

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

53rd Annual Report

October 27, 1973



CHAPTER CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Your 1973 Chairman retired under a set of circumstances similar to those under which he became Chairman. In 1972, Gale Burak found it necessary to leave New Hampshire and was not able to continue as Chairwoman for a second term. Now, I find myself in the same position, and have left my native state of New Hampshire to accept a new position in North Carolina. Hence, this annual report is also a farewell message to my many friends in the AMC.

Achievements of the New Hampshire Chapter in 1973, and there were more than a few, are directly the result of outstanding efforts of our Officers and Committee Chairmen. I will not enumerate these accomplishments here, as this can be more properly done by each of the Officers and Chairmen in their respective annual reports. However, I do wish to express my appreciation and thanks for their splendid performance. My personal thanks to each of you.

Following the election of Officers in November, 1972, someone astutely pointed out that a Program Chairman was missing! Terry Frost, well-known to many chapter members and a recent past Chapter Chairman, came to the rescue. He promptly assembled a committee and set about organizing a fine program. Later Terry was a big help to the Nominating Committee in locating a slate of nominees for 1974. Thanks Terry for your continued involvement in Chapter work.

Conservation and ecology was the name of the game in New Hampshire in 1972. Many pieces of environmental legislation came before the New Hampshire Legislature. The performance of the Legislature was disappointing in terms of the number of bills passed, but the cooperative efforts of NNERO and the New

Hampshire Chapter in support of legislation were outstanding. The number one objective of NNERO in 1973 was the support of land use legislation in New Hampshire. A magnificent effort, spearheaded by John Nutter, resulted in much support for SB-1, which would have established (among other things) an Environmental Protection Department in the State. Lets hope this can come about in the next legislative session.

Publication of the first issue of "Granite Greetings" in September of 1973 marks another major Chapter achievement. This achievement is largely the result of a super effort by Mrs. Priscilla Parten. Granite Greetings is a chapter newsletter which should help fulfill a serious communications gap within the Chapter and also greatly reduce the time required for the Chapter to respond to emergencies.

Finally, I would like to close by emphasizing the importance of membership involvement in Chapter programs and on Chapter committees, A healthy and viable Chapter depends on a continued influx of new blood and fresh ideas. Committee Chairmen must make an extra effort to staff their committees with a balance of seasoned and new members. New members in the New Hampshire Chapter must take the initiative in becoming more involved.

In leaving New Hampshire, the thing I regret most is the many friends I have left behind. However, you can be certain I will return briefly from time to time to visit with AMC friends and join in AMC activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Colby, Chapter Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This has been a year of change in the membership segment of the club — staff changes in the Joy Street Clubhouse, a change of leadership in the overall membership committee, and above all a By-Laws change in the method of admitting new members, with the dropping of sponsorship letters and the different membership application blank. In general the changes have gone fairly smoothly but keeping up has been a bit of a problem at times for your chapter committee. With the continuing growth and mobility of the chapter, exact figures are difficult to produce. There is also a fairly large discrepancy between Boston's figures and our mailing list. Hopefully this will be straightened out at the close of the membership year 11/1/73.

We have processed 270 prospective members this year, exactly half of whom are August and October applicants. We welcomed two families of five members each and 72 club members have joined our Chapter during the year. Due to deaths, resignations, forfeitures and moves from the state we have lost 115 members. Thus, we have a net gain of 227 members for an unofficial total of 1521.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernice Johnson, Chairman

TRAILS COMMITTEE

In last years report I mentioned a trail re-route, part of the Appalachian Trail, on Mount Speck at the Northern end of the Mahoosuc Range. The old "Fire Wardens" Trail from the summit of Speck to Grafton Notch has been done away with and replaced with a new trail that follows a more Northern ridge which is not so steep, and is more scenic. The trail is slightly longer and is called Speck Mountain Trail.

This past seasons Trail Crew under the direction of Jonathan Coe, Trailmaster, and Bob Proudman, Supervisor, has continued to develop new techniques for repairing old, and building new trails which are now an established reality in our White Mountains. The end results are very exciting and it makes me very proud to be involved with a crew of young men who are enthusiastically setting new styles for the construction of mountain hiking trails. The Forest Service folks are astounded by some of these new ways.

