CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

Many people have described the Connecticut Chapter of the AMC as the best chapter in the AMC. They are right! When I see the efforts and dedication of the volunteers of our chapter, I know that I am part of a great organization. Just look at the results for this past year! For example, Doug Christie has led the Trails Committee in its work on the Silver Hill Shelter which will serve the through-hikers on the AT. We can be very proud of all their hard labor, as well as of the planning and organization that went into this wonderful venture.

In addition, Gerry Stanton and Merri Swanson have revitalized the Excursions Committee and managed to increase the number of qualified leaders for our hiking programs. They spearheaded the drive to get more members involved as leaders. Their partnership is just one example of where we have had two persons successfully co-chair a committee. They made a great team this past year, and we thank them.

I thank all the volunteers for their renewed spirit and commitment to the ideals of the AMC. Some have been very concerned about the direction of the Club as a whole and have joined a group called the Concerned Veterans. I believe that the Veterans have generated a lot of positive discussion about the future direction of the Club. The winds of change are blowing through Boston and the Club as a whole.

Dick Blake joined me this year for "an historic occasion" (as Dick called it) when our new executive director, Andy Falender, came to visit us in Connecticut. Our executive director has been very responsive and has answered, for instance, every one of the letters (and there have been many!) that I have sent him on behalf of various concerns in our Chapter. I am impressed with the new management. However, I ask each of you to carefully review the proposed changes to the bylaws of the Club and to consider the implications for the Club you have come to know over the years. Fiscal responsibility and preservation of the environment are just a few of the strategic goals to which the Club has re-dedicated itself.

It is time for the Connecticut Chapter to move on, as well. Ken Richardson has taken the first step in a public relations campaign, which is something our Fairfield County Chapter has done extremely well for years. We are now on our way to increasing awareness of the Connecticut Chapter in our home state. This greater visibility will make other people aware of our mission, offer others the many fine opportunities you yourselves now enjoy to become volunteers and leaders, increase our impact on conservation issues and, possibly, increase our membership. I think it is a time for growth, provided we manage it well.

I salute all those dedicated members out there. There is not enough we can say to thank the Harry Durens of the world who served not one, but two, terms as chapter treasurer. I know there are more like Harry out there. Tell me, tell the executive committee, tell the person who first led you into the fold of the Connecticut Chapter how we can help offer you the opportunity to become more involved. Believe me, it's fun!

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Parchmann
Connecticut Chapter Chair
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1988

Cash at January 1, 1988:
Cash Held by Treasurer:
CT Bank & Trust - Savings $11,031.99
CT Bank & Trust - Checking 1,624.69
Society for Savings - Memorial 780.00
Total Held by Treasurer $13,436.68
Cash Held by Committees:
Whitewater $1,720.03
Mt. Rigs ...2,200.48
Total Held by Committees $4,020.51
Total Cash $17,457.19
Revenue Collected:
ARC Dues Collected $15,020.50
Program Activity Collections 8,518.57
Chapter Merchandise Sales 1,456.23
Contributions Received 25.00
Interest Income 738.75
Net Increase in Mt. Rigs Cash Balance 215.72
Net Increase in Whitewater Cash Balance ...41.16
Total Revenue $24,205.53
Total Available Funds $45,692.42
Expenditures Made:
Cost of Program Activities $8,077.89
Net 1988 Expenditure for CT Nite at Lakes of the Clouds (Note 1) 697.00
Cost of Used Equipment and Books 861.05
Cost of Merchandise Purchased 60.00
Contributions Made 1,500.00
Committee/Administration Operating Expenses:
Administration (Note 2) 8,784.85
Conservation 133.41
Education 8.00
Excursions 1,587.07
Fairfield County 1,094.23
Membership 1,303.74
Outings 0.00
Newsletter 2,007.50
Program 311.61
Trails 2,802.56
Total Expenditures $28,270.12
Cash at December 31, 1988 $16,422.23

