

**Ninety-first
Annual Report
of the
New Hampshire Chapter
Appalachian Mountain Club**



November 5, 2011

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

50 Year Members

Theodore	Barrett
Henry	Chandler
Joan	Darlington
Betsy	Fowler
Brian	Fowler
Mary	Harrington
Robert	Harrington
David	Mason
Thomas	Merrick
Mary	Merrick
William	Miner
L.	Strayer
Stephen	Waters
Norman	Wright

25 Year Members

David	Bowles	Barbara	Meyers
Elizabeth	Bowles	Peggy	Murray
Kathleen	Byrne	David	Ossoff
Tova	Cohen	Leslie	Ossoff
Ron	Cohen	Gordon	Page
Susan	Coolbaugh	Carolyn	Page
Garry	Crane	Thomas	Paul
Harvey	Deweese	Kitty	Peterson
Roger	Dykstra	Marsha	Richelli
Jeanne	Erickson	Lynn	Route
Steven	Erickson	Marie	Ruffle
Ethan	Foster	Bruce	Taylor
Robert	Garrison	Eleanor	Vanderpool
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Scott	Grzyb	Valorie	Wright
Richard	Hanaway		
Elizabeth	Hanaway		
Allen	Hauf		
Don	Hayes		
Charles	Holden		
Ruth	Isaks		
Kenneth	Lurvey		
Stefan	Mattlage		
Linda	Mattlage		
Brian	McInerney		

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Chapter Chair Report

As I wrap up my term as Chair, I must begin by thanking all of the people who have served with me on the Executive Committee over the past two years. Their hard work, dedication and wonderful ideas are the backbone of the chapter, and have made my time in office so much easier, and so interesting and fulfilling. It has been my great pleasure to guide the chapter through another successful year. So many great things have happened, are happening, and new ideas are being launched that I could not hope to capture them all in this space, so I encourage you to read through all of the reports to get the full sense what we have accomplished.

One development I will share is the establishment of a temporary Biking Committee. Gene Harding has been a persistent advocate for a chapter focus on biking, and he brought together a group of volunteers to develop a proposal that was approved in the spring. Temporary committees have been a great way for new activities to spread their wings and build momentum without the pressure of being a full standing committee. We wish for them the same success that our Ski Committee experienced going through this process.

One of the great opportunities that come with being Chapter Chair is the responsibility of being a liaison between the chapter and the greater Appalachian Mountain Club. I have thoroughly enjoyed interacting with representatives from other chapters as well as staff from AMC headquarters in Boston, being a voice for the concerns of chapters and our volunteers, and educating our own members about opportunities to influence the direction of the club as a whole.

In particular, at the Chapters Retreat in May, Karen Thurston, Wayne Goertel and I (along with volunteers from every chapter) were able to spend a significant amount of time with members of the Board of Directors. In addition to important input into the selection of a new President, we were able to share the successes and challenges of our chapters, and give them a real on-the-ground sense of how chapters think and operate. It was clear that they valued the opportunity as much as we did.

This year also saw the announcement of Vision 2020, which the Chapters Committee (a club-wide gathering of chairs, vice chairs and regional representatives on the Board) has been a partner in developing since my first Chapters Retreat as incoming Vice Chair. This fall, the Executive Committee began discussion and brainstorming about what we can do as a chapter to support this vision - a conversation that will continue, and lead to concrete action, in the coming year and beyond.

In the past year, we have made some changes in the operation of the Nominating Committee. Although the work still focuses on developing a slate of candidates for the Annual Meeting, the members of this committee are also thinking year-round about recruiting and keeping an eye out for talented people who might consider serving on the Executive Committee (but you don't have to wait for them to contact you if you're interested). The results this year are a wonderfully diverse list of people who will be joining us, pending member approval, and for the first time in a long time, they have been able to bring together enough volunteers that no one has to work two jobs!

