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New Hampshire Chapter

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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

Paul Bofinger

David Haworth

Richard Hudson

Arlene Ilgenfritz

Robert Ilgenfritz

Richard Kane

Peter Ketcham

Diane Simensen

Alfred Simensen

25-Year Members

Todd Bachelder

Paulette Boudrot

Nate Carey

Connie Carey

Nathaniel Carmen

Mary-Ellen Carmen

William Compton

Tim Daisy

Doris Dawkins

Robert Dawkins

Laurette Delisle

Frank Engley III

Belinda Fender

Garry Gerossie

Robert Goyette

Jane Gregoire

James Gregoire

Paul Hemmerich

Nancy Hemmerich

Howard Hoke

Jayne Johnson

Fred Jones

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| John Mellen | Alexander Smith |
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| Dave Meserve | David Snyder |
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| JoAnn Palermo | Ken Wenger |
| Beverly Payne | Lisa Wisler |
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| Craig Perez | Robert Zock |
| Karl Pfeil | |

AMC NH Chapter Chair Report

The New Hampshire Chapter of the AMC is still enjoying healthy times. We are financially strong, and our committees are solid. We have welcomed many new volunteer leaders. We have also supported our volunteers in getting training that will help them to be better leaders.

We continue to offer many volunteer lead activities, including over sixty workshops for our New Hampshire members, members from other chapters, as well as prospective members.

Again, this year we asked our committee's to set goals for the next year. The committee reports are posted in the following pages. I hope that you will take the time to look them over and I believe that you will be as impressed as I am.

Currently, due to personal reasons, I'm unable to continue in my role as Chapter Chair. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful people.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the help and support from all of you in my endeavors as Chapter Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank Miller

Chair New Hampshire Chapter AMC



AMC NH Secretary's Report

The 97th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH on October 28, 2017. Bill Warren, Chair, welcomed everyone and highlighted Chapter endeavors and achievements over his two year tenure as Chair.

In 2017-2018, the AMC NH Executive Committee held monthly meetings (with the exception of January, July and August). Minutes from these meetings can be found at:

<https://amc-nh.org/chapter/minutes/index.php>

This year corporate headquarters of the AMC has been working on a Club finance policy to help chapters manage their money safely and effectively. The NH Chapter has been very active in providing feedback and suggestions for the final version of the policy.

The Executive Committee embarked on an ambitious leader & volunteer appreciation project. Leaders and volunteers who had logged 6 days of service in the last 2 years were offered the chance to order a variety of clothing and equipment items embroidered with the AMC New Hampshire logo. Over 80 leaders across the chapter participated in the program which resulted in over 180 items being distributed.

The following slate of nominees for the NH Chapter Executive Committee was presented and accepted by members for the year 2017-18 at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Officers voted on at the 2017 Annual Meeting

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| Chair | Frank Miller |
| Vice Chair | Rick 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 Greene |
| Newsletter | Brett Billings |
| Paddling | Robin Temple Diamond & Mike Hocevar |
| Programs | LuAnn Laquerre, Terri Wilson & Debbie Marcus |
| Ski | Paul Pinkham & Valerio Viti |

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| Trails | Denise Carter, Bill Foster & Richie Holstein |
| Website | Paul Berry & Max McClaskie |
| Young Members | Open |

In addition a temporary committee for Communicatons was chaired by Kathy Ellis & Chris Vaughan.

Special thanks to Bob McLaughlin, Newsletter Chair, for lending his editing skills to the this report.

May the forest be with you,

Wanda Rice
Secretary



AMC NH Treasurer's Report

The financial position of the New Hampshire Chapter is strong; our cash position this year is equal to last year. We have developed a healthy balance for our Invested Reserve Account while also investing in our leaders and volunteers to ensure our members have the opportunity to safely enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

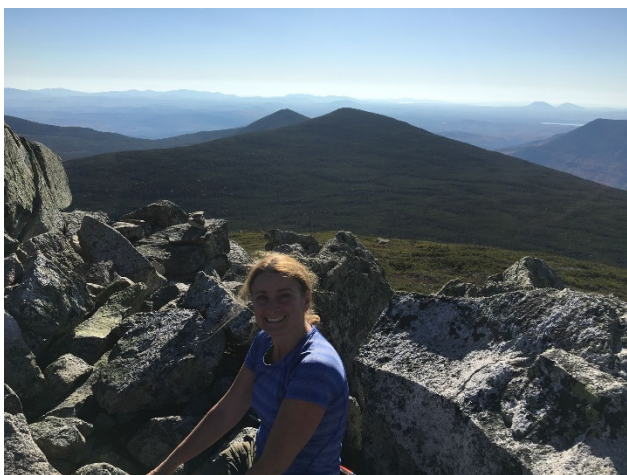
This year we recognized our Volunteer Trip Leaders as well as our Volunteers who are not Trip Leaders. While donating many hours of their time, they make it possible for our chapter to hold numerous events that bring joy to our members. Members will easily identify these volunteers in the great outdoors in the next coming year with their official AMC-NH Volunteer Logos worn proudly on their clothing and or gear.

Throughout the year The Chapter has invested in training and certification for our Leaders. We again supported Wilderness First Aid and CPR for all active trip leaders, PSIA certification and avalanche training for our Ski Leaders, and new this year our Paddling leaders participated in training to be certified in ACA courses. We feel these investments in training will increase the safety and enjoyment of our members.