Cash at December 31, 1988:
Cash Held by Treasurer:
Harbor National Bank - Certificate of Deposit Maturing 2/18/89 (9.5% APR) $10,000.00
Harbor National Bank - Checking Society for Savings - Memorial Account 329.24
Total Held by Treasurer $10,329.24
Cash Held by Committees:
Whitewater $1,776.19
Mt. Rigs 2,255.20
Total Held by Committees $4,031.39
Total Cash $14,360.63

Note 1 - Net profit realized from CT Nite at Lakes of the Clouds is the result of:
Deposits received in 1987 $900
Deposits received in 1988 3,432
Total received $4,332
Less cost to use the hut 1,120
Net profit $3,212

Note 2 - This amount includes approximately $2,400 invested in an IBM compatible and Joy Street compatible personal computer and accessories. The computer is currently being used regularly by the Excursions Committee and is expected to be of even greater use in the coming year.

Harry J. Duren, Treasurer

We have audited the 1988 financial statement for the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club and found it to be correct.

John Langham, Auditor
Philip J. Bujalski, Auditor
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1969

Cash at January 1, 1969:

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<td>Chapter Merchandise Sales and Advertising</td>
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<td>Contributions Received</td>
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Cash at October 31, 1969:

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Note 1 - This amount includes a $150 deposit toward the purchase of CT Chapter patches which had not yet been received at October 31.

Note 2 - The following 1969 contributions were approved at the October Executive Committee meeting and will be disbursed in November:

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<td>CT Forests and Parks Association</td>
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<td>Green Mountain Club</td>
<td>175</td>
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<td>Four organizations each for $25</td>
<td>300</td>
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Harry J. Duren, Treasurer
CONNETICUT CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING - 1988

The 68th Connecticut Chapter Annual Meeting was held at the Yale Inn in Meriden, CT on Saturday, December 3, 1988. About 344 people attended afternoon and/or evening sessions. Chapter Chair Trish Niece called the business meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Announcements were made. Trish Niece then recognized the Program Committee, especially Program Chair Merri Swanson, and the Executive Committee, especially Dick Burke, and Glen Parchmann secretary. The Narraugan chapter was represented by Ken and Penny Hutchison. Special thanks was given to Mary Ann Hardy for her work on the newsletter to publicize the Annual Meeting as well as her work over the years.

Trish then recognized special guest Sue Hardy who is an outgoing VP of Programs and incoming VP of Operations, membership coordinator from Joe Street Farm Roka and her husband Jeff Brundt, and lastly AMC President Frank Kellinger. Frank Kellinger spoke briefly about the state of the club and the success of the capital campaign. He reported that the Search and Rescue was to be commissioned, and that for the year we will meet the budget which is a breakthrough budget. His income was up this year due to good weather, but contributions were down. A new executive director was chosen. Pam Roka, Membership Director, reported that membership has been up the past two months compared to last year. She also mentioned that Outward Bound has approached the AMC to see how they could work together with us.

A moment of silence was observed for the following members of the Connecticut Chapter whose deaths have been reported since the 1987 meeting: Dorothy Alexander and Charles Burk.

One Connecticut Chapter member recognized to have completed the Blue Trail System and thereby to have joined the CT 400 Club: Stewart Knowles.

Executive Chair, Gerry Stanford, came forward to recognize all hike leaders, especially those who led 5 or more hikes in the past year. The 24 people who led 5 or more hikes were:

Anne Bailey
Eleanor Bockik
Dick Blake
Steve Brancik
Paula Burton
Harry Caldwell
Bob Dowd
Dale Hacker
Mary Ann Hardy
Kath Johnson
Susan Joy
Pat Knoll
Leonard Leitz
Chuck Mahon
Joe Mainemier
Don Morgan
Pat Nye
jeff O’Donnell
Bill Prusiner
Cathy Sandhia
Joe Sandhia
Helen Shonick

Four fifth-year members were recognized although none were able to attend: Grace Averell, Edmund Morgan who wrote to say he was sorry he could not attend, Mary Sawyer who sent her good wishes, and Mrs. Edward Goodrich whose husband sent a special letter.