As always, the change of the year means that we must bid farewell to some of our hardworking volunteers, and send them off with heartfelt gratitude. In particular this year, I would like to note three people who have each held many positions on the Executive Committee over the years.

- Kathy Ratcliffe, who often held more than one position at a time, most recently served as Hospitality Co-chair and in the critical role of Treasurer.
- Bob Harrington steps down as Conservation Co-chair after many years and titles, including a turn as Chair.
- David Ross, who was instrumental in guiding the Excursions Committee through recent organizational changes, without losing sight of its great traditions and successful programs.

Other people stepping down this year are Keely Norton (Membership), Joe O'Neil (Paddling) and Janice Bremer (Programs).

Many of the rest of us, myself included, are simply moving into a new role. And we all look forward to supporting Karen as she begins her time at the

helm of this great chapter, steering us continually forward to even greater achievements that lie ahead.

Eric L. Savage, Chapter Chair

Treasurer's Report

It's been an honor and a pleasure to serve as Treasurer for the NH Chapter of the AMC. It's been a good year; the investment reserves continue to regain ground lost in setbacks we experienced during the economic crisis, and have moved forward. We hope the investments will continue to blossom in the present environment and for years to come.

Our activity committees continue to be largely self-supporting, charging participants for their expenses. Chapter resources go to leadership training and certification, principally the annual participation in SOLO Wilderness First Aid training for all leaders, and some leaders' proficiency training.

Our income continues to derive mostly from thrice-yearly AMC dues allocations, based upon chapter membership, and some donations. We continue as the AMC's third largest chapter, after Boston and NY-NJ.

While it has become easier for members to opt to receive their Chapter Mountain Passages electronically, printing and mailing the paper versions continues to be our greatest single expense. We recognize that many of our members enjoy hard copies of the newsletter, and the Chapter wants very much to stay in contact; if you can, please consider saving paper and money by making the switch to the electronic version.

We continue to receive donations, usually through the AMC in Boston, in memory of departed members. You may choose to remember someone in this manner, or otherwise contribute to the Chapter's efforts, often with matching employer contributions. You may also make a bequest by contacting the NH Chapter Treasurer at treasurer@amc-nh.org.

Thanks again for your support of an organization that strives to preserve the wild places for the enjoyment of all!

Kathy Ratcliffe, Treasurer

Secretary's Report

The 90th Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Mountain Edge Resort at Sunapee, Newport, NH, on October 2, 2010.

The following slate of nominees for the New Hampshire Chapter Executive Committee was presented and accepted by the members for the year 2010-2011.

Officers

Chair	Eric Savage
Vice-chair	Karen Thurston
Secretary	Marianne Page
Treasurer	Kathy Ratcliffe

Committee Chairs

Conservation	Bob Harrington & Ross Garofalo
Excursions	David Ross & Peter Hope
Education	Bob Humphrey & Denise Spoor
Hospitality	Patty Anderson & Kathy Ratcliffe
Membership	Mitch Manseau & Keely Norton
Mountaineering	Tom Meredith & Jim Kent
Newsletter	Jennifer Varney
Paddling	Joe O'Neil & Kerry Frazier
Programs	Ron Janowitz & Janice Bremer
Ski	Tony Schmidt & Emilie Phillips
Trails	Bill Darcy & Stephanie Chambers
Young Members	Wayne Goertel & Lora Claus

Immediate Past Chair, Paul Berry, and Regional Director, Ruth "Sam" Jamke, have served as ex-officio members of the Executive Committee.

Ten meetings of the Executive Committee were held during the 2010-2011 season. Minutes were recorded and distributed to the committee members. The Annual Report was completed and printed for the Annual Meeting to be held at the Pheasant Ridge Country Club, in Gilford, NH, November 5, 2011.

Marianne Page, Secretary

Committee Reports

Conservation

This has been another year without official Chapter projects in conservation. I know that many of our members have their own concerns and contributions in the arena of conservation, as Mary and I have, but in recent years there has not been a conservation issue or project that has been successful in bringing our members together for a concerted effort.

