and every one of you as Chair of the NH Chapter. I have thoroughly enjoyed my opportunity at the helm of this very special organization. I have worked with and met many extraordinary people who are committed to our Chapter and the outdoors. The list of people I would like to express my gratitude for being there and supporting me is too long to thank each one individually here. Together we have accomplished many things in these two years including the aforementioned along with a recognition program for our volunteer leaders, donations to the Northern Pass opposition, expansion of Rumney Rocks, an accessible trail at Cardigan, the rebuilding of the Joe Dodge Lodge, and many important strategic discussions regarding the future of the NH Chapter.

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 is down from previous years but that's owing to some well –placed donations and earmarks. In order to be sure we have enough operating capital, we've started to explicitly identify funds we've tentatively allocated to causes important to our members. This is another move designed to help the Chapter manage its finances responsibly for the long term. The Chapter is very active financially with monthly reports distributed on time and all committees meeting their reporting responsibilities to the Club.

This year we again supported wilderness first aid training for our active leaders. Financial support for training efforts such as CPR and wilderness first aid is one way the Chapter supports its community of activity leaders. We also wrapped up a multi-year leader recognition funding effort designed to recognize New Hampshire leaders and to allow them to be recognized when they are leading activities.

PayPal as a payment mechanism has been used by more committees and activities, making it easier and faster for our participants to pay online when registering. Revenue accepted through PayPal increased 26% in 2016 over 2015. While checks to the Chapter are always welcome, PayPal allows the Chapter to accept credit cards, but it's not necessary that participants have a PayPal account. Processing for the payments is handled through

the service so there is no additional financial burden to the Chapter and there is no additional security responsibility as the Chapter never receives the credit card numbers, only the resulting account deposits. In addition, PayPal provides excellent monthly summaries that allow the payments to be easily tracked to activities and the funds transferred to the committee accounts. PayPal earns income by taking a small percentage of each transaction, but given the substantial increase in the number PayPal transactions we consider this cost well worth the benefit this service provides to participants.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Desmarais, Treasurer



AMC NH Secretary's Report

The 96th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH on October 29, 2016. Bill Warren, Chair, presided over the meeting and provided an overview of upcoming initiatives. 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. We have over 225 leaders across all our activities committees. 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. One goal for this year was to implement Standing Rules to aid in guiding the running of the Chapter. This was accomplished in March.
2. Recommendations have been made on By Laws updates.
3. 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 2017 minutes.
4. A Communications Committee was established as a clearinghouse for multiple forms of communication with our members.

The following slate of nominees for the NH Chapter Executive Committee was presented and accepted by members for the year 2016-17 at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Officers 2016

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 & Liz Wyman
Excursions	Kevin Rooney & Beth Zimmer
Membership	Jen Fairchild & Matt Christiansen
Mountaineering	Michelle Beadle, Johannah Hunter & Tom Sintros
Newsletter	Brett Billings
Paddling	Joe O’Neil & Mike Hocevar
Programs	LuAnn Laquerre, Terri Wilson & Debbie Marcus
Ski	Paul Pinkham & Valerio Viti
Trails	Denise Carter, Bill Foster & Richie Holstein
Website	Paul Berry
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

Sam Jamke and Denise Carter presented: Journey to the End of the Earth, an account of their trip to Antarctica and South Georgia Island in March 2016. The expedition was a commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of the Skaleton Expedition and the voyage of the Endurance. Antarctica is the coldest, windiest, driest continent and is 99.8% ice covered. Their trip included amazing wildlife viewing opportunities and wonderful scenery on South Georgia Island, which was the beginning and end point of the Shakleton Expedition.

In 2016-2017, 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 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.



John Mullens

AMC Northern Regional Director

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AMC NH Bike Committee

Our primary goal for 2017 was to encourage people to get out and ride their bikes with the AMC. To this end we offered a variety of programs and events. A second goal was to try to increase the number of active bike leaders.

Again this year we offered our bike touring workshop, this time in Nashua. The workshop 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 June we followed up the workshop with a bike overnight trip in the Monadnock region. We had 7 people attend the workshops and 4 riders go on the overnight.



