CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

I am delighted to report to you that our Chapter is solvent and growing, a condition that fewer and fewer organizations are able to enjoy in this economy. During the past year our membership increased by 11% and our surplus has remained healthy (see Treasurer's Report for details). This excellent position offers us a grand opportunity to provide more activities - existing, proposed and perhaps some not yet thought of - for more members in all sections of our state. It may not be easy or possible to meet all needs and expectations of all members, but we certainly shall try.

A classic example of trying and succeeding was demonstrated this past summer when Williams '91, the 28th General Meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference, was held at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Williams '91, co-hosted by the Connecticut and Berkshire Chapters of the Appalachian Mountain Club, attracted 1,304 paid registrants from 31 states, the District of Columbia, Denmark, England and Canada.

Derek Smith, the Williams '91 Co-Chair from our Chapter, devoted three years of her life to this biennial celebration which flowed flawlessly from day to day from July 19 through July 26, 1991. It was a memorable week of hiking, biking, canoeing, workshops, slide shows, exhibits, concerts, museums and the traditional Thursday night campfire and singalong as the finale.

Our thanks are extended to Derek, her Planning Committee - which included Harry Duren, John Greacen, Dane Millette, Connie Prout, Norm Sills, and Joan Tait - and the many, many volunteers who came from Connecticut to lead hikes and help out in other ways. Thank you, each and every one.

Meanwhile, back in Connecticut, we enjoyed our monthly schedule of activities throughout the year - from potluck suppers to work parties, from moonlight hikes to flatwater canoe trips, from cross-country skiing to backroad bicycling. And more of the same is planned for 1992. Many thanks to all of the people who made and will be making these activities possible.

Next year promises to be an exciting, innovative and evolutionary period in the history of our Chapter. We are growing at a rapid rate; how do we manage this growth? How do we provide opportunities for meaningful participation? How can we improve what we have been doing for years and yet preserve those traditions that have given our Chapter the unique reputation it enjoys among all AMC Chapters?

I am not sure what the answers are to these questions. But in seeking them, I am sure that together we will discover the very essence of this organization, this Connecticut Chapter, which has meant so much to so many of us. I urge you to become active in 1992 and join in this quest.

Ken Richardson, Chair
The 70th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Day’s Inn in Middletown, CT on Saturday, December 3, 1990.

Glen welcomed all and extended thanks to the Program Committee for its efforts in planning the Annual Meeting. Special thanks went to Gordon Guelin, Program Chairman, Richard Barros, Registrar, and Mary and Peter Deppelein for the preparation of the Annual Report. Glen asked the audience to note that this year’s report was printed on recycled paper.

Appreciation was also extended to all the other committees who put on the exceptionally fine program. Matt Brodeur’s “behind the scenes” work was also noted. Matt is our Newsletter Editor.

The following special guests were welcomed:

Mary and Ken Gildgen, Wachusett Chapter
Debra Blegen, Chair, Office of AMC
Kay Harris, Vice-President of Facilities
Wayne Parke, Treasurer, NY-41 Chapter
Ken Richardson presented a special plaque to Dee Christensen and Ronnie Gaulin from the Stanley Works to show our appreciation for the matching grant Stanley Works so generously contributed to the AMC.

A moment of silence was observed for the members of the Connecticut Chapter who had passed away this year - Earl Palmer, Robert Dowd, Peter Krowelit, Peter Stuartsteve, Mrs. Ernest Norton, Art Wilson, Mrs. George Calder, Roger Perrin, Frank Miller, Bruce Welch and John Sears.

Susan Peterson was then welcomed into the CT 400 Club. Susan has completed the CT Blue Trails System.

Examiners Co-Chair Trevor Leckey-Thomas came forward to recognize all hike leaders, especially those who led 5 or more hikes during the past year. Patches were awarded.

Three fifty-year members were recognized: Ray Harris, Robert Schaeffer, and Mary Ann Tait.

Members of the Executive Committee whose terms were up were thanked for their service and contributions – Don Patterson, Conservation Chairman; Ed Badger, Maintenance Chairman; and Bob Moxley and Dick Fleski, Whitewater Co-Chair.

Glen then called to order the 70th Annual Business Meeting of the CT Chapter of the AMC. The secretary’s report was accepted as printed in the 1990 Annual Report. A motion was made and passed to accept the treasurer’s report as printed.

Jeff O’Donnell presented a motion to create a position of Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee. Motion passed.

The nominating committee was thanked for its diligence in putting together the 1991 slate: Karl Rosenthal, Anne Millbrook, Carolyn Olson, Elaine Lackey and Ledge Clayton, Chair.