The New Hampshire Chapter continues to have hiking and other outdoor recreation as its primary concern, so perhaps encouraging more of an individual effort on conservation, as through the AMC's Mountain Watch program, could be our focus.

The issue that is galvanizing response currently, both pro and con, is the Northern Pass proposal for a high voltage electrical transmission line from Quebec to central New Hampshire. Some well-known organizations have taken positions in opposition because of the perceived adverse effect it would have on our northern landscape.

For me, this concern, while very important, is second to the concern for the effect that it will have on sustainable power production through use of woody biomass. The North Country of New Hampshire has been struggling with changes in the forest products industry, an important player in its local economy. Promotion of sustainable forestry through a shift to alternative use of woody biomass for generating electricity, and the capture of the heat produced, would be a boon for the North Country.

The position of PSNH and its parent, Northeast Utilities, appears to be that the state's commitment to sustainable power can be fulfilled through use of hydro-power generated in northern Quebec by means of a complex of impoundments that are questionable ecologically. If this prevails, then the incentives for other sustainable sources of electricity will most likely go away and the North Country will continue to be economically depressed.

As this is my last year on the Executive Committee, perhaps I can be forgiven this farewell rant. The New Hampshire Chapter has not been particularly interested or supportive of conservation efforts such as the AMC's Maine Woods Initiative, and the question of what the focus of the Conservation Committee should be has been a nagging one, and one that will be a challenge for the Executive Committee in the future.

Robert Harrington, co-chair

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/conservation/index.php>

Education

The Education committee had an active and successful 2010 & 2011. The 2010 Winter Hiking Series (WHS) was very well attended. Participants enjoyed themselves and, by their own accounts, learned a lot.

Education Committee and Membership Committee once again ran Chapter Activity Day with activities for the day held in several locations. Both Mountaineering and Paddling committees were actively involved. There were hikes of varying degree of difficulty and a summit hike. One of the goals of the day is to reach out to new and non-participating members to get them involved in the many activities our chapter offers.

Following the activities there was a happy hour, followed by a pot luck dinner. Participants seemed to enjoy themselves which made the day a success. The Education Committee wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to those chapter leaders who gave their time and expertise helping to make the day a great success! A special thank you goes to Keely Norton for all her hard work organizing events and communicating with participants and leaders. We hope that word of mouth will help us reach out to more chapter members for next year's Chapter Activity Day, which will again be held the first Saturday of May 2012.

We held a one day Leadership training day for people who wished to become class 3 or 4 leaders. Rick Silverberg and Bob Humphrey taught the class which

was held in Warner, NH, with four participants attending. The class went well and all four participants were encouraged to pursue leadership.

With the advent of September the committee is now very busy reading materials and planning for this year's Winter Hiking Series. This popular program has been well attended in the past and is well on its way to a repeat performance with the class already being full. This year will mark the eleventh anniversary of the series.

The Education Committee would like to acknowledge its sincere gratitude to Lou Caron, Norm Michaels, Bill Darcy, Jennifer Gross, Stacie Tate, Barbara Audin, and Denise Spoor for their donation of time and expertise to this 9 week program. Without their tireless support and years of dedication this class would not exist.

Bob Humphrey and Denise Spoor, co-chairs
<http://amc-nh.org/calendar/education.php>

Excursions Committee

In addition to our active trip schedule and training programs, several significant developments occurred this past year.

- The temporary WASH (Walks and Short Hikes) program was incorporated into Excursions. As part of this process a new category of Leadership (Class 4) was established for leading such trips, together with guidelines for certification considerably easier to attain than for our present Leadership classes. A one day school was offered this fall to train Leaders in this category. As well, guidelines were developed to define appropriate destinations for such trips with regard to length, elevation gain, and lack of isolation from civilization.
- An additional category of Leaders for winter low level trips was set up, to accommodate Leaders who do not wish to climb peaks with significant exposure or need for technical winter gear such as crampons or ice axe. Again, training requirements and trip guidelines were developed for this as well.

