

Eighty-Sixth Annual Report

of the

New Hampshire Chapter Appalachian Mountain Club



October 7, 2006

“Our chapter continues to grow, our leaders are the best in the Club and we are among the most active of the chapters.” *Sam Jamke, Chapter Chair*

The Chapter wishes to recognize and thank the following long-time members for their support:

50 Year Members

Dr. Munro H. Proctor
Ms. Julia Proctor
Mrs. Thomas G. Barber
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Brown
Mr. Arthur A. Tilton
Mr. Samuel J. Tilden
Mr. Joseph E. Upson
Mrs. Roberta Upson
Mrs. Pauline W. Parker
Dr. Robert N. Lord

25 Year Members

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Mr. William P. Connors
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Ms. Elizabeth Corell
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CHAPTER CHAIR REPORT

As I near the end of my first year as NH Chapter Chair, I am grateful for the terrific Executive Committee members with whom I work. Unfortunately we have to bid farewell to some of them, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to Mark Goodearl, stepping down as Secretary, and to Pete and Barbara Wilkins, our outgoing Programs Co-chairs. We will miss you all. We especially mourn the loss of our long-time Hospitality Chair, Bernice Johnson, who passed away this spring at the age of 86. As I write these words, we are making preparations to place a granite bench with a bronze plaque beside the pond at Cardigan Lodge in Bernice's memory. She is been missed by us all and I dedicate this annual report to her and also to my mom's memory. My mom passed away shortly after Bernice, and the support of my fellow AMC-ers was most comforting during a difficult period in my life.

Serving as Vice Chair for two years and then as Chair this past year has given me the opportunity to meet and work with volunteers from all 12 AMC chapters and with many AMC staff members in Boston, Pinkham, Concord, and Crawford Notch. I have the utmost respect for this hard working group of people dedicated to conservation, education, and responsible outdoor recreation. I have visited the facilities in the Maine Woods, gone on President's Society adventures, experienced Mountain Leadership School, led hikes at August Camp in Washington's North Cascades and I plan to do my Major Excursions leader training this November. I encourage everyone to get out and get active with our Club and Chapter—you will value your membership more as you get to know your fellow members and participate in activities—be it in conservation, hiking, paddling, or taking volunteer and staff-led trips and workshops. Our chapter continues to grow, our leaders are the best in the Club, and we are among the most active of the chapters. We should all be very proud of the NH Chapter's members and their accomplishments.

In 2007 our Chapter is hosting the Fall Gathering at the Highland Center—do plan on attending or helping out. The dates are October 12–14th—be there! I look forward to meeting you. I also look forward to the upcoming year and its challenges. Have a wonderful, active and healthy year, everyone!

Sam Jamke

NH Chapter Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have made some improvements in our financial system over the past year: The Mountaineering Committee joins Excursions and Paddling in having its own treasurer and bank account. All three committees are basically self-financing as regards member activities, with the Chapter's exposure principally limited to leadership training and certification. Chapter members who participate in activities that have expenses generally defray those expenses.

I report income and expenditures by committee, whose chairs budget annually and control outlays accordingly throughout the year. Improved accountability.

Our income continues to derive almost exclusively from thrice-yearly AMC dues allocations, based upon chapter membership, and some donations.

We spend over 2/3rds of our dues allocation on printing and mailing Mountain Passages. With Lise's adept editorship, the newsletter has expanded and become quite popular and informative. To control these expenses:

- * We have a major ongoing effort to distribute as many copies electronically, by e-mail or website, as possible. We are working with Joy Street, who provides the addresses, to be able to remove members who chose electronic receipt from the printed address list. We want to be certain we have this right before implementing.
- * We have decided to accept appropriate and limited paid advertising to offset some publication costs.

We're endeavoring to bring the possibility of credit card purchases to the chapter website. Our principal challenge is to integrate that software into the websites. If you can help us with this effort, please contact Sue Breault, our webmaster.

We have installed a granite bench by the pond at Cardigan Lodge in memory of our longtime Hospitality Chair, Bernice Johnson. Members' donations made this effort possible, along with the Trails Committee's labors. We have also received other donations, often with employers' matching contributions, to help in our efforts, and occasionally to memorialize someone who shared our goals.

Contact me if you'd like further information on donations to the chapter or to AMC National.