The ease of electronic payments for trips, events and workshops through our PayPal account has increased member usage by 23% over last year. The Chapter has continued to move forward this year to utilize technology to organize our financial recording. We now have the ability to scan our financial records directly into our financial software program and store the backed-up records. This move forward ensures records are always accessible and allows for a smooth transition when Officers change.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry P. Landry



Report from the AMC's Northern Regional Director

Since my last report for the 2017 NH Chapter Annual Meeting, the AMC Board of Directors has undertaken two significant efforts that affect all chapters, including the NH Chapter. The first is the development, adoption, and implementation of a Chapter Finance Policy. Over the course of the last couple of years, a club-wide committee with representatives from chapter leadership, the Board of Directors (BOD), and AMC financial staff and volunteer relations staff worked diligently to develop a policy and procedures that would fulfill the club's responsibility for oversight, maintain chapters' access to their funds, and proactively guard against increased levels of cyber threats already being experienced at all levels. I was a member of that committee and was able to consult with the leadership of the NH chapter and the Excursions Committee to be sure the developing policy would succeed at all levels. The resulting policy, with encouragement to spend down chapter reserves, new limits on the amount of cash kept locally, and a new process for accessing chapter funds held at the Club-level, was approved by the Chapters Committee and the BOD's Executive Committee and is in its first year of implementation. Chapter treasurers and AMC finance staff are working closely to monitor this first year and will assess its effect on chapter transactions and address any needed changes as we get additional experience.

The Club is also working now to refine the Club's vision and to develop organizational objectives for the six-year period beginning January 2020. The effort is dubbed "AMC150" to acknowledge that this strategic planning will take the Club through its 150th anniversary in 2026! As a Board and chapter representative on that committee, I'm helping to gather information through discussion groups, interviews, and surveys. In fact, one of our first data collections is scheduled for this year's Fall Gathering when we spend time with the leaders of every chapter and individual AMC members attending this event. We'll have similar conversations at the Annual Summit, January 26th at the Four Seasons Hotel in Norwood, MA, so look for additional information as that date gets closer. As we continue to collect and then consolidate the information, we'll prepare a draft vision and seek feedback from representative groups. Final analyses and a proposal to the BOD is scheduled for the fall of 2019 with a launch date of January, 2020.

As this NH Chapter year comes to a close, I'd like to acknowledge outgoing chair Frank Miller for his work leading the chapter through another exciting year, and welcome incoming chair Rick Silverberg as he steps into this leadership position. The chapter has been extremely fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers ready when needed. As in any volunteer-run organization like the AMC, the strength of the organization is determined by the quality of those who step up to volunteer. There are so many different ways to volunteer with the chapter. So, if you have even so much as an inkling you'd like to be part of it, email or talk with Rick Silverberg.

He'll come up with an opportunity that matches your skills and interests with the chapter's needs to the benefit of all. Try it, you'll like it!



Respectfully submitted,
John Mullens
AMC Northern Regional Director
RegionalDirector@amc-nh.org

AMC NH Bike Committee

Our primary goal for 2018 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 including 22 bike rides in various areas. 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 Bow, just outside Concord. 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 19 people attend the workshop and 9 riders go on the overnight. This was a significant increase in participants over past years.



In addition, a bike touring presentation which emphasized AMC bike activities was presented during a training weekend at the Webster (NH) Boy Scout Council. Over 40 scout leaders attend the presentation. We also participated in the NH Wild event in April.

This year we offered a “coffee” program in the spring with the objective for cyclist to complete several rides to different area coffee shops. We had 3 people complete the challenge. Also during the spring riding season, we offered a 7 ride series on Tuesday evenings with various success. We had up to 6 participants on one ride but were limited to only 2 on some of the others. As we noted in past years, our activities compete with daily rides offered by other 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.

We did recruit 2 members who indicated an interest in becoming bike leaders and we are now up to 10. Unfortunately, very few of our new leaders posted more than 1 ride this year. The lack of availability of our few active bike leaders underscores the importance of recruiting more active leaders. We especially need more leaders in the Concord and Manchester areas where the majority of our members reside. We also need to build a list of mountain bike leaders as we believe this is the most promising area for the AMC NH bike committee.

Respectfully Submitted by

Hiel Lindquist
Bike Committee Chair

AMC NH Excursions Committee

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

Volunteer Hike Leaders

The backbone of our group is our cadre of about 100 highly trained volunteer hike leaders. The Excursions Committee is planning a leadership gathering this year to provide additional training to our hike leaders. In addition, we are always looking for opportunities to continue to train our leaders with new skills to provide the most knowledgeable leaders that we can.

Day Hikes and Outings

By far, our most important and known outreach comes via our day hikes and outings. Our leaders have led nearly 200 day hikes and outings throughout the past year in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont.

Winter Hiking Series

We continue to have a vibrant Winter Hiking Series (WHS), a workshop series which was started nearly 20 years ago. Larry Yetter serves as WHS Director and together with volunteer winter hike leaders, they help train 24 hikers each year on how to safely hike the higher peaks in winter. The series kicks off with a weekend workshop offering a series of lectures and hikes beginning in late fall and continuing into winter. Many of our Class 1 (Winter) hike leaders used this training to help prepare for the role of becoming a winter hike leader.

Over 55

Patty Anderson chairs our Over 55 Group. Through her efforts combined with other volunteers, we have grown our offerings to nearly 30 events specifically aimed at our Over 55 members.

