

Eighty-Seventh Annual Report

of the

**New Hampshire Chapter
Appalachian Mountain Club**



October 6, 2007

“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

Theodore Casselman
Henry Folsom
Alan Gordon
George Hamilton
Bruce Sloat

25 Year Members

Amelia Archibald
R. Gordon Archibald
Thomas Bindas
Arthur Birch
Lynne Brookshire
Eldon Burkinshaw
Richard Campbell
Nancy Campbell
Peter Clarner
George Courtney
Edith Desmarais
Paul Desmarais
Benson Eisenberg
Arlene Eisenberg
Charles Faulkner
Marcia French
Carroll French
Maureen Gallagher
Robert Gaylord
William Goleman
Katherine Hanson
Bruce Healey
Peter Kaplan
Frederick Kelsey
Marcia Lee
Ken Lee

Continued on inside back cover

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Chapter Chair Report.....	2
Treasurer's Report.....	3
Secretary's Report	4
Conservation Committee Report.....	5
Excursions Committee Report.....	6
Membership Committee Report	9
Mountaineering Committee	10
Newsletter Committee Report	12
Paddling Committee Report	13
Programs and Hospitality Report	16
Trails Committee Report.....	17
Education Committee Report.....	18
NH Chapter Website Report.....	19
Young Members Committee Report.....	19
Nominating Committee Report	21

CHAPTER CHAIR REPORT

As I write this report I am preparing to step down as Chair and turn over the reins to the able hands of Paul Berry. Recently retired from my career as a chemist, I have mixed emotions about reaching the end of my term as Chair. I have been on the Executive Committee for about five years and will remain on as Past Chair for a couple more. I expect, hope and plan to remain active with AMC for a very long time. I am now a member of the August Camp Committee and am going to be leading Major Excursions, starting with a hiking adventure to Death Valley and the mountains of western Nevada in April of 2008). I also plan to go to all of the AMC facilities I have not yet had the opportunity to visit—I call it “destination bagging.”

My two years as Chair have been filled with terrific activities and I have been fortunate to have a very dedicated Executive Committee to manage those activities. We have seen some changes this past year: Lise Laurin turned the newsletter over to Renee Robertie, who is doing an outstanding job as editor; Scott Maxner replaced Keith Sullivan as Education Chair, assisting Bob Humphrey and Kathy Ratcliffe with the second annual Chapter Activity Day at Cardigan Lodge; Janice Bremer came on board to assist Kathy Ratcliffe as Hospitality Co-chair when Alita Whittier stepped down; Louise Provan replaced Karen Thurston as Programs co-chair with Ron Janowitz. Going forward into our next program year, Eric Savage (Vice Chair nominee) steps down as Young Members co-chair, replaced by Mary Schmidt and John Jenkins is replaced by Karen Klawiter as Paddling co-chair. Sue Breault is turning over the web site, after many years of service, to Dean Tuininga. We will miss Sue on ExComm and thank her for the many years she served both as webmaster and membership co-chair.

The NH Chapter is hosting the Fall Gathering at the Highland Center the weekend after our annual meeting. I hope to see many NH Chapter members in attendance.

Happy trails and thanks for a wonderful two years as Chair.
Please come outside and play!

Ruth “Sam” Jamke
NH Chapter Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

This has been a period of refining the financial reporting system that we modified last year, reporting income and expenditures by activity whenever possible. This allows activities to better manage their budgets over the year – and to keep the chapter solvent.

The Excursions, Paddling and Mountaineering committees continue to make their membership activities self-supporting, with the chapter funding leadership training and certification.

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

The major expense that we charge to our AMC dues allocations revenue continues to be that of printing and mailing *Mountain Passages*, our chapter newsletter, which consumes some two-thirds of our dues allocation. This expenditure reflects the continued excellence, size and frequency of the publication and while there is no wish to limit the number, our Treasury would benefit substantially from greater electronic distribution.

The printing and postage costs constitute nearly the entire expenditure for the newsletter. So, if you're willing to read *MP* online and forego receipt of a paper copy, please contact Editor Renee Robertie at mtnpassages@comcast.net. We hope to substantially reduce the number of snail-mailed copies over time.