Trish thanked the outgoing members of the Executive Committee for their hard work and loyal support. Art Magier, Conservation; Jen Lyons and Marian Ritter, Membership; Al Cardi, Mountaineering; Dick Blake, Trails; Anne Bailey, Past Chair; Glen Parchmann, Secretary; Merri Swanson, Programs, and, though not officially a member of the Executive Committee, Mary Ann Hardy for her Newsletter work.

The Secretary’s report was accepted as printed in the 1988 Annual Report. The Treasurer’s report was also accepted as presented, as were the committee reports. Chair, Trish Niece, reported no old business to conduct. No new business was brought to her attention.

The nominating committee was thanked for putting together another fine slate. Serving this year have been: Janet D’Marta, Dave Mihalek, Steve Tuckerman, Jeanie Thompson, and Ginny Dowd, Chair.

Ginny Dowd presented the slate of nominees for 1989 who were unanimously accepted and included the following persons: Glen Parchmann, Chair; Mary D’yans, Secretary; Harry Doren, Treasurer; Don Patterson, Conservation; Gerry Stanford and Merri Swanson, Education; Much Underwood, Education; Susan Joy, Fairfield County Committee; Janet D’Marta, Membership; Ed Bulzak, Mountaineering; Paul Ives, Mt. Riga, Fat Divers; Programs; Dough Christ, Trails; Ed Bossum, Whitewater; Trish Niece, Past Chair; Matt Donald, Newsletter.

Trish Niece discovered a bit of history among Anne Bailey’s notes regarding the start of the Red Hat tradition by John Herr who started wearing the red hat in 1951-52 to identify himself as chairman. Trish then read the names of past chairmen who came forward with their red hats to help induce Glen Parchmann as the new chapter chair: Roger Waite, John Herr, Kurtz Bailey, John Enzer, Seymour Smith, Gardner Moulin, John Gardner, Ned Green, Benet Murch, Bill Schmidt, Lodge Clayton, Dave Smith, Ginny Hardy, Sue Hardy, Judy Benson, Anne Bailey, and herself Trish Niece. We look forward to another good year.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The evening program was presented by Laurie Hauers and concerned her travels in Africa.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen Parchmann
Chapter Secretary (1988)

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Conservation Committee held monthly meetings, alternating between Hamden and Vernon. We were involved in several issues such as rail-to-trails, Farmington River Diversion, scenic trail system, and the potential closing of some state parks due to the budget deficit.

The AMC continued to work with the Land Conservation Coalition on legislative issues. The second phase of the Recreation & Natural Heritage Trust Program passed, which will continue to provide $15 million for state parks and forest and $5 million for municipal parks. The Endangered Species Act passed unanimously and $20,000,000 will be spent on land acquisition along the Connecticut River.

Conservation Saturday was held in October with a Rail-To-Trails theme. Wilma Frey, the Northeast Field Coordinator of Rail-To-Trails Conservancy, was the guest speaker. The Annual Dinner featured Fred Krone, who gave a workshop on Rail-To-Trails as well as Fred Prestin, who gave a workshop on the Backcountry Stewardship Task Force. This workshop dealt with the future of the privately-owned forest lands in northern New England.

Many thanks to the people who were active on the committee.

Ginna Dowd
Sue Kirk
Fred Krone
Nancy Hatfield
Joan Taft
Elaine Luckey
Don Patterson, Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

No report submitted.
EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE

The Excursions Committee offers a varied program of day hikes, backpacking, cross-country skiing, flat water canoeing, cycling, and weekend excursions. Thanks to the entire committee and to all the leaders whose efforts make these activities possible, for without them we wouldn’t have any activities to report.

Mary Dugan has been the Bulletin Editor again this year, faithfully typing the articles and getting them to Boan on time. Jeff O’Donnell has continued to feed our statistics into the computer and to print our reports, data, and address labels. This year Kathy Lindbeck has been mailing out the trip report forms to all the hike leaders. All these tanks are ongoing and take a great deal of time. A special thanks for their dedication.

The committee continues to offer hikes and programs to develop new leaders. A day-long workshop focusing on leadership styles and techniques was held again this year. We always welcome anyone who you think has the potential of becoming a good leader.