This year Excursions again sponsored Wilderness First Aid training at SOLO near Conway. For the first time both Part 1 and Part 2 were offered. This change was an extremely successful addition to our education program. The students included Leaders from Excursions and from several other committees. CPR training was given both in Sanbornton, instructed by Scott Taylor, our in-house Paramedic, and at SOLO.

The winter and spring Leadership schools at Cardigan were successful once again, with the result that we now have a number of excellent new Excursions Leaders. And the winter and spring Workshops for helping members improve their outdoor skills were also a success. And once again this year Excursions Leaders led trips at the Chapter Activity Day at Cardigan.

Many scores of Excursions trips were offered this year, summer and winter alike. These ranged from relatively easy Over 55 hikes to very strenuous climbs in the Whites and beyond. Hiking, snowshoeing and bicycling trips abounded!

The Family Group also had a successful and very active program, including day and overnight hikes. And Excursions Leaders led the Annual Presidential Range Hike, as well as helping with Chapter Hut Nights.

With the formation of a new Temporary Bicycling Committee, future bicycle trips will come under the auspices of that committee.

Excursions Leaders would like to express their appreciation for the yeoman service given by David Ross, who is stepping down this year from his co-chair position. At the annual meeting in August, Jen Varney was nominated as co-chair; she has been an active member of the committee for several years.

Peter Hope and David Ross, co-chairs

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/excursions/index.php>

Hospitality and Programs

October 3, 2010 – The 90th Annual Meeting and Dinner was held at the Mountain Edge Resort & Spa at Sunapee in Newbury, NH. Guest speaker was Jack Holmes, Traveling Photographer. Jack entertained our guests with his captivating slide show of the Galapagos Islands. The election of officers and committee chairs for 2010-2011 also took place.

February 5, 2011 – Our pot-luck Dinner was held once again at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Concord, NH. David Ross, co-chair of NH Chapter Excursions Committee and a NH Chapter Trip Leader, shared stories and photos of his 2008 AMC Major Excursion “trip-of-a-lifetime” Tour de Mont Blanc. Guests also had the pleasure of enjoying the pot-luck home-made dishes prepared by our guests.

April 16, 2011 – The Makris Lobster & Steak House in Concord, NH was the scene of another sold-out crowd for *It's Not About the Hike!* An encore presentation by Nancy Sporborg and Pat Piper on their moving and inspirational story of what they found inside themselves as they went on their extraordinary journey hiking over 1,250 miles to the tops of over 190 mountains through all four seasons.

Kathy Ratcliffe and Patty Anderson, Hospitality co-chairs

Ron Janowitz and Janice Bremer, Programs co-chairs

<http://amc-nh.org/calendar/social.php>

Membership

Our chapter began reporting this year with 9,783 members in September 2010 and reports 10,584 members as of September 2011. We have a gain of 801 members for the year and remain the third largest chapter after the Boston and New York-North Jersey chapters.

We sent out 2,170 new member letters and postcards in the 12-month period. The new member letters were sent out for the first 8 months of the year and included material welcoming new members. They contained

information about activity committees and New Hampshire Chapter contacts to help new members become involved in the club. We also inserted a trip listing to tide new members over until they received their first AMC Outdoor Magazine.

In the summer of 2010 we launched our new member postcards which, like the new member letters, welcome our new members and give them valuable information ranging from upcoming trips to web site contacts. The beautiful postcards have directed our new members to instant information located on our web site, while reducing both cost and paper use.

Along with the new member letters, postcards, and web site information, the Membership and Education committees have continued to host Chapter Activity Day on the first Saturday in May. All the different committees join together for one fun-filled day at Cardigan Lodge. New members get to sample different activities from hiking to kayaking, map and compass to first aid. This year brought members old and new to fill the day learning a new skill and meeting trip leaders and educators. Great weather, fun and food!

