Notes from the Chair

BY WAYNE GOERTEL

I'm always amazed at how quickly summer seems to appear. It feels like just weeks ago that I was closing out the downhill ski season at Cannon or removing the snow tires from my car. In just a few weeks from this writing, summer will officially be here and the days will start getting shorter… oh my!

With favorable weather upon us, I want to encourage everyone to invite a friend along for some outdoor adventure! This is how most of us developed a love of the outdoors, isn’t it? Parents took us camping as children. Or we participated in Boy/Girl Scouts or another youth outdoors program. Or some friends and coworkers invited us to go hiking, rafting, bicycling or climbing.

So, size up your friends (interest, experience, and fitness), identify a suitable activity (location, difficulty, duration and companions), and pack well (necessary clothing, food, and gear) for a fun and safe adventure. Don’t forget to consider AMC New Hampshire’s many volunteer-led activities listed at the AMC-NH website at amc-nh.org/calendar/activities.php or listed in this edition of Mountain Passages.

Finally, it’s surprising how a few details can really make a difference, such as packing suitable sunscreen and bug spray to avoid some outdoor annoyances. For protection against both ticks and mosquitoes, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends DEET with 20%-50% concentration. Visit www.cdc.gov/travel/page/avoid-bug-bites for more information.

Enjoy and be safe!

—Wayne

Wayne Goertel is Chair of AMC’s NH Chapter.

A Few Questions For…Susan Englert

Mountain Passages is made possible by Susan Englert, who designs AMC New Hampshire’s bimonthly newsletter, does the layout and is responsible for its e-mail distribution. She is the founder (in 2009) and designer of Sandpiper Artisans Graphic Design located in Manchester. She has a degree in Journalism from the University of Maine at Orono.

How long have you been doing the graphic layout for Mountain Passages?

The first complete newsletter I created was the January-February 2012 issue. However, I worked on the new layout and established the look and the style sheets in the Fall of 2011 so it would be ready to go with the first issue in 2012.

Describe the challenges.

Fortunately, the Editor, Michelle O’Donnell, sees those challenges before I do and by the time...
September 13-14, 2014
Lakes of the Clouds Hut Night featuring Flags on the 48!

Join us on our next overnight adventure at Lakes of the Clouds, our highest hut! We have reserved a limited number of bunks at a special rate of $98.50 per person.

On the morning of September 13, you are welcome to join us for a group hike to the hut. Upon arrival we will check in, select our bunks and unpack our gear. Trippers will then be free to relax around the hut or hike to the summit of Mount Monroe for Flags on the 48.

In the evening, we will gather for a wine and cheese Happy Hour followed by hearty dinner prepared and served by the Lakes of the Clouds Hut crew. About Flags on the 48

“Flags on the 48” is an annual memorial hike to each of New Hampshire’s 4,000-foot summits in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The first hike was an informal and spontaneous memorial by a group of six hikers who raised a large American flag on the summit of Mount Liberty the first Saturday after the 9/11 attacks. Today, hundreds of hikers gather on all 48 of New Hampshire’s four-thousand-foot peaks to pay tribute by flying the American flag for two hours. It is a moving experience.

About Lakes of the Clouds Hut

Lakes of the Clouds Hut is our highest hut, perched just above treeline and between the soaring summits of Monroe and Washington. It is a sublime setting with tiny glacial tarns, views over a pristine wilderness, and dramatic sunsets.

Start Your Weekend Early!

If you’d like to get a jump start on your weekend, we have reserved the Highland Center’s Shapleigh House for the evening of September 12, 2014. This is a great way to meet the trip leaders and catch up with fellow hikers over dinner. Space is limited and rates are $44 bed and breakfast, or $65 dinner, bed and breakfast.

Space is Limited! Call Today to Make Your Reservation

To reserve, call AMC Reservations by Monday August 11 to receive the discounted rate of $98.50 per person including NH lodging taxes. Reservations received after that time will be on a space available basis at full price.

Instructions for Booking Your Stay

Call the AMC Reservations Line at 603-466-2727 (Mon-Sat, 9 am to 5 pm).

Tell the Customer Service Representative that you are with the AMC NH Hut Night at Lakes Group #23593.

Provide your contact information, any food allergy information or vegetarian requests. Provide credit card number by phone or set up the reservation and mail a check to AMC (must be received within 7 days of your call).

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September 17, 2014
Ellen Ruggles Discusses Trip to the Mount Everest Base Camp in Nepal

BY PAUL AND MARIE BERRY

Few have to ask these days “Where is it?” Others know it as “The Top of the World.” When you’ve been there yourself you know it as “A little bit up, a little bit down.” In October of 2013, five New Englanders hiked to Mount Everest Base Camp in Nepal, including Ellen Ruggles and Brian Wood.