We also offered the bike challenge to ride at least 10 miles and ride to or through 15 of New Hampshire's covered bridges.

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.

We also offered the Gene Harding Memorial Bike Ride along the seacoast. This ride had 7 riders attend and we all enjoyed ice cream on AMC in memory of Gene.

So far, in 2017 we have offered 19 events, mostly in the southern part of the state. Ride participation seems to be down this year compared to last year. As an example, the popular Swanzeey Covered bridge ride had 9 riders in 2016 but only 2 this year. We are not sure of the reason but recognize that our activities compete with daily rides offered by area cycling clubs.

Unlike hiking and other AMC activities we have found that cyclists typically will not drive long distances to participate in rides. This makes it important that we build a cadre of ride leaders in several areas of the state. As such, we are in need of leaders in the Concord and Manchester areas, where most of the potential riders reside.

We did recruit 2 members who indicated an interest in becoming bike leaders. Unfortunately, due to relocation and job issues neither became full time leaders. The lack of availability of our few active bike leaders underscores the importance of recruiting more active leaders. At this point we have only 4 active leaders covering the seacoast and Monadnock regions and more leaders are required if we are to build the cycling program at AMC.

Respectfully Submitted
Doria Harris and Hiel Lindquist
AMC NH Chapter Bike Co-Chairs

AMC NH Conservation Education Committee

In furthering AMC's goal of climate change education and awareness, the Conservation Education committee continued to hold film screenings and public discussions about climate change. In October 2016 we partnered with faculty and student organizations at NHTI - Concord's Community College to co-host two screenings of Naomi Klein's groundbreaking film *This Changes Everything*. Faculty, students, and community members engaged in meaningful conversations about the issue and learned more about AMC's work.

We also continued to publish our Conservation Corner articles in each issue of the chapter newsletter to raise awareness on various conservation and natural history topics.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Hopkins & Liz Wyman, Co-Chairs

AMC NH Excursions Committee

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

We continue to have a vibrant Winter Hiking Series, a workshop series which was started nearly 20 years ago. Not only has it helped train 15-20 hikers each year in winter skills with a series of lectures and hikes beginning in late fall and continuing into winter, many of our Class 1 (Winter) hike leaders used that training to help prepare for that role.

We again offered many outdoor education workshops of differing lengths and complexity, with expanded map/compass & GPS workshops which involved more leaders, 17 this year, as instructors. The three weekend workshops we offer at Cardigan, which offer training in a variety of outdoor skills, including leadership, continue to sell-out. The NH Chapter now conducts approximately 60 workshops each year, many of them organized by the Excursions Committee. In addition to leading traditional leading hikes and trips, outdoor education continues to be an important area of our volunteer efforts.

The Family Group of Excursions continues to flourish, and we thank Wanda Rice for her many years of leadership of that activity, and welcome Heather Layton as her successor.

Our efforts at recruiting, training and mentoring new leaders resulted in 12 new leaders this year, a near-record for Excursions.

We thank Kevin Rooney for his many years of service to the AMC, first as Winter Hike Leader, co-founder of the Winter Hiking Series, then August Camp Manager, as he completes his term as Excursion Co-Chair, and welcome Larry Yetter as the incoming Co-Chair to assist our other Co-Chair, Beth Zimmer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kevin Rooney & Beth Zimmer
Excursions/Hiking Co-Chairs



NH Programs & Hospitality Committee

In November of 2016 J.(Jed) Edward Eliades and Jamie Huntsman provided the NH Chapter with an Avalanche and Mountain Safety presentation. Jamie shared his story of surviving an avalanche down Huntington Ravine. Jamie's story was showcased in the book "Desperate Steps". His story kept the attention of the crowd at the event which was held in



Lebanon, NH. Jed, a mountaineering instructor for the NH Chapter presented the safety skills relevant to winter climbing. Both men fielded many questions after the presentation to a captivated crowd.