We sent out 54 certificates of appreciation to 25 and 50 year New Hampshire Chapter members thanking them for their continuous support over the years. We could not be where we are today without them!

We successfully sold out of our individual and family memberships through the Membership in a Bottle program in the earlier part of the year.

Keely Sullivan and Mitch Manseau, co-chairs

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/membership/newmember.php>

Mountaineering

The Mountaineering Committee had an active and safe year in 2011. We run technical rock climbing and ice climbing trips involving use of ropes, climbing harnesses and belaying. For our regular trips, participants must be experienced in technical climbing. At a minimum they must know the basic

climbing knots, how to belay, and have their own climbing harness, shoes and helmet.

From January to early March there were 5 ice climbing trips and from June to mid-October there were 10 rock climbing trips with a total of 130 participants. In addition there is an on-going Monday evening indoor climbing session at Vertical Dreams climbing gym in Manchester.

We ran a number of climbing/mountaineering classes.

- The 2 day avalanche awareness class is held at Pinkham Notch in December on an annual basis and involves both classroom sessions and hands on learning digging snow pits to evaluate snow pack stability and use of avalanche beacons and probes to locate buried victims.
- In April, we conducted a one-day *Introduction to Glacier Travel* Workshop, and a two-day *Glacier Travel and Crevasse Rescue* Workshop. These well-attended workshops introduce aspiring mountaineers to the methods and skills needed for safe climbing in glaciated terrain, covering knots and rope-work, roped team traveling, self arrest, team arrest, anchor building and crevasse rescue hauling systems. Proceeds from both the avalanche and glacier travel workshops contribute to the self-sufficiency of the Mountaineering Committee by reducing the need for funding from the chapter.
- We also ran two one-day *Introduction to Ice Climbing* classes, a two-day *Introduction to Rock Climbing* class, and a two-day class on *How to Safely Set Up Ropes and Run a Rock Climbing Trip* (mainly for people interested in becoming rock climbing leaders).

Leaders from the Mountaineering Committee continue to collaborate with the Excursions Winter Schools, and the Winter Hiking Series, representing our interests in those venues, thus providing a progressive learning experience for those interested in Mountaineering disciplines.

The Mountaineering Committee used chapter funds to purchase 4 new climbing ropes, a static rope, 5 ice screws, 8 nylon climbing slings, and 3 locking carabiners. Chapter funds were also used for American Mountain

Guide Association recertification of one of our climb leader/instructors and for an ice leading clinic for our ice climb leaders.

Thanks to our new web page master, Tom Todd, we have an informative page on the chapter web site with pictures of some of our climb leaders and our activities. Check it out!

Jim Kent and Tom Meredith, co-chairs

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/mountaineering/index.php>

Newsletter Committee

This was an important year for the chapter newsletter. Costs of producing and mailing the newsletter were becoming unwieldy and this necessitated some changes. As a result of a group brainstorming session, several changes in strategy resulted in significant cost savings:

- The paper newsletter was limited to 8 pages, and a lighter-weight paper was used, resulting in substantial savings in printing costs.
- The electronic version of the newsletter included additional content, and messaging regarding this extra content was placed in the paper version with the intent of encouraging paper subscribers to opt for the electronic version.
- An advertising campaign and coordinator resulted in an ad for the newsletter, resulting in income that offset the costs of printing and distributing the paper version.

The group discussed a long term strategy of phasing out the paper version of the newsletter altogether, but this was tabled for future discussion when the new leadership takes over at the end of 2011.

I am pleased to report that to date, the newsletter account has used only 50% of budgeted funds, while in the past this budget had been overspent.

Jennifer Varney, editor

<http://amc-nh.org/members/MP/index.php>

Paddling Committee

The Paddling Committee had a successful year. We posted over 85 trips: whitewater, touring, recreational, and sea kayaking. In addition we also sent a representative to outdoor shows and work and life shows. The response from our presence at the shows was excellent, but measured results were uncertain.

