Notes From The Chair
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

BILL WARREN

The AMC is an organization for everyone. Our goal is to help people of all backgrounds get outdoors to help in the conservation, protection and stewardship of the natural world. All the AMC facilities and programs, whether offered by the Club or by the Chapters are open and available to the public irrespective of membership status. New Hampshire activity leaders often say that the only people with me today were hikers. We remain committed to serving and being part of a community that is comfortable, inviting and accessible for people of any age, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation or socio-economic status.

We want people to come join us in our...
beautiful New Hampshire playground. We generally offer over 400 volunteer lead activities each year including biking, skiing, mountaineering, paddling, hiking, as well as volunteer work activities. These activities are offered and supported by highly trained volunteer leaders who want to ensure a fun, safe day outdoors with the hope you come back for more. I have seen many new friendships develop from these days outdoors, and as a leader, I have benefited from this as I have a wealth of new friends.

The AMC benefits from people of all backgrounds participating. The more we have join us outdoors to enjoy the beauty through clean air, clean water and open spaces, the more advocates we have helping us protect the environment and the places we love. We have a better chance of being successful working together. We need your inspiration to help us protect the natural world, and we need your efforts of passing along the need to protect our Northeast playground to your family, friends and communities. The more diverse we are the greater impact our message will have.

The commitment to maintaining a culture of diversity and inclusion goes all the way to the top. The Board of Directors of the AMC is truly faithful to ensuring this organization is open and welcoming to all. Wouldn’t you want to be a member of an organization like this? If you are already a member, thank you for supporting the mission of the AMC. If you are not currently a member, come play with us and enjoy all that we do. You might consider becoming a member, once you get to know us.

As we start the New Year, let me, on behalf of everyone in the NH Chapter and the Club say, “Welcome to the AMC!”
What is a Blue Footed Booby? Is that for real? Please join us at the Concord Library January 19 at 6:00 p.m. We have a slide show presented by Larry Yetter and his wife, Bonnie, on the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu. Larry will show slides of the infamous Blue Footed Booby, other colorful birds and unique wildlife of the region. Larry and Bonnie have lived in Australia, Europe and Asia and have traveled to all seven continents, exploring nature and all that the world has to offer. Recently they have visited Ecuador and Peru. Larry is an active AMC NH Chapter trip leader and has completed several of the New England hiking lists. Larry started hiking as a Boy Scout at which time he attended the World Jamboree in Norway. This ignited his interest in travel and photography. We hope you will join us as Larry and Bonnie share this memorable trip.

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Galapagos Islands Presentation

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Save The Date!

OCTOBER 13-15 2017

The NH Chapter will be hosting the 2017 Fall Gathering

You are in for a good time!

Registration Begins July 1, 2017
Hike over 50 mi. of scenic trails in the WMNF including many on the Appalachian Trail. Climb at least a dozen peaks over 4000 ft. including Mt. Washington.

A STRENUOUS AND WONDERFUL GROUP HIKE with 15,000 ft. elevation gain! Daily hikes 5–10 mi. Four NH Chapter Leaders and maximum 21 hikers. Variety of hiking options each day.

$940 ($990 non-members), includes 8 nights lodging and meals at AMC huts, gratuities, trail snacks, and in-hike transportation. Go to the PRH website at http://www.amcnhprh.org/ for more details. Deposit: $470 ($25 non refund). Register early! For more information and application, contact John McHugh at 603-382-6685 or ljmcugh@comcast.net

Saturday-Sunday, July 15–23, 2017

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BIKE LEADERS, FROM PAGE 1

long distances to participate in organized rides.

We currently have leaders in the Monadnock, Nashua and Seacoast areas of the state but are in need of bike leaders in other areas especially Concord, Manchester and Lakes Region. We are also in need of single track mountain bike leaders in all areas.

Becoming a leader is a simple process of completing the short training session, followed by leading a ride with one of our current bike leaders. Then just continue with your usual cycling and invite others along by posting your rides on the AMC-NH website. If you are interested, contact our Bike Committee at amcnh-bike@gmail.com.
AVALANCHE AWARENESS COURSE

FEB 18-19, 2017

Looking to increase your down-mountain skiing/climbing snow safety? The AMC-NH Ski committee is offering a two-day Avalanche Awareness Course geared towards learning about weather observation, travel, route-finding/navigation, transceiver work, snow evaluation, and decision-making in the backcountry. Includes classroom lectures and activities as well as practice in the field with beacons, probes, and shovels at the AMC Pinkham Notch Visitor Center. For more information and to register: Casycalver@gmail.com_410-212-4184

Beacons, shovels, and probes provided

Group limited to 12 participants

$100 for AMC members
$125 for non-members

Lodging not included, group rate available

AMC-NH CHAPTER
Pinkham Notch Visitor Center and Joe Dodge Lodge
http://amc-nh.org/committee/ski/
PAUL HOPKINS

I’m sure that we’re all familiar with the expression, “take time to smell the roses.” We all realize that it’s a metaphor implying that one should plan their activity such that ancillary details can add to the enjoyment of the experience. I feel that some hikers are so focused on completing the hike and reaching the views from the summit that they overlook the subtler items.

One fine spring day, I hiked up the Edmund Path to its junction with the Crawford Path in the col between Mts. Franklin and Eisenhower. My purpose was to find and photograph a blooming Diapensia cushion with an appropriate mountain background. As there were none in the col, I asked a group of hikers if they had seen any Diapensia. They had no idea what I was talking about, and had never heard of Diapensia. I described it as a close to the ground cushion like cluster that may have white flowers sticking out of it. Hmm, they acknowledged they might have seen something with white specks.

I felt sad that these hikers were missing out on an essential element of the high summit experience. A blooming D. cushion, even if less spectacular than the one featured herein, should be noticed and appreciated for what it is and where it lives.

On another occasion, I was hiking on Mt. Monroe. Between the two summits at the base of “Little Monroe,” I came upon some ripe mountain cranberries, which have the same taste and texture as their lowland counterparts used for sauce, but are much smaller.

While I was setting up to photograph them, a group of three hikers approached. They appeared to be a grandfather, father and son. As they passed by, I tried to engage them in a conversation about mountain cranberries. The adult response was a brief glance, an okay and they moved on. I felt sorry for the young lad. Dad and granddad were probably taking the boy out for an outdoor adventure, but at the same time...
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‘Mountain Passages’ is only the beginning...

From hiking to biking, AMC’s New Hampshire chapter has it all. Visit our website at amc-nh.org and read more about us and our many year-round events.

Perhaps you have a favorite subject, place or experience regarding some outdoor activity that you would like to share. It can be about most anything that you consider interesting, entertaining, enjoyable, educational or all four. It could even be about a conservation issue. Liz and I, the Conservation and Education Co-chairs for the NH Chapter, invite you to contact us at conservationnh@amc-nh.org with your idea, and we’ll help you get published. Articles need only be 400–500 words long, about the size of this article, and some photos add a nice touch.

Ripe mountain cranberries

Paul B. Hopkins