

**ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
APPLACHIANMOUNTAIN CLUB
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER
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Happy Anniversary 25 and 50-year members!

They contribute to the heritage and legacy of the Club and are honored that these members have chosen the NH Chapter as their AMC home for so long.

50 Year Members

Patrick Ahearn
Susan Ahearn
Erik Anderson
Ann Anderson
Helen Campbell
Pamela Devine
Donald Devine
Phyliss Gould
David Gould
Sheelagh Higginson
Paul Higginson
Mary Sturtevant
Roger Sweet
Ann Sweet
Elaine Wilk

25 Year Members

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| Timothy Ainsworth | Mary Kelley |
| Lynne Ainsworth | Jean Kluk |
| Susann Argetsinger | Richard Leavitt |
| Ken Austin | Rolf Lium |
| David Bailey | Vincent Lunetta |
| Suellen Balastra | Barbara Mathewson |
| Heidi Barker | Robert Mathewson |
| Lawrence Barker | Sarah McClennen |
| Scott Bouranis | Susanne Meyer |
| Steven Brooks | Emily Miller |
| S. Jeffrey Burt | Timothy More |
| John Caruso | Rebecca More |
| Douglas Conmy | Michael O'Connor |
| Fred Cross | Betsy Piburn |
| Allen Deitrich | Wendy Piburn |
| J Donnelly | Penny Pitou |
| William Dotchin | Carol Puffer |
| Steven Driscoll | Joseph Puffer |
| Jeffrey Dugas | Gary Rhodes |
| Steven Dugas | Mary Sargent |
| Susan Ellison | Jody Scharff |
| David Eshelman | Stuart Scharff |
| Jameson French | Steven Siegel |
| Debbie Fries | Nicholas A. Skinner |
| Karen Furtado | James Skofield |
| Anthony Giannelli | Thomas Smart |
| Nancy Goodwin | Michael Speltz |
| Rolf Goodwin | Evelyn Stevens |
| Robert Goulder | Sandy Swinburne |
| David Graham | Leon Tokatlian |
| Mary Graham | Jason Wall |
| Pat Hoertdoerfer | Douglas Whitley |
| Paul Hopkins | Laurie Whitley |
| Steven Howell | Jane Womack |
| Eileen Hunt | Miram York |
| Kristin Karlson | |
| Brian Keeler | |

AMC NH Chapter Chair Report, 2022

My dear friends and fellow AMC members,

First, I would like to take a minute to thank all the volunteers who, through the different activity committees and the executive committee, make the AMC as a whole, and, of particular interest to us, the AMC New Hampshire chapter such a great success. Those wonderful trails you walk on, that paddling trip you loved so much, that fun-filled weekend hiking hut-to-hut, that day of rock- or ice-climbing at the cliff with those awe-inspiring views, that cold and yet so idyllic winter adventure on skis in the New Hampshire backwoods... All of this exists because of the innumerable hours that our volunteers spend giving back to the outdoor and conservation community. So, when you come across an AMC volunteer, please take a minute to say thank you and acknowledge their efforts. And why not, you might even consider joining us and help us run the club! We are always looking for good folks!

Now, on to the business part! Last year, I had the privilege to step into the big shoes of my predecessor, Rick Silverberg, when I become the chair of the New Hampshire Chapter. It has been a very enlightening and humbling experience.

After two years of many restrictions due to the COVID-19 emergency, the AMC New Hampshire Chapter is coming out of this period in very healthy shape. We have managed to make the best of the situation by using video conferencing technology to run the club and to organize social events, such as the theme-oriented evenings with paddling and skiing. Also, given the natural reduction in spending during the past two years, we have accrued a healthy surplus that we are now able to invest in improving our infrastructure for outdoor access.

The chapter donated \$19,500 toward the building of the All-Access Trail at Cardigan Lodge, a trail that lowers the barrier for

folks keen to access the wonderful nature around the lodge. We are in the process of donating \$4,000 toward the building of a new kayak access ramp at AMC Knubble Bay Camp and Beal Island in Georgetown Maine. And, finally, the chapters donated \$2,500 toward improving the Wi-Fi connectivity at Cardigan Lodge.

The chapter held a spring picnic at Bear Brook State Park In Allenstown, NH, 35 people attended the event. The potluck-style lunch was combined with an option to go for a guided hike around the park or to do a guided flat-water paddle on the Suncook River.

Also, 2022 saw the gradual return of our Winter (2x) and Spring (1x) School events at Cardigan Lodge. Because of COVID-19 considerations, the schools were held as partially virtual, with preparatory and theoretical classes delivered virtually and an in-person day on the ground at Cardigan Lodge. This setup allowed participants and instructors to interact in person while avoiding the overnight stay at the lodge.

