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**FIFTY-SIXTH**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER**

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

OCTOBER 30, 1976



NOMINATIONS FOR 1977

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates for 1977, to be considered at the Annual Meeting on October 30, 1976:

Chairman: Ruth A. Houghton  
21 Piscataqua Street, Concord, N. H. 03301

Vice Chairman: Paul S. Shaw, M. D.  
50 Ridge Road, Concord, N. H. 03301

Secretary: Polly Perry  
233 Hopkinton Road, Concord, N. H. 03301

Treasurer: Edwin E. Ricker  
Indian Ridge Road, Contoocook, N. H. 03229

Canoeing: Holly Anderson  
167 Birkdale Road, Bedford, N. H. 03102

Conservation: Harry J. Reed  
148 Mountain Road, Concord, N. H. 03301

Education: Jerry E. Durant  
72 Prospect Street, Manchester, N. H. 03104

Excursions: Eugene S. Daniell, III  
119 Central Street, Franklin, N. H. 03235

Hospitality: Bernice Johnson  
111 Cedar Hill Drive, Manchester, N. H. 03103

Membership: Marjorie M. Kneeland  
Dolly Road, RFD 1, Hopkinton, N. H. 03301

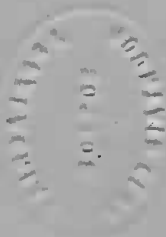
Mountaineering: Marc A. Levesque  
9 $\frac{1}{2}$ A Nevada Street, Nashua, N. H. 03060

Program: Lloyed and Edna Heidgerd  
19 Emerson Road, Durham, N. H. 03824

Publicity: Robert C. Hansen  
11 Bay Street ( P.O. Box 83 ), Tilton, N. H. 03276

Trails: William S. Nichols  
12 East Street, Littleton, N. H. 03561

Henk Bartelink, Chairman  
Terrance P. Frost  
Reverend Carlton Schaller  
1976 Nominating Committee



## REPORT OF THE CHAPTER CHAIRMAN

Throughout this report, you will find committee reports which give you the facts and figures of the past year's operation. But facts and figures tell only part of the story.

We have tried -- and plan to continue trying -- to meet the needs of as broad a spectrum of our Chapter membership as possible. To this end, we scheduled our program meetings in various locations throughout the State to provide greater diversity. The September meeting, held in Laconia on the work of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Task Force, was added to the schedule and was very well attended. We are trying to schedule more varied trips - both in terms of geography and degree of difficulty. All that is needed is a leader, a date, and a brief description of the trip sent, two months in advance, to the Excursions Chairman as listed elsewhere in this report. The same applies for bike trips, ski-touring, snow-shoeing, etc.. If you are qualified to lead and are familiar with the trip planned, simply contact the Excursions Chairman two months in advance so that the trip may be listed in the next issue of the Times.

This year, an Ad Hoc Budget Committee was appointed and charged with setting up a prospective budget so that we can plan activities and programs on a realistic base.

The Education Committee was more or less dormant this past year, but, with a new chairman, should be in a position to present more workshops and to cover a wider variety of subjects ... including wild flower identification, photography, geology and others suggested by the membership. Again, leaders qualified in their subjects are invited to contact the Education Chairman with a proposal.

Henk Bartelink, immediate Past Chairman, has served as liaison between the Chapter and the various organizations active in the Franconia Notch situation. This is a subject close to Henk's heart, as you know, and he has kept me and the rest of the Executive Committee informed of meetings, developments and progress - or lack of it.

As your Chairman, I have attended Inter-Chapter and Town Meetings, the Club's Annual Meeting, Bicentennial Banquet and the Plymouth Field Meeting, and have participated in a number of discussions of Club business and Club policy. One of the projects, presently underway, is a revision of the Club's by-laws and standing committee rules. If ready, these will be presented at the Club's annual meeting on January 22. Much discussion has centered on the need for expediting the processing of applications for membership, and this coming year should see substantial progress in that direction.

I want to publicly thank all the officers and committee chairmen for their cooperation and enthusiasm this year, and all of you for your participation in this and other meetings, trips and projects.

Lastly, I want to again invite your comments and suggestions with regard to the Chapter's programs and projects. Please speak out. We'll try to hear you and to implement your ideas.