This year we introduced the “Day Hike Leader Recognition Patch”. This patch is awarded to all leaders who lead five or more day hikes within our statistical year. Included is a booklet to show the year, or years, in which they accomplished this feat.


Figures in () indicate weekend trips included. NA - not available.

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Special Activities

The Special Activities are led by a Coordinator who maintains a leader’s list for that activity and plans the program. This involves a great deal of time. A big thanks to them for their efforts. Their reports are listed below.

Weekend Trips Coordinator: Jeri Lyons

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Backpacking Coordinators: Betty Goyette & Barry Ritter

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Cycling Coordinator: Ray MacMath

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Flatwater Canoeing: Chuck MacMath

This was my first year as flatwater chairman and I would like to thank all the leaders for their help and cooperation. This has been a very busy year for me, personally, so I couldn’t put as much effort into the program as I had wanted. Next year should prove to be bigger and better than ever (I hope)! I would also like to take this opportunity to recruit new leaders. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Flatwater Canoeing

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Cross-Country Skiing: Bob Dickinson

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Blue Trail Series: Steve Bracci

The Blue Trail Series is continuing with Steve Bracci as coordinator. During the past year, 12 hikes were offered covering a total of approximately 32 miles. Eleven different trails were either partially or totally completed. These include the Cranberry, Walker, Nanuck, Antarctica, Pachaug, Pomperaug, Quieteaug, Sipson, and Tunxis Trails.

CT 400 Club: Davyl Burt

Since 1973, records have been kept of people who have hiked all 400 miles of the Connecticut Blue Trails. This year one new member, Donna Arbas, joined the ranks to bring the total to 40 people.

Monthly Hike Coordinators: January - December 1989

Each month hike leaders are coordinated by a different person known as a “monthly”. They solicit hikes by letter, follow up with phone calls, balance out A, B, and C hikes, and type them up. Jim Loftus coordinates the FCC hikes each month. We thank them for their time and effort.

Carl Rosenza | Susan Peterson
Janet D’Mattia | Donna Arbas
Sara Zagonella | Steve Tucker
Gerry Sloman | Gil Effler

Don Morgan | Carol Stimson
Jeri Lyons | Kathy Kurich
Excursions Committee
Betty Goyette
Kathy Lindbeck
Mary Ritter
Steve Brainard
Bob Dickinson
Darryl Borst
Chuck MacMath
Mary Dompelen
Gerry Stimson, Co-Chair
Merri Swanson, Co-Chair

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMITTEE
The Fairfield County Committee, celebrating its fifth anniversary, continues to contribute to the overall success of the Connecticut Chapter. Through an exciting assortment of program events and trips of interest to local members and potential members, we have, once again, helped increase AMC membership in Fairfield County. What’s more, our monthly theme potlucks are just as popular as they were the previous year, averaging 15-20 participants on week nights.

We are delighted to report that, as usual, we have attained our objectives of increasing the involvement of area AMC members, expanding membership in the county and providing a variety of AMC events. Our six weekly open meetings featuring adventure slide programs/social hours drew an average of 50-60 attendees per session. Again this year, we have raised the number and variety of trips led by FCC leaders as well as the actual number of qualified leaders. To encourage participation in these trips, all excursions led by FCC leaders have a meeting point in Fairfield County as well as at the trail head.

In addition to FCC Day held in September and a Winter Carnival held in February, we have added a Photo Contest (this is the second year we’ve organized this) to our special Fairfield County Committee-sponsored annual events. The contest is open to the public, with the winning entries displayed at the Annual Meeting. Offering a full slate of daytime activities, both the Carnival and FCC Day feature a potluck supper and after-dinner presentation.

The Fairfield County Committee’s main goal remains the same: to maintain its momentum and make an even greater impact this coming year.