The chapter does occasionally receive donations, often with matching employer contributions, in memory of a member who died, or as a bequest. Our former Hospitality Chair, Bernice Johnson, left just such a substantial bequest to support the chapter's youth activities. These donations may be designated to support ongoing chapter activities or for a specific purpose. If you can help the chapter in this way, please contact me at wedgroup@mitchmanseau.org and I'll be happy to inform and assist you.

Mitch Manseau
NH Chapter Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 86th 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 7, 2006. The following slate of nominees was presented and accepted by the members for the year 2006-2007 New Hampshire Chapter Executive Committee:

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

Eight regular meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the 2006 – 2007 season. Minutes were taken and distributed to the Committee. The Annual Report was completed and printed for the Annual Meeting.

David S. Ross
Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

This was a slow year for the Conservation Committee. While your Conservation Co-chairs were quite busy with their own conservation activities, there were only two Chapter activities of note: in the Winter we led an animal tracking hike at Canterbury Shaker Village and on the Chapter Activity Day at Cardigan Lodge in May we conducted a couple of naturalist hikes that were well received.

We have been talking with Andy Fast of the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests to see if we could set up a work day to remove invasive plant species from their Creek Farm Reservation in Portsmouth, but that never materialized.

We had a small group of volunteers who wanted to take part in a work day there and since we have noticed that SPNHF has run a workshop at Creek Farm at the end of August on identification of invasive plants, we still have hopes that we can schedule a work day a work day there.

The Visibility Volunteer (air-quality monitoring) program that we were promoting in previous years has now evolved into the Mountain Watch program which has added the observation of the timing of the seasonal changes in the growth cycle of a number of key plant species - both alpine and mid-elevation - in order to document what effect climate change may be having in our mountains.

Our efforts have been to inform our members about the program and that they can get information and take part in Mountain Watch through any of the North Country facilities.

Bob & Mary Harrington
Conservation Co-chairs

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We've had another very active year, but it has been a year with a lot of changes. This year we introduced a new leadership structure and a new kind of leader. Previously Trip Leaders were in 2 categories: 3-Season or 4-Season. We've added a 3rd leadership level and introduced new names for all. Leaders are now either Class 1, 2, or 3.

Class 1 is equal to the old 4-Season Leader and is the hardest to qualify for. Class 2 is the former 3-Season Leader. Class 3 is the newest level of leadership is intended for those who don't do long hikes, go to high elevations, or go in winter. It is the easiest to qualify for and the most restricted.

Another big change is that we're allowing leaders to use the AMC's On-Line Trip Listing System to submit trips. This internet-based system allows trips to be visible on the AMC web site in addition to printed in *AMC Outdoors*. Maybe it's a case of old dogs and new tricks, but acceptance of the new system amongst the Leaders has been a bit underwhelming. Only time will tell if it'll catch on.

To help me handle the new system, a new position called the "Trip Coordinator" has been added. The post is ably manned by David Ross. He's taking a big load off my hands by organizing and processing all trips submit by the Leaders. In addition to the 300+ trips our Trip Leaders offered to AMC members this year, here are a few events that took place this year that I would like to highlight:

Training

In November, we held a Wilderness First Aid training course at SOLO in Conway. This training is invaluable in terms of making our trips as safe as possible for our participants. We also held a Trip Leader Appreciation Lunch at Pat's Peak in Henniker. Its purpose was to thank all of our Leaders for their commitment to the NH Chapter and to use the opportunity to pool our collective knowledge. This was more than just telling "war stories". We discussed past successes and failures, what we learned from them, and passed on the lessons. We also used this time to hand down and reexamine our traditions. This how we develop what we call "accepted peer practices". Of course we had a great lunch too!

Workshops

Once again, our Annual Cardigan Workshops broke all records. With 62 students, the April school had the highest attendance for any single workshop on record. And for the 3rd year in a row, we broke the annual attendance record with 161 students over 3 sessions. This was Marty and Trudi Janoschek's last year as workshop directors. Our success over the past 5 years has been due in no small part to all their hard work organizing and running them. Who will be taking their place to be Co-Director with Rick Silverberg is still a bit up in the air. Whoever it is will have some big shoes to fill.

The Winter Hiking Series was held for the 7th year. It's designed to give beginning winter hikers instruction in how to safely bag the summits in winter. Bob Humphrey took sole responsibility for organizing and running the WHS this year and he did an outstanding job.