Join us as we share in photos, music, and memories of their 25 days of travel on Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m. at the Concord Public Library. They toured temples in the capital city of Kathmandu, sat on the edges of their seats as they flew in and out of one of the most dangerous airports, and spent 18 days walking on remote pathways with nights in alpine village teahouses to see Everest Base Camp firsthand.

Ruggles, an AMC New Hampshire trip leader and Manchester resident, beams as she recalls her first visit to Nepal, and speaks the all-to-often heard words about a trip to this part of the world, “It was the vacation of a lifetime, and life changing.” Find out why…

The Concord Public Library is located at 45 Green Street, Concord. This event is free and all are welcome. No preregistration is required. Email programsnh(at)amc-nh.org or call Paul or Marie Berry at (603) 423-1192 for more information.

Paul Berry and Marie Berry are Co-Chairs of AMC New Hampshire’s Programs Committee.

October 11-12, 2014
Columbus Day Weekend Bike Ride

Catch New Hampshire’s fabulous foliage from your bike during AMC-NH’s Columbus Day Weekend Bike Ride, Saturday, October 11 to Sunday, October 12.

You’ll be riding the Northern Trail from Franklin to Lebanon with an overnight stay at Cardigan Lodge. The trail is hard-packed and suitable for hybrid, touring or mountain bikes. The pace will be a moderate 10-12 mph with lunch breaks both days. The distance each day will be about 25 miles.

The bike group will leave the trail on Saturday at Danbury for the overnight at Cardigan Lodge and start again Sunday in Danbury for the ride to Lebanon. The trail is 52 miles long. Contact Trip Leader Gene Harding at (603) 642-5530 (best time: 6-10 p.m.) or Gene37h(at)aol.com for more information or to sign up.

August, 9, 2014
Mount Garfield—4,500 feet

Join us for a trip to Mount Garfield by the Garfield Trail and a brief section of the Garfield Ridge Trail. The hike will be at a moderate pace with moderate grades for 4.8 miles. The roundtrip distance is 10 miles. Hikers will experience a steep rocky section for .2 miles just below the summit of Mount Garfield, but wait until you get to the top. At the summit there are great views and the remains of the old fire tower. The summit is exposed to the weather so cold weather gear is required.

Contact Trip Leader Brian Wazlaw at (603) 436-2833 (best time to call: 7-9 p.m.) or briwazlaw(at)aol.com for more information. Registration is required.

Writers Wanted for ‘Mountain Passages’

If you would like to write about your experience in New Hampshire’s great outdoors as an AMC-New Hampshire member for Mountain Passages, we’d love to hear from you. We don’t pay, but you will have the thrill of seeing your name in print plus the even bigger thrill of getting others to say, “I want to experience that, too!” Send your stories (150-250 words max) to newsletter(at)amc-nh.org. Deadlines are June 1, August 1, October 1, December 1, February 1 and April 1.
**October 25, 2014**

**Excursions Leadership Training Class 3-4**

**BY RICK SILVERBERG**

AMC New Hampshire’s Excursion Committee will be offering leadership training for those who want to lead Class 3 or Class 4 trips, formerly called Walks and Short Hikes. This is a chance to do some leading without having the extensive experience required for leading trips to mountaintops and four season hiking.

Come find out the joys of leading your own mini-adventures for those interested in less demanding activities. The course is a single daylong event on Saturday, October 25, 2014. People interested in leading Young Members and Over 55 or family group events are also encouraged to attend. Training will be comprised of inside discussion in small group and field exercises in trip planning and logistics, screening participants, choosing required gear and explaining to participants what gear is required for the trip.

This training is one component of the requirements for becoming an approved Class 3 or Class 4 trip leader in the New Hampshire Chapter’s Excursions Committee. Other components include the mentoring process and several prerequisites. (See http://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/76139 for more information.)

This session will be held 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. in Warner, NH, at the home of co-instructor Bob Humphrey.

The cost is $35 for AMC members and $40 for non-members. The fee covers morning snacks, hot drinks and training materials. Bring a trail lunch and gear for a day of hiking on moderate trails. We will hike 4-5 miles at a moderate pace.

Visit www.AMC_registration.ccctr.org to register and for more information including location. Contact Leader Rick Silverberg at (603) 225-5921 (best time to call: 7-10 pm) or synergyc(at)aol.com or contact co-Leader Bob Humphrey at (603) 456-3708 or bobh(at)mcttelecom.com for more information.

Rick Silverberg is an AMC New Hampshire member and an Excursions Leader.

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**Tuesday Evenings**

**Rumney Rock Climbing**

AMC New Hampshire hosts a Tuesday Evening Rock Climbing series in Rumney for all levels, including beginners.