Ruth A. Houghton, Chairman  
New Hampshire Chapter, AMC

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

Cash on Deposit, October 1, 1976

\$ 5,490.22

Receipts

Membership Dues Allocation	\$5,435.00
Interest Income	312.20
Dinner Meeting Reservations	3,040.00
Publication Sales	494.41
Workshop Income	75.00
Misc. and Adjustments	125.00
Total Receipts	
Total	

9,481.61  
\$14,971.83

Disbursements

Committee Expenses (1)	\$ 886.63
Office Supplies and Telephone	93.50
Postage and Mailing	591.39
Printing	776.90
Dinner Meeting Expenses	2,896.63
Contributions (2)	1,250.00
Equipment Purchases (3)	1,670.00
Misc. and Adjustments	52.50
Total Expenses	

8,217.55

Cash on Deposit, September 30, 1976

\$ 6,754.28

Edwin E. Ricker, Treasurer

(1) Includes \$ 439.17 for Excursions Committee  
218.97 for Program Committee and Speakers  
75.50 for Mountaineering Committee  
60.00 for Scenic Rivers Taskforce  
92.99 for Hospitality, Education, Membership, and Trails Committees  
combined.

(2) Includes \$ 500.00 to Society for the Protection of N. H. Forests  
500.00 to Committee for Franconia Notch  
150.00 to New England Trail Conference  
100.00 to Environmental Coalition

(3) Includes \$ 320.00 for Mountaineering equipment  
1,350.00 for 3 new canoes, paddles, jackets, etc.

MINUTES OF THE 55th ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 25, 1975

The 55th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held on Saturday, October 25, 1975 at the Ramada Inn, Concord, N. H. Following a formal greeting of the members and guests, the business meeting was opened by Henk Bartelink, Chapter Chairman. All invited guests and current officers were introduced. The 55th Annual Report was then accepted as issued. Kay Fuller presented the Treasurer's Report which was likewise accepted.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read, presenting the following slate of Chapter Officer Candidates:

Chairman . . . . .	Ruth A. Houghton, Concord
Vice Chairman . . . . .	Paul S. Shaw, Concord
Secretary . . . . .	Harry J. Reed, Concord
Treasurer . . . . .	Edwin E. Ricker, Contoocook
Canoeing . . . . .	Wayne H. Huff, Manchester
Conservation . . . . .	Robert H. Estabrook, Concord
Education . . . . .	Marie S. Fitts, Sunapee
Excursions . . . . .	Marc A. Levesque, Nashua
Hospitality . . . . .	Bernice Johnson, Manchester
Membership . . . . .	Marjorie M. Kneeland, Hopkinton
Mountaineering . . . . .	Brian Fowler, Guilford
Program . . . . .	Lloyd and Edna Heidgerd, Durham
Trails . . . . .	William S. Nichols, Littleton

Each candidate was introduced, and no further nominations were made from the floor. A 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 election of the slate.

Henk Bartelink then gave his Chairman's report, covering numerous problems of importance to the Chapter and to the AMC. After thanking the Nominating Committee, he made special reference to the questionnaire sent with the Annual Meeting notice. The need to determine the attitudes of the membership on AMC environmental activities, on the adequacy of outing planning and on the operation of the Chapter, was emphasized. A memo defining a tentative basic land use policy is on file for future consideration. The relationship between the chapters and the headquarters organization was also discussed.

As an example of an environmental problem of both state and national interest, the proposed interstate highway through Franconia Notch was mentioned. The need for a temporary loan from the AMC to the Committee for Franconia Notch was emphasized. It would be used to set up a nationwide fund raising campaign to support the law efforts to date and future political action to limit the highway through Franconia Notch to a two-lane parkway.

Following that report, Henk introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Alfred J. Oxtan of the Mt. Washington Observatory. Drawing on the experience gained during seven years of residence on the mountain and on an excellent collection of projection slides from old photographs, Mr. Oxtan presented a very complete history of Mt. Washington. He started with its geology, reviewed its early exploration by the colonists and showed the changes that the mountain top facilities have undergone until the present time.

Henk Bartelink then declared the meeting adjourned.

Harry J. Reed, Secretary

#### WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS STUDY GROUP - an Ad Hoc Committee

The Wild and Scenic River Study Group has been busy finishing the first phase of their study. To date, we have surveyed over seventy rivers in New Hampshire. From these rivers, we have chosen five for detailed studies. This is only a beginning, for we know that every river needs and deserves protection. While doing the survey sheets, we have learned a great deal about each river we study, not only the river itself but the land and life around it.

Meetings are held monthly to keep in contact with any progress and various directions. We are working with many water shed areas and group leaders. These local people are committed to keeping their rivers free from any dangers. Together, we are able to cooperate by sharing our information; the end result is more people working and caring for the waterways of New Hampshire.

On September 17th, we were pleased to present the "Wild and Scenic River Study Program" to a meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter. It was a fine opportunity to acquaint new friends with the program. We are always looking for people interested in the protection of New Hampshire rivers as much remains to be done. We care - do you care to join us? If so, please contact -

Catherine Hood, Chairman

## CANOEING COMMITTEE

The Canoeing Committee, for the fifth straight year, accepted all applicants for white water canoeing instruction in March. Frank Sullivan did an outstanding job of coordinating this effort. Sixteen students and seventeen instructors participated. Thanks to all these people for giving of their time, especially to those who belong, not to the New Hampshire Chapter, but to the Boston Chapter.

