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MISSION STATEMENT

Through our broad range of activities and programs, the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club encourages people to enjoy and appreciate the natural world. We believe that successful conservation depends on this experience. The Connecticut Chapter Club promotes the protection, enjoyment and responsible use of the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut as well as of the other trails, rivers and byways within the state in cooperation with other maintenance organizations. We believe that the mountains and rivers have an intrinsic worth as well as provide recreational opportunity, spiritual renewal and ecological and economic health for the state. The members of the Connecticut Chapter of the AMC form a network of users and stewards who protect these areas and educate others as to their use.

Adopted May 1993

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1993 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chapter Chair	Mary Dorpalen
Secretary	Mary-Jane Gately
Treasurer	Dave Jenkins
Past Chair	Ken Richardson
Bicycling Committee Chair	Harry Duren
Conservation Committee Chair	Don Patterson
Education Committee Chair	Paula Burton
Excursions Committee Co-Chairs	Carl Rosenthal
Fairfield County Committee Chair	Rich Rahmig
Membership Committee Co-Chairs	Chuck MacMath
Mountaineering Committee Chair	Betty Robinson
Mount Riga Committee Chair	Marilyn Harper
Newsletter Committee Chair	Rick Orsini
Program Committee Chair	Gary Canant
Trails Committee Chair	Matt Donachie
Whitewater Committee Chair	Helen Goulet
Whitewater Liaison to Board	Henry Edmonds
Ad Hoc Computer Committee Co-Chairs	Cord Gasque
Member-at-Large	Jan Larkin
Regional Director	Paul Duclos
	Chris Dutro
	Dave Cullen
	Anne Bailey

CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

1993 has brought growth and expansion to the Connecticut Chapter of the AMC. Through the on-going efforts of creative and tireless volunteers, we have continued to meet the needs of our 6,638 members. I would like to extend my personal thanks to the chairs of all of the committees of the Executive Committee for their gifts of leadership and organizational skills which have enabled our chapter to offer such an array of diverse activities this year. Further perusal of this report will attest to this fact.

Highlights of accomplishments this year include:

- ... The adoption of a mission statement for our chapter which is in line with the "Statement of Purpose" from the "Vision for AMC in the Year 2000."
- ... Organization, under the guidance of Gordon Gaulin, of Fall Meeting '93 (formerly Fall Volunteer Leadership Weekend). This club-wide event was held at the HemLocks Conference Center in Hebron, Connecticut, in October, with 135 delegates attending.
- ... Expansion of our leadership training opportunities, through the efforts of our Education Committee, which has resulted in the strengthening of our trip leadership base.
- ... Expansion of the biking activities offered which have met with an excellent response necessitating advance booking for the more popular trips.
- ... Organization (under the auspices of our Membership Committee) of Northeast/East of the River potlucks and hikes which have been supported by a special newsletter. We would like to see this group take on a life of its own in 1994.
- ... Support of the Connecticut Forest and Parks Association's organization of Connecticut National Trails Day in June. Appreciation is extended to all of our hike leaders who participated in this event as well as to our Program and Membership Committee who organized the after-hike events.
- ... Establishment of a voice mail system (Connecticut AMC Information Line, managed efficiently by Mac Harper) and expansion of our computer capabilities under the direction of our Ad Hoc Computer Committee.
- ... Continued responsible management and protection of the Connecticut portion of the Appalachian Trail by our Trails Committee, a knowledgeable, experienced and committed group of volunteers.

As we look forward to 1994 and the work which remains, I would like to encourage all who read this report and have not served on a committee to consider doing so. It is only through the efforts of our volunteers that we continue to be a strong and vital chapter of the AMC.

Mary Dorpalen, Chapter Chair

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING - 1992

The 1992 Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Park Inn in Meriden, Connecticut, on Saturday, December 5, 1992.

Chapter Chair Ken Richardson could not be present, because of recent surgery. Jeff O'Donnell, Immediate Past Chair, conducted the meeting, and reported the very welcome news that Ken was doing well. Jeff remarked that it was only justice, finally to find himself stuck with running the annual meeting! Jeff had to leave the state in a job move only a few months into his term as Chair, and Ken took over for him then.

Door prizes were awarded, and Jeff asked for a show of hands by members attending their first Annual Meeting. Applause greeted a response by perhaps a quarter of the audience.

Jeff then introduced Chapter member Dick Blake, Trails Chairman of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association. Dick announced CFPA plans to offer hikes on all 500 miles of the Blue Trails system and other trails in the Mark Book on National Trails Day, June 5, 1993. Governor Malcher is expected to declare that day as Connecticut Trails Day, and many people in positions to help preserve and augment Connecticut Blue Trails and other outdoor resources -- mayors, planning and zoning commissioners, legislators, land trust administrators, and the like, as well as the general public -- will be invited to participate in hikes. Dick called on the Connecticut AMC, "the one real hiking organization in the state," to assist by providing leaders for hikes, and distributed sign-up sheets.

Jan Larkin, Whitewater Committee Chair, was introduced. She announced two Whitewater Lifetime Appreciation Awards, each in recognition of more than twenty years of whitewater service. One of these went to Ed Chase, who has conducted rolling sessions on eight Friday nights in January and February for the last twenty-three years -- and who will be back at it again in 1993. The other award went to Dick Ploski, who has done everything for the committee except rolling sessions for the last 20 years.

Jeff thanked all those involved in the planning for the Annual Meeting. Appreciation was expressed to Gordon Gaulin and the rest of the hard-working Program Committee, with special thanks to the Registrar, Richard Bartsch; to Bob Vinson, Chapter Secretary, who sent invitations and prepared the Annual Report; to all of the Chapter members, from every one of our twelve Committees, who planned and staffed booths, exhibits, forums, workshops, slide and film presentations, and the book and used equipment sale; and to Matt Donachie, Newsletter Editor, for the Newsletter issue announcing the meeting and program.