Family Group

The Family Group of Excursions continues to flourish, and we thank Heather Layton for her leadership. The November Fall Weekend Family Gathering at Cardigan Lodge has seen families coming year after year. The volunteer leaders within Family Group have also offered six hikes, three hut overnights, a Staying Found Workshop, and two snowshoe trips.

Navigation Workshops Series

Our navigational workshop offerings continue to grow and are in high demand. Beth Zimmer has taken a lead role in developing workshops in keeping with the tools that hikers are bringing out to the trail. Along with other volunteer instructors, we have offered Map and Compass workshops, backcountry navigation (bushwhacking), GPS workshops and smartphone apps for hiking. This past year we have helped trained over 60 participants in some form of navigation skill.

Winter and Spring School at Cardigan

A central part of our outreach and education comes from our annual weekend workshops offered three times a year at Cardigan Lodge, under the continued leadership of Workshop Director Rick Silverberg. During the winter sessions, we work in concert with the Ski Committee to offer an array of skiing, snowshoeing, winter hiking and winter camping workshops. The spring session offers an array of hiking, backpacking, and map and compass workshops. Prospective hike leader candidates are invited to take one of our leadership workshops during either of the three sessions.

Volunteering in Partnership

This year Excursions hike leaders partnered with two different non-profit groups to connect underserved populations with the outdoors. Working with SheJumps, an organization that works to connect women and girls to the outdoors, we offered a map and compass workshop to over 20 participants as young as 13 years old. Several of our leaders volunteered with New England Regional Ski for Light and helped to guide blind and legally blind hikers on a hike in the White Mountains.

Respectfully Submitted:

Beth Zimmer & Larry Yetter
Excursions/Hiking Committee Co-Chairs



AMC NH Mountaineering

AMC NH Mountaineering Committee (MC) had an active and safe year in 2017-2018. The MC calendar is separated into three sections; ice climbing, glacier travel preparations and rock climbing.

We offer technical climbing trips throughout each season involving the use of AMC NH MC ropes, harnesses, helmets, shoes, and ice tools. Our trips require the participants to have some experience climbing to join, while our workshops and clinics offer a safe educational experience for new and regular climbers. Participants may be provided equipment loans (such as harness, helmet, crampons, ice tools, and shoes) as needed from the MC gear inventory to ensure everyone is able to attend safely. Between September 2017 and September 2018, the MC completed committee events spanning a wide range of locations.

Both NH and Boston chapters have extensively used and enjoyed the well-known Rumney Rocks Climbing area for the last three decades. The use of the resource supports the overall mission of the AMC by increasing ease of access for members and non-members by allowing small and large groups of people out into the outdoors in an environment that promotes cooperation and conservation.

Weekly Tuesday nights at Rumney Rocks climbing series was offered depending on the weather and the availability of leaders. This has been an ongoing introductory opportunity for several years spearheaded by Valerio Viti, Basil Huckabee and Toby Burgess.

Weekly indoor climbing sessions were offered at Evolution Climbing Gym in Concord when the weather did not permit outdoor rock climbing and throughout the winter months.

MC leaders also offered a number of rock and ice climbing opportunities throughout the climbing season in Marlow, Franconia Notch, Sunapee, Rumney and Lincoln. Toby Burgess and



Kathleen Upton facilitated a new climbers' clinic at Lost Horizon off the Kancamagus in Bartlett, NH, in October with a group of participants from the AMC Fall Gathering. All climbers were first time outdoors climbers, and they enjoyed the adventure of the short, steep hike, and the views of the fall foliage from the top of the cliffs they climbed. This trip was one of building confidence, outdoor skills, cooperation and awareness.

Introduction to Glacier Travel (April 7, 2018) and Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue Workshops (April 14-15, 2018) were held at the Gunstock Ski Area. We are grateful to Mike Roth, the new Director of Marketing and Sales for Gunstock, for allowing us to use the facilities and to the members of the AMC NH Communications Committee who photographed the participants and instructors during the training this year. This year we had 4-5 participants interested in becoming apprentice instructors next year. Jim Kent, Heather Layton, Mark Layton, Scott Taylor, Jen Gross, Joe Dorscheimer, Bill Burke, Toby Burgess, and Scott Fornier facilitated these introductory and rescue workshops.

Despite the weather constraints, our rock and ice climbing activities were well attended and affirmed the demand is present to continue offering future events.

The AMC NH MC Volunteer Leaders facilitate rock and ice climbing trips to crags and cliffs in New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts to suit all levels of mountaineers, as well as some backcountry adventures which might include skiing and multi-day/overnight trips. Introduction to Rock Climbing, Gym to Crag, Ice and Crevasse Rescue, Top Rope Site Management, Introduction to Traditional Leading, Anchors, and Ice Climbing are some examples of workshops available.



Recently, long-time AMC NH MC Leader and Instructor, Jed Eliades developed a manual for the Top Rope Site Management I & II courses for rock climbing leader training. That manual and other courses in topics such as avalanche awareness, glacier travel and crevasse rescue can be found through the link below:

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/mountaineering/training/resources.php>

We are continuing to sponsor our leaders for 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. Leaders from the Mountaineering Committee continue to collaborate with the Ski Committee for ski mountaineering activities combining ski and climbing disciplines.