The chapter also returned to participate in the annual Discover Wild NH Day with a booth and with many volunteers from the chapter on-hand to answer questions. The day is informative and a great way to learn about AMC and the activities to Be Outdoors.

The chapter continued its commitment to train its active leaders by sponsoring Wilderness First Aid (WFA) training; this year, rather than booking one weekend of WFA at SOLO dedicated to just AMC chapter leaders, we took advantage of an AMC-corporate sponsored WFA training series offering more flexibility in choosing the dates for the volunteers as well as offering reduced costs. In the coming months, the chapter will evaluate whether we will continue with this option or return to the previous model.

We have several positions open in the executive committee (ExCom) and we would love to have your help: chapter vice-chair, membership committee chair, conservation and education chair, programs committee co-chair, and twenties and thirties committee chair. If interested, please reach out to anyone on ExCom or directly to me.

All of the AMC-NH committees have submitted a budget for 2023 as well as goals; these are summarized in the following pages. Here you will also find details about the many trips, workshops, and social events that are described in the individual committees' reports.

In closing, I would like to thank again all the volunteers and participants in our events; you are the people who make this chapter so successful.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerio Viti
Chair, AMC New Hampshire Chapter

NH Chapter Treasurer's Report

The financial condition of the NH Chapter is sound.

The following balances represent the most recent amounts available.

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| Chapter Checkbook Balance | \$68,489 |
| Cash Reserves | \$28,525 |
| Invested Reserves | \$16,409 |
| Bernice Johnson Endowment | \$90,806 |

I will be stepping down this year and Rick Rosania will be stepping up to continue into the new year.

Respectfully Submitted
September 25, 2022 by
Ron Janowitz, AMC Chapter Treasurer

AMC NH Secretary's Report (Paddler)

The 101st Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club will be held at the Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH on October 22, 2022. Valerio Viti, Chair, Vince Kelly, Co-Chair. Stepping into this position after being Chair of NH Paddlers for 4 years was a simple transition to be able to continue working with a talented group of outdoor enthusiasts. I knew the working of the Chapter Excom so I wasn't new to the process to keep things rolling along smoothly. I don't just take minutes at the meetings; there is the roster of the board members, agendas to create and then taking the minutes, ordering name tags and working with the Chair and Vice Chair and Treasurer. I also have a vote and a voice on decisions made at the board level for the NH Chapter. I look forward to the next year working with the current and new members of the NH Chapter Excom.

In 2021 -2022, 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>

Our slate of committee chairs has done a great job in keeping activities rolling to get our members and more *Outdoors*. The recent health challenges in the world did try to put a damper on staying active but the NH Chapter did keep the activities database filled with many activities and events. An abundance of work was accomplished including building new trails to trailers.

The list of Co-Chairs and Committee Chairs for the upcoming year is listed on the last pages of the Annual Report.

Respectfully Submitted:
Robin Diamond 10/16/2022
AMC NH Secretary

Communications Committee - Bob McLaughlin and Alden Zeff

The Communication Committee is responsible for publication of *Mountain Passages*, the Chapter newsletter, and maintaining a presence for the Chapter on social media platforms, such as Instagram and Facebook.

2022 has been a year of transition.

The Spring issue of *Mountain Passages* was the last for our long-time graphics designer, Jessica Clifford. Thank you, Jess for all you did over your eight years working on *Mountain Passages*. *Mountain Passages* would not be the same without you.

Fortunately, Bill Covino stepped forward and took the reins as graphic designer. Bill has over thirty years of experience as a professional art director, and has done a superb job on the summer and fall issues. Thank you, Bill!

In 2022, articles in *Mountain Passages* continued to carry articles about the history of the White Mountains, including a history of the Pemigewasset Wilderness by Becky Fullerton, an article describing the development of Madison Springs Hut and Emilie Klug an early explorer of the Whites authored by Frances Richardson, and a history of the lost town of Livermore. Of course, we also ran articles highlighting tips to better enjoy the outdoors, Chapter activities, and nature. A continuing photo identification contest, "Where in the Whites?" received enthusiastic reader support and will continue.

This has also been a year of transition for social media as well. Jen Kimball is stepping down and Alden Zeff joining us. The AMC NH Chapter will be ramping up its social media presence in the coming months! In alignment with AMC mission to foster the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the outdoors, the NH Chapter will have a more active online presence to

connect with our members. We will be sharing information about upcoming excursions and events, sharing photos from our members and trip leaders, and sharing all sorts of content related to the outdoors and conservation.