We had another successful Whitewater School and introduced whitewater paddling to another new batch of paddlers. New this year, NHAMC Paddlers with Nantahala Outdoor Center of North Carolina offered class 3 whitewater training to 25 AMC and non-club paddlers. This training showed the exceptional quality of the NHAMC paddlers, and created a lot of good will throughout the whole paddling community. We plan to offer this training again in the future.

The Chapter Activities Day paddling event was a short paddle trip and barbeque. All the participants had a good time. The weekly Wednesday night recreational paddles were again very successful this year. This event introduced many new people to paddling.

We added two new whitewater kayaks to our rental fleet, Dagger Mambas. These kayaks are good all around boats that are very comfortable for both beginners and advanced users.

Twice each year, we host meetings for our General Membership. At these meetings, we conduct paddling committee business, present sub-committee reports, schedule upcoming trips, and socialize over a potluck dinner. At the fall meeting this year, we are having a slide show/video contest at which participating members will present slides and videos of paddling trips they have done this year. The members attending the meeting will vote to award prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

In addition to our paddling trips, weekend classes, sea kayaking workshops, pool rolling classes, and General Meetings, we offer educational courses in “on the water” safety and rescue, leadership training, and whitewater skills.

Joseph O’Neil and Kerry Frazier, co-chairs
www.nhamcpaddlers.org

Ski Committee

Trips

During the 10-11 season, the Ski Committee offered 26 backcountry trips, 2 lift served ski trips including a ski social co-sponsored with the Young Members committee, 6 telemark clinics and 2 cross country ski clinics. While 6 back country trips were canceled due to poor conditions, trips were attended by 200 participants. Attendance at the Gunstock telemark clinics was up by almost 25% over 2010 season.

The committee ran the second annual Cardigan Backcountry ski festival. The festival was run in February this past season and we had good weather. 18 participants attended and were split into an intermediate group and two advanced down mountain groups. The potluck lunch was enjoyed by 25 participants.

Administration

The Gunstock ski clinics have a fixed income as a result of an agreement reached with Gunstock. In exchange for volunteer instructor teaching time for 6 seasonal clinics, Gunstock has agreed to provide the ski committee with complimentary instructor passes, discounted lift tickets for the Gunstock instructors clinic, and has agreed to donate \$175 to the committee. Clinic student purchase lift tickets and clinic passes directly thru Gunstock guest services. We continue to use the standard AMC Waiver for all clinic participants. This agreement worked out well for both Gunstock and the Ski Committee, and we look forward to working with them again next season.

Three instructors this past season attained certifications. Emilie Phillips and Tyson Sawyer obtained a PSIA Level I Nordic Downhill certification and Paul

Pinkham obtained a PSIA Level II Nordic Downhill certification.
Congratulations to Emilie, Ty and Paul!

The Ski Committee had an income of \$175 from the Gunstock clinics and \$130 from the Bedford clinics for a total of \$305 which will be used towards supplies and training for next season.

Two leaders in training have completed the mentoring requirements. Ted Stever and Valerio Viti have successfully completed the mentoring process. Congratulations to Ted and Valerio who are qualified to lead class I, II and III ski trips! The committee has 8 skiers that are at various stages of the mentoring process. The ski committee has completed its first season of being co-chaired by Emilie Phillips and Tony Schmidt.

Tony Schmidt and Emilie Phillips, co-chairs
<http://amc-nh.org/committee/ski/index.php>

Trails Committee

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 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 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're working 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 NH

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 trail work 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).