AMC Executive Director Andy Falender was introduced and spoke briefly, emphasizing the progress made by the Club by referring to the notes he used on his 1989 visit to the Connecticut Chapter Annual Meeting. In 1989 the AMC had a record 37,000 members, and in 1992 another record, 55,000. The AMC ascribed this dramatic growth to dynamic chapters like ours. During 1989 the Connecticut Chapter had 134 new members, as compared to 1,009 for 1992. In 1989 our number of volunteer leaders and activities hit a new high, and that was true again this year. The financial health of the AMC

has followed this same positive trend. In 1989, the decrease in long term debt to \$500,000 was a cause for action; but now in 1992 there's no long-term debt, and the AMC has a working capital reserve of about \$100,000. Andy pointed out that we have helped support a new Appalachian Trail segment in Connecticut, with special thanks to Greg Christie and Bob Hilla; a school roadway program at AMC; 2,000 overnight stays this year; and participation in the new Northern Forest Initiative, involving 27 environmental organizations mobilized to protect the land during the period for hydroelectric facility re-licensing, as just a few highlights. Andy asked why all this progress was occurring, and then provided his own answer: 55,000 interested, committed, dedicated AMC members. He then thanked our two Connecticut Chapter contributors to the AMC Board of Directors: Sue Hardy, Vice President, who is stepping down this year, and Arvo Bailey, Central Regional Director, who will be continuing for an additional two years. Andy then closed his remarks by saying that we would continue to have the natural treasures of the northeast for our "enjoyment and wise use" as long as we are willing to stay involved.

Jeff then introduced Arvo Bailey, Regional Director, who provided "just a few words." She pointed out that although she and Sue Hardy are both veterans, Sue joined the AMC first; in fact Sue was leader on Arvo's first AMC hike! When Arvo began a three-year stint as Regional Director three years ago, she would have been very surprised to find herself extending for two more years, but this is an exciting time for the AMC. Arvo noted increasing cooperation within the Club in the three years since the bylaws were changed, especially through the activities of the Chapters Committee, which she calls a real working organization, and through improved volunteer/staff interactions at Jay Street. The benefits of cooperation have been especially evident in the area of leadership training, ably directed here in Connecticut by Paula Burton, Education Chair. Arvo noted that Gordon Gaulin is stepping down as Connecticut Program Chair, but will be right back in the thick of things as organizer of the Connecticut Chapter -sponsored 1993 AMC Fall Volunteer Leadership Weekend, to be held October 22-24 at the Remlocks Outdoor Center, Waterbury, Connecticut -- the first time away from Pinkham Notch. Arvo closed by saying that the AMC is a wonderful organization to be working with.

Jeff introduced Sue Hardy, and added our thanks to those of Andy Falender for her service as AMC Vice President. Sue said "Arvo used my time, as usual. Thank you and goodbye," and sat down, to applause.

Jill Arbuckle, New York/North Jersey Chair, attending the meeting as our guest, stood and was welcomed with applause.

A moment of silence was observed for Connecticut Chapter members deceased in 1992:

Seymour Smith, Connecticut Chapter Chair, 1961-62	Ludwig Serrenbach
John Aldrich	Francis Jeannette Simpson
Cecelia Brenneis	Ralph Stevens
Joseph Carleton	Robert Story
Kenneth Galbraith	Alan Tierman
Bessie Gustafson	Roger Waite
Alan Hotchkiss	
Jean MacKesson	

Jeff then announced that the Chapter had 48 activity leaders with five or more leads in the year from October 1, 1991, to September 30, 1992, an all-time record. He introduced Rich Rahmig, incoming Excursions 1992, to present awards. Rich read messages from Merri Swanson and Carl Rosenthal, 1992 Excursions Co-chairs, who thanked our leaders and encouraged new people to get involved. Rich then asked leaders to come forward, and awarded patches -- the old hike leader patch and the new all-forward patch. Special recognition was given for 10 or more leads: to activity patch. Special recognition was given for 10 or more leads: to activity patch. Harry Duren, organizer and first Chair of our new Bicycling Committee, with 18 leads; Paula Burton, very active Chair of our revitalized Education Committee, with 17; Dave Cullen, Member-at-large and family hike activist, with 15; Bill Schumacher with 12, including popular hikes the day after Thanksgiving and New Year's Day, a hike in every month of the year, and the largest hike of the past year, with a staggering 87 hikers; and Bill Blaha and Rich Rahmig, with 10 leads each. The complete list of awardees, with number of leads, was:

- |                       |                         |                      |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Donna Arbas (6)       | Ted Groom (5)           | Bill Prueshner (5)   |
| Eleanor Bielak (5)    | Dale Hackett (8)        | Rich Rahmig (10)     |
| Bill Blaha (10)       | Sue Hardy (5)           | Ann Rehm (6)         |
| Janet Blaha (9)       | Arvid Herzenberg (7)    | Fred Riotte (5)      |
| Roger Borgerson (5)   | Marjorie Herzenberg (7) | Betty Robinson (6)   |
| Ed Bossom (5)         | Karl Holstein (6)       | Carl Rosenthal (7)   |
| Steve Braciak (7)     | Aart Hoogenboom (5)     | Dick Ruddock (6)     |
| Elizabeth Buckley (8) | Sue Kirk (6)            | Bill Russell (7)     |
| Paula Burton (17)     | Jan Larkin (5)          | Mark Schapper (5)    |
| Ed Chase (5)          | Chuck MacMath (8)       | Bill Schumacher (12) |
| Dave Cullen (15)      | Iona Malmberg (9)       | John Scully (6)      |
| Birge Dayton (5)      | Don Morgan (9)          | Mike Stino (6)       |
| Paul Duclos (5)       | Ron Naylor (7)          | Merri Swanson (5)    |
| Harry Duren (18)      | Chuck Noonan (5)        | Tom Tyburski (5)     |
| Jake Epstein (5)      | Lee Owen (5)            | Wendy Tyburski (5)   |
| Cord Gasque (5)       | Dick Ploski (5)         | Bob Vinopal (5)      |

Rich then read a letter from Daryll Borst, Connecticut 400 Club Coordinator, who announced new members of the "Connecticut 400 Club": Hikers who have walked all of the Connecticut Blue Trails from end to end:

Mary Ann Prueshner	William Prueshner
Paul Saubestre	

Jeff congratulated three Connecticut Chapter members who are observing their 50th anniversaries in the AMC this year: Vincent Morgan, Leslie Newell, and A. Lindsay Thomson. Mrs. Newell was able to accept our invitation to attend the Annual Meeting as guest of the Chapter. She stood to be introduced, and received a warm round of applause.

Retiring members of the Chapter Executive Committee were then asked to come forward to receive the thanks of the Chapter for their service. Jeff had special words of gratitude for Ken Richardson, outgoing Chapter Chair, who took over from Jeff after three months when a job move made it necessary for Jeff to resign. Jeff told us that he had learned to respect Ken for his warmth, caring, and dedication. Ken will remain available for consultation as Past Chair.