The Communications Committee looks forward to working with other Chapter leaders in 2023 to spread the word about the Chapter and its activities.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob McLaughlin and Alden Zeff,
Co-Chairs, Communication Committee

Excursions Committee - Dan Heon & John Williams

The AMC-NH Excursions Committee (also known as the “Hiking Committee”) had another productive year, despite lingering challenges with Covid. Here are some highlights:

Volunteer Hike Leaders

The backbone of our group is our cadre of about 90 highly trained volunteer hike leaders. Hike leaders had an opportunity to participate in a winter training session where we snowshoed into a forested area and practiced first aid skills, use of group emergency gear and fire building skills. We also had many of our leaders take the Wilderness First Aid (WFA) course offered by SOLO and upgrade their Map and Compass skills with workshops organized by Mike Motta and John Williams.

We would like to welcome the following new leaders into our committee: Bill Nesheim, Don Walters, Steve Zimmer and Selene Berube. We also have several leader candidates that are in the process of becoming leaders.

Day Hikes, Workshops and Outings

By far, our most important and best known outreach comes via our day hikes and outings. Even though our activities were still somewhat limited due to Covid, our leaders have led over 50-day hikes, workshops and outings throughout the past year.

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 over 25 hikers each year 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. This series was canceled in 2020, so it was nice to see it resume this past year and the course is full for this coming winter.

Over 55

Kathy Rockwood and LuAnn Laquerre chair our Over 55 Group. Through their efforts combined with other volunteers, we have grown our offerings to many events specifically aimed at our Over 55 members. In addition to several hikes, there was a large gathering for the last weekend in September at Cardigan Lodge where the group enjoyed hiking, great food and comradery.

Family Group

The Family Group of Excursions continues, although limited this year due to Covid. We are scheduled to have a large group at Cardigan Lodge in early November for a weekend of activities, hiking and good company. We thank Heather Layton for her leadership.

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 and Mountaineering Committees and offer an array of skiing, snowshoeing, winter hiking and winter camping workshops. Prospective hike leader candidates are invited to take one of our leadership workshops during either of the three sessions.

Unfortunately, our Winter and Spring sessions in 2022 were limited due to a resurgence of Covid but are scheduled to resume fully in 2023.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dan Heon & John Williams
Excursions/Hiking Co-Chairs

Membership Committee Report

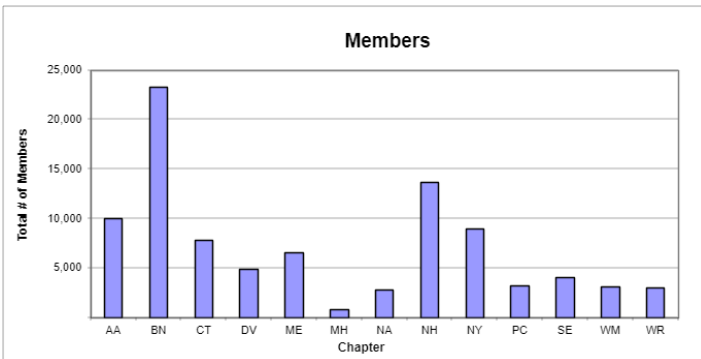
The Membership Committee tracks chapter and club-wide membership trends and is also responsible for outreach to new/newly active members, often answering general questions and providing referrals to club activities. Membership in the New Hampshire Chapter currently stands at 13,673 members. The Club holds a membership of 92,190, spread amongst twelve chapters. We are currently the second largest of the twelve chapters, behind only Boston, as we have been in since 2011.