One of our active MC Leaders and newly elected Treasurer, Tom Sintros, has been actively involved in the community near Keene, NH. Gilsum Steam School students in grades 1-5 were instructed on the climbing wall in February. Tom is working on establishing relationships with the Dublin School, Marlborough College, and Compass School to promote access to rock climbing instruction for all students. Indoor climbing walls and outdoor sites will be used for programs.

AMC NH Co-Chair, Ben Greene, facilitated Introduction to Ice Climbing clinics in Keene, NH on January 23, 2018 and February 10, 2018, TRSM I on June 23rd, July 14th, and July 21st. He collaborated with the 20's & 30's committee to lead a joint rock climbing and barbeque in Marlow.

Finally, we would like to recognize Jen Gross for being our AMC NH Mountaineering Treasurer for so many years. Perhaps since early 2000's, Jen has dedicated herself to skiing and mountaineering, not only as treasurer, but also as a volunteer in many aspects, including instruction and leadership in rock climbing, glacier and crevasse rescue and skiing. Thank you, Jen!



Submitted by,

Kathleen Upton and Ben Greene

Mountaineering Committee Co-Chairs

AMC NH Membership Report 2018

The membership committee had a very productive year.

To start off, both the chapter and club are growing. We started the year with 13,106 members, and have grown to 14,575, an increase of 1,469 members. This increase is very significant, as at the end of 2014, we had 12,677, for a five year gain of 1,898 members, including a loss in 2017. The club as a whole grew from 89,218 to 99,328 over the same span, closing in on 100,000! We are currently the second largest chapter, and one of the fastest growing. Overall, club membership is growing steadily, with all but one chapter having increased since 2014.

Full club membership by Chapter:

| Number of Members per Chapter: 5 Year Trend | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Year | AA | BK | BN | CT | DV | ME | MH | NA | NH | NY | PC | SE | WR | Total |
| 2014 Final | 8,282 | 2,894 | 23,199 | 7,984 | 4,740 | 5,143 | 732 | 2,633 | 12,677 | 11,480 | 2,735 | 3,829 | 2,890 | 89,218 |
| 2015 Final | 9,052 | 2,988 | 23,815 | 8,364 | 4,918 | 5,184 | 760 | 2,641 | 13,014 | 11,352 | 2,905 | 3,834 | 3,007 | 91,834 |
| 2016 Final | 8,736 | 2,936 | 23,805 | 8,253 | 4,803 | 5,262 | 747 | 2,685 | 13,234 | 11,246 | 2,853 | 3,845 | 2,999 | 91,404 |
| 2017 Final | 8,910 | 2,953 | 23,604 | 8,280 | 4,825 | 5,736 | 822 | 2,668 | 13,106 | 10,746 | 2,907 | 3,786 | 2,906 | 91,249 |
| 2018 YTD | 9,798 | 3,213 | 25,907 | 8,745 | 5,118 | 6,557 | 837 | 2,965 | 14,575 | 11,233 | 3,008 | 4,106 | 3,266 | |

First, as membership chair, I send a standard email to all of the new members in a batch when the roster is updated by the club staff every few months. Each time, I get over a dozen responses asking me to connect them with different sub-groups and types of activity listings. I delegate accordingly, and the other co-chairs are quick to respond.

Second, I have formed a true membership committee beyond the chair(s), something that has not existed for a least a few years. We had two meetings to discuss ways to not only promote the club, but also turn members into active participants. I would like this committee to eventually have members from other committees as well.

In the first year the committee consisted of:

Jamie Gillon – Chair

Sam Jamke – Former Chapter Chair, Excursions & Adventure Travel Leader

Denise Carter – Excursions Secretary, Multiple Activity Leader

Debbie Marcus – Programs Co-chair, Excursions Leader

Sue Newhall – Programs Co-chair, Excursions Leader Candidate

Tom Humphreys – AMC NH Member



Third, our committee has taken part in several larger outreach events. We had a booth at the very well attended Discover NH Wild Day in Concord. Over ten volunteers from almost all of our committees worked this large event that was attended by thousands. We also had volunteers work booths at the Easter Seals corporate wellness fair and the Lincoln National Night Out.

Finally, we have instituted Membership socials/info nights. We held two this year, and hope to expand to four in 2019, to be held quarterly. The first two events were held at restaurant private rooms, one in Bow, the other in Epping. The first had about ten people, though most were already chapter volunteers. The second had 14, with most of the attendees being people who were not yet active in the group. At each one we had a co-chair from a different sub-committee speak on their group's offerings. The plan is for the featured committee to change each time, and to rotate throughout the state.

In conclusion, I feel the committee has increased our level of activity, visibility and value to the chapter. Looking ahead, I feel that having more of a proactive group will help to grow and maintain the chapter membership and increase the level of activeness among the current members. With chapter membership having grown significantly this year, I feel that we have a great opportunity in 2019, and turn a significant amount of members into participants and eventually volunteers.

Regards,

Jamie Gillon

Membership Committee Chair

AMC NH Newsletter Committee

Mountain Passages, the NH Chapter newsletter, circulates to approximately 1,200 print subscribers and approximately 6,800 email subscribers on a bi-monthly basis. This year, Bob McLaughlin took over as editor and Jessica Clifford continued her work on design and layout. Thank you to Brett Billings who served as editor since 2015!

In addition to articles concerning upcoming events, past events and much more, in 2018 the newsletter has featured articles encouraging readers to hike trails “off the beaten track” to avoid crowds and reduce impact on the more popular locations. A series of “personal viewpoint” articles have been included, and the July/August issue contained the story of a truly heroic winter rescue in the Adirondacks that involved chapter members. We are always looking for new material and ideas for articles. Don’t be shy!