Outgoing Executive Committee members were:

Ken Richardson, Chair	Don Reichler, Mountaineering
Bob Vinopal, Secretary	Paul Ives, Mt. Riga
Judy Snyder, Conservation	Gordon Gaulin, Program
Merri Swanson, Excursions	Norm Sills, Trails
Bill Russell, Fairfield County	Jan Larkin, Whitewater
Fran Aloisa, Membership	

Jeff then called to order the 72nd annual business meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the AMC. The Secretary's Report was accepted as printed in the 1992 Annual Report. A motion was then made and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed in the same document.

There being no old business and no new business, the meeting proceeded to the report of the Nominating Committee. Members of the Committee, Eleanor Bielak, Fay Dresner, Carolyn Olsen, Lisa Spencer, and Glen Parchmann, Chair, were thanked for their efforts in assembling the 1993 nominations for Chapter officers. Glen presented the slate of nominees for 1993:

Mary Dorpalen, Chair	Marilyn Harper, Membership
Mary Jane Gately, Secretary	Betty Robinson, Membership
David Jenkins, Treasurer	Rick Orsini, Mountaineering
Harry Duren, Bicycling	Gary Canant, Mt. Riga
Don Patterson, Conservation	Matt Donachie, Newsletter
Paula Burton, Education	Helene Goulet, Program
Rich Rahmig, Excursions	Henry Edmonds, Trails
Carl Rosenthal, Excursions	Cord Gasque, Whitewater
Chuck MacMath, Fairfield County	Dave Cullen, Member-at-Large
Ken Richardson, Past Chair	

The Secretary made a motion to cast one ballot for the above named slate, which motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Attending Past Chairs of the Connecticut Chapter were asked to come forward in their red hats for the induction of the incoming Chapter Chair, Mary Dorpalen. Past Chairs present were:

John Herr, 1951-52	Sue Hardy, 1981-82
Gardner Moulton, 1963-64	Anne Bailey, 1985-86
Bill Schmidt, 1973-74	Trish Niece, 1987-88
Ledge Clayton, 1975-76	Glen Parchmann, 1989-90
David Sinish, 1977-78	Jeff O'Donnell, 1991
Gerry Hardy, 1979-80	

Jeff O'Donnell then conducted the Red Hat Ceremony and presented Mary with Ken Richardson's gift of a red hat.

At 8:08 pm it was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter.

After adjournment, Gordon Gaulin, Program Committee Chair, introduced a very enjoyable evening program, "A Canoe Adventure in Arctic Alaska," presented by Kirby and Jeff Holcombe.

Robert T. Vinopal - Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1992

Cash at January 1, 1992:-		
Cash held by Treasurer:		
Connecticut National Bank-Checking	\$8,190.85	
The Village Bank - CDs	11,339.74	
The Village Bank - Checking	14,060.09	
Cash held by committees:	2,545.63	
Whitewater	<u>2,837.82</u>	
Mt. Riga		
Total cash at beginning of year		<u>\$38,974.13</u>
Revenue collected:	23,677.25	
AMC dues collected	12,731.41	
Programs and merchandise sales	550.00	
Grants and contributions received	<u>883.38</u>	
Interest income		<u>37,842.04</u>
Total revenue collected		
Expenditures made:	14,116.46	
Cost of program activities	1,702.49	
Cost of merchandise sales	3,969.19	
Grants expended	1,300.00	
Contributions made	1,242.07	
Net decrease in Whitewater cash balance		
Committee operating expenses-	4,517.97	
Administration	434.39	
Conservation	948.36	
Education	1,954.48	
Excursions	1,637.21	
Fairfield County	3,578.15	
Membership	492.63	
Mountaineering	3,959.27	
Newsletter	921.55	
Bicycling	1,738.14	
Program	<u>3,949.97</u>	
Trails		
Total expenditures		<u>46,462.33</u>
Cash at December 31, 1992		<u>\$30,353.84</u>
Cash at December 31, 1992:-		
Cash held by Treasurer:		
Connecticut National Bank - Checking	\$4,892.60	
Connecticut National Bank - Savings	9,227.46	
Connecticut National Bank - CDs	11,829.28	
Cash held by committees:	1,303.56	
Whitewater	<u>3,100.94</u>	
Mt. Riga		
		<u>\$30,353.84</u>

David P. Jenkins, Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1993

Cash at January 1, 1993		<u>\$30,353.84</u>
Revenue collected:		
AMC dues collected	17,321.00	
Programs, merchandise sales, and camp use	2,859.50	
Contributions received	46.00	
Interest income	<u>407.01</u>	
Total revenue collected		<u>20,633.51</u>
Expenditures made:		
Cost of program activities	2,148.25	
Cost of merchandise sales	314.90	
Grants expended	478.75	
Contributions made	1,900.00	
Purchase of computer and other equipment	5,259.98	
Committee operating expenses-		
Administration	4,988.46	
Conservation	246.94	
Education	1,380.17	
Excursions	1,209.25	
Fairfield County	1,134.26	
Membership	3,258.14	
Mountaineering	250.94	
Newsletter	6,107.72	
Bicycling	974.28	
Program	202.40	
Mt Riga	365.29	
Trails	<u>2,586.36</u>	
Total expenditures		<u>32,806.09</u>
Cash at October 31, 1993		<u>\$18,181.26</u>
Cash at October 31, 1993:-		
Cash held by Treasurer:		
Connecticut National Bank - Checking	\$3,759.16	
Connecticut National Bank - Savings	989.60	
Connecticut National Bank - CDs	12,128.94	
Cash held by Whitewater committee:	<u>1,303.56</u>	
		<u>\$18,181.26</u>

Respectfully Submitted

David P. Jenkins  
Treasurer

November 3, 1993

BICYCLING COMMITTEE

What a difference a year makes! Unlike 1992's rainy, cold spring, we had fabulous weather this year. Our Amish weekend trip in particular saw absolutely delightful weather throughout. Of course, that's only fitting for a trip that had 68 participants.

We're pleased to have been able to offer so many rides this year - thanks to our many gracious leaders. And we're equally pleased at the increase in average turnout over last year. We think that says you want what we're offering.