Family Group

The FG continued its tradition of offering outings and activities for families with children of all ages and abilities. New this year was a weekend at Three Mile Island where

kayaking, swimming, and roasted marshmallows by the fire were enjoyed. The Staying Found Workshop continues to be a popular educational event. Looking ahead, there are weekends planned for Cold River Camp, Highland Center, and Cardigan Lodge.

Over 55 Group

Since 1992, the O-55's have offered trips at a kinder, gentler pace. For the past nine years they have been under the steady guidance of Steve Ahearn, but even the O-55 Group is not immune to change. Steve has decided that it's time to hand over the reins to Nancy Seavey and Linda Holton. Nancy and Linda have been long time leaders and have a lot of ideas for the future of the group. Thank you, Steve, for all the years of dedication and service you've given us. Your legacy is in good hands.

Hut Nights & Presidential Range Hike

Tim Kennedy did a superior job putting together two Chapter Hut Nights. They were held at Madison Springs Hut in June and Galehead Lake Hut in September. And for the 3rd year, Tim took charge of the highly successful NH Chapter Annual Presidential Range Hike in July.

I can't thank our Trip Leaders 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. They have all contributed a lot of time and hard work to the chapter in order to keep up our high standards of safety and fun. Thanks for another great year!

Wesley Tucker
Excursions Committee Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Chapter began its reporting year with 10,381 members in September of 2006 and reports 9,991 as of September 2007. We remain the third largest chapter after Boston and New York-North Jersey.

We sent out 1,831 new member letters in the 12-month reporting period and sold 5 memberships in a bottle.

In addition to our updated 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 in conjunction with the Education Committee held its second Chapter Activities Day on May 5th at Cardigan Lodge. This year we were blessed with good weather and the event was well attended. Despite some last minute problems with lodging and meals the chapter was able to do slightly better than break even. We did not have to spend any of the 600 dollars allocated for this event. As a result the membership and education committees deem this event a wonderful success.

The Membership and Education Committees would like to express their sincere thanks to Gordon Page who volunteered to do the cooking duties for this event. He really helped us out immensely and both the Membership and Education Committees are very grateful for his help! The committees would also like to express thanks to the Paddling, Mountaineering, Excursions, and Trails committees and the volunteers from those groups who really helped to make the weekend a success! Thank You.

The Membership and Education Committees held a meeting with Cardigan manager Tom Fisher in July to iron out details

for next year's Chapter Activity Day, once again to be held at Cardigan on the first weekend of May. Next year's event will not see the chapter reserving the lodge or providing meals, although we will strongly support the Lodge and urge participants to obtain their own lodging for the weekend. We will be returning to a day format which should allow the committees to concentrate more on the event, rather than be distracted with lodging needs and meal preparation.

AMC Headquarters has continued to send the membership committee new member labels with reactivated members noted. Reactivated members are those who have let their membership lapse and who would in the past have automatically received 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 Kathy Ratcliffe
Membership Co-Chairs

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

The Mountaineering Committee's (MC) 2006-07 trips included ski mountaineering, ice climbing, glacier travel, rock climbing, rock skills, indoor climbing, leader training, and avalanche awareness. We offered a total of 53 outdoor trips, a 26% increase over the previous year. These outdoor events attracted 329 participants, up from 290 in 2005-06.

Our third annual avalanche course, stressing safe travel in snow-covered mountains, was taught by members of our MC staff. The class nearly filled before it was published. We have the potential to expand this program to two workshops in 2008.

We held our 7th annual Glacier Travel Workshop series in late April. Nearly 60 participants learned skills ranging from

self-arrest and crampon technique to anchor building and crevasse rescue. This program was coordinated by Jim Kent and Scott Maxner, who assumed the role previously held by the program originator Keith Sullivan.

Other clinics included rappelling, tele skiing, and a very successful film showing in New London.

Our ice climbing trips continued to fill early. They were led by both IME guides and MC instructors. Winter activities also included several ski mountaineering trips. Indoor climbing was offered again year round attracting a small, but consistent, number of participants, averaging three to four more each week than last year.