AMC Members
August 2022

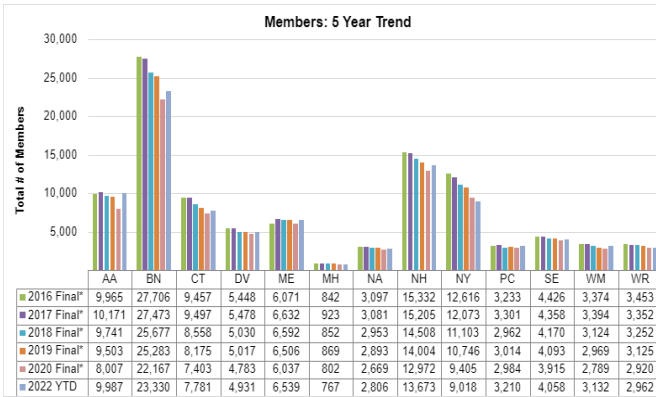
Members

| Level | Chapter | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
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| | AA | BN | CT | DV | ME | MH | NA | NH | NY | PC | SE | WM | | WR |
| Family | 5,805 | 16,308 | 4,743 | 2,833 | 4,420 | 433 | 1,845 | 9,265 | 4,950 | 1,843 | 2,673 | 1,943 | 1,885 | 58,943 |
| Family Life | 270 | 420 | 185 | 98 | 88 | 25 | 53 | 293 | 225 | 70 | 73 | 78 | 78 | 1,953 |
| Individual | 2,533 | 4,396 | 1,870 | 1,391 | 1,349 | 188 | 616 | 2,766 | 2,427 | 856 | 829 | 722 | 704 | 20,647 |
| Lifetime | 326 | 333 | 158 | 66 | 102 | 14 | 44 | 196 | 351 | 59 | 88 | 83 | 42 | 1,862 |
| Senior | 836 | 1,256 | 695 | 488 | 451 | 97 | 186 | 930 | 893 | 327 | 346 | 277 | 187 | 6,969 |
| U-30 | 217 | 609 | 130 | 56 | 129 | 10 | 62 | 219 | 168 | 55 | 50 | 30 | 66 | 1,801 |
| Youth Leader | 8 | | | | | | | 4 | 4 | | | | | 16 |
| Total | 9,987 | 23,330 | 7,781 | 4,931 | 6,539 | 767 | 2,806 | 13,673 | 9,018 | 3,210 | 4,058 | 3,132 | 2,962 | 92,190 |

* The highlighted rows represent the data contained in the graph below.
Note: "AA" represents Unaffiliated Members



After trending downward for about a decade, both club membership and our chapter's membership have started to rise again the last two years, a trend shared by all but two other chapters. The charts and graph below illustrate that membership has tended to rise and fall at a similar rate across all chapters over the last few years, with this year continuing the trend.



With COVID still a concern, the group hosted one Zoom social spotlighting 20s & 30s, before resuming in-person events once weather permitted in the spring. We were able to return to Discover Wild NH Day -- an event hosted by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department -- which is the state's largest gathering of outdoor groups and enthusiasts. About a dozen volunteers from Excursions, Paddling, Trails, and the Executive Committee hosted a booth at the event that was attended by over 10,000 people. We also had a kickoff picnic at Bear Brook that drew over forty people and featured both a hike to Catamount Hill and paddle on the Suncook River.

Coming off a year that saw our chapter's membership and the number of volunteer-led activities increase gives us a great reason for optimism that we can continue to see growth as both a chapter and a club. With the return of in-person activities, the Membership Committee hopes to continue to provide opportunities for new and newly active members and to increase their participation in the club through spotlighting all that we have to offer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Gillon
 AMCNH Membership Committee Chair

Paddlers Committee -- Roscoe Diamond and Bill James

Once again, this year we were still living through COVID-19. Paddlers seem to push on through and do what we needed to do to get through the rapid, beat the tide and just keep afloat through the events of the past couple years.



Frank Harrison, Equipment Chair, Good news the trailer is here but it was delivered, in 1000 pieces. Thanks to Frank Harrison and Roscoe Diamond, a job well done and in short time, to put the trailer together. Great job. We continue to sell some of our older boats, not sure if they will be seen on the water or in a beautiful garden somewhere in New

Hampshire. 18 new PFDs were purchased to replace some well used lifejackets.

Pool Sessions continued during winter of 2022, thank you to Jerry Smith, Paul Berry and others who were there for support. The sessions were once again held at the Boys and Girls Club in Nashua NH. Jerry also led weekly training sessions on safety and self/assisted rescue. These trainings were held on the coast at Odiorne Point in Rye NH or on Lake Potanipo in Brookline NH.

Leadership, Paul Berry Training YouTube videos continue to be viewed and new leaders take the training from home to qualify as paddling leaders along with the mandatory paddles needed to gain experience in leading trips. All while social distancing.



Spring and Fall brought Intro to Whitewater classes in the Conway and lakes area. These events were well attended by paddlers from all over New England. Tim Jones, and

his crew of AMC NH and Boston Paddling Leaders made these weekends an incredible success. We rented boats to many new paddlers. Kudos to our Equipment Chair for organizing transportation of boats and gear, Frank Harrison, who was also one of the trainers.

2022 brought back the 12th **Annual Knubble Bay Training weekend** in Georgetown Maine at AMC Knubble Bay Camp Trip Leaders: Roscoe & Robin Diamond, Dana Gray (Boston/NH Leader) and LIT (Leader in Training) Caitlin Lemaire. We focused on self and assisted rescue practice group dynamics, navigation, equipment, leave no trace and more. Our paddles were short but filled with more learning to how conditions can change quickly on the water and that group dynamics leads to a safe paddle. Sunday, we packed up, cleaned up and headed back out on the water for a second paddle for the weekend.