The Concord library continues to be a hub for the NH Chapter and we held several programs there this year. In January Larry Yetter provided a slide show and program of his and his wife Bonnie's trip to Galapagos Islands and Mach Picchu. The Blue Footed Booby caught the attention of the audience of fifty plus. Sam Jamke was gracious to share her expedition on Antarctica once again. Her knowledge of the history on Ernest Shackleton kept all engaged. What an amazing adventure. In August, Frank Miller

hosted a Map and Compass Workshop for the library. This workshop provides the skills every hiker should have. The Concord library has continued to appreciate what our chapter has to offer and we are grateful for using them as a venue to let the community know there are many sides to our Club.

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 60 plus exhibits of outdoor, conservation and environmental groups from New Hampshire. AMC NH was well-represented by volunteers from hiking, biking, paddling, backpacking, and trails. Families had great fun with the trail tools contest game and kids pretended they were paddle boarding on a lake. Thanks to all our volunteers who gave their time and knowledge to promote AMC NH.

In late April we also hosted a presentation at the Kilton Public Library in West Lebanon, NH, "The Physiology and Psychology of Wilderness Survival" by Mark Kutolowski. Mark took us beyond the high drama of survival situations to look at the physiological and psychological dimensions that determine who lives and who dies in a wilderness survival situation from short term (4 days) to long term (40+ days) duration. The audience engaged Mark in a lively Q & A after his presentation.

The big event for the NH Chapter was the Fall Gathering 2017 on October 13-15. Hosted by us at Camp Robin Hood in Freedom, NH on beautiful Lake Ossipee, the volunteers from the Fall Gathering Committee (lead by Dan Heon) , Excursions, Paddling , Biking leaders and the Executive Committee demonstrated the

excellence and commitment our members have . Randy Pierce from 2020 Vision Quest was the featured speaker. We provided workshops, raffles, hiking, biking and paddling trips. What a party and one to be remembered.

This year's Programs finale is the Annual Meeting at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH on October 28th, 2017. Our featured speaker is Jake St. Pierre, a certified Wilderness First Responder, former police officer, certified personal trainer, mountaineer and climber who currently works as safety guide and location scout. Jake will share his story of his travels to Nepal, Mt. Everest Base Camp and beyond including the tragic 2014 Avalanche on Mt. Everest. Jake's stunning photo presentation includes the breath taking rugged and majestic mountains, his co-travelers and friends and, the equipment needed for such adventures. This is one photo collection you will not forget. Thank you Jake!

The Programs Co-chairs wish to thank all those individuals who presented, supported and attended our events. A special thank you goes out to the Concord Library for co-hosting quarterly presentations.

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 50th and 25th anniversary members! Your dedication and involvement in our Chapter has enabled us to continue offering fun and interesting activities. This month we have 7 members celebrating their “Golden Anniversary”, and 83 members who have remained devoted to our Chapter for 25 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.

We have been sending out postcards to new members. They can expect to see a welcome message highlighting the many ways to get outside, 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. There are also many wonderful pictures on the postcard showing how much fun it is to get outdoors with the Chapter!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Fairchild Co-Chair



AMC NH Paddling Committee

Denise Hurt has continued to remove hundreds of pounds of trash from our rivers on a monthly basis with the Paddlers Trash Patrol.

Denise Hurts also put together a successful Summer Bash BBQ. We had about 30 paddlers show up at Edward MacDowell Lake. Everyone did some padding, socializing, and had plenty to eat. This was funded this year by the NH Chapter.

The NH Chapter also funded the leadership Meeting last fall which had a great response. The leaders received AMC Logo shirt jacket , fleece or sweatshirt Both these events were run by Paul Berry.

Wednesday Night Recreational Paddling continues to be popular is still going strong with paddlers bringing their own boats or renting ours.

Debbie and 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.

Here are a few of our other trips and events from the year: Joe O'Neil ran the Moose Bow trip in Maine on Memorial Day again. Bill Voss has been running rolling clinics in pool in the winter and lakes in the summer. The Annual Whitewater School in April was

smaller this year and covered canoes. Jerry Smith set up a Sea kayaking training with a professional trainer.