Three years ago a new Lonesome Lake Trail was made using the new plans of our Trail Crews thinking gathered over the years of the crews experience dating back when Joe May started this new system. This way never having the chance to be proven by time. Now, this year, with so very much foot travel on that particular path, time has shown no signs of fatigue from over use.

Some of you who have hiked up The Old Bridal Path lately, or covered the upper part of Lions Head Trail, or traversed the Mahoosuc Range have witnessed the new way of trail construction. It is an experience to behold.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Nichols, Chairman

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dr. Bob Colby prevailed on me to accept the Chairmanship of the Program Committee, second time around, on the basis that not one of the nearly one thousand and four hundred other members of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club could be prevailed upon to accept the rather pleasant responsibility. Accordingly, I was fortunate enough to line up a good committee and we provided you with the following programs and participants:

ROBERT & MRS. KRUSZYNA of Randolph, N. H. "THE GREAT GUIDEBOOK CAPER," describing a trip into Jasper National Park, Saturday, February 10, 1973 at Pinkham Notch Hut. Committee Woman Gale Burak arranged all the details.

A panel of New Hampshire experts discussed, argued and answered questions on the need or no-need for "SIX NEW WILDERNESS AREAS IN THE WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST," -- Congressional Action on Eastern Wilderness: How Does it Affect New Hampshire ... orchestrated by Committee Woman, Rhoda M. Peck and including prominent, expert panelists: TOM DEANS, Executive Director, AMC, North Country; DR. PETER ALLEN, Research Forester, Division of Resource Development, DRED, State of New Hampshire; GIBB DODGE, Area Forester, Cooperative Extension Service and Resources, Community and Development; with TONY FEDERER, Principal Meteorologist for the United States Forest Service and New Hampshire Chapter AMC Conservation Committee moderating, April 27, 1973, Friday, University of New Hampshire at Durham.

ROGER DAMON, New Hampshire Chapter Member, fun lecture and educational slides on "THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER IN GREENLAND." Day session at Cardigan AMC Lodge, "orienteering" for all ages by NH Chapter Mountaineering Chairman, DAN ALLEN. Saturday, May 26, 1973. DeWolf Merriam, Committeeman, honchoed this event.

THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR, SHERMAN ADAMS, member N.H. Chapter, raconteured and hosted at Loon Mountain Lodge on the famed Kancamagus Highway in Lincoln, N.H. on June 9, 1973, "TALL TALES (AND OTHERWISE) OF THE TIMBERLANDS OR LUMBER CAMP MEMORIES AND OTHER DISCONNECTED RECOLLECTIONS," all arranged by Committee Woman, Gale Burak.

JOHN HOBSON, Hike Leader of the AMC Fall Hiking Week at Crawford Notch Hotel, lectured with colored slides and proper humor, on a fascinating winter climb in Switzerland, "THE ASCENT OF PIZ PALU." Joint meeting with the fall hikers arranged by Committee Man, John Ensor, also prime orchestrater of the entire fall hiking week for all the AMC! Saturday, September 29, 1973 in Crawford Notch.

New AMC Member, BILL FULLER, Contoocook, N.H. -- "RUGGED ETHIOPIA - IT'S MOUNTAINS, WILDLIFE, AND PEOPLE." At the Annual Meeting in Concord, N.H., Saturday, October 27, 1973. Really, the only program entirely arranged by your chairman for 1973!

Respectfully Submitted,

YOUR 1973 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Miss Rhoda Peck

DeWolf Merriam

Mrs. Gale Burak

Bruce Lang

John Ensor

Bob Atherton

Mrs. Roioli Schweiker

Terry Frost, Chairman

CANOE COMMITTEE

Our program was arranged to offer a wide variety of canoeing with emphasis on using our local rivers. White water canoeing was offered for the second year, and the program expanded to include several advanced trips and a summer wilderness trip. The flat water program was continued with both easy local trips and a family camping trip (youngest participant was 5).

To utilize our local rivers, which are very attractive and require less driving, but which come in assorted varieties of smooth and rapid water, we started a canoe touring program, whereby you run the river and not the class of water. This has also proved a good way to introduce families to white water.