The tradition of the **Labor Day Paddling weekend** continued this year in Errol NH. We had flat water paddles on Lake



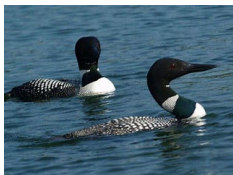
Umbagog and the Magalloway and Androscoggin Rivers. Whitewater paddles were run on different parts of the Androscoggin. New Hampshire and Boston Chapters participated at this Labor Day Weekend of Camping and Paddling. Thanks to ClearStream Campground in Errol NH. Thanks to all the



leaders: Tim Jones – Class 2 WW Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday; Gwen Hunter – Flatwater Saturday, Sandy Blanchard, Flatwater Saturday; Robin Diamond -- Flatwater Sunday, Caitlin Lemaire – Flatwater Sunday; Brian McCormack – Class 3 WW Saturday and Sunday; Mary-Therese Durr – Class 3 WW Saturday and Class 2 WW Sunday; Conrad Nuthmann (Boston)– Class 3 WW Saturday; Debbie & Kerry Frazier --WW Class 2 Saturday, Flatwater Monday

Frank Harrison, WW Leader, led a group of students on a kayaking and camping weekend. These kids had the opportunity to experience kayaking for the first time. Boats from our inventory were rent free. The kayaking/camping days were a huge success, and it looks like we will have more new paddlers in coming years.

Loon Flat Water Paddles were an exciting part of our Flat Water offerings this summer. AMC NH Paddlers partnered with the Loon Preservation Organization - The Loon Center - in Moultonborough NH. Five paddles were held this summer in a wide variety of lakes and ponds in NH. We learned that these wonderful animals are more than just a pretty face. We look forward to more flat water paddles with the Loons next summer. Thank you to our Loon guides, the amount of information to provided was astounding.



AMC NH Paddlers and Merrimack Valley Paddler (MVP) once again joined forces for the **P-Cat Draw Down Paddle** for many to enjoy the run on the P-cat and share in a BBQ during the day. Thanks go out to Nancy Gero and John Jenkins for a fantastic feast. It is always a fun day for all that attend.

BOW September 2022 – “Becoming Outdoor Women” an event sponsored by the NH Fish and Game who reached out to AMC NH Paddlers looking for some leaders to teach two sessions of *Intro to Kayaking* – Kayak Leaders: Robin Diamond, Marcy Stanton and Caitlin Lemaire stepped up to take on the task. The focus was *Safety while on the water*. 20 participants were trained on how to get back into your boat in



the event of a “wet exit”, how wearing the PFD is key in safe boating, we also taught paddling strokes and most important, how to get in/out of your boat from shore. During a short paddle we learned some new paddling strokes and group dynamics. AMC NH has been invited back for the September 2023 event.

Thank you to all the paddling Leaders for your efforts in getting new and old paddlers outdoors. Your efforts are recognized and appreciated. There has been a lot of wonderful feedback for all the Leadership Training Videos, Sea Kayak training, White water schools, and weekend paddling events that have been held this past year. TNH Paddlers looks forward to building a strong future due to your efforts to "BE Outdoors".

Volunteer Paddlers ExCom Board 2021-2022: Roscoe Diamond, Chair, Bill James: Co-Chair and Communications, Sandy Blanchard, Secretary; Garry Crane/Roscoe Diamond, Treasurer, Frank Harrison, Equipment Committee; Paul Berry: Leadership, Tim Jones: White Water Trainer and event planner; Robin Diamond: Past Chair. Members/Paddlers at Large: Caitlin Lemaire, Katie Talbert. We make a great team.

Respectfully submitted by
Robin Diamond, AMC NH Paddlers Past Chair – September 2022

AMC NH Programs Committee Report

Since the 2021 virtual Annual Meeting, co-chairs Susan Zielinski and Ashley Phelps have been working to bring interesting, informative speakers to AMC members via Zoom. In the past 12 months, the Committee has hosted five programs with a total of approximately 190 registered participants.

In November 2021, Doug Arion, Executive Director of the Mountains of Stars public science education and outreach program, gave a talk titled “Conservation on an Astronomical Scale.” He discussed light pollution: its surprisingly widespread effects, its impacts on people and the environment, how it compromises our ability to observe space from the surface of the earth, and how we can fix the problem and save money at the same time. He also discussed light pollution reduction efforts in the AMC, including creating an International Dark Sky Park surrounding the AMC lands in the Maine Woods.