Robin Diamond will be the new Co-Chair this coming fall and Joe O'Neil will become past Co-Chair

All of our trips are lead by volunteers. We wish to thank all our trip leaders and volunteers this year. We like to encourage interested paddlers to consider becoming leaders. The paddling committee will provide you with training and support.

Submitted by

Joe O'Neil and Mike Hocesvar, Paddling Co-Chairs

AMC NH Ski Committee

The 2016-2017 season for the ski committee was marked by three main events:

1. An increase in ski leaders and leaders-in-training (LiTs). We graduated 3 LiTs to full leaders (Becca Monroe, JR Petrus and Nik Fiore) and now we have 22 active full ski leaders and we inducted 3 new LiTs into the ranks (Dave Achey, Jillian Bouchard, Sean Mulligan)for a total of 10 LiTs.
2. A Mixed snow season, with a late start, then plenty of snow that thawed by the end of February, and then a pickup in accumulation that allowed the ski season to proceed through the end of April~beginning of May.
3. Further involvement in the maintenance and development of NH ski trails, from the Cardigan mountain ski trails to ski trails up in the Pinkham Notch region.



Ski committee booting up Left Gully, Tuckerman ravine, April 2017.



Erik enjoying the open glades on Little Jay, VT, April 2017.

As usual, the ski committee offered a wide variety of ski trips, workshops and workdays, both during the weekdays and weekends. The number of events keeps increasing, to the point that the group is offering more midweek events since the weekends are already fully booked with trips and workshops.

- 67 ski day trips (cross-country, light back-country, and down mountain backcountry) open to the public in NH, VT, MA and NY.

- 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.
- 7 midweek lunchtime sessions of skate/classic skiing at Oak Hill in Hanover, NH
- 1 Avalanche workshop at Pinkham Notch, NH (10 participants)
- 1 Workday at Cardigan Mountain on the ski trails (25 participants)
- 1 training day for ski leaders in the backcountry with a professional ski guide on Cardigan mountain (10 participants)
- 1 Ski leader training day at Cardigan lodge (16 participants)
- 1 day of training for the ascenders at Magic mountain (3 participants)
- 1 season planning meeting, hosted by JR Petrus at his residence in Concord, NH (26 ski leaders and LiTs, thanks JR!)
- 1 End of year party in Tuckerman ravine (11 participants)



*Ski trail work day at Cardigan:
the right tool for that job! Scott
Taylor.*



*The wrong tool for the job!
Casy, Margaret, Marty, Toby,
and more participants.*



*Gulf of slides: Tyson taking advantage of the conditions! Photo by
Brian Galluzzo. April 2017.*

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.



End of year party: the group at HoJo on the way up to Tuckerman ravine. April 2017.

Administration

The ski committee held its first “Ski Leader training day” at Cardigan lodge on November 20th, to which 16 ski leaders participated. There were presentations on ski-specific first-aid training, ski gear repair in the backcountry, sled building, ski-trip participant screening as well as the discussion of a documentary showing a ski accident on Hillman’s highway.

The Avalanche workshop returned to Pinkham Notch with a full class of 10 folks, held in February 2017 and taught by Marty Janoscheck, Casy Calver and Matt Schraut.

The chairs further developed the long-term vision and goals for the ski committee, which has been presented to the executive committee of the AMC NH Chapter and to the ski leaders.

The ski committee gifted the active leaders with a notebook with the ski committee logo on its hardcover. The goal is to encourage the current leaders to develop their skill development as trip leaders, as skiers, and as outdoorspeople.

Skill improvement and training

In December 2016 the committee offered the traditional group class for Telemark and Alpine downhill, held at Loon Mountain and taught by Jim Tasse. 15 leaders attended.

8 leaders attended PSIA clinics, Paul Pinkham, Valerio Viti, Ted Stevers, Tim Linehan, Marty Janoschek, Scott Taylor, Al Grimstad, Casy Calver.