Ledge Clayton presented the slate of nominees for 1991 as follows:

Jeff O’Donnell
Kathleen Wright
Paul Marcuse
Judy Snyder
Priscilla Aloise
Merri Simmons
Trevor Jones
Bill Russell
Jan Diffties
Trish Knecht
Don Haidler
Paul Ives
Gordon Guelin
Doug Christie
Steve Sokolowski
Mary Deppelein
Ken Richardson
Glen Parke
Jeff O’Donnell
Chairman
Kathleen Wright
Treasurer
Paul Marcuse
Conservation
Judy Snyder
Education

The secretary cast one ballot for the above named slate.

Finally, Glen conducted the Red Hat Ceremony. All Past Chairs were asked to come forward wearing their red hats. Glen passed the red hat on to Jeff O’Donnell, incoming chair.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the 70th Annual Meeting of the CT Chapter be adjourned.

Mary Deppelein
Secretary
## TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1990

**Cash on Hand January 1, 1990:**
- Harbor National Bank - Certificate: $-0-
- Harbor National Bank - Checking: 10,597.55
- The Village Bank - Checking: 5,781.81
- The Village Bank - Certificate: 784.95
- Society for Savings - Memorial Account: 784.95
  - **Total Held by Treasurer:** $17,164.31

**Cash Held by Committees:**
- Whitewater: $1,856.25
- Mt. Riga: 3,253.81
  - **Total Held by Committee:** 5,110.06

**Total Held by Treasurer:** $22,274.37

**Revenue Collected:**
- AMC Transfers (Dues Collected): $16,937.75
- Program Activity Contributions (Note 1): 17,910.95
- Grants Received: 3,635.21
- Chapter Merchandise Sales and Advertising: 2,434.50
- Contributions Received: 604.48
- Adjustments: 172.94
- Interest Income: 963.42
  - **Net Increase in Mt. Riga Cash Balance:** 904.38
  - **Net Increase in Whitewater Cash Balance:** 153.46
  - **Total Revenue:** $41,908.33

**Total Available Funds:** $64,182.70

**Expenditures Made:**
- Cost of Program Activities: $17,121.04
- Cost of Used Equipment and Books: 1,712.18
- Cost of Merchandise Purchased: 324.48
- Contributions Made (Note 2): 1,400.00
- Program Location Deposits: -195.00
  - **Committee/Administration Operating Expenses:** Admin: 4,837.55
  - Conservation: 394.38
  - Education: 47.39
  - Excursions: 1,086.71
  - Fairfield County: 827.50
  - Membership: 1,495.50
  - Mountaintop: 60.75
  - Newsletter: 2,292.35
  - Program: 87.72
  - Trails: 3,478.89
  - **Total Expenditures:** 35,071.45

**Cash on Hand December 31, 1990:** $29,111.25

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**Cash Held by Treasurer:**
- Harbor National Bank - Certificate: $-0-
- Harbor National Bank - Checking: 10,412.92
- The Village Bank - Checking: 13,005.70
- The Village Bank - Certificate: 834.49
  - **Total Held by Treasurer:** $24,752.11

**Cash Held by Committees:**
- Whitewater: $2,009.71
- Mt. Riga: 2,249.43
  - **Total Held by Committee:** $4,259.14

**Total Held by Treasurer:** $29,211.25

**Note 1:** Actual grants received in $9,665.00 of which $6,029.79 has been expended to date.

**Note 2:** The following 1990 contributions were approved at the September Committee meeting and were distributed in November:

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Paul Varelas, Treasurer
# Treasurer's Report

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**Note 1** - Contributions of $1,000 have been approved for 1991 distribution and these will be made in December.

Paul Marasco, Treasurer
WILLIAMS '91

The culmination of about three years of planning, Williams '91 took place between July 14th and 16th. There were 1,306 registrants, up from the 1989 figure of 1,255. We were hosted by an extraordinarily heat wave which lasted through the first three days, but the conference otherwise went very well. Highlights of the weekend included the premier of Lynn Wehmer's new videotape about the Long Trail, Brad Washburn's spectacular presentation on mapping North America and an important keynote speech about national energy policy delivered by U.S. Representative John Olver.