We repeated a number of our weekend trips from 1992 this year and we offered two trips to the Cape House in Falmouth, MA. Next year we hope to do three Cape House trips to handle more of the demand we've had to turn away.

Our stats really tell the story of this year's success. See for yourself:

	--Through September 30--			
	1993	1992	1991	1990
<u>Day Trips</u>				
Trips that were held	62	57	49	N/A
AMC participants	873	492	456	N/A
All Participants	1275	764	892	N/A
Average turnout	21	13	18	N/A
<u>Weekend-Long Trips</u>				
Trips that were held	7	10	3	N/A
AMC participants	172	132	28	N/A
All participants	227	159	35	N/A
Average turnout	32	16	12	N/A

We continued to arrange a number of bicycling tips sessions around the state primarily in the early spring. We also enjoyed our second annual Killington X-C Ski Weekend and look forward to our third, February 11-13 next year.

We hosted our first annual free picnic for weekend trip participants in August at Hammonasset. Fifty people attended and enjoyed a great day of riding, gorging, and sunbathing.

All these accomplishments are the fruits of the labors of our Committee members. Please be sure to thank them when you see them for all they've done on our behalf. They are:

Mary Adamick	Rich Ferraina	Pat Murray
Mary Adams	Jerry Geise	Mike Stino
Roger Borgersen	Aart Hoogenboom	Olive Wysocki
Paula Burton	Doug McKain	

Harry Duren, Chair

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

This was a bleak year for the passage of new environmental legislative initiatives, and numerous state parks and forests barely survived closings during the summer. The Heritage Bill, which provides for open space Land acquisition, did receive continued funding for two more years.

The Conservation Committee held Conservation Day in October with a Greenways theme. Susan Merrow, Connecticut Greenways Committee Co-Chair and former Sierra Club President, was the main speaker. Several hikes on greenways throughout the state were held during the day.

The Conservation Committee held three workshops at the Annual Meeting. These workshops included: Healthy People, Healthy Planet; Housatonic Riverbelt Greenway; and the Northern Forests.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my committee members for their help with the Conservation Committee this year. I would also like to thank non-Committee members, Ed Dresner and Bill & Jo Russell for leading hikes on Conservation Day.

Conservation Committee:

Mary Adams	Fred Riotte	Sue Kirk
Lisa Spencer	Bob Dickinson	Joan Tait
Ginny Dowd	Linda Hauser	Judy Snyder

Don Patterson, Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee has continued to grow and expand its activities. Most of our activities have been related to leadership training; we are attempting to provide other activities related to education.

Leadership training activities included: five leadership training hikes; one Fun and Leadership Weekend; one Leaders' Appreciation Day; and three issues of the "Leaders' Update." The Connecticut Chapter also participated in the Chapter Outdoor Leadership School in October, and helped to sponsor a Regional Leadership Training Weekend in November. The Committee is presently in the process of updating the leaders' guidelines; this project should be completed by January, 1994. The availability and frequency of these training activities have helped to increase the number of active hike leaders and raise the standards for leaders.

The Education Committee has also been active on the Chapter and Club level. We sponsored a full day "First Aid on the Trail" course in October; three workshops at the Fall Volunteer Meeting; and four workshops at the Connecticut Chapter Annual Meeting as well as a CPR course and a video about AT hiker Bill Erwin. We had a bicycle workshop scheduled, but it was canceled due to lack of interest, as was a wheel chair accessible hike.



An ongoing project is Connecticut Junior Naturalist. We are currently discussing and deciding what will be the best type of program of this sort for our Chapter.

Much was accomplished in 1993. I wish to thank the members of the Education Committee for all that they have done, and I sincerely hope 1994 will be as exciting, interesting, and satisfying as 1993.

Education Committee:

Cyndy Mangini	Shirley Sutton	Ken Sutton
Anne Rehm	Trish Niece	Marcia McGowan
Scott Elkins	Carol Elkins	Anne Millbrooke
Jean Silverio		

Paula Burton, Chair

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE

The Excursions Committee coordinates a varied program of day hikes, backpacking, cross-country skiing, family activities, flatwater canoeing and weekend excursions. The individual activity coordinators have tried to provide a mix of events to appeal to the widest audience among our membership.

Sandra Godin has very capably continued in the job of Bulletin Editor, preparing the activity schedules and messages on the computer to send to Boston and following up with the various coordinators when questions arise. Rich Rahmig has been maintaining the Hiking Leaders List and preparing the packets that go to the monthly hiking coordinators so that they can do their jobs on time. Sue Graham contributes by performing the task of mailing the trip report forms to the hike leaders. We have acquired a new computer and printer which should help us to more efficiently print labels and update our leader's database.

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. During the year 22 members have qualified as new leaders.

Trip Statistics - October 1, 1992 - September 30, 1993  
(NA - Not Available)

All Activities	1993	1992	1991	1990
Trips	379	336	370	384
Participants	4,942	4,993	5,124	4,289
Average Turnout	13.0	14.9	13.8	11.2

Day Hikes	1993	1992	1991	1990
Trips	352	302	291	358
Participants	4,583	4,524	4,258	4,006
Average Turnout	13.0	15.0	14.8	11.2

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

The Special Activities are each headed by a coordinator who maintains a leader's list for that activity and solicits leaders to organize events, sometimes offering suggestions or requesting specific activities to meet specific needs.

WEEKEND TRIPS COORDINATOR: MARJORIE HERZENBERG

Thanks to a small number of dedicated leaders there was an increase in weekend hiking this year. A total of 10 trips were enjoyed by 218 participants. The trips went to the Catskills, the Adirondacks, the White Mountains, Vermont, Massachusetts and our own Northwest Cabin. The trips included a leadership weekend and two car camping weekends.

Weekends	1993	1992	1991	1990
Trips	10	6	11	19
Participants	218	130	165	191
Average Turnout	21.8	21.7	15.0	19.1

FAMILY ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR: DAVE CULLEN

It was a busy year for family activities. There were 35 hikes specifically listed for families. Between the hikes and other special activities there was at least one family activity most weekends of the year.

The big event of the year was once again the Family Weekend at the Northwest Cabin. Thirty people attended, with a good mix of children of all ages and genders so that most made new friends. Most camped out, but some stayed in the cabin itself.

Other special activities included the Membership Committee day at the Noble View facility run by the Berkshire Chapter, the third annual tubing trip down the Farmington River and several bike rides.