Leader training programs were given high priority this year. Our program for climbing took a new step forward. We held our first **advanced** technical skills clinic in tope rope site management (TRSM II). In addition, plans are in effect to offer soft skills leader training in a joint session this October at Cardigan. Our new glacier travel workshop coordinators received professional instruction before taking charge of this popular event. We now have 23 qualified leaders with 3 in our mentoring program. Ski leadership training has unfortunately fallen behind other disciplines.

The Mountaineering Committee is now fully self-supported by workshops and clinics. Our account balance has increased to a comfortable reserve of \$3137 which supports our equipment purchases and leader training.

There were a few operational changes in the MC. The most significant one gave us complete independence from Excursions. Our trips submission process is now a direct line of communication with Joy Street. This transition necessarily received higher priority than our OLTL start-up, which now lags initial target dates.

Other activities this year defined MC responsibilities for the revised Chapter by-laws. We also published several MC related articles in the Chapter Newsletter.

Tasks to be completed before the calendar year-end include equipment procurement, incorporation of OLTL, and investigation of the formation of an independent ski group. Our dedication to make the NH Chapter MC the Club model for safety, fun, and caring leadership is our ongoing effort!

Jed Eliades
Mountaineering Committee Co-Chair

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chapter published eight issues of *Mountain Passages* during the 2006-07 program year. In the spring, Lise Laurin stepped down as editor. Her hard work and enthusiasm are very much appreciated.

The Executive Committee gave considerable thought and discussion to curbing newsletter costs, which consume a significant portion of our annual budget. The committee explored several options, including different formats, frequencies and paper stock as well as getting cost estimates from print and fulfillment vendors.

Equally important in the discussion was the desire that *Mountain Passages* continue to be a key resource for informing members of the many activities and other opportunities for getting involved in the Chapter and connecting with other outdoor enthusiasts.

Efforts to lessen costs included changing the postal indicia to mail from Nashua and launching the opportunity for members to receive *Mountain Passages* electronically. The electronic copy of *Mountain Passages* will continue to evolve, eventually including links to expanded online information and online registration for events. The

committee also voted to publish the newsletter six times per year, rather than eight.

R.C. Brayshaw & Company, Inc. of Warner, NH was selected to continue handling the printing and fulfillment due to a combination of their competitive cost, the Chapter's long association with this printer and their environmental consciousness.

We continue to explore opportunities to further reduce costs and develop revenue through appropriate advertising. Members wishing to support cost reductions are encouraged to sign on to receive *Mountain Passages* electronically by sending their name and AMC member ID to mtnpassages@comcast.net.

Renée Robertie, Editor
Mountain Passages

PADDLING COMMITTEE REPORT

Paddling Trips for 2007 – The NH AMC Paddlers offered over 100 trips. Several additional trips were only announced in our weekly e-mail messages to all paddlers. Most of the schedule was made up of day trips but we also offered multi-day and multi-week trips. Trips ranged from touring on flat and moving water, class 2 thru class 4 whitewater-canoe, kayak & raft, and sea kayaking.

Membership – A recent ratings list has a total of 236 rated paddlers for whitewater from class II to class IV. We have a roster of 1800 interested paddlers that are both AMC members and non-AMC members who receive our weekly e-mail messages.

Education – We are focused on encouraging and building up our leaders. We have scheduled several leadership training classes in four areas of the state. Over the next year we are hoping to increase the number of rated trip leaders

and the number of trips being offered. We plan to do this with focused training sessions, training incentives, rewards and much appreciation.

We have scheduled a SOLO Wilderness First Aid Class and a CPR class.

We held a Basic Safety and Rescue workshop. This is a single day course, targeted at paddlers with class II skills and above, which teaches them how to rescue themselves and other paddlers during the most common problem situations that develop on whitewater rivers.

Our committee held an Advanced Swiftwater Rescue Workshop drawing from our own ACA certified staff. This is a single day course targeted at paddlers with class III skills and above. It teaches paddlers additional skills and techniques used in more difficult rescue or recovery situations.

Almost forty students completed our three-day introductory/class II whitewater school in April. Due to impending severe weather for Sunday, the river trip was postponed. We finished the training of the students on various scheduled trips later that spring.

Communications – We have published one WrapAround newsletter so far this year; it is distributed online to defer the cost of printing and mailing. Another issue is in the planning stage.

We send out weekly e-mail notices to all members with any announcements and trip schedules.