In January 2022, over 70 participants enjoyed Bruce Bolnick’s talk on “The Changing Face of New England Forests.” Bruce, a longtime AMC member and avid hiker, discussed the vast, beautiful forests of New England, and the White Mountains in particular. He looked at the evolution of the forests over the long course of post-glacial history, and the adaptations that continue today. He addressed important questions, such as: How did native Americans manage the forests? What did the forests look like when the first colonists arrived? How were the forests affected by population growth and economic development? What do climate models say about likely changes between now and the year 2100?

In February 2022, Becky Fullerton, Archivist for the AMC, gave a fascinating look at the AMC Archives. She helped us understand what is in the Appalachian Mountain Club Library & Archives, how things end up there, how it is all cared for, and how we can access the artifacts.

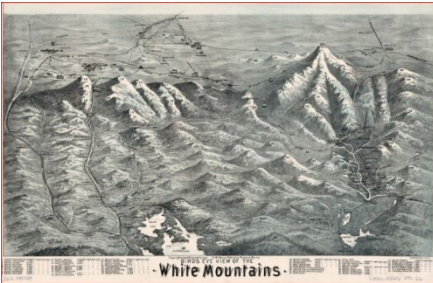
Larry Yetter, Adventure Travel and Excursions leader, provided an Introduction to Adventure Travel with AMC in a March, 2022 talk. He discussed how the Adventure Travel program works and presented a slide show of his four recent Adventure Travel trips to Switzerland, the Southwest US, and the Smoky Mountains.

In September, Programs Co-Chair Sue Zielinski offered an encore talk titled “More White Mountain Wandering,” which was co-hosted by the Concord Library. She discussed her favorite hikes in the Whites and lessons she’s learned from her miles in the woods, including planning, safety, gear, hidden gems, and hiking solo.



Finally, on October 22, 2022, the Programs Committee will host the NH Chapter’s Annual Meeting at the Grappone Center in Concord. In addition to conducting chapter business and honoring 25- and 50-year members, we are excited to have Ben Kilham, a wildlife biologist, author, and the President of the Kilham Bear Center, delivering our keynote address: “The Social

Black Bear: What Bears Have Taught Me About Being Human.” The Kilham Bear Center has been rehabilitating and releasing injured, orphaned, and abandoned black bear cubs since 1993.



Respectfully submitted,

Susan Zielinski
AMCNH Programs Committee Co-Chair

AMC NH Ski Committee Report

For the 2021-22 winter season, the AMC New Hampshire Ski Committee offered a variety of backcountry and Nordic ski trips, 3 days of instructional clinics, and pre-season trail work activities for all public participants.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a slight impact on the ski season, most notably causing the cancelation of a week of backcountry skiing in Quebec (tentatively planned for March 2023).

However, there was high demand for outdoor activities this season and most trips were well attended. Some trips were canceled due to poor snow conditions.

Trips

Ski Committee outings this past season included the following trips for all participants with appropriate skills. As dictated by weather and snow conditions, some of the day trips were re-located, re-scheduled, or cancelled.



- 19 ski day trips (cross-country, light backcountry, and down-mountain backcountry) for a variety of skill levels in NH and VT.
- 1 weekend of down-mountain backcountry skiing in the Adirondack Mountains of NY.
- 3 days of pre-season trail work on the ski trails at Cardigan Mountain and at Pinkham Notch, NH.
- 2 days of ski-trail work in the White Mountains, in collaboration with Granite Backcountry Alliance.
- A weekly mid-week dawn patrol skin and ski at Whaleback Mountain in Enfield, NH.

Clinics and Workshops

Ski Committee leaders offered 3 days of instruction to backcountry winter travelers in 2022. In early February, we held

the fifth-annual “Ladies’ (and anyone else) Resort to Backcountry” clinic at Mt Cardigan, NH. Our two annual Winter School weekends were held as day trips, due to COVID, with an online component prior.

Ski Trip Leaders & Training

At the close of the 2022 ski season, the Ski Committee had 32 ski leaders and 3 leaders-in-training (LiT): Al Grimstad, Daniella Reichstetter, and Jaimee Rondeau. One new trip leader completed their LiT requirements and became a full ski leader in 2022.

In addition to mentoring new ski leaders, the Ski Committee supports development and maintenance of active ski leaders’ skills and knowledge in backcountry travel, skiing and instructional skills, and group leadership. After being on hold for two years, our annual Jim Tasse and Ted Stever early season tele and alpine clinics for leaders were held in December 2021 at Loon Mountain. Both days were well attended by leaders and LITs.