Respectfully,
Mitch Manseau
NH Chapter Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 85th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford, New Hampshire on October 8, 2005. The following slate of nominees was presented and accepted by the members for the year 2005-2006 New Hampshire Chapter Executive Committee:

Chair	Sam (Ruth) Jamke
Vice Chair	Paul Berry
Treasurer	Mitch Manseau
Secretary	Mark Goodearl
Conservation	Bob and Mary Harrington
Education	Keith Sullivan
Excursions	Wes Tucker
Hospitality	Bernice Johnson & Alita Whittier
Membership	Bob Humphrey & Ron Janowitz
Mountaineering	Jed Eliades
Newsletter	Lise Laurin
Programs	Pete Mason & Barbara Wilkins
Trails	Bill Darcy & Tim Doucette
Webmaster	Sue Breault
Young Members	Eric Savage & Ross Garofalo
Education	Keith Sullivan

Eight regular meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the 2005 - 2006 season. Minutes were taken and distributed to the Committee. The Annual Report was completed and printed for the Annual Meeting.

Mark Goodearl
Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

This year we continued our chapter's connection with the Visibility Volunteer/Mountain Watch program of the AMC's Research Department by encouraging regular hikers to participate in documenting the ozone levels and air quality that they observed on their hikes in the White Mountains. It is difficult to gauge the extent of participation by our chapter members, as they received the monitoring materials and made their reports directly with Georgia Murray, the programs director.

We continued to promote membership and participation in the AMC Conservation Action Network by making information and sign-up applications available at our dinner meetings, and especially at the member orientation dinner and the new Chapter Activity Day held at Cardigan Lodge in May. With the release of the updated White Mountain National Forest Plan, we worked with folks from the Maine Chapter to encourage our Congressional Delegation to draft and support legislation establishing a federally designated wilderness area in the Wild River area of Evans Notch and to expand the wilderness area in the Sandwich Range.

We have encouraged awareness of conservation and naturalist issues through a wild flower hike at the Chapter Activity Day, a naturalist hike to the Philbrick-Cricenti Bog in New London and a hike focusing on the geology of the Belknap Range in September. Our major project was the design and fabrication of a set of banners to be used by Chapter work groups to identify their work projects as "NH Chapter Volunteers at Work". This idea came from a NH Chapter "Old Hutman" who came upon a Trails work party on the Old Bridle Path and didn't know that they were from our chapter until he asked. He made a generous donation to the project, and we were successful in obtaining a grant from the Special Projects Fund of the Conservation Programs Committee of the AMC to match the funds for the banners that came from our Conservation and Trails Committee budgets.

We have been promoting cooperation between our Conservation Committee and other organizations, particularly in the area of eradicating invasive plant species. This summer we joined with the Heritage Garden group from the Prescott Farm Audubon Center in Laconia to remove invasive Oriental Bittersweet, Autumn Olive, and Japanese Barberry from the field edges at the Center. This was the first opportunity for us to use our new banners to give our chapter activities some publicity.

Bob and Mary Harrington, Conservation Co-chairs

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We've had another very active year. As always, we've conducted trips to every nook and cranny of the state, and few outside the state (just to remind us of how good we have it here in NH). You can find us out on the trails in every month of the year from the highest peaks of the Presidential Range to bike paths on the seacoast. All of these trips have been conducted with safety and fun all due to our exceptional group of Trip Leaders. I can't thank them enough for all the hard work and time that they have invested into making the NH Chapter a standard of trip leadership in the AMC. Unfortunately, there are far too many to name individually. At last count, the roster lists 129 active Leaders and Leaders in training. Every one of them has contributed a lot of time and hard work to the chapter in order to keep up our high standards of safety and fun. In addition to the 346 regular trips we offered this year, here are a few events that took place this year that I would like to highlight.

Training

In November, we sent 16 Trip Leaders to SOLO in Conway, NH to attend a two-day Wilderness First Aid Training Course. The class was paid for by the NH Chapter, but the training is invaluable in terms of making our trips into the New England wilds as safe as possible for our participants. We've have another class scheduled for this upcoming November.

For the first time, we held an Avalanche Awareness clinic in conjunction with the Mountaineering Committee. Professional Backcountry Guides took winter

Leaders up into the Gulf of Slides to show them how identify and avoid avalanche prone areas, and what to do incase one strikes.

Workshops

The hours of work put in by Co-Directors Rick Silverberg, Martin Janoscsek, and Trudi Janoscsek produced a banner year for our Hiking Safety Workshops at Cardigan Lodge. We broke the attendance record for the 2nd year in a row with 134 students over the 3 sessions. Several potential new Trip Leaders attended the leadership training classes too.