Fifty workshops, including a week-long quilting bee, were an important part of the program, as were the five panels developed to discuss special and sometimes controversial themes. Thirty bus excursions throughout the week took conference participants to such historical sites as Arrowhead, Hancock Shaker Village and Ossipee Missisquoi Village, as well as to cultural events including the Park Playhouse, Jacob's Pillow and the Clark Art Institute. And every day there were morning, afternoon and evening hikes, many of which were over-subscribed. In this instance, the heat proved a blessing, encouraging many people to look for cool places to spend an afternoon. Also included in the array of offerings to Williams '91 participants were several bike trips, as well as raft and canoe excursions.

A final accounting is not yet available, but we are happy to report that Williams '91 did have a surplus of something around $18,000. This will be divided equally between the Appalachian Trail Conference, the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Conservation Committee of the AMC.

While the work involved in planning and producing an event of this magnitude involved a significant expenditure of time and energy, those Connecticut Trail Conference members who worked together on Williams '91 are proud of having made a success of this logistical challenge. We enjoyed working with the Berkshires Chapter in a rewarding cooperative relationship and appreciate the valuable contributions to the overall effort made by members of other chapters, particularly Wyoming. A total of about 400 people worked to make Williams '91 a success.

Many of those people were Connecticut Trail Conference members and to all of them we owe our thanks. Special appreciation goes to Ann Bailey, Dick and Lucille Bartko, Dick Blake, Doug Christie, Barry and Mary Ann Doucette, by Johnson, Sue Hussey, John Langone, Trish Kiel, Ken Richardson, Nancy Bills, Jane Heimbach, Jeanne Thompson and Collins and Debbie Tait.

Williams '91 Committee (Connecticut Chapter Members):
Derek Smith
Julie Greenfield
Connie Proud
Jean Talia
Harry Ouren
Dave Millette
Norm Bills

Derek Smith, Co-Chair

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

This has been a good year for the Conservation Committee and our four areas of study, Rivers, Long Island Sound, Rail-to-Trails and Open Space are pulling together nicely.

Although our task was complicated, our program for the Long Island Sound was cancelled due to inclement weather. Edie Rall, a volunteer who has been a part of the program for several years, put on a field trip leading the Farley River at People's State Park and spoke with us about that river. The Conservation Committee, October 19th, will also have "rivers" as its theme and will speak to us about the work with American Rivers based in Washington, D.C.

On Sunday, September 8th, Fred Riccio spoke with us about his trip to the Rail-to-Trails Convention. Fred is working for several years with this organization and their accomplishments sound very exciting. He also led us on a field trip to see some of the proposed sites for the Scantic River Park which included a section of abandoned rail property. I have been trying to get some information on the effects of the new budget on the DEP, but it is still too early to tell just how things will shift. However, general consensus is that there will not be extra dollars or manpower, therefore the volunteer work by groups such as ourselves will be even more important.

Although the results of the conservation issues are not immediately, I find the subject matter to be fascinating and very far reaching. There are a lot of contributions to be made in this field and I hope you are interested in how they can become involved and contribute will contact me. CONSERVATION IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY!

Judy Snyder
Conservation Chairman
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Annual Meeting Program Plans:

American Red Cross CPR Training is planned 4:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Annual Meeting. Notice has been printed in the Bulletin and mail newsletter. Instructors will be Fran Aloias and Craig Woods.

Organization of "Restructuring of Connection Chapter" Committee:

A committee was formed with 10 members from the Executive Committee, with their first meeting on 10/28/91. Purpose of the committee is for evaluating the planned growth of the Connecticut Chapter and administering the growth.

Research for Semi-Annual Meeting for 1992:

The idea of holding a "semi-annual meeting" during the summer versus which would include workshops, hikes and evening meal was discussed at Executive Committee meetings throughout the year. Research on locations, dates and feedback from the Executive Committee was done in preparation for this event. The decision was to have a one day event at Mohonk in July, 1992.

Committee Task Lists:

A master task list, outlining tasks for each committee, was compiled with copies distributed to each committee chair. The purpose of the task lists is to keep all committee chairs informed as to the needs of the committee and to be used as a referral system. The task lists can also be handed out at AMC functions to anyone wanting to get involved in volunteer projects or potential committee members.

Fran Aloias, Chair

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Excursions Committee coordinates a varied program of day hikes, backpacking, cross-country skiing, bicycling, flatwater canoeing, family activities and weekend excursions. The individual activity coordinators (members to follow) have all tried to provide a creative mix of events to appeal to the widest membership, even at times when circumstances (such as lack of snow) have deterred high participation levels. Interest and participation levels in all activities seem to cycle over the years and we ask the coordinators a lot of thanks for keeping all these activities going.