There are now about 100 names on the family activities membership list. They receive newsletters four times a year listing family activities. This gives people more notice than is possible with the AMC Outdoors.

BACKPACKING COORDINATOR: STEVEN KING

In recent years the number of backpacking trips has declined. This year we have a new coordinator who is enthusiastic about reviving the program. Steve will be appearing at various club activities to talk to people about backpacking and discuss his plans for trips during the upcoming year.

FLATWATER CANOE

We regret to report the recent passing of Jack Randall. Jack and his wife Velma have served as our flatwater canoe coordinators.

Jack contributed to the AMC in many ways. He was a trail builder, a hike leader and a major excursions leader. He will be missed.

Canoe Trips	1993	1992	1991	1990
Trips	N/A	21	19	8
Participants	N/A	247	203	45
Average Turnout	N/A	11.8	10.7	5.6

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING COORDINATOR: MARTY GRIFFIN

Winter 1992-93 was a better cross-country season than usual. There were four weekend trips with 53 participants. Twenty one day trips were planned; thirteen had good skiing with 88 participants total.

Ski Trips	1993	1992	1991	1990
Trips	17	6	4	7
Participants	141	86	10	41
Average Turnout	8.3	14.3	2.5	5.8

BLUE TRAIL SERIES

We are currently looking for someone to take over this series of hikes. The idea is to lead hikes with the goal of helping members to complete the Connecticut 400 over a period of time. Maybe two or three people would volunteer to plan the hikes and take turns leading them.

CONNECTICUT 400 CLUB: DARYLL BORST

Daryll Borst continues to monitor the completion by AMC members of the approximately 500 miles of Blue Trails in Connecticut. During the past year Mary Ann Pruehsner, William Pruehsner, Trevor Ledger-Thomas, Ronald Tense, Linda Rapp, Don Sobolik, and Elizabeth Tentarelli reached this goal. Congratulations! This brings to 52 the total number of people who have completed the Connecticut 400 since 1973 when we began tracking this award.

Monthly Hike Coordinators - 1993

Carl Rosenthal	Janice Parker
Sue Graham	Don Morgan
Ann Rehm	Steve Braciak
Roberta Peron	Donna Arbas
Dave Cullen	Rich Rahmig
Paul Duclos	

Excursions Committee - 1993

Dave Cullen.....	Family Activities Coordinator
Diane Dingley.....	FCC Hike Coordinator
Sandra Godin.....	Bulletin Activities Editor
Sue Graham.....	Hike Sign-up Sheets
Marjorie Herzenberg.....	Weekends Coordinator
Marty Griffen.....	X-C Ski Coordinator

Steve King.....Backpack Coordinator  
 Rich Rahmig.....Computer Coordinator  
 Jack & Vel Randall.....Flatwater Canoe Coordinators  
 Vacant.....Blue Trail Series Coordinator

Rich Rahmig - Co-Chair  
 Carl Rosenthal - Co-Chair

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMITTEE

1993 provided a few challenges for the Fairfield County Committee. We overcame them and we are now looking forward to an even more prosperous year in 1994. Among the problems we had to deal with was having to find a new location to have our meetings. We were also faced with a mailing list for our newsletter that was growing out of control. This forced us to remove about 300 names of members who seemed inactive. We also lost some very important committee members, but these vacancies have been filled.

On the positive side, our bi-monthly slide show meetings are eagerly anticipated and well-attended. Our newsletter "The Hiker" is very popular with our membership and keeps everyone well informed.

We offer a full range of activities including sailing on Long Island Sound and even a "Hiking Tour" of New York City. Membership is growing at a steady pace, most of whom were introduced to the AMC through our meetings and activities which we publish in all the local papers. With experience under our belts and fresh people on our committee, I'm sure we'll be able to handle whatever problems we encounter next year and continue our forward momentum.

Fairfield County Committee:

Bob Barker	John Barry
Anne Crane	Dave Cronin
Peter Meyel	Fred Iannotti
Bill McDonald	Jane Michaud
Toby Moore	Rob Munro
Bill Russell	Frank Santaccca
Chiara Taylor	

Chuck MacMath - Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Connecticut Chapter, reflecting the growth of the entire organization, now numbers 6,638, an increase of 500 over last year. However, the number of new members who joined in the last twelve months was 1,432, indicating that we are not keeping members. Our challenge in the years ahead continues to be to encourage new members to become active, involved, renewing members. Each committee member, each telephone caller, each activity leader in the Club needs to be an enthusiastic salesman for AMC, and a spokesman for the Club in their daily life. One of our

Chapter's goals is to make the Chapter more "member-friendly"; in our Committee-sponsored activities we try to put this aim into action.

The Committee at present consists of thirteen regular members, three regional contacts and fifteen more members functioning as telephone callers to new members in their local areas. Some of us have very specific tasks:

- ... Betty Robinson, co-chair, houses the computer, and does much administrative work.
- ... Marilyn Harper, co-chair, houses the voice mail, assisted by her husband Mac; she also responds to requests for information from prospective members.
- ... Dave Cullen is in charge of heading up the telephone outreach to new members, a massive job involving locating phone numbers, assigning names, filling in reports and contacting prospective callers.
- ... Trish Niece receives all those responses to questionnaires, and distributes them to appropriate committee chairs.
- ... Chris Simeone is our representative to the Fall Meeting and also receives replies indicating willingness to assist in Membership activities.

The remaining members meet regularly, stuff envelopes, help plan and carry out Membership-sponsored activities, staff a table at all potlucks, and lead hikes on New Member Day. The Committee is responsible for that day's program as well. This year members assisted with Trail Day hikes and a potluck picnic in June and sponsored a successful Membership Picnic at Noble View in July. It was a BUSY summer!

We wish to thank those members who participated during the year, but had to resign -- Marjorie London, Jan DeMattia, -- and callers Sue Graham, Aina Makela, Dona Burdick, Polly Buckley and Jeanne Thomson. They are missed, but most are still active in other Chapter responsibilities. Thanks to the continued response of a few good people, we have been able to continue our telephone calls welcoming all new members to the club.

I continue to be most appreciative for the support we receive from the entire Board. New Member Day, although rainy, had a good turnout of new people for the evening program. Our expanded social hour, the exhibits by Education, Lodges and Biking, and the Getting to Know You game were all well received; supper moved faster with two lines for the buffet, and it seemed that a good time was had by all. Another year we will hope for more hiker-friendly weather! The roads were so wet, in fact, that the bikers were washed out; the two planned trips would have been glorious in good weather.