The Winter Hiking Series was held for the 6th year too. This series was developed by Bob Humphrey and Kevin Rooney. It is designed to give beginning winter hikers an intense and thorough introduction in how to safely travel to the winter summits. The series is divided between a day of indoor instruction, and 5 training hikes of increasing difficulty.

Family Group

With a base of about 45 families, outings of every kind were offered. Outings Included hikes, camping, bike trips, rock climbing, and kayaking. Mark & Michelle Goodearl have continued to offer the highly successful “Staying Found Workshop”. Through demonstrations, videos, and hands-one exercises, the workshop teaches families how to keep kids safe while exploring in the outdoors.

Over 55 Group

To quote Steve Ahearn, “The NH Chapter Over 55 Hiking Group reflects a frame of mind, not an age distinction.” Under Steve’s guidance, the O-55s completed another year of encouraging everyone to occasionally stop and smell the roses (or snowflakes). They continue to offer a wide range of trips at a kinder, gentler pace. The O-55s allow those “of a certain age” to continue enjoying the outdoors and lets new hikers break into sport and learn from the decades of experiance they have to offer. Keep up the valuable work!

Hut Nights & Presidential Range Hike

Tim Kennedy did his usual outstanding job putting together two Chapter Hut Nights. They were held at Greenleaf Hut in June and Lonesome Lake Hut in

September. And for the 2nd year, Tim was at the helm of the highly successful NH Chapter Annual Presidential Range Hike in July. This 9 day hut-to-hut trek across the Whites is a quite a logistical challenge, this year even more so as it was held during a heat wave!

Thanks to everyone for another great year!

Wesley Tucker

Excursions Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Chapter began its reporting year at 10,018 members in September of 2005 and reports 10,452 as of September 2006. We remain the third largest chapter after Boston and New York-North Jersey.

We sent out 1,688 new member letters in the 12 month reporting period and sold 7 memberships in a bottle.

We held one combined new and current member dinner at Pheasant Ridge in May with committee displays of the various activities that the NH. Chapter offers its members.

In addition to our up-dated new member letter we have been inserting trip listing to tide new members over until they receive their first AMC Outdoors Magazine. It was thought that this might help the new member become involved with our chapter activities sooner.

The Membership committee and the newly reactivated Education committee, held the first Chapter Activity Day on May 13th at Cardigan Lodge. Considering the deluge that poured from the skies on that day, the event was well attended. It was deemed a successful venture and will become an annual event. Many new members were present and it is believed that they enjoyed the event despite the poor weather conditions.

For the first time in membership history AMC Headquarters has been sending the membership committee new member labels with reactivated members noted. Reactivated members are those who had let their memberships lapse who would, in the past, automatically receive another new member letter. Reactivated members now no longer receive a second letter. The committee has

been able to save approximately fifteen to twenty dollars a month on postage, and a considerable amount on printing and envelope costs.

Bob Humphrey and Ron Janowitz
Membership Co-Chairs

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

The Mountaineering Committee's 2005–06 year saw an expansion of our trips from 32 to 42 days total. These included ski mountaineering, ice climbing, glacier travel, rock climbing, rock skills, indoor climbing, leader training, and avalanche awareness. The various events attracted approximately 290 participants.

Safety and training continued to be an important focus. We ran our third annual leader-training program, a three-day course designed to develop new leaders for top-rope activities. Five new leaders completed the program, three of which are now qualified leaders. Two others are currently mentoring with experienced leaders. This brings our total to 17 active leaders.

An avalanche session, jointly sponsored by Mountaineering and Excursions, was attended by 14 people at Pinkham Notch in December. We contracted Chauvin Guides of N. Conway to run this AIARE Level I course stressing safe travel in snow-covered mountains. A plan is in effect to repeat a similar course this calendar year.

We held our 6th annual Glacier Travel Workshop series in late April. Over 70 participants learned skills ranging from self-arrest and crampon technique to anchor building and crevasse rescue. Our ice climbing trips, held in conjunction with IME, continued to be popular. Subsequently, we ran our first ice trip independent of professional guides. Our winter activities also included ski mountaineering trips. Although we had an active schedule, only 1 of the 5 ski trips succeeded. The remainder were cancelled due to poor snow conditions.

Likewise, weather was a major factor in our early summer rock climbing, with rain forcing the cancellation of several days of climbing. Especially disappointing was the cancellation of a 3-day beginner clinic. However, the rock finally dried and mid-summer trips were well attended.