This year, chapter volunteers contributed over 500 hours to the following projects:

- Old Bridle Path (the chapter's White Mountain adopted trail): spring and fall basic maintenance plus the continuous work rebuilding the many rock staircases.
- Basic maintenance on the Sunapee ridge section of the Monadnock-Sunapee Greenway.
- Basic and construction projects on the Davis Path.
- Constructed a new section of trail on Meredith, NH Conservation land
- Installed new drainage at Pawtuckaway State Park.
- Participated in volunteer trail work weekends at Three Mile Island, Cold River Camp and Cardigan Lodge

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.

Bill Darcy and Stephanie Chambers, co-chairs

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/trailcrew/index.php>

Website Committee

The major work on the website this year has been conversion to the new activities database on outdoors.org. This involved substantial testing and discovery of numerous bugs. Unfortunately the system was deployed with many bugs and usability issues which were fortunately fixed rapidly after deployment, although some issues remain outstanding.

We streamlined the activities approval system by going to a single level approval system. We continue to propose changes to the activities database system to support real-time approval systems to allow more last minute trips and usability.

The other major focus was to make the website more welcoming and descriptive of the AMC-NH Chapter activities. Many committees contributed additional information and pictures. The deployment of a “meet the leaders” section across several committees used the Ski Committee as an example.

The attempt to support the website with additional webmasters was not all that successful although several tasks were accomplished by the additional webmasters. We will continue to broaden the website support effort along with investigating deployment of a CMS (Content Management System), building a chapter-wide messaging system, moving to a new ISP, building a real-time calendar, linking to social networks, and investigate supporting mobile devices.

Tom Todd, chair

<http://amc-nh.org/chapter/index.php>

Young Members Committee

What a great year! Young Members is excited to report a growing and enthusiastic membership of younger adults in their 20's and 30's. We are building lasting friendships, bonding with our New England environment, and trying new activities - all thanks to the AMC. We invite you to meet us at one of our social events held in Manchester, Concord, Seacoast, Nashua, and the

Monadnock regions. People of all ages are welcome to attend our events, and frequently do! Check out what the buzz is all about.

We use our webpage, a Yahoo group, and Facebook to bring our events to the AMC and Young Member communities. We reach 500 Young Members on Yahoo and close to 200 Young Members on Facebook. Facebook continues to be one of the best places active Young Members find out about our events and see pictures of people leading and attending, which makes it an easier leap for newcomers to join us in person. New to the group in 2011, Young Member Lynn LaFountain comments "I get giddy over events like rafting and the fall hut weekend. I am so happy that I joined the AMC-YM. It is awesome!"

Young Members is home to a wide variety of activities. Some of our adventures this year included hiking Pawtuckaway on a full moon night, camping in Baxter, Barnes, and Osceolas, and rafting the Penobscot River in Maine. Many Young Members take advantage of the activities offered by the wider New Hampshire chapter to pursue hiking, paddling, skiing, and rock climbing. The Winter Workshops at Cardigan and the Winter Hiking Series have been critical to introducing new skills and increasing the experience level of Young Members. Our hearty thanks to the volunteers who make those events happen. We appreciate it.

Ross Garofalo continues to shine as one of our most active leaders for Young Members hiking. In 2011 he led the Spring Hiking Series for the 6th consecutive year. A series of weekends designed to build endurance and experience, this program has been a key start to many young hikers who have aspirations to climb the 4000 footers. Our gratitude goes to Ross and our encouragement goes to Grigory Petrov and Lora Claus, who entered the Leadership program this year.

Our goals for 2012 are 1) to offer a full calendar of social and outdoors events, 2) grow our membership and 3) strengthen our bonds to the larger New Hampshire Chapter. We are in the process of re-vamping our webpage and

plan to reach out to graduating college seniors in the spring of 2012. AMC Young Members is a terrific transition from a college outing club, and a good way for young adults in the state to develop an outdoor social life after school. We will continue to recruit active members to participate in our Advisory Board, host events, and pursue trip Leadership. And our new publication, Adventure Blast, is focused on bringing more New Hampshire chapter activities to Young Members.