Current and past editions of Mountain Passages dating back to 2007 can be found on AMC-NH.org. If you are still getting the black and white print versions of Mountain Passages, we encourage you to switch to the email version. Not only will that save postage and paper, but the online version of Mountain Passages is in full color and the photos are so much better!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob McLaughlin & Jessica Clifford
Newsletter Committee

AMC NH Paddling Committee

This past year was full of training, trips and changes. Training and spreading the fun of being on the water was our focus this past year. Hoping to gain more white water, flat water and sea kayaking leaders, we put efforts into making sure we had more leadership and skills trainings that lead to more experienced and knowledgeable leaders. This includes some certification rankings for the leaders. The Chapter is helping subsidize some of this training for our leaders.

First Aid/CPR for Kayakers, a one-day course, was held in Salem, NH with first responders. The class had 11 attendees and focused on paddling first aid, how to tend to a paddler while still in a boat and even how to administer CPR while in a boat. The course will be held again next spring.

White Water School was another success this year. It was well attended as usual. The WW



School was organized by Paul Berry. Mike Hocesvar was the leader at the school this year, in Paul Berry's absence. This training focuses on new white-water kayakers, and emphasizes learning the basic paddling skills and rescue techniques. It is a great place to learn. In addition, skills training was taken by four of our WW Leaders at Zoar Outdoors, in western MA, to gain ACA WW Certification Level 2 for teaching and leading white-water training and trips. Paul Berry, Tim Jones and Marcy Stanton participated.

White Water School 2018



Knubble Bay Training and Kayaking weekend had 16 attendees this year. The weekend is for new kayakers (Level 1), to learn the skills needed for self and assisted rescue, paddle strokes, basic navigation and day paddle planning. We also welcome seasoned kayakers to join us to perfect their skills.

Knubble Bay 2018 Peggy Island

This weekend never fails to be a fun and educational weekend. The AMC Knubble Bay camp is in Georgetown, ME just northeast of Bath ME. Leaders this year were Robin and Roscoe Diamond, Dana Gray and Ed Lawson.



Knubble Bay kayaking 2017

ACA Skills Training for leaders was taken by Marcy Stanton, Paul Berry and Robin and Roscoe Diamond in preparation for the ACA Certification in Sea Kayaking. This training was a one-day evaluation class that will lead to certification in the spring of 2019. The location was Oars Island ME.



We had our 2nd Annual Picnic BASH and Paddle on September 8th at the Contoocook River Canoe and Kayak Co. in Concord, NH. The location was perfect for all types of paddlers. The short boats and long boats were all able to enjoy the day. At the end of 9-mile and 4-mile paddles, we all enjoyed a BBQ and some great conversation. We look forward to next year. The Leaders were Robin Diamond, Denise Carter and Bill James.

Picnic BASH - on the Contoocook 2018

Wednesday Night Recreational Paddling continues to be popular and is still going strong with paddlers bringing their own boats or renting ours. Thanks to John Pilla for all his efforts.

John will be stepping down from organizing this event. If someone would like to be more involved with the paddlers, we could use your expertise in planning and paddling.

We had other activities as well which included pool rolling sessions, flat water paddles and some river paddling as well. Thank you to all those that planned and ran day and weekend trips.

Our Co-Chair, Mike Hocevar had to step down from the Paddlers committee this summer after his house was struck by lightning while away in August. We wish Mike and his family well and look forward to seeing them soon.

Roscoe Diamond and Paul Berry have stepped up to be next year's Co-Chairs alongside Robin Diamond as she moves into her 2nd year as Co-Chair.

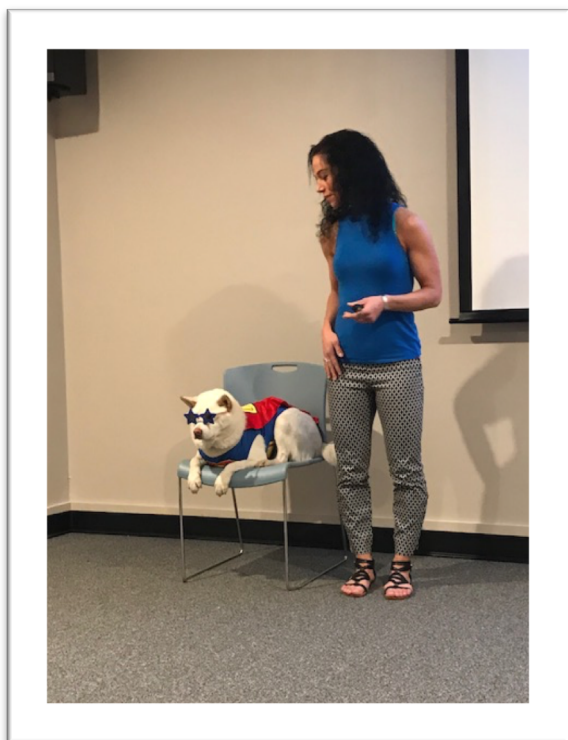
All of our trips are led by volunteer leaders and we would like to thank everyone for their efforts this year.