The Mountaineering Committee (MC) underwent major organizational changes this year. The most significant was achieving financial autonomy. We now have our own treasurer and bank account. We do, however, still look to the Chapter for continued support in training activities. Additionally, we have deferred some expenses to compensate for lost income from cancelled clinics.

Other changes involve operations. Responsibilities are now shared by five individuals. Equipment is organized by functional groupings marked with ID tags. Trips are centrally coordinated and logged to track progress. Trip descriptions are now available on our web site. Unfortunately, we made little progress on web-based trip entry.

Finally, we improved our marketing to 'get out the word' on trips. We put training workshops in 'Bulletin Happenings', employed advanced notices, issued MC 'business cards', provided trips description handouts at trailhead, and expanded our web-site descriptions. We will continue our effort to communicate that the NH chapter MC is a major player in Club activities which involve all aspects of mountaineering.

Respectfully submitted,
Jed Eliades
Mountaineering Committee Co-Chair

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Over the last sixteen months our chapter newsletter, Mountain Passages, has seen many changes, including the addition of feature stories, advice and information columns, a photo contest, and debuting in the September/October 2006 issue, advertising. We've also discontinued the two "new member only" issues, choosing instead to send one issue to the entire chapter, resulting in a total of eight issues.

We've also hosted "letters to the editor," resulting in some lively discussions about such topics as carpooling and how the AMC should be developing properties like the Little Lyford Pond property.

While the expanded newsletter format has been credited with a surge that is a "synergy of talents, enthusiasms and leadership," it demands a significant

portion of our annual budget—money that could be used for what the chapter is all about, outdoor activities. Next year we will continue to look for ways to reduce our budget. We will be pushing for the ability to e-mail the newsletter to those who prefer not to get hard copies, as well as looking to increase advertising revenue.

We will continue to solicit thoughts, stories, and photos from chapter members, while supporting the Executive Committee and leaders in their efforts to reach out to the chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Lise Laurin, Editor, Mountain Passages

PADDLING COMMITTEE REPORT

Paddling Trips for 2006 – The NH AMC Paddlers offered over 75 trips. Several additional trips were only announced in our weekly e-mail messages to all paddlers. Some of these trips extend from a weekend to a week long and longer trips tend to fill up fast.

Membership – A recent ratings list has a total of 204 rated paddlers for whitewater from class II to class IV. We have a roster of 1700 interested paddlers that are both AMC members and non-AMC members who receive our weekly e-mail messages.

Education – We focused on encouraging and building up our leaders. We held several leadership training classes in three areas of the state.

We had a SOLO Wilderness First Aid Class, a CPR class and a very successful Swiftwater Rescue Class by renowned instructor Charlie Walbridge. We also had four instructor candidates for this course among our people.

Forty students completed our three-day introductory/class II whitewater school in April – a great school.

A whitewater rescue class is in the works, drawing on our own leaders' expertise. We must continue to build our leadership.

Communications – We published only one WrapAround newsletter so far this year. Another one is being planned. We send out weekly e–mail notices to all members with any announcements and trip schedules.

Projects – This year with outstanding cooperation from PSNH and agreement from other paddling groups, we were able to change the very dangerous put–in at Ayers Island Dam on the Pemi in Bristol to 50 yards downstream, the result being a nice, safe, wide trail to the river that everyone can enjoy.

Over the next year we are hoping to increase the number of rated leaders. The number of leaders running trips has declined which has resulted in less trips being offered. We plan to do this with training incentives, rewards and much appreciation.

Dick Morin and John Jenkins
Paddling Co–Chairs

PROGRAMS AND HOSPITALITY REPORT

The New Hampshire Chapter conducted five dinner programs during the 2005 – 2006 year. The dinner programs were held on Saturday evenings at different locations throughout the state and were diverse in topics.

During this year we were saddened by the death of Bernice Johnson, our Hospitality Co–Chair, who has served the NH Chapter in this capacity since 1967. The Hospitality Committee deals with dinner reservations and name tags for each participant. and also awards door prizes at each dinner.

The dinners and programs were held as follows:

The 85th Annual Meeting and dinner was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford, NH, on October 8, 2005. The program speaker was railroad enthusiast, Richard Sanborn, who gave a talk and slide show presentation on Railroads of the White Mountains

Our February dinner was held on February 4, 2006, at the Elms Conference Center, Highland Inn in Manchester, NH. The speaker for the evening was Sha Riordan who portrayed a hired hand working for the Copp Family in a

monologue presentation entitled Up to the Mountains, Wild Tales of Dolly Copp and Other Wild Women who Pioneered the Notches.