Judy Snyder and Heidi Pachmann have been the Bulletin Editors this year, preparing the activity schedule on the computer to send to Boston and following up with the various coordinators when deadlines approach or questions arise. Our former Chapter Chair, Jeff O’Connell, continued to maintain the chapter database in absentia for several months until Judy Snyder offered to assume that very important responsibility also, including the generation of reports and mailings. Kathy Lindbeck is still mailing out trip report forms to hike leaders (but after several years is reasonably asking to be replaced - any volunteers?). Again, these people should receive all our thanks for keeping activities hanging together.

The committee continues to encourage and qualify new hike leaders through active participation in running hikes with current leaders. One leadership training hike was scheduled specifically to answer questions and provide experience for members interested in becoming leaders. More of such hikes will be offered during the next year.

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Cross-Country Skiing Coordinator - Bob Dickman

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* Includes weekend trips

Blue Trail Series: Steve Brack

Steve Brack completed his tenure of several years as Blue Trails Coordinator this year. We are currently seeking someone to take over the organization of this series of hikes. During 1991, there were 42 hikes (covering 42 miles) offered as an opportunity for those interested in completing all the CT Blue Trails. Hikes and were as follows: the Old Furnace Trail, Ski City, Fox Knob Loop, People's Forest, Quinapiac and Salmon River trails.

CT 400 Club: Darryl Bonet

Darryl Bonet continues to monitor the completion by AMC members of the 400 miles of Blue Trails in Connecticut. During this past year Susan Peterson reached this goal. Congratulations, Susan!

Monthly Hike Coordinators: January - December, 1991

Each month day hikes are coordinated by a different person who solicits hikes by mail, follows up by phone and attempts to obtain a balanced mix of "A", "B" and "C" hikes. The PDC hike coordinator for the entire year was Leona Kierer. Without these people we would have a very thin offering indeed!

Carl Rosenbuhl Betty Robinson Don Morgan
Marion Ledger-Thomas Harry Caldwell Bob Vinopal
John Arnow Donna Arnes Rich Rahnig
Norman King'sley David Cullen

Extravaganza Committee: (1991)

Jeri Lyons Leona Kierer Bob Dickinson
Jake Koe Chuck McDonough David Cullen
Harry Duren Steve Brack Paul Burton
Darryl Bonet Judy Snyder Kathy Lindbeck
Heidi Parchmann

Marvi Swanson, Co-Chair
Trevor Ledger-Thomas, Co-Chair

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMITTEE

The Fairfield group of the Connecticut AMC is growing because there is a need in the area for the kinds of things that the AMC can deliver.

We like to hike and enjoy the outdoors as well as the camaraderie of periodic AMC meetings without having to drive too far. We concentrate on AMC activities in Fairfield County.

The FDC has given us a working point of communication with people of like interest in the out of doors and the response has been very rewarding.

We have bi-monthly pot-luck dinners on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in Fairfield at the Congregational Church. Not only do we have great meals following a wine and cheese party, but each meeting includes an interesting speaker. For example, in November 15th, we'll hear Jim Randell talk us about hiking in Hawaii. We've had shows on climbing Mt. Everest by successful climber and Barton resident, Ian Wade, as well as hiking the Blue Trails in Connecticut. Plenty of variety.

Our group has grown from a few hundred a few years ago, to a mailing list of over 1,000. Where will it stop?

We publish a bi-monthly bulletin called The Hiker. It's free to all and tells of our events. If you would like to be on the mailing list, call John Berry, Jr. at (203) 837-1509. He'll be happy to add your name. Hope to see you at one of our pot-lucks.

William Russell, Chair
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The CT Chapter of AAC has grown to 4,832 members! Over 850 new memberships were added to the chapter in 1991.

This year our goal was to personally contact incoming members. Each month welcoming calls were made to as many new members as possible. Making calls and serving as area contactors:

Bill Emerson
Don Barwick
Elizabeth Buckley
Mary Whitehead
Jeri Lyons

Martine Flory
Denise King
Deborah Shea
Martine Koppa

Our thanks to Garry Neely for continuing to serve the CT Chapter by sending out membership information.

Several new activities were hosted by the Membership Committee through the efforts of Betty Robinson, David Cullen, and Martine Flory. An informational session and social gathering for new and prospective members was held in the Groton Library in May. Members from the area joined Martine to demonstrate and answer questions. This event was a first for the area and was well attended.

This year David Cullen successfully solicited family activities in the eastern part of the state. In September David sent special invitations to members in the Norwich area to join in the Green Falls Housatonic. Various hikes were held followed by a cook-out picnic supper. Unfortunately the weather was bad, however those attending had a good day.