Respectfully submitted by

Robin Diamond – Co-chair

AMC NH Programs Committee

This year longtime Programs Co-Chairs Lu Ann Laquerre and Terri Wilson stepped down from Programs. They each provided dedicated service to AMC-NH and the Executive Committee for five years and three years, respectively. Susan Newhall joined the Executive Committee as Programs Co-Chair with Debbie Marcus. Programs has taken on the responsibility for securing meeting locations for the meetings of the Executive Committee and has taken custody of the new video projector which is available for presentations and talks by the chapter's members.



After an initial March snow storm cancellation, we held a program at Concord Public Library on March 19, 2018, in conjunction with the library's Concord Reads! 2018, a community-wide reading event which focused on *Following Atticus* by Tom Ryan. Our presenter, Alton Eckel, and her adventure hiking dog, Cole, a 5-year-old Shiba Inu, entertained a diverse audience with stories about their impressive hiking accomplishments, and answered many questions about best practices when hiking with canine companions.

On April 21, 2018, several AMC-NH volunteers participated in Wild NH day at the NH Fish and Game campus in Concord, NH. This annual free outdoor festival, very popular with families, has over 70 exhibits from outdoor, conservation, and environmental groups from New Hampshire. The AMC-NH exhibit, staffed by volunteers from

Programs, Membership, Biking, Paddling, Hiking, and Trails, featured a fat-tire bike, canoes and kayaks, a backpacking tent for kids to explore, and a large display of trail tools. Again, the Trail Tools quiz and raffle was a highlight for the 9,000+ visitors to Wild NH day. Thank you to all the AMC NH volunteers who came that day.

On August 7, 2018, several volunteers participated with an exhibit featuring hiking, biking, and paddling in the National Night Out event in Lincoln, NH. This is the first time AMC-NH has participated in a National Night Out, and we hope this becomes an annual event. Stormy weather cut short the evening, but all agreed this was a good venue to promote AMC-NH.

On August 23, 2018, Bob Holdsworth, a NH representative for Leave No Trace, presented a talk at the Concord Public Library. His informative and detailed presentation was excellent, and he handled many questions about the impact hikers have on high-use trails such as Mt. Major and

the Franconia Ridge. He revealed that the national Leave No Trace organization will name Mt. Major as a primary focus area in 2019. This will include trail work, professional signage, and personnel to bring the Leave No Trace message to everyone who visits the Mt. Major area. This is the first time an Eastern USA site has been so designated, and it is an important step, as NH's trails become more and more popular. We plan to schedule Bob again for another venue in 2019.

Starting in fall of 2018, Programs will be collaborating with LTC Partners Inc. of Portsmouth, NH to offer a series of Lunch & Learn talks for this 350-employee company. A corporate survey identified a strong employee interest in programs about the outdoors and activities such as hiking on local trails as well as the White Mountains. The corporate representative reached out to AMC-NH for assistance, and she was pleased to learn about all the varied outdoor activities AMC-NH promotes, including biking, paddling, hiking, mountaineering, skiing, and trail work. The employees are interested in those activities. We anticipate a mutually rewarding association with this corporation, as we work out the details of topics and frequency. Programs will reach out, in turn, to AMC-NH committees and personnel to share their expertise at the Lunch & Learn sessions.

The AMC NH Annual Meeting will be held on October 20, 2018, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. Fifty Year and Twenty-five Year members will be honored during the meeting. The keynote speaker will be Wendy Booker. Wendy, diagnosed with M.S. in 1998, has not let her disease define her. She has run marathons, adventured to the world's Seven Summits, reached the North Pole by dogsled and the South Pole by ski, and traversed Greenland. Her warmth, humor, spirit of adventure, and message about meeting life's challenges head-on are truly inspiring.

Submitted by,

Debbie Marcus & Sue Newhall

Programs Committee

AMC NH Ski Committee

The 2017-2018 season for the ski committee was marked by three main events:

- An increase in ski leaders. We graduated 4 Leaders in Training to full leaders: Erik Endrulat, Brian Galluzzo, Joel Sadler and Margaret Brumsted and now we have 25 active full ski leaders. We inducted 2 new LiTs (Leaders in Training) into the ranks; Janis Stokes and Christina Park, along with Aaron Hubbel, Al Grimstad, Dave Achey Jillian Willard and Sean Mulligan for a total of 7 LiTs.
- Another snow season marked by high snowfalls and epic thaws. The back country ski season seemed to be over by the end of February with bare ground in New England, but thanks to some late snowfalls, we kept skiing with plenty of coverage through early May
- A 7-day trip up to the Gaspé Peninsula organized by our leaders Casey Calver, Marty Janoschek and Margaret Brumsted, which saw 16 skiers head up to Quebec and enjoy the amazing ski conditions that we found up there.



Climbing the snowfields on Blanche La Montagne, with Hogsback in the background, Chic-Choc National Park, Gaspé, QC, Canada, March 2018.



Skiing the Cog Railway, February 2018.

The ski committee offered a wide variety of ski trips, workshops and workdays, both during the weekdays and weekends.

- 65 ski day trips (cross-country, light backcountry, 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 backcountry classes at Storrs Hill, NH, 2 classes per week
- 2 weekends of light backcountry and x-country in Vermont (Camel's hump) and in the Mt Washington Valley area, NH.