The March dinner, March 11, 2006 was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford, NH. The speaker for the evening was Chris Lewey of the RAVEN Interpretive Wildlife Programs who gave a very interesting talk and slide show on the Ecology of the North Woods, A Closer Look at Spring

On April 8, 2006, we met at the Coolidge Hotel in White River Junction, VT where Gordon DuBois and Bob Manley gave a slide show and talk on Hiking the Whites in Winter.

Our June 10, 2006 dinner was cancelled due to an unfortunate omission of the date and place in our monthly newsletter.

The September program, September, 16, 2006, held at Brennan's Restaurant in Manchester, NH featured Robert Otto, an amateur astronomer, who gave a slide show and talk on Touring the Universe with Binoculars.

On May 6, 2006 the traditional New Member dinner was changed to an informational dinner for new and long-time members which provided an opportunity for all members to learn more about the activities of the NH chapter of the AMC. This was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club, Gilford, NH

The programs and locations for the dinners are planned over a year ahead. For up to date information, please contact our Chapter Web Page at <<http://www.amc-nh-org>>

We thank everyone who participated this past year and hope that you will continue in the future.

Barbara Wilkins and Pete Mason, Programs Co-Chairs
Alita Whittier and Kathy Ratcliffe, Hospitality Co-Chairs

TRAILS COMMITTEE REPORT

People are getting the message. If you're using trails for recreating (hiking, biking, skiing, whatever) you should also contribute to their maintenance. Just one day a year is all that's necessary if everyone pitches in. Don't be surprised

that you find trail work as fun, creative, interesting and compelling as the rest of us who return time and time again –for your one day a year, or more.

What do we do? We do and teach everything that trails need to stay in good shape to protect the land they help you travel on including: digging in the dirt, clipping branches, painting blazes, moving rocks, building steps and bridges, changing and building trails. It's all so simple we can teach you how and why while we work on any project.

Where? We worked from May to October on many projects throughout New Hampshire including: the New Hampshire chapter's adopted trails: the Old Bridle Path in Franconia Notch and the Sunapee Ridge section of the Monadnock–Sunapee Greenway and other projects at Monadnock State Park, AMC's Cardigan Lodge, and more.

Why? So it's easier for you to hike? No. To protect the trails from the damage done by boots, rain, and melting snow. Join us to learn how.

What did we do this year? We held our regular basic maintenance projects on the Old Bridle Path, Sunapee Ridge and at Cardigan Lodge. We spent two additional days rebuilding a rock staircase on the Old Bridle Path because it was falling apart. We still have a few more days to spend on that until it's done. Then on to rebuild another of the many rock staircases on that trail. We continued our work on the Davis Path with its adopter and now NH Trail Crew leader, Don MacFarlane, building more rock steps where erosion shows us they're needed. All of this rock work was aided by the new rope puller and other hardware we purchased with your membership dues.

Many people have earned rewards for doing trailwork with the New Hampshire chapter: 40 people earned bandanas (for 1.5 days of work), 15 people earned a New Hampshire Trail Crew short sleeve T-Shirt (for three days), eight earned a long sleeve or poly-pro shirt (for five days) and many more worked one day, which is all we ask.

If this sounds fun, that's because it is (we wouldn't do it if it weren't). Every project is different and has work for folks of any age, any ability and experience (including none). We teach you everything you need to know. To join us, look for our events on the chapter's web site and newsletter and in the AMC Outdoors magazine.

See you on the trails!

Bill Darcy and Tim Doucette, Trails Co-Chairs

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Education Committee was revived at last annual meeting. The major activity was planning and directing the first Chapter Activity Day – forever to be referred to as CAD. CAD was held on Saturday, May 13th at Cardigan Lodge. Activities were scheduled and conducted in almost all of the areas in which the Chapter is involved: hiking, map & compass, backpack cooking, outdoor photography, conservation, rock climbing, trail work, and both flat and white water paddling. Unfortunately unprecedented amounts of rain were predicted, and fell, on May 13th.

Amazingly, almost half the participants and almost all of our volunteer leaders and instructors showed up and all scheduled activities were conducted – although some had to be modified for safety considerations. The consensus opinion was that CAD was a success and is an activity that will continue for the foreseeable future. It is tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in May 2007.