Dave Cullen continues to reach out to Family Groups, and Betty Robinson is sending out a regional newsletter to interested East of the River members. There are plans to start some sort of regional group like the Fairfield County Committee, or like the Andover Group in the Boston

Chapter, in order to make more Chapter activities easily accessible to members.

The October Chapter Newsletter again will have a questionnaire page; please look for it and fill one out. We do review them for interests as well as to find volunteers.

Telephone Callers:

Roberta Ambrosino	Jon Burr
John Cunningham	Francine Curto
Dot Davis	Bill Emerson
Karen Fisher	Virginia Fisher
Helen Flood	Phyllis Freeman
Cathy Garnett	Inger Hellstrom
John Hicks	Steve King
Iona Malmborg	Diane Mischke
Christine Simeone	Trish Treat
Howard Treat	

Committee Members:

Dave Cullen	Dawn Gagliardi
Helen Flood	Trish Niece
Mark Renson	Christine Simeone
Lisa Spencer	John Cunningham
Dot Davis	Marjorie London
Bill Emerson	Phyllis Freeman

Betty Robinson - Co-Chair  
Marilyn Harper - Co-Chair

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

This has been a very good year for AMC members participating in Mountaineering Activities! Good turnouts were enjoyed at the "Gunks" as well as those planned at "Traprock."

Major trips to the Western United States were undertaken by various members on three separate occasions.

Al Carelli and Dennis Burke pulled off an expedition on Mount Olympus in Washington State in only two and a half days time. The two of them also summited Mounts Adams and St. Helens during the same trip.

Don Riechler was iced off of the Grand Teton during this summer, but he was able to summit Wolf's Head in the Wind River Range of Wyoming. He also climbed Irene's Arete in the Teton Range.

The highlight of the summer climbing season occurred during the excursion attended by Rick Orsini, Paul Maresca and Frank Dally. Rick freed the East Buttress of Middle Cathedral in Yosemite Valley. The Crux Pitch goes free at 5.10c. During the next three days the team summited Cathedral Peak in Tuolumne Meadows. They also topped off onto Fairview Dome. Mt. Whitney was summited at the end of the five day stretch.

Rick Orsini and Paul Maresca then traveled to Washington State to team up with Dwight Curry and Rod Sutowski. The four went in two roped pairs to summit Mount Ranier via the Emonds Glacier. Done in three days time, the summit day was clear and windless.

The group minus Rod Sutowski then drove to the North Cascades where the Northeast Ridge of Mount Triumph was conquered. The route became troublesome when an icy section had to be overcome without the use of crampons or ice axes.

The two-week trip ended with a half day of rock climbing at Smith Rocks in Oregon. Rick Orsini led a route rated 5.10A and Paul Maresca lead a route rated 5.10B. Dwight Curry got his kicks by leading a 5.9 route before the group departed for San Francisco.

Members of the Mountaineering Committee are now planning next years activities.

Beginners sessions were cancelled due to liabilities issues so we will no longer offer beginning rock climbing lessons.

Mountaineering Committee:

Paul Maresca	Janet Larry
Steve Wall	Bill Walters
Dwight Curry	

Rich Orsini - Chair

MOUNT RIGA COMMITTEE/NORTHWEST CAMP

This last year has been active at the Northwest Camp. The cabin was used for 124 registered overnight parties, with more people stopping in off the trail to rest and visit throughout the year. A new sign was erected near the cabin to give information about the cabin and the area. Boxes were installed to store AMC membership applications and public versions of the area map and cabin rules for visitors to take as needed.

On March 5 the Caribou Clan and the Mount Riga Committee co-hosted the Annual Cross Country Ski and Hike trip and were greeted with some of the deepest snow in years. The Sugaring Off party on February 27th was slowed down by the deep snow on the Riga Plateau.

The May 15th spring work party improved the cabin area by installing a new gutter on the front of the cabin to cut down the ice formation in the winter. The outside fireplace was moved away from the cabin and rebuilt smaller to reduce the bonfire size and conserve wood. During the work party, Maxie Canant managed to take a rare sunny day picture of the cabin which was turned into a postcard to be included with each cabin reservation card.

On June 4th, Dave Cullen and Karl Holstein led the Second Annual Family day hike with hikes in the area.

On September 18, the cabin was opened up for New Members Day with hot dogs and hot chocolate. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and the new member attendance was spotty.

We wish to thank all of those who helped throughout the year to maintain and run events: Karl Holstein and Dave Cullen for the Family day outing, Paul Ives for his support in turning over the chairmanship, Rod Parlee for his conservation efforts, the Ridgerunners who kept the unauthorized use under control, and all of the Connecticut Caribou Clan.

Please contact the Mount Riga Committee for information on use of the Camp. See AMC Outdoors for the number of the current Mount Riga Registrar.

Mount Riga/Northwest Camp Committee:

Chuck Doll	John Hicks
Karl Holstein	Paul Ives
Susan Ives	Malene Kopcha
Tom Nichols	Rod Parlee
Col. A.H. Sookus	John Rek

Gary Canant - Chair

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

The Newsletter increased its publication schedule to three issues per year in 1993. Efforts were made to interest other members in assuming the Editor's position but with no success at this time. Special thanks are owed to my wife, Martha Donachie, who typed many of the items submitted for eventual incorporation by the Editor into the Newsletter. PIP printers continued to do a fine job of printing the Newsletter and Hockanum Industries provided the sealing, addressing and mailing services. We mailed about 5,600 copies of the Newsletter this Fall, an increase of about 2,400 since the Spring issue of 1989.

In 1995, a Newsletter Editor will be needed as I intend to resign the position at the end of 1994 (earlier if someone wishes to assume the position before year's end). We would like to have a volunteer or volunteers for the position and for other contemplated positions. Access to a word processor, preferably a MAC or IBM compatible, is highly desirable.

Matt Donachie - Chair

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Our committee has continued to serve the Chapter by putting on five potluck suppers, the Spring Dinner, and the Annual Meeting. In addition, in 1993, we hosted a potluck supper for the Connecticut Forest and Park Association's National Trails Day. We provided the program for

the Mid-Winter Potluck when Joan Tait showed slides on "Trekking at the North Pole Rim - Spitzbergen, Norway," a presentation of an AMC major excursion to Norway. At the Spring Dinner, Doug Webster was our speaker, and he gave a slide presentation about his trip to Baffin Island in Canada's Northwest Territories. At the 1992 Annual Meeting, Kirby and Jeff Holcombe presented a multi-media show entitled "A Canoe Adventure in Arctic Alaska." We experienced a 435 mile trip from the Noatak River through the Gates of the Arctic National Park to Kotzebue Sound.