Lack of spring rains caused the cancellation of many of our trips. Scheduled rivers were too low to be run and canoeists were not willing to travel to farther rivers. However, all trips where more than one canoe signed up did run.

Roioli Schweiker, in connection with the rewriting of the AMC Canoeing Guidebook, scouted many rivers and many Chapter canoeists joined her. We are grateful to her for her efforts in this area.

Next year's schedule is being drawn up currently. It is anticipated that more instruction will be given. Also, the Committee has just purchased three new Old Town 17' Oltonar (ABS) canoes and related equipment for use on Chapter trips on a rental basis. This will give members a chance to find out what it's like before making a large investment.

Holly Anderson, Chairman

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

With the Franconia Notch situation on a back-burner awaiting the results of the Consultant's study, and with no new projects started, the Conservation Committee's main role in 1976 was to provide N. H. Chapter representatives to various committees involved in conservation activities. We had representation on an Ad Hoc Working Group for the White Mountain National Forest Backcountry Management Plan, on the Environmental Coalition determining priorities of legislative environmental action, and on various Mother Club committees such as The Board of Natural Resources and the Land Use Committee.

Robert H. Estabrook, Chairman

## EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE

In the past twelve months, the Excursions Committee has put forth an active program of outings. A total of 127 trips were offered, ranging from summer day hiking to snowshoeing to ski-touring to bushwackings. Also, hikes for the mountain photographer were undertaken. To support these efforts, 16 active and 10 part-time leaders devoted their free time on weekends to the cause. Our outings continue year-round and supply a variety of activities for Chapter members.

Beyond outings, the Committee was active with workshops. In January, a beginner's snowshoe session was held, drawing 19 people, at the Tilton School. Use, maintenance and the history of snowshoes were covered during the afternoon affair. The Chapter's Mountain Leadership Workshop was held in May at Cardigan. This day-long session discussed weather, map and compass use, leadership, accident situations and hypothermia. A total of 25 people attended with the workshop being staffed with six experienced trip leaders. A major result of this workshop was the development of new leaders for Chapter outings.

Another aspect of leadership touched upon by the Committee was the establishment of qualifications for new leaders. With an increasing number of participants, it is important that all leaders be able to deal with all situations. These standards apply only to new leaders recruited after June 1, 1976 and require a first aid card, leadership workshop attendance, and general knowledge of and experience in the mountains. By encouraging new people to co-lead trips and by offering training, the Committee hopes to expand the number and quality of its trips.

As a public service, the Committee printed White Mountain Emergency Phone Number Cards for distribution through retail hiking and camping stores as well as to Club members. Finally, the Committee awarded three scholarships to the Club's Mountain Leadership Workshop in Pinkham in June.

Thanks should be extended to all outings leaders and workshop staff who have all labored hard to make the Chapter's program active. Our activities are growing healthily and it is due to their devotion of time and effort that this is so. As outgoing chairman of Excursions, I owe them a deep sense of gratitude.

Marc A. Levesque, Chairman



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Though some of the 1,926 active members (September 15, 1976) of the New Hampshire Chapter are scattered across the United States from Maine to the State of Washington, the majority, of course, reside here in New Hampshire. There are 82 pending members, due to be accepted next month, and 379 who have dropped their memberships. The net increase in Chapter membership during 1976 was 119.

During the coming year, we intend to analyze more closely our members' interests in the hopes of offering more varied activities and stimulating support for these activities. Members who generously lend their talents and time are the background of our program.

Marjorie Kneeland, Chairman

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The following dinner meetings and accompanying talks were held during 1976:

February 14. Pinkham Notch. What's Happening on the Hubbard Brook Experimental Forest. C. Anthony Federed. Attendance: 34

March 20. Copper Trey Restaurant, Manchester. Celebration of the White Mountains. Ken Olson. Attendance: 116

April 24. Riverdale Inn, Peterborough. The Wilderness Movement Comes East. John E. Carroll. Attendance: 54

June 5. Inn at Loon Mountain. Unfinished Business: Frustrations and Triumphs in the Canadian Rockies and the Selkirks. Robert Kruzyna. Attendance: 54.

September 17. Hart's Restaurant, Meredith. Wild and Scenic Rivers of New Hampshire - A Resource Explored. Cathy Hood, Morgan Hollis, and Ladd Osgood. Attendance: 83

October 30. Annual Meeting. King Ridge, New London. A Tribute to Miriam Underhill. Bill Putnam, Fran Belcher, et al.