Melanie Asunc - Potluck Coordinator
Bob Barker - Member-at-Large
Peter Browne - Management Information Systems
Paula Burton - Membership
Dave Cook - Treasurer
Randi Kuzor - Newsletter/Public Relations
Jim Latchack - Excursions
Tom Moore - Secretary
Bill Russell - Programs
Susan Joy, Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
The CT Chapter welcomed 776 new members during the past year bringing the total chapter membership as of September to 5312.

Several membership-sponsored activities were held throughout the year. A pizza-bake, beach-bake, cocktail-bake, potlucks, and after-bake refreshment gatherings offered new members a chance to become acquainted with AMC.

Renewed interest was expressed in holding more hikes in the eastern part of the state. Betty Robinson is the contact person in the Storrs area and, recently, Carol Sinnamon joined the committee to service the Storrs area.

An attempt was made to compile a permanent slide collection of AMC activities and facilities to be kept on file and show whenever the occasion calls. This was not completed and will be continued, if more slide contributions are received.

The annual New Members’ Day was held September 16th. A ‘thank-you’ is extended to the activity leaders who helped to make the day a pleasant one in spite of the rain. There was an especially large number of new members at the potluck dinner this year. It is hoped that they will become actively involved in AMC. A special ‘thank-you’ to Sue Hardy for her slide presentation.

Many thanks, also to the following AMC members who were active on the Membership Committee during the past year:

Gerry Hardy
Norah Hingkelsey
Trish Niese
Jeri Lyons
Anne Bailey

Denise Michelson
Ledge Clayton
Eileen Anderson
Paula Burton
Peter Anderson

Paul Herrenna
Jennifer Glick
Betty Robinson
Carol Sinnamon

Janet DiMattia, Chair

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE
We began our year with a trip to Wheeler Pond for a fine weekend of cross-country skiing, ice climbing and a day at Jay Peak for downhill skiing. Other weekend trips included Monadnock and a climb up Mt. Marcy.

This spring we had a good turn-out for beginning climbing sessions, but intermittent rain added to the usual attrition of new climbers. About six beginners have survived and are becoming skilled climbers. We lost two regulars, Leo Labranche who moved to New Mexico, and John Bickel, who moved to Idaho.

This summer our members hiked and climbed in the Cascades, and the Grand Tetons. Dennis Burke climbed the Caucus in Russia and is headed for Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa.

Two climbers were injured this summer. Brad Buck suffered a dislocated shoulder, and Jeff Butler a broken elbow and wrist. Jeff is recovering and in good spirits now at the Danbury Hospital.

Five new members, experienced climbers, joined us over the summer.
Committee Members:

Chris Knowles
John Rek

Paul Mannix
Paul Scarpa

Maria Scarpa

Ed Bulick, Chair

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Our committee has continued to serve the chapter by putting on four events each year: the Spring Dinner, Fall Dinner, and the Annual Meeting. We provided the program for the Mahotheie Paddle, where Marge Harkness showed slides of Chel and Easter Island, at the Spring Dinner; when Rebekah Rogers talked about AMC facilities; and at the Annual Meeting when Laura Hauser presented her trip to Africa.

The Annual Meeting, December 3, 1988 at the Yale Inn in Middletown, consisted of a CPR course in the morning, many workshops led by chapter committees in the afternoon, and an evening banquet and program. A total of 270 people joined us for dinner, and 83 others came only in the afternoon. We netted about $800 on the book and used equipment sales.

We are fortunate to have been able to use the First Congregational Church in Middletown and the Church of Christ Congregational in Groton for our two lectures. The Spring Dinner was held at Yale's in Hartford. We are always on the lookout for suitable facilities for our meetings.

We welcome additional members to our committee, even if you can help out at only one or two events. Our committee members worked hard and were responsible for the smooth operation of our activities. The committee met several times during the year to plan our programs. We also acknowledge the help of many others who pitched in from time to time to run the most "appealing" traditions.

Active Committee Members:

Lucia Barrett
Richard Barsky
Edgar Bresler
Gordon Eaton
Marvin Jacob

Jana Maples
Ivy Mallory
Wilde Mills
Bette Morrow

Heidi Parnham
Carol Connor
Judy Snyder
Marni Swanson

MOUNT RIGA COMMITTEE

The last year has been active with the Northwest Camp. We have increased the use of the cabin through advertising in the Appalachian Bulletins. There has been a total of 75 registered days of use at the camp with many more people stopping in off the trail.