The Annual Meeting on December 5, 1992, at the Days Inn in Meriden included a First Aid course in the morning, many workshops led by Chapter committees in the afternoon, a happy hour, and an evening banquet and program. A total of 329 people joined us for dinner, and 106 came for just the afternoon program.

We are fortunate to have been able to use the Sky Top Bowling Lanes in Torrington, space at the Northeast Utilities in Berlin, the Church of Christ, Congregational, in Goshen, and the Knights of Columbus in Coventry for the potlucks. The Spring Dinner was held at the Cheshire Grange. We are always on the lookout for suitable facilities for our events.

We welcome additional members to our committee, even to help out at just one or two events. Our Committee members worked faithfully and have been 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 pitch in from time to time in the bert "Appie" tradition.

Program Committee:

Luella Bartes  
Richard Bartes  
Diane Blahun  
Iona Malmborg  
Edgar Dresner  
Fay Dresner  
John Fahey  
Mary Fahey  
Wilford Parker

Roger Hall  
Emilie Hall  
Harold Carpenter  
Irving Mills  
Wilda Wise  
Jean Kisselburgh  
Debby Fahey  
Sandy Tanzi

Helene Goulet - Chair

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Besides our normal duties in managing the Connecticut Section of the Appalachian Trail, Trails worked on several extra "goals" this season. The primary focus has been on the last major relocation in Connecticut over Schaghticoke Mountain. This change will eliminate most of the road walk between Bulls Bridge, Dogtail Corners, and Preston Mountain Road. The effort is in cooperation with the Dutchess Putnam AT Committee, as part of the trail will be in New York. We will assume the maintenance responsibilities of this section upon its completion. The trail will be cut by November but won't be officially open until spring.

A study was conducted of the dying red pine stands to evaluate their usefulness for future construction needs. We had to act fast to salvage some of the trees. Nearly 80 20-foot sections were cut, peeled, and stacked by summer's end.

Vista clearing was another priority. By the end of the season, all but one or two will have been completed. A new group site was constructed north of Ten Mile River, removing the old site from the middle of the field to a more private wooded area. Wash pit sites have been added to all group areas and sites and are being installed at all remaining camp areas.

Our "roving crew" was very active again this year with five service trips. Two returned to the Van Campen Trail in New Jersey and one to the Pocono Environmental Education Center in Pennsylvania, assisting the National Park Service in the Delaware water gap NRA. In August we traveled to Vermont for the first time working with the Connecticut Chapter of the Green Mountain Club on their section of the LT/AT. Also in August we returned to Camp Dodge to work on the East Royce Trail.

The Ridgerunner program completed its 15th successful season. Our thanks to the Mount Riga Committee for a special donation to extend the season. Thanks also to an anonymous gift of \$100 to purchase much needed first aid equipment.

The Regional Office was relocated this year from Dalton, MA., to the Visitors' Center at Mount Graylock. The new address is:

Appalachian Mountain Club  
P.O. Box 1800  
Lanesboro, MA 01237  
(413) 443-0011 Phone  
(413) 442-9010 Fax.

The year was highlighted by many events. The monitor workshop in March featured our new responsibilities with the Natural Heritage Program (monitoring endangered species). Workshops were held for mountaineers in May and for guides/ridgerunners in June. Marathon Day was a success once again. The Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) held their biennial conference (Deep South) in June and was well represented by Connecticut. Norm Sills received a well-deserved plaque for 25 year of service to the AT. Norm completed his term on the Board of Managers of ATC and will be replaced by Connecticut's Doug Christie as one of the New England representatives. New Hampshire Chapter Trails committee joined with us for the Fall work weekend and social.

Along with our extensive work party schedule, individual mountaineers, monitors and guides continue to contribute to the successful program we have. They are the unsung heroes. My thanks to them, all the Committee members, and those volunteers who gave their time to Trails. It can only happen because of you. Special thanks to Dennis Regan and Tim Loveridge of AMC's regional staff.

Trails Committee:

George Andrews  
Dick Blake  
Doug Christie

Bill Engstrom  
Tom Kaelin  
Elaine Luckey

Hugh Cobrain  
Ted Cowles  
Walt Daniels

Ian McCunn  
Richard Rouse  
Chet Stover

Henry Edmonds - Chair

#### WHITewater COMMITTEE

The 1993 Whitewater season started out as one of the best in the last decade. Due primarily to heavy snowfalls and spring rain there were a variety of rivers, brooks and steep creeks to run throughout New England. Some examples of these were Sandy Brook, Hubbard Brook and the New Boston section of the Farmington, all fine runs of varying difficulty near the Massachusetts/Connecticut state lines. Farther north saw difficult high water runs like the West Branch of the Deerfield, the Monroe bridge section of the Deerfield, and the classic Cold River just outside of Charlemont, MA. There are too many more to mention, but all boaters regardless of skill level realize how fortunate we all were this spring; let's keep our fingers crossed for next year.

Safety is the Connecticut AMC's main emphasis. Potential paddlers can learn through a variety of programs at minimal cost to ensure proper training. All trips are led by approved rated leaders. At all times paddlers must wear personal flotation devices (P.F.D.'s), have proper clothing (wet or dry suit, when needed) wear a helmet, carry personal first aid, rescue equipment and always have appropriate flotation in their craft. Trip leaders review the skill levels and equipment requirements for safe participation as paddlers register. Leaders, who have group safety responsibility, may decline participation to paddlers who they feel do not have the necessary skill level for the water on their trip. Leaders also assign river duties such as who will lead, sweep, and scout. The trip leader's decision is the final word.

Whitewater rivers are rated on the International Scale of Difficulty as Class I-VI. Connecticut AMC trips are scheduled on rivers from Class II (beginner) to Class IV (expert). Descriptions of rivers are found in AMC river guides and other guidebooks. AMC paddlers are matched by ability to the class of river they can handle safely, by being rated as Class I (beginner), II, III or IV (expert). Paddlers can take part in trips on rivers which are at or below their rating, and, with a trip leaders approval, on rivers one level above. A rating committee reviews ratings at the end of the season and makes adjustments based on their observations and trip leader evaluations. The AMC Interchapter Canoe Committee sets guidelines for ratings across the Club. Thus, a Connecticut Chapter Class II paddler can safely participate in a similarly rated trip offered by another chapter.