Not a small part of the success of the meetings was due to the cooperation of other members of the Executive Committee with particular mention of our ever-faithful Hospitality Chairman, Bernice Johnson.

Lloyd and Edna Heidgerd, Co-chairmen

## PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

This Committee was created after the last Annual Meeting by the emergence of a volunteer willing to take the responsibility for producing the N. H. Chapter News from the work load of our Chairman, Ruth Houghton. The Publicity Chairman is also willing to assist in preparation and dissemination of announcements for the press of N. H. Chapter events that are open to the general public.

A second volunteer, Jan Wilhelm, has joined the first, so now the Chairman can have committee meetings. With a third volunteer, the Chairman would have to break tie votes. Any volunteers? Jan is currently researching for a series of articles designed to promote greater public understanding of the AMC. With luck, these articles should begin to appear in the news media this winter.

Robert C. Hansen, Chairman

## TRAIL COMMITTEE

Anyone who has done any hiking this past summer on any of our N. H. AMC Trails has surely noticed the extensive repair work and new construction on our footpath system. Much thought and hard labor by our Trail Crew and many volunteer helpers has gone into an attempt to prevent erosion of the soil on our mountains.

This summer's dedication of the oldest maintained AMC Trail, the Lowe's Path on Mt. Adams, which took place with the placement of a plaque not far from the Log Cabin, and a relocation of part of the Appalachian Trail north of Gorham were both part of this year's Bi-centennial celebration.

There were full-time caretakers at seven of our major shelters this past summer: Nauman, Ethan, Guyot, Garfield, Speck Pond, Gentian Pond and Liberty Spring. Some of our other shelters had part-time caretakers attending them.

The big trail news in N. H. is the opening of the new Monadnock to Sunapee Greenway. This 45 mile long trail has become a reality, thanks to the efforts of the Society for the Protection of N. H. Forests, the AMC Trail Crewmen and the volunteer help of many. This is a new trail, now near completion, and it is hoped that members of the New Hampshire Chapter will be able to keep it open and in repair from now on.

More thanks to Roy Cascadden, Bob Waugh and Rino Champoux for their continued interest and help as N. H. Trail Committeemen.

Bill Nichols, Chairman

## MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

During the past year, the Mountaineering Committee has concentrated its program offerings in the areas of beginning winter technical ice and snow climbing, beginning rock climbing and general winter mountaineering. During the late winter and early spring, members of the Chapter completed a traverse of the Presidential Range (February), ascended the cone of North Percy (January) and made a successful climb of the Osgood Ridge on Mt. Madison (March). A very successful and well-attended series of snow climbing sessions were conducted in Tuckerman Ravine in late March and early April, culminating in two successful ascents of the Duchess on Boott Spur. This spring, under the able direction of Marc Levesque, an extremely successful series of beginners rock climbing sessions were held at Mt. Pawtuckaway, Artist's Bluff in Franconia Notch, Square Ledge in Pinham Notch, Pine Mountain in Gorham, and at Joe English Hill in New Boston. At this writing, the program has yet to conclude for the year, with one climb remaining on the Pinnacle in Huntington Ravine in mid-October.

The schedule for the coming winter calls for a winter mountaineering seminar to be held in the Concord area early in the winter; several winter conditioning climbs in the Presidential and Franconia Notch areas; a series of beginners ice and snow climbing sessions probably at such areas as Wiley Slide and Pinkham Notch; and a series of winter climbs (4,000 Footers) and technical ascents in various areas of the White Mountains. Members should watch for further details of these programs in the AMC Times.

Also, since the last reporting, the Chapter Mountaineering Committee has become officially involved with the newly created Interchapter Mountaineering Committee (ICMC). This Committee is designed to coordinate mountaineering activities within the Club and to assist the Council in the formulation of policies relative to the mountaineering activities of the Club at large. The Chapter sponsored one trip to the Seneca Rocks in West Virginia in early September which was offered through this new Committee to the technical climbing community within the Club. Because of financial limitations and vacation-timing problems in early September, the trip had to be cancelled, but it is anticipated that the Chapter will continue to be active in the programs of this new Interchapter Committee.

As outgoing Mountaineering Chairman, I would like to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure as Chairman, and have particularly enjoyed the increase in interest within the Chapter in the technical mountaineering program which we have attempted to develop. I look forward to seeing further growth in the program, and I intend to remain active in it as a climber rather than as Chairman.

The Mountaineering Committee has been striving for the development of a mountaineering program which would be responsive to the needs of the people in the N. H. Chapter. I hope that we have begun to provide such a program, based upon the principles of good instruction, sound mountaineering judgement and leadership, and careful planning, and that the members of the Chapter will continue to take advantage of the mountaineering opportunities afforded by the Mountaineering Committee.

Brian K. Fowler, Chairman