Our committee held two semiannual pot luck supper meetings for about 40 or so of our members at each event to share sub-committee reports, get input and listings for trips and give folks have an opportunity to learn and share information about their excursions, expeditions and their on-going love for paddling.

We have begun to use the online trip listing offered on the AMC website and hope to eventually tie those posts to our own weekly emails and to the trip listings on the NH AMC Paddlers website.

We have created a business card for our group as well as a professionally-designed and printed brochure to be given to people that we meet who show an interest in paddling.

Projects –Wednesday Evening Paddling Program spearheaded by Paul Berry with the help of other dedicated NH AMC Paddlers volunteers. With the purchase of new recreational kayaks this year, we established a multi-week program to provide a conduit for new members to experience paddling on lakes and mild rivers with the NH AMC. Initially, a six week trial period was implemented. This soon expanded due to the obvious interest.

To date, about 140 people have participated as new or repeat paddlers. Several more weeks have been added as of this writing. We view this program as a huge success and expect to build on it for next year. Note: This same new equipment was used for Chapter Activities Day in May and was again very helpful in providing a way to get old and new members interested in paddling with our club.

Dragonfly Project - This year, when the Amoskeag Fishways sent out a call for help for canoe training, members of our club, as well as members of the Merrimack River Watershed Council, participated in the canoe paddling training of a group of girls from Girls Inc. of Manchester to help them in a scientific study of dragonflies along the shores of the Merrimack River. This was a multi week program in partnership with the Audubon Society.

Adaptive Paddling Program - For the next paddling season we are now looking into the feasibility of implementing an

Adaptive Paddling Program for people with disabilities. The focus of our efforts, initially, would be disabled American veterans. We would look for corporate sponsorship as well as within the AMC for help with this project.

John Jenkins and Julia Steed Mawson
Paddling Co-chairs

PROGRAMS AND HOSPITALITY REPORT

The New Hampshire Chapter conducted five dinner programs during the 2006 - 2007 year. The dinner programs were held on Saturday evenings at different locations throughout the state and focused on diverse topics.

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 7, 2006. The program speaker was expert Chris Martin, who gave an interesting talk and presentation on Peregrine Recovery in NH.
- Our February dinner was held on February 10, 2007, at the Elms Conference Center, Highland Inn in Manchester, NH. The speaker for the evening was Jeff Leich of the New England Ski Museum, who gave a talk and slide presentation on the remarkable history of the AMC and the Rise of Alpine Skiing.
- The March dinner, March 10, 2007 was held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club in Gilford, NH. The speaker for the evening was the New Hampshire Chapter's very own Tim Kennedy, who entertained us with the humorous topic, "Why My Wife Won't Hike With Me Anymore."
- On April 14, 2007, we met at the Coolidge Hotel in White River Junction, VT where Sam Robbins gave a slide show and presentation on his awe-inspiring collection of Paintings of the White Mountains.

- The September program, September, 15, 2007, held at Canterbury Woods Country Club in Canterbury, NH, featured MacArthur Fellow David Carroll, author and illustrator of several widely acclaimed natural histories.

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 www.amc-nh.org.

We're looking for input from members on formats and topics for dinner programs that will appeal to a broad audience, as well as thoughts on venues for our events. Please contact us and share your feedback and suggestions! We thank everyone who participated this past year and hope that you will continue to do so in the future.

Ron Janowitz and Louise Provan, Programs Co-Chairs
Kathy Ratcliffe and Janice Bremer, 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 if 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 the how and why while we work on any project.

Where? We work from May to October on many projects throughout New Hampshire including: the Old Bridle Path in Franconia Notch, the Sunapee Ridge section of the

Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway (the New Hampshire chapter's adopted trails), AMC's Cardigan Lodge, Pawtuckaway State Park, the Davis Path 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.

Many people have earned rewards for doing trailwork with the New Hampshire chapter: **bandanas** (for 1.5 days of work), short sleeve **T-Shirts** (for three days), long sleeve **T-shirts** (for five days). What would you like to earn next year?

This year we added one more trailwork leader to our roster. Let us know if you're interested in leading trailwork trips.

If this sounds fun, that's because it is (we wouldn't do it if it weren't). We're ready to teach you how and why if you have no experience and challenge you (both mentally and physically) when you're ready. Every project is different and every project has work for everyone.