Brian taking off in the glades developed by Granite Backcountry Alliance in the White Mountain National Forest

- 2 weekends of downhill backcountry skiing, one in the Adirondacks (Mt Marcy) and one in the Whites on Black Mt, were canceled because of conditions.
- 7 days of backcountry skiing in Chic-Chocs Park in the Gaspé peninsula for 16 people.
- 4 midweek lunchtime sessions of skate/classic skiing at Oak Hill in Hanover, NH
- 1 Avalanche workshop at Pinkham Notch, NH (12 participants)
- 1 Workday at Cardigan Mountain on the ski trails (33 participants)
- 1 Ski leader training day at Cardigan lodge (17 participants)
- 1 season planning meeting, hosted by JR Petrus at his residence in Concord, NH (30 ski leaders and LiTs, thanks JR!)
- 1 End of year party in Tuckerman ravine (10 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 Backcountry Skiing, Intermediate Backcountry Skiing and Down Mountain Skiing.



Summiting the ridgeline after climbing a steep gully on Big Jay, April 2018.



Ski trail work day at Cardigan, November 2017. Esprit de corps trimming a crew leader's hair.



Leaders' early season Telemark clinic at Loon Mountain, NH, December 2017.

Administration

The ski committee held its second "Ski Leader training day" at Cardigan lodge on December 3rd, in which 17 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 to a full class of 12 folks, held in February 2018 and taught by Marty Janoscheck, Casy Calver and Matt Schraut.



Ski leader training day, Cardigan Lodge, November 2017.

The ski committee gifted the active leaders with a neck buff (gaiter) with the ski committee logo on it. 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 2017 the committee offered the traditional group class for Telemark downhill, held at Loon Mountain and taught by Jim Tasse. 13 leaders attended. The following day we held an Alpine clinic for our leaders who are mainly using Alpine Touring (AT) gear. Ted Stever taught the class and 7 leaders attended the class.

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

5 ski leaders attended the Eastern Snow and Avalanche Workshop in North Conway in November 2017: Marty Janoschek, Casy Calver, Jed Eliades, Matt Schraut, Valerio Viti.

2 Ski leaders attended the Adventure Travel training, held in Charlton, MA, November, 2017: Al Grimstad and Tim Linehan.

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

Respectfully submitted by,

Paul Pinkham, Valerio Viti
Ski Committee Co-Chairs



AMC NH Trails Committee

The Trails Committee has had another good year, continuing projects and directions from previous years. We see repeat volunteers and continue to attract new ones.

The Committee spread the message of the value of volunteer trail work at NH Wild Day, with 150 participants trying a “Name That Trail Tool” contest.

A tool sharpening clinic at our storage facility in Concord had seven people attending to learn and work on Committee tools. A properly sharpened tool is safer, more efficient, and more fun to use.

Introduction to Trail work at the chapter’s Spring School drew a larger group of students. Despite the late winter and worry that snow would cover our planned project, we added a rock water bar at a place which had been a messy problem for years.



Multiple work trips were offered at co-chairs’ adopted trails. Those are on a section of Kinsman Ridge Trail and on the far reaches of Cardigan’s Back 80 Trail. The days had good participation and great results for the trails.

On National Trails Day, June 2, over 20 people helped with basic trails maintenance on our trails at Cardigan and in the Whites. Great work was done and good spirits were supplemented by a meal afterwards at Cardigan Lodge.

A Trails co-chair volunteered as a co-leader with a four day work party on the Crawford Path. 2019 will mark the 200th anniversary for “the oldest continuously-used mountain trail in America,” and this year it got a face lift in preparation.

2018 will mark the sixth year our Trails Committee has worked with the ski committees of both the NH and Boston chapters to clear Cardigan's ski trails. Get rid of those blowdowns!

Cardigan and its trails remain a strong focus of the Trails Committee. We continue to push for the conversion of a trail there to become accessible for people with disabilities.

We continue outreach to trails committees in other chapters, notably the Berkshire Chapter at Noble View and on the New England Scenic Trail. We get additional volunteers and learn from a wider variety of experience.

The AMC has signed an agreement with NH Parks and Recreation to lead work groups on State land. We led one group trip to Winslow State Park and re-blazed the lower half another day.

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 you hike.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bill Foster and Richie Holstein

Trails Committee Co-Chairs

AMC NH Website Committee

This year the website committee began work on a new website for the chapter. We will be using a content management system called WordPress to allow for easier updates on the website and more flexibility with the look and feel. In addition, the website committee is working with each of the other committees to train them on how to use WordPress. This will allow committee chairs to maintain their pages and keep them up to date as easily as possible. We expect the new website to be fully functioning and live by the end of this year.

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,

Max McClaskie & Paul Berry

Website Committee Co-Chairs

AMC NH 20's & 30's Committee

The 20's & 30's group had a year of transition. Jamie Cullinane took over as Chair from previous Chair Jamie Gillion. We had two committee members move out of state, with one joining the ME chapter, who we tend to work closely with. Even during this transition period we were able to host some great events and activities throughout the year.

Leadership:

Our leadership numbers declined with two of our active leaders moving out of state. Kara LaSalle has almost completed her mentorship for class 2 and Jamie Cullinane is just a few hikes away from being able to start her mentorship for class 2. Josh Meltzer is continuing to work on his prerequisites for class 2 leadership. Our active leaders currently are, Kathy Ellis, Katie Vaughan and Chris Higgins.

Activities and Events:

We had two very successful camping weekends this year one at Squam Lake and the other at Barnes Field. We will be having a weekend program in the beginning of December for an Intro to Winter Activities at Joe Dodge Lodge. We consistently host social events once a month in different areas throughout the state, offering locations on the seacoast, Manchester and in the lakes region. These events are usually held at restaurants and most have had a consistent attendance monthly. In June we hosted a dinner presentation at the Common Man, presented by Paul McKim about his time hiking the John Muir Trail. We had about 20 people in

attendance.