Other Education Committee activities involved supporting existing Chapter training such as Glacier Travel and several outreach activities with school and scouting programs. Goals for 2007 will be to plan a successful Chapter Activity Day on a warm sunny day, and work with more school and scouting organizations by recruiting chapter leaders who are interested in giving presentations on wilderness recreation.

Keith Sullivan

Education Committee Chair

NH CHAPTER WEBSITE: REPORT

The Chapter Website can be accessed on the web via: www.amc-nh.org. The site contains information regarding up and coming events, information and contacts for the various Chapter Committees, i.e., links to the NH Chapter Paddlers, Mountaineering, Trails, Conservation, and the New Hampshire Chapter Executive Committee listing.

The site is updated monthly with Chapter Calendar monthly events, such as Trail Work Dates, Dinner Programs, Workshops, Hut Nights, etc. Contact information, registrations, directions can be found in detail as links tied to the calendar listings.

Other updates to Conservation happenings and programs have been put on the site to keep Chapter Members informed about environmental and ecological matters and ways to help these issues.

The website also has a link to direct viewers to the main AMC site: www.outdoors.org and a link page to URL addresses to the rest of the Appalachian Mountain Club Chapters. I hope to gradually redesign the site to make it more user-friendly, functional and artistically appealing. Hopefully, this will also make the maintenance of the site much easier.

Sue Breault
Webmaster

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Young Members Committee was formed to encourage more young adults to join and become active in the AMC. Our goal is to encourage people in their 20s and 30s to become involved in leadership training, volunteering, and learning outdoor skills.

Socials occur each month in Portsmouth, Manchester, Concord, Ashland, and in the Upper Valley area, and provide a way for members to meet and discuss trips. The socials, in addition to potlucks, picnics, and camping weekends are a great opportunity for people to get to know each other and have been very helpful in generating new trips and activities.

More young members have been approved as official leaders this year and more are in the process of leading mentored hikes. We continue to increase the number of official trips advertised in the Outdoors Magazine, including an entire series of beginner hikes in the spring. Young members have participated in volunteer activities over the past year, including trail work days.

We maintain an email list, through Yahoo Groups, that has grown to over 450 members. The email group allows us to communicate quickly, make informal plans, and publicize upcoming AMC events.

While the group is geared to younger adults, we welcome outdoors-people of all ages. We hope to promote diversity and strengthen the AMC by drawing in new members who will contribute their time and skills in the coming years. To find out more, start at our web page, www.amc-nh.org/youngmemb.html, where you can learn about upcoming events and find out how to join our email group. You can also contact the Co-chairs, Eric Savage (772-6259, es25@cornell.edu) or Ross Garofalo (644-4550, dbthepb@hotmail.com).

Eric Savage and Ross Garofalo
Young Members Committee Co-chairs

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Tim Kennedy, Anne Melvin, Paulette Boudrot, and Bill Burke, submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting, October 7, 2006. All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October of 2007.

Chair	Sam Jamke
Vice Chair	Paul Berry
Secretary	David Ross
Treasurer	Mitch Manseau
Excursions	Wes Tucker
Programs	Ron Janowitz & Karen Thurston
Education	Keith Sullivan
Conservation	Bob & Mary Harrington
Young Members	Eric Savage & Ross Garofalo
Hospitality	Alita Whittier & Kathy Ratcliffe
Membership	Bob Humphrey & Kathy Ratcliffe
Paddling	John Jenkins and Julia Steed-Mawson
Trails	Bill Darcy & Tim Doucette
Mountaineering	Jed Eliades

Newsletter Editor Lise Laurin
Webmaster Sue Breault

Ex-officio members of the Executive Committee: Past Chapter Chair, Robert Harrington and Regional Director, John Dolloff.

In Memoriam



Bernice Johnson
AMC member 1957–2006

Our "Ms. Hospitality"

Twenty five year members (continued)

Ms. Barbara Laverick

Ms. Patricia K. Conry

Dr. Andrew L. Taylor

Mr. Frank W. Hogg

Mr. Curtis H. Springer

Mr. Scott P. Aubrey

Mr. Paul T. Fitzgerald

Mr. Ellwyn F. Hayslip, Jr.

Ms. Anne D. Peterson

Mr. Everett Pollard

Ms. Robin Pollard

Mr. Stephen J. Sopko

Mr. Alvin Hatch

Ms. Lois Hatch

Mr. Leslie Dreier

Ms. June Winsor

Mr. Raymond G. Behnke

Mrs. Evelyn L. Behnke

Past Chapter Chairs

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