Paddlers needing partners may sign up on our Tandem Paddler's List and receive the names of others, who may be called to arrange for joining us on a trip. Contact Leo Sandmann, 26 Gray Rock Road, Trumbull, Connecticut 06611 (203) 261-6057.

The Whitewater Committee maintains canoes and equipment which are used for instructional and scheduled Connecticut AMC Whitewater Flatwater trips. These include a variety of open boats for both solo and tandem,

Kayaks and just recently a C1. Dick Ploski (203) 582-6021 coordinates equipment rental from his home in Bristol.

During 1993, the Connecticut AMC Whitewater Committee scheduled 128 trips. Each fall a dedicated small group of boaters puts together a whitewater trip schedule that runs from January through November. There are usually trips of varying difficulty on any given weekend, adapted to weather conditions, which modify paddling conditions. Boaters can usually find current updates by calling the Connecticut AMC Whitewater hotline (203) 582-6978. In the near future, we hope to be going to a "voice mail" system. To join a trip, call the trip leader for time and meeting place. Paddlers are charged a nominal fee per person per trip; this minimal charges covers administration costs.

The progress an individual paddler may achieve, whether in a Kayak, C1, or open boat, depends primarily on one thing, and that is paddling. The AMC offers many avenues for new/old paddlers to come on board or hone their skills. The following is a list of training sessions that were held throughout the year of 1993:

* Closed/open boat rolling	Jan/Feb	Ed Chase
* Interchapter A.C.A. Instr. Cert.	May	Don Getzin
* Closed boat skills dev.	May	Cord Gasque
Closed boat skills dev.	June	Cord Gasque
Female closed boat skills dev.	July	Kris Gasque
* Open boat skills dev.	May	Ted Groom
Open boat skills dev.	June	Jim Machaud
Open boat skills dev.	July	Jim Machaud
* Safety/Rescue Course	June	Walt Levy
Interchapter A.C.A. River Rescue	June	Don Getzin
* Introduction to closed boating	June	Chuck Noonan
Introduction to closed boating	July	Chuck Noonan
* Interchapter class II tandem open boat instructional	June	Tom Tyburski Wendy Tyburski Rich Hamilton

There were several new training programs put in place during 1993. Many of these were defined as skills development and showed a lot of promise for up and coming paddlers. The Whitewater Committee is constantly reviewing training needs versus programs offered, and for 1994 we will be offering additional programs for beginners.

In summary, the 1993 Paddling season has been an excellent one. Even with many rivers very low this summer, all paddlers had access to the Deerfield River which sponsored numerous releases on both the class II Zoar Gap Section as well as the class IV Monroe Bridge Section. These releases were made possible by New England's F.L.O.W. organization with additional help from the A.W.A. and the A.M.C. We should all be very thankful to these hardworking people. See you on the river.

Committee Members:

Kris Gasque  
Wendy Tyburski  
Ed Bossom  
Becky Hendricks  
Bruce Kindseth  
Paul Hendricks  
Dave Jamieson

Ray Larkin  
Kevin Hannon  
Dick Ploski  
Jan Larkin  
Ed Chase  
Tom Tyburski  
Sally Jamieson

Auxiliary Committee:

Naomi Freedman  
Dolores Sandmann

Joel Freedman  
Leo Sandmann

Cord Gasque - Chair  
Jan Larkin - Liason to Board

AD HOC COMPUTER COMMITTEE

The Computer Committee supports the various PC based activities of the other chapter committees, primarily the Membership Committee's database and the Excursion Committee's Hike Leaders database. Activities include data entry of new member questionnaire responses, special activity inquiries, and support of the existing databases. Future activities will include updating the existing club database documentation, developing a desk top publishing library of Education Committee information, determining the appropriate method for transfer of data among the chapter computers, and assisting the Bicycle Committee in updating its databases.

The Club owns three PC's and a number of committees use members' computers. The Club uses Word for Windows for document processing and Access for database processing. In addition, some committees use other products, such as PFS and Word Perfect and would appreciate any support they can receive. If you would like to become a part of the Committee, please call Paul Duclos at (203) 932-9868.

Ad Hoc Computer Committee:

Nancy Butler  
Mac Harper  
Oscar Ruiz-Diaz

Dawn Gagliardi  
Mary Nevis

Paul Duclos - Co-Chair  
Chris Dutro - Co-Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Our special thanks go to the members of the Nominating Committee for their efforts in putting together the 1994 slate:

Eleanor Bielak  
Fred Riotte

Bill Schumacher  
Lisa Spencer

Marjorie Herzenberg - Chair

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1994 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Chapter by-laws, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates:

Chapter Chair  
Vice Chair  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Bicycling  
Conservation  
Education  
Excursions

Mary Dorpalen  
Dave Cullen  
Mary-Jane Gately  
Dave Jenkins  
Harry Duren  
Mary Adams  
Paula Burton  
Carl Rosenthal  
Rich Rahmig

Fairfield County  
Membership

Chuck MacMath  
Betty Robinson  
Marilyn Harper  
Rick Orsini  
Gary Canant  
Matt Donachie  
Helene Goulet  
Henry Edmonds  
Cord Gasque  
Paul Duclos

Mountaineering  
Mount Riga  
Newsletter  
Program  
Trails  
Whitewater  
Member-at-Large

50-YEAR MEMBERS

Emerson M. Clark of Simsbury, Connecticut, is being honored for his 50 years of membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club! He has been invited to attend the Annual Meeting and banquet as a guest of the Chapter.

On the Cover

**Northwest Camp on Mt. Riga  
Salisbury, Connecticut**

Cabin built in 1951 from chestnut trees killed by the blight

Drawing by Julian Schmidt - April, 1953

*The Cabin*

*The woods are dark and empty,  
barren, yet content.  
The only signs of life are trees  
that stretch toward the skies,  
rivers that endlessly bubble,  
and birds that chirp with delight  
Perfect contentment!  
Never before have I experienced  
Such a thing, and I probably  
won't again  
that is, until we return,  
to the cabin. . . .*

From the 1984 Cabin Log Book