We have all the tools you'll need (funded by Part of your AMC membership dues). So, all you have to bring is yourself. 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

Refer to the report of the Membership Committee for Chapter Activity Day information.

Scott Maxner
Education Committee Chair

NH CHAPTER WEBSITE REPORT

The Chapter Website can be accessed 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 the main AMC site: www.outdoors.org and a link page to the rest of the Appalachian Mountain Club Chapters. We hope to redesign the Chapter website in the near future.

Dean Tuininga, Karen Klawiter, Kim Rexford
Incoming Webmasters

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Young Members Committee celebrated its fifth anniversary at our Annual Picnic in June. The 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 more involved in the club, including learning outdoor skills, volunteering, and leadership training.

Socials are hosted each month in Portsmouth, Manchester and Concord, and occasionally in other locations. They provide an informal gathering for members to get to know

each other and discuss trips and other outdoor topics. In addition to the socials, we have organized camping weekends, dinners, picnics and other events for members to have fun, share stories and generate ideas for new trips and activities.

We continue to have more young members approved as trip leaders and several more are in the process of leading mentored trips. This has allowed us to increase the number of young member trips advertised in *Outdoors*. Through the Adopt-a-Trail program, we adopted the lower section of the Castle Trail on Mt. Jefferson. Two of our members have attended the trail maintenance workshop and are now leading regular trips to work on our trail.

We maintain an email list through Yahoo Groups that has grown to over 500 members. The email group allows us to communicate quickly and to publicize upcoming AMC events.

While the group is geared to younger adults, we welcome outdoors-people of all ages. We want 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 Anne Melvin, Bruce Healey and Bill Burke, submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on October 6, 2007. All nominations are for one year, to serve until the next annual meeting in October of 2008.

Chair	Paul Berry
Vice Chair	Eric Savage
Secretary	David Ross
Treasurer	Mitch Manseau
Conservation Co-Chairs	Bob and Mary Harrington
Excursions Chair	Wes Tucker
Hospitality Co-Chairs	Kathy Ratcliffe and Janice Bremer
Programs Co-Chairs	Ron Janowitz and Louise Provan
Paddling Co-Chairs	Julia Steed Mawson and Karen Klawiter
Trails Co-Chairs	Bill Darcy and Tim Doucette
Mountaineering Chair	Jed Eliades
Education Chair	Scott Maxner
Membership Co-Chairs	Bob Humphrey and Kathy Ratcliffe
Newsletter Editor	Renee Robertie
Webmaster	Dean Tuininga
Young Members	Ross Garofalo and Mary Schmidt

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

Page intentionally blank

Twenty five year members (continued)

Michael Lehner

Steven Levy

James Lovett

Alison Lovett

Doug Lyon

William Marquedant

Elinor McDowell

Irving McDowell

Douglas McVicar

Stephen Meline

Walter Milne

Stephen Moland

Judith Moland

Dennis Moulton

Julie Rowland

Kevin Rowland

Richard Ruh

Susan Saferstein

Shirley Sawyer

Peter Scott

Frederic Teichmann

Claire Teichmann

John Teiler

Robert Towne

Beverly Vandenburg

Elizabeth Walk

James Walk

R. King Warburton

Donald Wendell

Past Chapter Chairs

1921	Frank E. Heald	1980-81	Paul S. Shaw
1921	John R. McLane	1982-83	Harry Wescott
1920-22	Wilbert F. Gilman	1984-85	Henry Peterson
1923-25	Louis P. Elkins	1986	Jay Seavey
1926	Wilbert F. Gilman	1987-89	Douglas F. Wyman
1927-29	William C. Brunel	1990-91	David L. Harrigan
1930	Julius C. Sturm	1992-93	D. Kurt Piper
1931-32	Dr. John Worthen	1994-95	Kathleen D. Piper
1933	Julius C. Sturm	1996-97	Roger R. Scholl
1934	Samuel P. Hunt	1998-99	Andrew H. McBride
1935	Clifton A Smith	2000-01	Anne Melvin
1936	Julius C. Sturm	2002-03	C. Pete Mason
1937-38	I. Reed Gourley	2004-05	Robert Harrington
1939-40	Walter T. Winch	2006-07	Ruth "Sam" Jamke
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		