A huge thank you goes out to all the leaders and members who made Young Member events happen this year. They make up the Advisory Board team, volunteers who meet quarterly to give the group direction. Their input, time, and dedication are sincerely appreciated: Stephanie Chambers, Jeff Claus, Lora Claus, Kaitrin Davis, Ross Garofalo, Wayne Goertel, Jamie Gillon, John Green, Russ Kay, Terianne McKeon, Josh Meltzer, Meredith Pellenz, Kimball Rexford, and Eric Savage. Without you, none of this would be possible. We invite interested Young Members to join us on this team. Special thanks also to Doug Hunt and Chris Turgeon for leading hikes, Angelia Bigonia, Alex Cohn, Rebecca Drummond, and Anthony Schmidt for special presentations, Kimball Rexford for website genius, Wendy Weisiger for stepping in to host the Concord social, and Darrell Hamilton for instructing beginner climbers. We are supported by so many wonderful people in the chapter - thank you!

Our message to all those current and future Young Members is:
"Just like you, we joined this group to meet new people and try new activities. Welcome! We're glad you're here!"

Lora Claus and Wayne Goertel, co-chairs

<http://amc-nh.org/committee/youngmembers/index.php>

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of *Anne Melvin*, chair, *Leon Tokatlian*, *Debby Frazier*, and *Garry Crane* submits the following slate of officers and committee chairs for action at the New Hampshire Chapter Annual Meeting on November 5, 2011. All nominations are for a one-year term.

Officers

Chair	Karen Thurston
Vice Chair	Wayne Goertel
Treasurer	Bill Warren
Secretary	Marianne Page

Committee Chairs

Conservation	Paul Hopkins and Ross Garofalo
Excursions	Peter Hope and Jennifer Varney
Education	Bob Humphrey and Denise Spoor
Hospitality	Patty Anderson
Membership	Mitch Manseau and Paige Roberts
Mountaineering	Jim Kent
Newsletter	Ron Janowitz and David Phillips, editors, Susan Englert, layout
Paddling	Kerry Frazier and Sally Leonard
Programs	Paul Berry and Marie Berry
Ski	Tony Schmidt and Emilie Phillips
Trails	Bill Darcy
Webmaster	Tom Todd
Young Members	Lora Claus and Stephanie Chambers

Ex-Officio Members of the Executive Committee

Ruth "Sam" Jamke	Regional Director
Eric Savage	Immediate Past Chair

Past Chapter Chairs

1921	Frank E. Heald	1972	S. Robert Colby
1921	John R. McLane	1973-74	E.H.B. Bartelink
1920-22	Wilbert F. Gilman	1975-76	Ruth Houghton
1923-25	Louis P. Elkins	1977	Holly Anderson
1926	Wilbert F. Gilman	1978-79	Robert C. Hansen
1927-29	William C. Brunel	1980-81	Paul S. Shaw
1930	Julius C. Sturm	1982-83	Harry Wescott
1931-32	Dr. John Worthen	1984-85	Henry Peterson
1933	Julius C. Sturm	1986	Jay Seavey
1934	Samuel P. Hunt	1987-89	Douglas F. Wyman
1935	Clifton A Smith	1990-91	David L. Harrigan
1936	Julius C. Sturm	1992-93	D. Kurt Piper
1937-38	I. Reed Gourley	1994-95	Kathleen D. Piper
1939-40	Walter T. Winch	1996-97	Roger R. Scholl
1941	Avis Cross	1998-99	Andrew H. McBride
1942-43	Elizabeth Crosby	2000-01	Anne Melvin
1944-45	Arnold Perreton	2002-03	C. Pete Mason
1946-47	Earnest C. Goland	2004-05	Robert Harrington
1948-49	Osgood E. Waite	2006-07	Ruth "Sam" Jamke
1950-51	Almon G. Harris	2008-09	Paul Berry
1952	H. Shirley Dwyer	2010-11	Eric L. Savage
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		