Several active ski leaders benefited from the following training that was funded by the NH-Chapter/Ski Committee:

- Wilderness First Aid training at SOLO.
- Eastern Snow and Avalanche Workshop (held virtually in October 2021)



Outreach

The Ski Committee draws interest by maintaining an Instagram account, @amcnhski, with weekly posts about skiing in New England. The account currently has about 1500 followers. Many

thanks to leader extraordinaire Dave Achey who started and runs the account.

Summary

The NH Chapter Ski Committee in 2022 continued its success in supporting a skilled pool of ski leaders and offering a wide variety of ski trips for all skill levels through a challenging ski season. We had a slow start to the season with poor snow conditions, but a few mid-season storms righted the ship. Many AMC skiers had some fun days in the winter woods from January through March, making the best of our changing snow. The corn snow skied well in March and April. We look forward to even more fun in 2022-23!



Respectfully submitted,

Casy Calver, Valerio Viti, Jillian Willard
Co-Chairs, Ski Committee

09/30/2022

AMC NH Trails Committee Report

This has been a year of greatly renewed activity! Our focus has been converting Cardigan's Nature Trail 2 (aka, the Upper Nature Trail) from its rustic, rundown condition to an all persons, all access state. Working alongside a paid crew of six, the Trails Committee co-chairs put in 400+ hours over 24 days and were assisted by 15 other volunteers. Adding together the NH Chapter's donation, the Robert M. Stillings Fund, and the matching dollars for volunteer hours, NH contributed over \$35,000. For a portfolio of construction progress check out <https://photos.app.goo.gl/bBekXHyFs8jdmu3v8>.

Trail completion is expected in 2023. Frank and Richie have taken on maintenance for the tool/work shed at Cardigan, along with the tool cache intended for trail adopters. The building and tools had been sorely neglected for years. Tools have been cleaned, sharpened, marked, and organized. We continue to work with other trail work organizations and adopters. That includes town and other local conservation commissions, the Society for Protection of NH Forests (Monadnock Trails Week), the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, and AMC professional staff (chainsaw and ax certification, Trailwork College, Nature Trail 2 conversion).

Once again, we look forward to the annual co-operative effort with the NH and Boston Ski Committees on the Cardigan ski trails. With the advent of widespread COVID-19 vaccination we expect to cautiously reinstate the thank-you dinner after the workday. The Cardigan Lodge staff has churned again, with a new assistant manager and different seasonal staff. There are three projects of involvement/interest, conversion of Nature Trail 2 (per above), access to a skidder road off the 93Z Ski Trail, and installation of a new generator for the lodge. From individual trail adopters:

Al Grimstad (region leader for the Pinkham Notch ski trails and adopter of the Avalanche Brook Ski Trail): Four weekends scheduled.

Jamie Gillon (adopter of the Zeacliff Trail): His successful trip attracted eight participants and got a lot of brushing done.

Frank Miller (adopter of Cardigan's Back 80 from the Manning Trail to the cellar hole, and co-adopter of Nature Trail 2): The Back 80 is in better condition than any of the past 30 years, although there are still many drainage issues to resolve. Frank's guidance tearing down the old Nature Trail 2 bridges and constructing their replacements was invaluable.

Bill Foster (adopter of a section of the Kinsman Ridge Trail): Bill put in the hours transforming Nature Trail 2.

Richie Holstein (adopter of Cardigan's Back 80 from the cellar hole to the Elwell Trail junction, and co-adopter of Nature Trail 2): We relocated a particularly muddy stretch of the Back 80 by the 93Z junction. With the focus on Nature Trail 2 only minimal drainage and brushing has been done along much of the Back 80.

Clay Dingman and Sandra Heaney, co-adopters of two sections of the Elwell Trail, helped with additional brushing. Richie took on refurbishment of neighborhood trail work tools that had been left to rust, cleaning and sharpening them and resetting them on their handles.

The club needs to more widely and more respectfully recognize that volunteers are what keep it alive. Trail work is one thing, but we cannot neglect all trip leaders, naturalists, committee, and chapter chairs, ...

Respectfully submitted,
Richie Holstein, Bill Foster, and Frank Miller co-chairs, AMC-NH Trails Committee

AMC NH Website Committee

This year was a continuation of the migration of our web site. Years ago, Tom Todd spent many volunteer hours moving the web site from our old Host to BlueHost. More recently, a number of volunteers took advantage of BlueHost's ability to use WordPress. This past year, Tim Flight, webmaster for the Maine Chapter improved our site by utilizing some of the work he does for Maine. This Fall, Hilary Williams has volunteered to become the Web Co-Chair for our web site and has started to help out.

2023 should be a great year.