You must have your own harness, carabiner, belay device, climbing shoes, helmet and previous belay experience. The group meets around 5 p.m. but note that the exact time will vary depending on day and conditions. Contact Leader Valerio Viti at valerio.viti@ansys.com or visit amc-nb.org/calendar/activities.php?type=A&f=a&id=7&category1=Climbing for more information.

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**Wednesday Evenings until September 3, 2014**

**Wednesday Evening Recreational Paddling Series**

What better way to unwind after work or spend an evening with your family than with AMC New Hampshire’s Wednesday Evening Recreational Paddling Series. Held every Wednesday evening, they last about 60-90 minutes and end around sunset. Beginners are welcome as the group paddles fairly slowly and stays together.

Boats and equipment are available at the put-in for a small rental fee $10. To request a boat, you must register by the Monday prior to the Wednesday trip. Canoes, kayaks including a tandem kayak and smaller kayaks for pre-teens are available. Families are encouraged to attend. This series ends Wednesday, September 3, 2014.

Visit amc-nb.org/calendar/activities.php?type=A&f=a&id=13&category1=Paddling for more information.
Like to hike in the White Mountains? Away from the crowds? And come back to relax at the end of the day?

Then join us at the AMC’s Cold River Camp.

- In the quiet Cold River Valley below Evans Notch
- Go on led hikes or on your own
- Family style dinners & breakfasts; trail lunches

Cabins are still available most weeks July-August. Stay for a whole week or a partial week.

For more information or to make reservations visit www.amccoldrivercamp.org or call 603-694-3291.

Kittery Trading Post Makes Donation to AMC New Hampshire Chapter

The New Hampshire Chapter is excited to have received a $1,000 donation from Kittery Trading Post (KTP) in Kittery, ME. The funds came from customer contributions that are part of KTP’s Round Up for Conservation program, which encourages customers to “round up” the amount of their purchase to the nearest dollar, resulting in incremental donations to the fund. Once a quarter, money in the fund is donated to conservation groups or projects as determined by the Kittery Trading Post Conservation Committee.

The donation was presented to New Hampshire Chapter Chair Wayne Goertel by Derek Sturtevant, KTP Conservation Committee Chair. Wayne noted, “I enjoyed visiting with Derek, who told me that their committee strives to keep donations ‘local,’ with several Maine and New Hampshire organizations receiving donations since the program’s inception in 2013. I also learned that card-carrying AMC members are eligible for a 10% discount off many goods at KTP! We are thankful for this generous donation to the NH Chapter, which will be used to support the training and development of our chapter’s volunteer leaders.”

Wanted: Volunteers (Must Love Planning)

Would you like to help the New Hampshire Chapter of AMC find exciting speakers, arrange venue space, register participants or work at an event check-in table? We are looking for volunteers to help us plan and host New Hampshire Chapter events. If you are an organized individual or would like to lend a welcoming smile to our events, contact Lu Ann Laquerre at hospitalitynh@amc-nh.org for more information.
A View from a Bike is Something Special

BY GENE HARDING

Hello to all bikers. With the warmer weather and some sunshine, it finally feels like the biking season is here. We have already offered many bike rides on roads and bike trails and plan to add more as the season continues. One of the things that keep me biking is what we see while biking that we miss in our cars. On recent rides we have seen a Great Blue Heron land on a pond looking for frogs for lunch, a beautiful Mute Swan on a pond looking for frogs for lunch, and a flock of egrets having lunch in a salt marsh.

Our experience as a biking committee over the past three years is that there are many levels of bikers from new first-time bikers to highly experienced life-long bikers. We have found that as our members grow older hiking can become painful to feet, ankles, knees and hips, and so they are turning to biking as a way to continue to be outdoors with exercise and wild life without the impact involved in going up and down mountains. As a result, this year we are offering introductory group rides to members.

I am pleased to introduce Doria Harris (left), Biking Committee Co-Chair, who joined us last summer as a Bike Ride Leader and took on the added responsibility of Co-Chair of our Biking Committee this spring. We are introducing our new AMC New Hampshire Chapter Bike Ride Leader shirts to be awarded to our ride leaders as recognition for their time and service. When you see our ride leaders in these shirts out on the highways and byways and rail trails, stop and say hello. We love to talk biking.

We will offer Bike Ride Leader training on Columbus Day Weekend. Contact me at Gene37h(at)aol.com for more information.

Happy Biking! —Gene

Gene Harding is Co-Chair of AMC New Hampshire's Biking Committee.

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I receive all of the text files and photos, she's successfully jumped those hurdles! My biggest challenge has always been working with an overabundance of material for an 8-page newsletter, and talking with Michelle about how best to pare it down while keeping as much important content as possible.

What other graphic design projects does Sandpiper Artisans do?