We collaborated with Mountaineering for an Intro to Climbing day in May and had a significant attendance for this event. We also brought back our summer Wednesday night hiking series. Chris Higgins lead hikes once a month June-August in the seacoast area and Jamie Gillion did the same in the Manchester/Concord area. The series had great attendance with wait lists for both. This year Jamie Cullinane and Chelsea Tweed participated in the YM Leaders Retreat at the Highland center and took part in a DEI training hosted by AMC.

In all, the 20's & 30's group had a great year despite the transition. It still proves difficult to turn participation into volunteers or people who would like to get more involved with our group and AMC in

general. I have found our social events are a great way to gain participation for events such as the camping weekends. Moving forward we plan to start collaborating more with other committees and be more dynamic with reaching other 20's & 30's who are interested in more than just hiking. Intro activities is a great way to get people who want to try out new activities with others.



Submitted by

Jamie Cullinane

AMC NH 20's & 30's

Committee Chair

AMC New Hampshire Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Dan Heon and John McHugh, submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on October 20, 2018.

All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October 2019.

OFFICERS

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| Chair | Rick Silverberg |
| Vice Chair | Jim Kent |
| Treasurer | Kerry Landry |
| Secretary | Wanda Rice |

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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| Bike Co-Chair | Hiel Linquist |
| Bike Co-Chair | Open |
| Conservation/Education Co-Chair | Paul Hopkins |
| Conservation/Education Co-Chair | Open |
| Excursions Co-Chair | Beth Zimmer |
| Excursions Co-Chair | Larry Yetter |
| Membership Co-Chair | Jamie Gillon |
| Membership Co-Chair | Open |
| Mountaineering Co-Chair | Kathleen Upton |
| Mountaineering Co-Chair | Ben Greene |
| Newsletter Chair/Editor | Bob McLaughlin |
| Paddling Co Chair | Robin Temple Diamond |
| Padding Co-Chair | Roscoe Diamond (elect) |
| Paddling Co-Chair | Paul Berry (elect) |
| Programs Co-Chair | Sue Newhall |
| Programs Co-Chair | Debbie Marcus |
| Ski Co-Chair | Thor Smith |
| Ski Co-Chair | Valerio Viti |

Ski Co-Chair Paul Pinkham

Trails Co-Chair Richie Holstein
Trails Co-Chair Bill Foster

Website Paul Berry
Website Max McClaskie

20&30s Co-Chair Jamie Cullinane
20's&30's Co-chair Open

Communications ---Temp Committee Jamie Cullinane
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The Ex-officio members of the Executive Committee will be:

Immediate Past Chapter Chair Frank Miller
Regional Director North John Mullins

Past AMC NH Chapter Chairs

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| 1921 | Frank E. Heald | 1970-71 | Dorothy G. Burak |
| 1921 | John R. McLane | 1972 | S. Robert Colby |
| 1920-22 | Wilbert F. Gilman | 1973-74 | E.H.B. Bartelink |
| 1923-25 | Louis P. Elkins | 1975-76 | Ruth Houghton |
| 1926 | Wilbert F. Gilman | 1977 | Holly Anderson |
| 1927-29 | William C. Brunel | 1978-79 | Robert C. Hansen |
| 1930 | Julius C. Sturm | 1980-81 | Paul S. Shaw |
| 1931-32 | Dr. John Worthen | 1982-83 | Harry Wescott |
| 1933 | Julius C. Sturm | 1984-85 | Henry Peterson |
| 1934 | Samuel P. Hunt | 1986 | Jay Seavey |
| 1935 | Clifton A Smith | 1987-89 | Douglas F. Wyman |
| 1936 | Julius C. Sturm | 1990-91 | David L. Harrigan |
| 1937-38 | I. Reed Gourley | 1992-93 | D. Kurt Piper |
| 1939-40 | Walter T. Winch | 1994-95 | Kathleen D. Piper |
| 1941 | Avis Cross | 1996-97 | Roger R. Scholl |
| 1942-43 | Elizabeth Crosby | 1998-99 | Andrew H. McBride |
| 1944-45 | Arnold Perreton | 2000-01 | Anne Melvin |
| 1946-47 | Earnest C. Goland | 2002-03 | C. Pete Mason |
| 1948-49 | Osgood E. Waite | 2004-05 | Robert Harrington |
| 1950-51 | Almon G. Harris | 2006-07 | Ruth "Sam" Jamke |
| 1952 | H. Shirley Dwyer | 2008-09 | Paul Berry |
| 1953 | Harry Birch | 2010-11 | Eric L. Savage |
| 1954-55 | Charles V. Tallman | 2012-13 | Karen J. Thurston |
| 1956-57 | Florence W. Harris | 2014-15 | Wayne C. Goertel |
| 1958-60 | J. Clifford Gallant | 2016-17 | Bill Warren |
| 1961 | Dr. Harry C. McDade | 2018 | Frank Miller |
| 1962-63 | Mrs. Luther G Dearborn | | |
| 1964 | Robert Hill | | |
| 1965 | Dr. Ursula Sanders | | |
| 1966-67 | Mrs. Miriam Underhill | | |
| 1968-69 | Terence P. Frost | | |