Thanks to Betty for sponsoring hikes and potlucks in the northeastern part of the state. And new members joined old-timers for an evening of food, fellowship and slide show at Trish Niece's in Wallingford.

The annual CT Chapter's New Member's Day was held September 21. Many thanks to the activity leaders who helped to make this day a success. We needed "green tags" 58 new members joined in the evening festivities in Goshen, featuring our own Anne Bailey's slide show on New Zealand.

Active on the Membership Committee during the past year were:

Anne Bailey
Lodge Clayton
David Cullen
Betty Robinson
Paul Burton
Jeri Lyons

Our thanks for their never-ending help and faithfulness!

Janet D'Ippolito, Co-Chair
Trish Niece, Co-Chair

REMAINDERING COMMITTEE

Our committee started the year by hosting a winter trip to northern New England for ice climbing, backcountry and downhill skiing, snowmobiling and hiking.

for ice climbing, backcountry and downhill skiing, snowmobiling and hiking: in British Columbia - other major trips this year included mountaineering in British Columbia - Canada, and Alaska - USA, with one member even reaching the summit of Denali.

We participated in a clean-up at the Quonquont School Pals, MV in May, with a great turnout of 30 plus climbers from various AAC chapters, including CT, Berkshire, Delaware and others.

Our Beginner's Introduction this year was a huge success. We expected approximately 15 people and ended up with 32. The weather was good for both days and the ability and attitude of many was generally higher than last year.

Our technical rock climbing program included 36 one-day or two-day weekend excursions in CT, NY, NH and ME and 11 Wednesday afternoons.

Issues regarding Ragged Mountain in Connecticut, the most popular rock climbing area in CT, occupied a large amount of time for some members. The Nature Conservancy had offered to turn over a parcel of land at Ragged to the AAC, the Conservancy had received a new lease on the property. The lease on the property.

The ownership, access and other issues are all in flux at present, though it seems probable that the AAC will not take ownership due to liability and other concerns. We hope that an independent organization forms and that we might support it and be part of a coalition to help the group to reconcile these issues for benefit of all.

Committee Members:

Jim Baldwin
Al Carrillo
Don Rechelt, Chair

PAIDOS COMMITTEE

Our committee has continued to serve the chapter by putting on four potluck suppers, the Spring Dinner and the Annual Meeting. We provided the program for the mid-winter potluck, when Douglas Webster showed slides of Alaska "Out of the Arctic National Park", which is four times the size of Yellowstone and nearly 100 miles above the Arctic Circle; at the Spring Dinner, when Marge Goodbody showed slides about the Tetons; Mianerra, which are located in the eastern part of Poland along the Czechoslovakia border; and at the Annual Meeting when Ellie Bockstadt, a storyteller, told four humorous stories about nature and ecology "In Concert with Nature".

The Annual Meeting on December 1, 1990 at the Days Inn in Murrieta, consisted of a CPW course in the morning, new workshops led by chapter committees in the afternoon and an evening banquet and program. A total of 250 people joined us for dinner and 94 others came only in the afternoon. We netted about $460 on the book and used equipment sales.

We were fortunate to have been able to use the Third Congregational Church in Middletown and the Church of Christ in Goshen for our four potluck suppers, the Spring Dinner was held at the Chequers Country in Chequers. We are always on the lookout for suitable facilities for our meetings.
We welcome additional members to our committee, even to help out at one or two events. Our committee members worked faithfully 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 in the best "Apple" tradition.

Active Committee Members:

- Lucille Barta
- Richard Barta
- Rowland Bartula
- Erwin Blanton
- Harriet Carpenter
- Richard Dreher
- Peter Ervin
- Bill Hayden
- Gregory Golden

- Beale Hall
- Roger Hall
- Dave Haws
- Tom Walsworth
- Irving Mills
- Wilford Parker
- Wilma Wise
- Helen Walet

MT. RIGA COMMITTEE

This last year has been busy at the Northwest Camp. The cabin steadily increased to 130 nights registered with still more people stopping in off the trail to rest and visit throughout the year.

The Annual Bash Hunting Party on Nov. 1st saw an excellent turnout of hardy men. All the wood was cut and stacked by early afternoon. With the extra manpower, the cut house was moved, cabin cleaned, and prepared for the year ahead. Also the 8-Line Trail was worked on.

The Mt. Riga Committee sponsored 4 hikes over the July 20-21 Williams '91 weekend. We consolidated 4 hikes down to 2 because of the turnout. All who attended enjoyed the hikes despite the high temperatures that day. The BBQ on Saturday was a real hit for the hungry hiker.