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Respectfully Submitted by
Paul Berry Web Co-Chair

AMC NH Past Chair – Rick Silverberg

Past Chair is support role for the next Chair and Co-Chair. Part of the role of the past chair is to assist the current chair and the new incoming vice chair to learn about the inner workings of the chapter and how it relates to the AMC club (Boston) as a whole. To that effect I have met, several times on zoom, with Valerio and Vince, together and individually to help them come up to speed on their roles as chair and vice chair. As you know the club has many inter chapter committees that focus on specific projects and activities relating to conservation, diversity and the AMC Goals. There were a few events this year that I was particularly interested in helping with so Valerio had nominated me to represent the chapter on the Inter-Agency Committee working on revising the activities database.

In my role as Chapter Training Director, I worked on developing Winter and Spring school and Fall Leadership Training for the Excursions and Skiing committees. I've offered consultation to people from Mountaineering and other committees as they were interested in developing their training programs for their leaders

Going into the future I will continue to be a resource for the NH Chapter and plan on being active in Winter and Spring Schools and other committees as needed.

Respectfully submitted by Rick Silverberg

AMC NH Nominating Committee Slate of Officers for 2022-2023

The Nominating Committee, John McHugh and Josh Dorsheimer, submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on October 22, 2022.

Bold names = new members

Chair: Valerio Viti

Vice Chair: Vacant

Treasurer: Rick Rosania

Secretary: Robin Diamond

Past Chair: Rick Silverberg

Regional Dir: Beth Zimmer

Biking: Paul Berry

Biking: Vacant

20's and 30's: Selene Berube

20's and 30's: Vacant

Communications: Bob

McLaughlin

Communications: Alden Zeff

Conservation: Vacant

Excursions: Dan Heon

Excursions: John Williams

Membership: Vacant

Mountaineering: Jenifer Dickson

Mountaineering: David Crocco

Paddling: Bill James

Paddling: Tim Jones

Programs: Susan Zielinski

Programs: Ashley Phelps

Programs: Vacant

Ski: Casy Calver

Ski: Jillian Willard

Trails: Richie Holstein

Trails: Frank Miller

Trails: Bill Foster

WebCommittee: Paul Berry

WebCommittee: Hilary Williams

Chapter Historian Paul Berry

Past AMC NH Chapter Chairs

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| 1921 Frank E. Heald | 1968-69 Terence P. Frost |
| 1921 John R. McLane | 1970-71 Dorothy G. Burak |
| 1920-22 Wilbert F. Gilman | 1972 S. Robert Colby |
| 1923-25 Louis P. Elkins | 1973-74 E.H.B. Bartelink |
| 1926 Wilbert F. Gilman | 1975-76 Ruth Houghton |
| 1927-29 William C. Brunel | 1977 Holly Anderson |
| 1930 Julius C. Sturm | 1978-79 Robert C. Hansen |
| 1931-32 Dr. John Worthen | 1980-81 Paul S. Shaw |
| 1933 Julius C. Sturm | 1982-83 Harry Wescott |
| 1934 Samuel P. Hunt | 1984-85 Henry Peterson |
| 1935 Clifton A Smith | 1986 Jay Seavey |
| 1936 Julius C. Sturm | 1987-89 Douglas F. Wyman |
| 1937-38 Reed Gourley | 1990-91 David L. Harrigan |
| 1939-40 Walter T. Winch | 1992-93 D. Kurt Piper |
| 1941 Avis Cross | 1994-95 Kathleen D. Piper |
| 1942-43 Elizabeth Crosby | 1996-97 Roger R. Scholl |
| 1944-45 Arnold Perreton | 1998-99 Andrew H. McBride |
| 1946-47 Earnest C. Goland | 2000-01 Anne Melvin |
| 1948-49 Osgood E. Waite | 2002-03 C. Pete Mason |
| 1950-51 Almon G. Harris | 2004-05 Robert Harrington |
| 1952 H. Shirley Dwyer | 2006-07 Ruth "Sam" Jamke |
| 1953 Harry Birch | 2008-09 Paul Berry |
| 1954-55 Charles V. Tallman | 2010-11 Eric L. Savage |
| 1956-57 Florence W. Harris | 2012-13 Karen J. Thurston |
| 1958-60 J. Clifford Gallant | 2014-15 Wayne C. Goertel |
| 1961 Dr. Harry C. McDade | 2016-17 Bill Warren |
| 1962-63 Mrs. Luther G Dearborn | 2018 Frank Miller |
| 1964 Robert Hill | 2018-2020 Rick Silverberg |
| 1965 Dr. Ursula Sanders | 2021-2022 Valerio Viti |
| 1966-67 Mrs. Miriam Underhill | |