The Woodcuts that Oct 31, 1986 had an exciting turnout of 25 people. Approximately 3 cords of wood were cut by noon. With all the manpower, the debris was moved, the cabin door repaired, an additional log installed to the floor bridge. Many thanks to all that helped.

The cabin is used extensively in the winter for skiing, snowshoeing, and X-C skiing. However, there was not much snow this past season. The X-C Ski & Hike on Feb 11, turned out to be a nice day with 10 people attending. It was sponsored by the Canoe Club and Mt. Riga Committee. Our Snowmobile Ride at March 11, 1989 was a success, once again, with 21 people enjoying a hike to Northwest Camp. We had to we used snow shoes instead of snow. We had the full pack this year. Thanks to Karl Holstrom for all the help.

The May 14, 1989 Spring Weekend was a great event with an attendance of 13 people. Everyone enjoyed the views, blueberries, and BBQ. The weather was great, once again, at the cabin with only a few reservations.

On Sept 16, 1989, New Members' Day. 5 people stopped in to say hello and to try out from all the trails.

There will be a committee meeting along with our Annual Meeting on Nov 12, 1989. Executive reports will also be carried out at this time. Finally, on Dec 16, 1989 a Christmas Hike and Caroling will be held at Northwest Camp.

This past year has been exciting at Northwest Camp with new activities added to our calendar. The future of the MT Riga Committee looks to be filled with projects and gatherings of all kinds. We invite all chapter members to take advantage of the cabin by using it or by coming to one of our outings.

Please contact any committee member or chairman if interested in Northwest Camp.

Tom Gatzka
John Rek
John Harka
Dave Terrell
Ted Hutton
Col. A. H. Shoemaker

Chick MacIver
Herb Vanvakle
Ray MacIver
Karl Holstrom
Roger Makri
Rod Puce

Tom Nichols
Dave Benson
Susan Ives
Keith Larson
Toni Lucznik

Paul Ives, Chair

TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Trails Committee, managers of the Appalachian Trail and the associated Appalachian Trail Land in Connecticut, has had a busy, but productive year. An extensive and demanding list of goals was set and, happily, through the efforts of many, will come close to full realization.

Two of our key goals were to "operate a full schedule of work parties," with advance notice and to "broaden the base of volunteer participation and leadership." In these areas we met considerable success. As of Oct 15, we record 53 work parties held with 118 different volunteers participating for a total of 3,175 work hours. This does not include the time to be compiled work hours of our regular management team - maintenance, museum, guides and others - who work outside the work party schedule. We anticipate that total hours, as well as number of work parties, will set a new record as well the number of different participants and work party leaders. Knowing the number of Connecticut chapter members, however, we see room for further progress on the second goal.
The success of most goals is reflected in this year's major trail and land management achievements as follows:

- Three new campers established (Baker, Baustine, Doy & Sharon Mc). This completes our major plan for campers along the Trail.
- Pete Swamp Brook Lead is constructed. This completes our basic plan for leaves in reasonable distance along the Trail.
- Silver Hill Shelter renovated and opened for backcountry use. This was a major undertaking with extensive volunteer effort (approx. 700 work hours) and considerable cost covered by a grant from the State's Forests and an AMC grant.
- A "climber" designed specifically for our remote campsite use, constructed, transported, and installed at four sites. (Construction plans are available and have already been requested from various parties around the country.)
- Two new observation platforms, four old ones relocated.
- Bridge built over Macomson Brook.
- Planner's management plan for the best use of the entire Trail completed. This included clearing the areas for the planting of over 1000 maple saplings.
- Open space management updated with clearing and moving (some) of fields at Ten Mile and of clearings at sites on the Stanleys Trail.
- Complete MI version of new A.T. three planner's plan and out. Our next step is to Grand Falls, next target to go what last small tract now under litigation is settled.
- A number of small, significant relocations carried out.
- Signs constructed and installed at all new features and other spots requiring upgrading or repairs.
- Trail cleared of blown down and side effects from July tornadoes.
- Trail maintenance at a number of Trail sites.
- Trail hardening and drainage work at various trail locations.
- Extensive rock work and heavy trail maintenance carried out on and above Limehouse Springs.