The summer months this year saw the most use ever for June, July and August. It was probably due to the comfortable late season with its new emphasis. On New Member's Day the cabin was open for visitors who wished to stop by, inspect or ask questions about the camp.

We wish to thank those that have helped throughout the year to maintain and run events: Karl Mollett, Marion Kopp, Dave Terrill, Rod Parke and the C.T. Carter Clan and all those Ridgemen for helping to maintain a constant surveillance over the Mt. Camp.

Please contact the Mt. Riga Committee for information or see the ANC Bulletin for details on upcoming events.

TRAILS COMMITTEE

The past year has been busy and productive as the Trails Committee worked to fulfill its major responsibility of managing and maintaining the National Appalachian Trail in Connecticut. It has been a year when major effort was devoted to completing not only many identified trail needs, but also a number of other major projects. Thanks to the efforts of many of these efforts have been successful and ongoing responsibilities have been met.

Much credit for maintaining our operations again goes to those on the Management Team. They are the front line, day in and day out. Agents who collectively make a difference. Currently this includes 14 guides who meet and greet and assist the public who use our trails, the 12 maintainers who assume responsibility for assigned sections of the Trail and the 31 Monitors who are the eyes and ears in protecting specific units of the nearly 7,000 acres of NPS land in Connecticut. Also included are members of the Trails Committee with their various assigned responsibilities, the Silver Mill Committee and others who assist in specific volunteer roles. All are important and all deserve recognition. While figures are not yet in for this year, volunteer time in the field for these contributors will certainly exceed 2,000 hours.

In addition to the above, our Work Program involved many other volunteers carried out major Trail, field management and construction projects. These workers also deserve credit for helping with a most important operation. Tentative figures now indicate approximately 40 work parties took place this year with a total of about 2,500 work hours and involving at least 175 different people - our largest recorded yearly count. The results of this year's efforts have been significant; some examples follow:

- We have caught up with most of the identified, high priority, major trail work needs, although we know now ones will certainly arise.
- The relocation of the A.T. this year over Prospect Mt. was a major step in finalizing the permanent Trail location. It eliminated a long road walk, added miles to the Trail and opened excellent new vistas.
- With the summit of Broadway Mt. now H.P. land, the major feeder from P.T. at P.T. (one end of the Notch Trail) is now located to hit the summit before going onto the A.T.
- Shelter and camping area needs are now in place for the foreseeable future with added provisions for group sites included. Silver Hill has operated this year as a camping area with considerable success. The proposed recommendation is to continue this use for next year and put off a decision to possibly erect a lean-to until another year. There no longer is significant support for rebuilding a cabin.
- Sanitary facilities are now provided at all overnight locations and a program for maintenance and repair for older units is in place.
- In the area of land management, our Open Space Plan is now in place with all permits scheduled for this year completed. Maintenance and study continue with our reference effort; Special Use Permits are being more carefully monitored.

Our Ridgemen Program (formerly known as Bucksters) deserves special mention again this year. With the steadily increased use of the Trail by individuals and groups and the pressures involved, what started 13 years ago as a small idea has become a real necessity. Fortunately, it has also become an excellent program and a model for duplication on other Trail areas. The
persons hired are paid employees of the AMC, supervised by Tim Lovejoy, the A.T. Coordinator from the N.E. Office. The Trails Committee oversees the program, however. This year, particularly, our Guides and the Ridgescout groups worked closely and effectively together to further strengthen the operation with strong credits to Henry Elmes, Guide Coordinator, and Trail Liaison to the Ridgescout groups. The service given, problems handled, community relations furthered, outreach programs initiated and good will generated deserves our recognition and thanks.

In past years there has been one Ridgescout on duty weekends in the fall and spring, both increasingly busy seasons, with our volunteer Guides left to handle further coverage. This is no longer realistic or adequate. This fall two Ridgescouts have been hired with the Chapter to cover most of the weekends if funds can be found elsewhere. The hope is that the position will be a regular budget item some year.

- A new Management Plan for the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut has been completed and formally approved following a two-year study. Thanks mainly to the volunteer efforts and generosity of Art Bailey, our long-time Trail supporter, the plan has been computerized and thirty copies printed, with covers for distribution to various parties. It is an ongoing, basic operational document with provisions for revisions as needed.

- The final draft of a new Memorandum of Understanding for the Appalachian National Scenic Trail in Connecticut has been completed and should be signed by the "parties" involved before the end of this year. This includes the ATC, Appalachian Trail Project, Appalachian Trail Conference, AMC and our CT chapter. This update and improvements to the agreement that expired in 1985.