3 leaders in training completed the mentoring requirements and are now full leaders: Becca Monroe, JR Petrus and Nik Fiore.

Four ski leaders attended the Eastern Snow and Avalanche Workshop in North Conway in November 2016: Marty Janoschek, Casy Calver, Matt Schraut, Valerio Viti.

2 Ski leaders attended the Adventure Travel training, held in Charlton, MA, Novemeber 11-13, 2016: Ted Stevers and Valerio Viti.

Certifications

Casy Calver attended the 3-day AIARE Level I avalanche class.

Valerio Viti obtained high Level II PSIA certification for X Country skiing.

The committee now has 22 active full leaders and 10 leaders-in-training: Aaron Hubbell, Al Grimstad, Brian Galluzzo , Dave Achey, Erik Endrulat, Jillian Willard, Joel Sadler, Michelle Beadle, Margaret Brumsted, Sean Mulligan.



Respectfully submitted,

Paul Pinkham, Valerio Viti

Co-Chairs, Ski Committee

AMC NH Trails Committee

The past year has been productive for the Trails Committee, with a continuation of some activities along with some new ones. More people have participated in trail work on a variety of trails with Committee members.

Three work trips were offered at co-chairs' adopted trails. One on a section of Kinsman Ridge Trail, another on part of the Clark Trail at Cardigan, and the third on the far reaches of the Back 80, also at Cardigan. These work days had good participation and great results for the trails.

In November several committee members helped out the Ski Committee to work on Cardigan trails, along with many other volunteers. Chainsaw certification proved its worth to clear many blowdowns, and much other work was accomplished.

In April, Trails 101 was offered at Cardigan Spring School, with limited response, but valuable work occurred. That same weekend, the Committee spread the message of the value of volunteer trail work at NH Wild Day, with many participants trying a "Name that trail tool" contest.

In May a very productive trail work day was held in conjunction with the 20's and 30's group, at Mt. Kearsage. 17 people helped out on the Kearsage trails.

Women's Trail Day will now be coordinated by the Trails Committee.

A tool sharpening clinic was held at the Trails storage facility. Seven people attended to learn and work on Committee tools. A properly sharpened tool is safer, and more efficient.

On National Trails Day, June 3, over 20 people helped with basic trails maintenance on two trails at Cardigan and two in the Whites. Great work was done and good spirits were maintained on a cold and rainy day.

A co-adopter for the Clark Trail at Cardigan has been enlisted.

One Trails co-chair has worked with the Berkshire Chapter at Noble View. We're reciprocating with other chapters' trails committees when we can. We get additional volunteers and learn from a wider variety of experience.

Another co-Chair was volunteer co-leader for a week of work out of Camp Dodge for the Club, working on the Old Jackson Road.

The AMC has signed an agreement with NH Parks and Rec to lead work done on State land.

One co-chair was the leader of discussion towards adoption of a charter for the Inter-Chapter Trails Committee.

Why not work one day a year on trails? Help to maintain what you love to do! Look for upcoming opportunities to give back to places where you hike.

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

AMC NH Website

This year there were no major changes to the website. The 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.

Our website, 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.

Submitted by Paul Berry Website Chair



AMC NH 20's and 30's

Leadership

We had four people, Chris Higgins, Jennifer Rheume, Kathy Ellis and Katie Vaughn become leaders. This brings our total to six, along with Jamie Gillon, Ann Hudnall and Nick Montecalvo. Kara LaSalle completed her pre-requisites to begin mentored hikes, while Chris Vaughan and Jamie Cullinane are working on fulfilling theirs. There were three New Hampshire residents scheduled for the September Inter-Chapter training at Cardigan for class 3 leadership. We are still looking for more members to become leaders.

Activities

We hosted four weekends, each attended by 15-30 people – Osceola Vista in September, Pinkham Notch in November, Squam in June and Osceola Vista in August.

There were 4 20's and 30's specific weekend day hikes offered, a doubling of last year's offerings. Three filled in advance, one was full well past the limit, and a second session was added, that also filled. We also had a successful monthly weeknight hiking series, with at least five participants at each – three filled to the ten person limit.