I think a better question is "what projects DON’T you do!" I’ve been a graphic designer in the print industry for almost 35 years now, and this is the second design company I’ve owned. Anything you can imagine in print is what I do, and what I love to do. I’ve designed newsletters for a variety of nonprofits and companies, including The Nature Conservancy NH Chapter, the New Hampshire Aviation Historical Society, a few churches, the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, Community Bridges, Friends of New England College Hockey, and many others. I’ve been the designer of the Associated Builders & Contractors of NH/VT quarterly magazine for 20 years, and was Editor of the Episcopal Diocese of NH newspaper for four years in the 1990s. Can you tell I love publications?

So do you only design publications?

No, I do a lot of logo design and corporate identity work, and designing marketing collateral for small to medium sized businesses. This includes brochures of all shapes and sizes, business cards & stationery, annual reports, interior and exterior business signs, direct mailers, invitations, window graphics, posters, flyers... you name it.

What are you working on currently?

A book cover for a novel, four conference brochures for Saint Anselm College’s continuing ed for nurses, a logo for a woman who practices sound therapy, finalizing four brochures for a landscaping and sealcoating company, yard signs for a heating/cooling company, all campaign materials for a man who is running for a position with the National Home Builders’ Association, a couple of ads for the client of a Manchester marketing company. That’s just part of what I have in-house right now.

That’s a lot of work for one person at one time.

Yes it is, which is why I have a top-notch freelancer as part of my team! And in order to keep food on HIS table too, I am always looking for new clients! (hint, hint)
Trail Worthy Oatmeal Bars
(AND DON’T LET THE SHORTENING SCARE YOU)

BY DENISE SPOOR

Don’t shy away from trying these bars because of the solid shortening. It’s the shortening that makes them moist, chewy and almost indestructible in your backpack. Take them on a group hike for a special treat for all when you reach your destination or bring them on a multi-day backcountry trip for a nutritious and satisfying breakfast as an alternative to plain oatmeal. The key to keeping them fresh and in one piece is to carry them in a reusable plastic container such as Rubbermaid or Tupperware.

INGREDIENTS:

- ¾ cup vegetable shortening
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/8 cup water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups quick oats
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup dried fruit (¼ cup chopped apricots, ¼ cup chopped cranberry)
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon cloves
- chopped Pineapple, ¼ cup chopped golden raisins, ¼ cup chopped cranberry)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously grease a 9x13 baking pan with solid shortening. Combine shortening, brown sugar, granulated sugar, egg, water and vanilla with hand mixer on low speed until creamy. Add the flour, salt, baking soda, spices and mix well by hand until well combined. Add oats and dried fruit and stir well again. Press into prepared pan and bake until lightly browned around the edges and a toothpick inserted into the middle of the pan comes out clean (approximately 20-25 minutes). Do not overcook or the bars will be dry. Cool completely before cutting into bars.

Denise Spoor is an AMC New Hampshire member and when she’s not out on the trails or in the kitchen, she’s AMC’s Group Sales Account Manager, based at Pinkham Notch.

Why the name Sandpiper Artisans?
As a child, we would vacation for two weeks at Salisbury Beach, MA and later at Wells Beach in Maine. I so clearly remember my mother on the beach at dusk watching the sandpipers scurry down the beach, saying “Look, look, look!” So the name of my business pays homage to my mum and dad, who I lost in 2002 and 1992 respectively, but it’s also indicative of my work style. I scurry! I do a lot of creative things, so I added “Artisans” to cover any other type of artistic work I may decide to do down the line.

What are your favorite outdoor activities?
I love swimming and roaming around with my camera in hand. I also love to walk our dog and just lay on the grass with her enjoying the warmth of the earth and the sun. My husband and I have enjoyed exploring New England and photographing our adventures. In the winter, it’s all I can do just to get through it! Although I’m originally from Maine and have lived in the northeast most of my life, I’m not a fan of snow, wind and cold. Does sitting in front of the fireplace watching the snow fall outside count as a winter outdoor activity?!

Food you love?
My chicken vegetable soup with dumplings

We’ll have to get that recipe for a future Mountain Passages.
You got it.

Food you hate?
Mushrooms.

Volunteer work you want to do in retirement?
Cuddle at-risk babies at hospitals.

Children? Significant other?
My husband Steve is a wonderful man. Son Nick is 29 and is an engineer in San Francisco. Daughter Sally is a loan officer for Wells Fargo in Minneapolis. Our beautiful Gracie is a Beagle / Border Terrier mix who looks remarkably like Michelle O’Donnell’s dog, Fergus!

Something no one knows about you?
I designed the bulk of Ron Paul’s print mailers and brochures during his 2008 primary campaign for the Presidency, and was a model for WomanBiker.com back in the late 1990s.

Susan can be reached at Susan@SandpiperArtisans.com or visit www.SandpiperArtisans.com to view her online portfolio. You can also find her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SandpiperArtisans
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