- The Natural History Inventory of the A.T. in CT, initiated late last year, has completed the field work. The report is now in process and should be in our hands late this year or early in 1992. This continues to involve support from our Monitor program. Recommendations will be incorporated in our operations.

- A pilot program with our first group camping area has been completed, assessed and recommendations approved. This area, now identified as Paradise Group Camping Area, will continue in use but the permit system will be dropped. Also, other group camping sites will be established in existing camping areas.

- A special committee studying the possibility of additional trails in the former Stanley Tract has submitted its report and recommendations for consideration and probable action at the Nov. Trails meeting.

- And finally, Williams '91, the 29th Biennial Meeting of the Appalachian Trail Conference held at Williamsburg VA on July 19-24 and jointly sponsored by the CT and Berkshires Chapters of AMC was a tremendous success. Over 1,250 people from all parts of the country and abroad participated. In its promise to provide "all reasonable support", the Trails Committee and Trails volunteers were heavily represented and major contributors. In addition to the excellent Trail display, Trails people and others who help were able to meet and present about 8 hours at "The Shelter" and leaders in the overall planning and operational details. Special thanks go to Gerda Smith who devoted several years of effort as Co-Chair of the project and who contributed so much to its success.

Throughout the year a variety of other activities took place, many with a strong emphasis on service and/or sociability. Trails returned again for a weekend of trail work at FRED in the Delaware Water Gap and a Trails Work Weekend at Camp Dodge, NH. Also, we assisted the CT Forest & Park Assoc. in sponsoring a trail maintenance workshop in eastern CT for their volunteers and provided people power to help with two joint work parties to help reopen the Highland Trail. A weekend Trail Maintenance Workshop and component was held in the spring and a Work Weekend with potluck and overnight stay this past fall. Other events included a Management Meeting in Southington and a Workshop for Guides and Ridgescouts in June. The Trails Committee also was represented at the 1st E. Management Meeting, the E. Trails Assoc. Conference, meetings of the AMC Trails Committee and both AMC Leadership Weekends this past year.

Our thanks to all who have helped behind the scenes or on the Trail. It's only through all such support that the achievements of the past year have been possible and the goals of next year will be realized.

Trails Committee:
- George Andrews
- Dick Blake
- Rose Brown
- Hugh Cockran
- Ted Davis
- Harry Elmes
- John Greener
- Tim Lovejoy
- Jim Lipnick
- Elaine Lucci
- Maria Menahan
- Paul Palmer
- Cherry Penfield
- Dennis Regan
- Ken Robinson
- Richard Rowan
- Mark Sills
- Cole Tait
- Doug Christie, Chair
- Staff

WHITESTONE COMMITTEE

CT AMC Whitewater leaders conducted over 50 trips during the 1991 paddling season. Each fall a tentative schedule of trips is prepared for the following year encompassing the months from January to November. On a typical weekend there is a trip scheduled on mild water close to home with another trip scheduled on more difficult water somewhere in greater New England. The schedule is built around seasonal events such as ice breaking, snowmelt, dam releases and annual periods of low and high water. As seasonal weather modifies paddling conditions, the schedule is modified. Changes are posted in Appalachia when they allow, and more often, are announced on the CT AMC Whitewater Hotline (203-563-6578), a message tape coordinated by Whitewater committee member Dick Plunk. Improvised trips (especially after rainy weather) are arranged through the message tape. The hotline is used extensively through the season to keep paddlers updated on current information. Packagers are charged $1.00 per person per trip to participate on trips. This provides funds for mailing, functions and equipment.

The CT AMC Whitewater Packagers emphasize safe paddling. Each trip is led by an approved, rated leader. Whitewater packagers on trips are required to wear personal flotation devices (PFD's), have clothing appropriate to the weather (wet or dry suit when needed), use helmets when paddling open boats in difficult water, carry personal first aid and rescue equipment and to have boat flotation appropriate to the paddling conditions. Trip leaders review the skill levels and equipment necessary to participate.
safety on a particular trip as paddlers register. Trip leaders are responsible for trip safety, and may decline participation on a trip to a paddler that they feel not ready to take on the level of water for a particular trip. Trip leaders also establish the guidelines for safety on the water, such as running order and scouting.