Progress was made in training instructors, without which the program could not continue.

Respectfully Submitted

Roioli Schweiker, Chairman

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

The Mountaineering Committee has not been particularly active this past year. The only offering by the Committee to the general membership was the beginner's Seminar held at Cardigan Lodge and the High Cabin in May. This Seminar seems to have been well received.

Two young climbers were invited to join the Committee this year. One of these men has agreed to chair the Committee for the following year; the present Chairman is going back to graduate study.

Dan H. Allen, Chairman

LAST YEAR'S MINUTES
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Minutes of the 52nd Annual Meeting, October 28, 1972

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held on Saturday, October 28, 1972, at the Sheraton Wayfarer, Bedford, N.H. Following a formal greeting of Chapter members and the introduction of all guests, the business meeting was opened at 8:30 PM by Joe Creager, Chapter Secretary. Joe called the group's attention to the 52nd Annual Report and Treasurer's Report and asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the 51st Annual Meeting. No changes were proposed. Joe then called the group's attention to a Membership Involvement Survey questionnaire which had been passed out during the dinner. He explained the purpose and use of the questionnaire and asked that completed copies be turned in before leaving the meeting.

Joe's review of the highlights of Chapter activities during the past year started by pointing out the importance of reading the various Committee Chairmen Reports in the Annual Report. He then cited officer attendance at various Club and Chapter meetings such as the interchapter meeting, town meeting, Appalachian Trail Conference, New England Trail Conference, and Northern New England Regional Office Committee to name but a few.

Joe cited the successful publication of the book Don't Die on the Mountain and introduced Dan Allen, the book's author. A report on the successful sale of N.H. Chapter 50th Anniversary Patches was made and the recipients of major Chapter donations were named. Those included the Mt. Washington Observatory, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, The New England Trail Conference, and Mountain Leadership Workshop Scholarships.

Joe then introduced the guest speakers for the evening. These included John C. Perry, Club President, who spoke on the overall status of the AMC; Kenneth C. Parker, Director of Development, who spoke on the Joy Street operation; and Thomas Barringer, Hutmaster at Pinkham Notch, who spoke on North Country operations.

The Nominating Committee, represented by Sylvia Willard, Chairman, presented the following slate of Chapter officer candidates:

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| S. Robert (Bob) Colby | Chairman |
| Edward (Joe) Creager | Secretary |
| Kay Fuller | Treasurer |
| Bernice Johnson | Membership |
| Rhoda M. Peck | Conservation |
| Warren D. Hastings | Publicity |
| Katherine W. Brown | Excursions |
| Dan H. Allen | Mountaineering |
| William S. Nichols | Trails |
| Roioli Schweiker | Canoeing |

Sylvia introduced each candidate and Joe asked for additional nominations. No further nominations were presented from the floor and the motion was made and seconded to accept the candidates presented by the Nominating Committee. The vote was affirmative and the Secretary was directed to cast one vote for the motion. Joe then asked the new officers present to remain after the meeting to meet interested Chapter members. Joe then turned the meeting over to Bob Colby, the newly elected Chairman.

Bob spoke briefly on the aims of the Chapter of the coming year. He warned however, that these can be achieved only with the help of other Chapter members.

Bob then asked for further business. Being none, the motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn the business meeting. The meeting was then turned over to Chuck Woras for the evening's program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward J. Creager, Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR 1973-1974

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates for 1973-74, to be considered at the Annual Meeting on October 27, 1973.

Chairman Dr. E.H.B. (Henk) Bartelink, Concord
Vice Chairman Dr. Paul S. Shaw, Concord
Secretary Edward (Joe) Creager, Merrimack
Treasurer Kay Fuller, Jackson
Membership . . Mrs. John S. (Margaret) Ensor, New London
Excursions Wayne H. Huff, Manchester
Mountaineering Bruce A. Lang, Durham
Trails William S. Nichols, Littleton
Canoeing Mrs. Roioli Schweiker, Concord
Program John S. Ensor, New London
Conservation Capt. Fletcher Shives, Pease A.F.B.
Education (To be announced)

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernice Johnson, Chairman