Not included above is the regular, ongoing trail maintenance by maintainers, monitoring including boundary marking by monitors, and public information/trail supervision by guides and the summer staff at the Running Caretaker Program.

The two remaining goals related to major management efforts which should have long range benefits. A full Trail Assessment has been carried out, including field coverage and the preparing of identified trail and management needs. This data has been computerized for ready reference. Also, a Study Committee is now in an initial setting of the Management Plan for the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut. This is the official policy guide for Trail operations and a basic document for the Connecticut Chapter.

Other activities not reflected in the goals also took place and deserve mention. A two-day Trail Maintenance Workshop was held last spring at IFV and on the Trail with good attendance and much accomplishment, upper and overhanging vegetation were included. Marlboro Mountain was well attended with all sections of the A.T. covered and reported. The problems encountered were well reviewed. A Management Team Meeting was held at Salisbury in June for members and their families. Peter Jensen, who resigned to go into business of his own, was honored.

A number of Trail and Chapter members attended the ATC Banquet Conference at Saratoga Springs. The Trail received cheery in this large and extensive operation since the CT Chapter, along with the Berkshire Chapter, will be co-hosting this event in July 1987 at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. A Trail Skills Exchange Workshop was sponsored by ATC and A50 at Camp Dodge in N.H. this fall for A.T. managing groups in New England. CT Trail had a full quota of seven present for the two days. A successful October Interchapter Weekend was held on the final completion of a three-year effort to relocate and reorient the Race Brook Trail. Many also enjoyed the evening, the evening picnic, and various accommodations at the hotel's home. And lastly, four representatives from the Trails Committee took part in the ATC New England Management Conference held in Hanover, N.H. The meeting was chaired by our Colin Talis who is Vice Chair for the New England Region in the ATC Board of Directors.

Before closing this report, a welcome is due to Dennis Rees, our new AMC Coordinator for Clean & Green. With the sale of the Undermountain House in Salisbury, Dennis is now operating from a new AMC Field Office in Dalton, Mass. We are glad to have him with us. Also, thanks must be extended to the trail volunteers and the many other individuals and organizations who have helped and supported our efforts over the past year.

Particular note is given here to the Housestone Valley Association which has generously allowed us to use their facilities at our time of need. And finally, my personal thanks to the Trails Committee for their support, understanding and jobs well done.

Trails Committee:
- Dick Blake
- Jack Barthome
- Hugh Clahan
- Ted Cowan
- Henry Edmunds
- John Greenlaw

John Holmes
Jim Lybeck
Ellen Luckey
Maria Menzies
Sharon Chese
Celia Tuff

Bob Dowd - Consultant
Doug Christie - Chair

WHITewater committee

The Connecticut Whitewater Centering conducted more than 60 trips in February through October 1987. A tentative schedule is prepared in October each year for the following year. Anticipated availability will include: canoe, kayak, and raft rentals, as break up, snow melt-down, and low water as the year progresses. As the various conditions change, the schedule will be rearranged accordingly. Trips can be held, but only after the trip and its leader are approved by the committee. Trip information is placed on the "Hot Line." 203 582-6973. The hot line committee is headed by Tom Franks. This line is heavily used.

The boaters are very cooperative. Each trip is led by an approved, competent, rated leader. Most state laws require that each person have a flotation cushion or vest aboard the water craft. We require that each person wear a personal flotation device (PFD). Closed boat paddlers and advanced canoe paddlers also wear helmets. Trip leaders will not allow paddlers without sufficient skills for the day's event to participate. They also require proper equipment and warm clothing, such as wet suits, hoods, drysuits, and other. Cotton is not recommended because it does not dry easily, which could lead to hypothermia.