There was one backcountry ski event, and a ski social, both cross posted to our group by Michelle Beadle.

There was a three part indoor climbing night series and a beginner outdoor climb, all cross posted to our group by Michelle Beadle.

We hosted 16 social events throughout the year, down from 21. We hosted 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 a few over 10. Socials are also events that draw in a lot of first timers, and are a great promotional tool. 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.

In closing, I am happy with the progress we continue to make, though I am worried that we do not appear to have any new co-chairs moving ahead. Also, transitioning participants into leaders/organizers is proving difficult, possibly because we used to have a small group that went to nearly everything, while now we have a bigger group, who attends a bit less regularly – in the big picture, I feel this is good, but it is harder to build volunteers this way.

Submitted by Jamie Gillon
and Ann Hudnall

AMC NH 20's & 30's
Co-Chairs



AMC NH Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Melanie Winther, Jennifer Rheaume and Angela Ficco submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on October 28, 2017.

All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October 2018.

Officers

Chair	Frank Miller
Vice Chair	Richard Silverberg
Treasurer	Jennifer Rheaume
Secretary	Wanda Rice

Committee Chairs

Bike	Hiel Lindquist
Conservation and Education	Paul Hopkins
Excursions	Larry Yetter & Beth Zimmer
Membership	Jamie Gillon
Mountaineering	Kathleen Upton, Toby Burgess & Ben Green
Newsletter	Brett Billings
Paddling	Mike Hocevar & Robin Temple Diamond
Programs	LuAnn Laquerre, Terri Wilson & Debbie Marcus
Ski	Paul Pinkham & Valerio Viti
Trails	Denise Carter, Bill Foster & Richie Holstein
Website	Paul Barry & Max McClaskie
20's & 30's	Open
Communications (temp committee)	Kathy Ellis, Chris Vaughan

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

Immediate Past Chapter Chair	Bill Warren
Regional Director	John Mullins

Past AMC NH Chapter Chairs

1921	Frank E. Heald	1972	S. Robert Colby
1921	John R. McLane	1973-74	E.H.B. Bartelink
1920-22	Wilbert F. Gilman	1975-76	Ruth Houghton
1923-25	Louis P. Elkins	1977	Holly Anderson
1926	Wilbert F. Gilman	1978-79	Robert C. Hansen
1927-29	William C. Brunel	1980-81	Paul S. Shaw
1930	Julius C. Sturm	1982-83	Harry Wescott
1931-32	Dr. John Worthen	1984-85	Henry Peterson
1933	Julius C. Sturm	1986	Jay Seavey
1934	Samuel P. Hunt	1987-89	Douglas F. Wyman
1935	Clifton A Smith	1990-91	David L. Harrigan
1936	Julius C. Sturm	1992-93	D. Kurt Piper
1937-38	I. Reed Gourley	1994-95	Kathleen D. Piper
1939-40	Walter T. Winch	1996-97	Roger R. Scholl
1941	Avis Cross	1998-99	Andrew H. McBride
1942-43	Elizabeth Crosby	2000-01	Anne Melvin
1944-45	Arnold Perreton	2002-03	C. Pete Mason
1946-47	Earnest C. Goland	2004-05	Robert Harrington
1948-49	Osgood E. Waite	2006-07	Ruth "Sam" Jamke
1950-51	Almon G. Harris	2008-09	Paul Berry
1952	H. Shirley Dwyer	2010-11	Eric L. Savage
1953	Harry Birch	2012-13	Karen J. Thurston
1954-55	Charles V. Tallman	2014-15	Wayne C. Goertel
1956-57	Florence W. Harris	2016-17	Bill Warren
1958-60	J. Clifford Gallant		
1961	Dr. Harry C. McDade		
1962-63	Mrs. Luther G Dearborn		
1964	Robert Hill		
1965	Dr. Ursula Sanders		
1966-67	Mrs. Miriam Underhill		
1968-69	Terence P. Frost		
1970-71	Dorothy G. Burak		