Whitewater rivers are rated on the International Scale of Difficulty on Class I, II, III, IV, V & VI. CT AMC trips are scheduled on rivers Class II (beginner) to Class IV (expert). Description of rivers are found in AMC river guides and other guides. To ensure safe paddling, AMC paddlers are rated by their ability to the level of river they can safely paddle. Paddlers are rated as class 2, 3, 4 or 5 paddlers. For example, a Class 3 paddler has demonstrated the ability to handle any situation presented by Class III water and paddles with the safety precautions necessary to Class III water. A Rating Committee headed by Dick Fiskel and Ray Lenkin review ratings at the end of the paddling season and based on trip leader evaluations make adjustments to ratings as necessary. The AMC Interchapter Council Committee establishes guidelines for ratings across the club. The chapters try to coordinate rating requirements to allow paddlers to safely participate on other chapter trips. Thus, CT Class III paddlers can participate in a similar rated trip offered by another chapter.

The Whitewater Committee maintains a supply of canoes and equipment. These are used in instruction classes and are rented for use on CT AMC whitewater and flatwater trips. The equipment includes fully outfitted open-tandem boats, solo high-performance open boats, paddles, PFD’s and a kayak. Dick Fiskel (203-562-4011) coordinates equipment rental from his home in Bristol. Some equipment is kept at the home of Bill McCallum in Milford. Better access by paddlers in the southern part of the state.

Most paddlers progress in skills from tandem open boating, to solo boating, to closed boat paddling. Paddlers wishing to progress in skills can take advantage of several training sessions held during the year. During the summer months weekday and weekend trips at Thriftville Camp become "unofficial" training sessions when warm water and excellent weather make pushing your luck a more pleasant proposition. Training sessions held this year include:

-Closed Boat Paddling, January-February, Suffield Academy Pool - Ed Chase
-Beginning Whitewater Training, two day training and practice "Lurie's Loop" - Renee Hume
-Beginning Kayak Clinic, one day session - Chuck Noonan
-Solo Paddling Clinic, one day session - Tom Fiskel
-Site Whitewater Seminar, one day session for AMC members who want a wild taste of whitewater - Ed Bouchard

CT AMC Whitewater Committee:

Ed Bouchard  Chuck Bowden
Ed Chase  Ken Cook
Renee Hume  Mark Kromeritz
Laurie Kromeritz  Jan Larkin
Ray Larkin  Bill McCallum
Dick Fiskel  Tom Fiskel
Leo Sandham  Delores Sandham
Donna Williams  Nancy Wendt
Don Saunders  Tim Ecker

Steve Sokolowski, Chair

"AMC in Connecticut" CONCERNIT Chapter Newsletter

The Connecticut Chapter Newsletter, "The AMC in Connecticut," was published twice in 1991. Conservation was emphasized in both issues. The October issue was devoted principally to the Annual Meeting. Both issues featured a number of questionnaires related to various operations and planned activities of the chapters. William '91 was highlighted in the April issue and reviewed in the October issue. Both issues contained committee reports and a variety of other information.

One of the significant changes in the Newsletter this year was the use of a commercial bulk mailer. Also, water seals were used to seal the Newsletter, thus providing a more professional looking mailing and a document which is easier to open.

Use of a bulk mail service meant the demise of the mailing parties. We thank those who have contributed to those parties over the years. The fellowship was outstanding but the additional time was more than your editor could spare.

Thanks to all who contributed items for the Newsletter. Also, thanks to Jeff O'Donnell who provided the crisp laser copy used to print the Newsletter. Thanks as well to the printer and mailer who did a fine job at a very reasonable price, on time! Lastly, thanks should go to my wife, Martin, who put up with my nocturnal efforts twice a year and who typed much of the script for the October Newsletter.

Matt Donohue, Editor
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A special thanks is given to the members of the nominating committee for their diligence in putting together the 1992 slate.

Carolyn Olsen  
Eleanor Bielak  
Carl Rosenthal  
Norma Paggioli  
John Langhans, Chair

NOMINATIONS FOR 1992 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Chapter by-laws, the nominating committee is pleased to present the following slate for 1992:

Chair  Ken Richardson  
Vice Chair  Mary Dorpalen  
Secretary  Robert Vinopol  
Treasurer  Dave Jenkins  
Conservation  Judy Snyder  
Education  Open  
Excursions  Carl Rosenthal  
Fairfield County  Merri Swanson  
Membership  Bill Russell  
Mountaineering  Francine Aloisa  
Mt. Riga  Betty Robinson  
Program  Don Reichler  
Trails  Paul Ives  
Whitewater  Gordon Gaulin  
Member-at-large  Open*  
Past Chair  Jan Larkin  

*Norm Sills has offered to act as interim Trails Chair until a permanent Chair is found.