Whitewater events are rated on Class I, II, III, or IV. The rivers are divided in AMC and other river guides. Paddlers are also rated on Class I, II, III, or IV according to their abilities. The rating definitions are standardized at all AMC Whitewater Chapters and most other whitewater groups. The CT AMC rating committee, headed by Steve Torvik, advises appropriates qualified persons to new levels after receiving evaluations from trip leaders.

Several training sessions were offered during the year:

- Class II, a weekday overnights. A week-long river, an in-pool during January/February. Solo Paddling Clinic, AMC New Member's Day Whitewater Experience, and a Whitewater Sampler for nominated paddlers.
The Class II and Sampler sessions were headed by Laura Lila Koonz: Rolling by Ed Chase, Solo by Tom Pliski; and New Member’s Day by Dick Pliski.

The Whitewater Committee maintains four Tandem (two-person) open canoes, two Solo (one-person) open canoes, and one C2 (closed tandem canoe). We furnish open canoes for the instruction sessions and rent them to whitewater and flatwater paddlers on official AMC trips for modest fees. Several whitewater leaders also lead official flatwater trips each year.

Trips are run on all New England rivers NY, PA, and WV each year. Most paddlers learn skills, safety, and techniques in tandem open canoes. Many, as their skills advance, become solo boaters, using a kayak, open solo canoe, or C2 (similar to a kayak, but paddled as a kneeling position with a single blade paddle).

Each paddler donates a dollar per trip. This provides funds for mailings, functions, and equipment. The group participates in the chapter, but is financially independent.

All AMC members are invited to attend Class II training or the Sampler next year.

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Ed Bossem, Chair

"AMC IN CONNECTICUT"
CONNECTICUT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The Connecticut Chapter Newsletter, "The AMC in Connecticut," was published twice in 1989. As usual, the April issue focused on conservation with additional space devoted to other committees and special activities, and the newsletter now has reached a significant number of members. The newsletter is distributed to each member twice a year, and the deadline for contributions is the last day of each month.

Publication and distribution of the newsletter depends upon the efforts of many volunteers. Thanks to all those who submitted articles and information for the newsletter. Thanks, as well, to Jeff O'Donnell for proofreading the newsletter. Finally, thanks to the interested, interesting, and cheerful mailing party people who worked together to get the newsletters out on time.

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Matt Donachie, Editor
MID- ATLANTIC REGIONAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

I would like to thank the CT Chapter for the warm welcome that I received when I started this position. The transition period was a bit rough, as I tried to continue my work responsibilities from my past AMC job and to also follow through with all the new job responsibilities of this position. The job has evolved to my spending 75% of my time on AT management issues in CT and MA, and 25% on "other" AMC projects, such as the Delaware Water Gap Project and the Catskill and Bascom Volunteer Trail Crew Program.

To assist in these responsibilities, I was able to hire a six month seasonal assistant, Tim Loveridge, to manage the seasonal programs. These included the trail crew and the Roving Caretaker programs.

The Roving Caretaker program consisted of one weekend person in the spring in the Salisbury area for four weekends, four persons for 13 weeks during the summer months, and one person for eight weekends in the fall. This program is responsible for educating AT users and for assessing the use and the condition of the trail. The spring and summer rovers talked with 2800 hikers. If anyone would like a copy of the final report, please contact my office.

This year 15,000 AT brochures were printed and distributed. The CT Light and Power property was officially transferred to the NPS this year, as well. We acquired 2.75 miles of trail, 311.54 acres in fee, and one mile and 24 acres of right-of-way. Undermountain House was also sold this year. The town purchased the house and surrounding areas, and the NPS purchased the AT trailhead abutting the property and the trailhead on Route 44. At this time, the NPS has purchased 31.3 miles of trail and 5.735 acres, with four miles and 1.374 acres yet to purchase. The state DEP has purchased 8.4 miles. The Connecticut Chapter has the responsibility for management and protection of this resource.

I would like to congratulate the CT Trails Committee for doing such a superb job fulfilling this major responsibility.

Dennis Regan
Regional Program Director