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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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1995 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chapter Chair	<i>Dave Cullen</i>
Vice Chair	<i>Paula Burton</i>
Secretary	<i>Mary-Jane Gately</i>
Treasurer	<i>Anne Perkins</i>
Bicycling Committee Chair	<i>Ellen Newton</i>
Conservation Committee Chair	<i>Mary Adams</i>
Education	<i>Jeff Hogan</i>
Excursions Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Cyndy Mangini</i>
Fairfield County Committee Chair	<i>Bill Russell</i>
Membership Committee Chair	<i>Dave Jenkins</i>
Mountaineering Committee Chair	<i>Dwight Curry</i>
Northwest Camp Committee Chair	<i>Roy Hoffmann</i>
Newsletter Editor	<i>Chuck Luce</i>
Program Committee Chair	<i>Helene Goulet</i>
Trail Committee Chair	<i>Birge Dayton</i>
Whitewater Committee Chair	<i>Tom Tyburski</i>
Whitewater Liaison to Executive Committee	<i>Jan Larkin</i>
Member-at-Large	<i>Paul Duclos</i>
Ad Hoc Computer Committee Chair	<i>Paul Duclos</i>
Ad Hoc East of the River Committee	<i>Betty Robinson</i>
Regional Director	<i>Paul Meleski</i>

CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

It is hard to believe that a year has gone by since the last Annual Meeting where I was installed as Chapter Chair. When I was first approached about this position, I contacted some past Chairs. I was told that if you had good committee chairs and active committees, the work load wasn't that bad. I have been blessed with such a group. For example Birge Dayton and the Trails Committee do a spectacular job in maintaining the Connecticut section of the Appalachian Trail. Ellen Newton and the Bicycling Committee have continued to provide excellent activities after the death of the former Bicycling Chair, Harry Duren, last year. Helene Goulet and her faithful crew continue to organize events such as the Annual Meeting and the pot-luck suppers. There are more, but in the interest of saving paper, I'll just say that I appreciate all the efforts of my fellow Executive Committee members and neither I nor the chapter could function without them.

I am proud of the number and quality of activities that the Chapter offers. In the coming year I hope this continues. I'd like to see more emphasis on carpooling. I've led too many hikes where the vast majority of participants arrive with one person per car.

I consider one of the highlights of the year the establishment of the Duren Scholarships. This year we used Chapter funds to send a teenager to one of the Teen Wilderness Adventures run by the club-wide AMC out of Pinkham Notch in New Hampshire. The young person selected had a wonderful experience. We hope to continue these scholarships and fund them mostly with donations. Anne Perkins, our Chapter Treasurer, will happily accept contributions.

One of my duties is to attend meetings of the club-wide Chapter's Committee, which consists of the chairs and vice-chairs of all eleven chapters. In June we had a retreat at Lonesome Lake hut. The theme was combining conservation and recreation, the two main functions of the club. There were many good ideas that I hope we can establish in the Chapter. One of these was to emphasize family activities, particularly the educational aspects. This has been one of my primary interests since I got active in the club. I'm delighted that Jeff Hogan, outgoing Education Chair, is going to revitalize the family activities.

There have been some thorny issues raised as well. One of the stickiest problems has been the whole concept of risk management in our

activities. In the litigious society in which we find ourselves, this is a real concern. There are issues of leader training or, in some cases, retraining, that need to be addressed. Paula Burton, the Chapter Vice-Chair, is a representative to the club-wide committee on this issue and is also chairing a Chapter committee on the subject.

One exciting development in the chapter is the recognition of the East of the (Connecticut) River group as a Chapter committee. Betty Robinson and her colleagues have done a great job of building this committee up from nothing. It joins our long established Fairfield County Committee as a group dedicated to increasing activities in a specific geographical region in the state.

Next year is a big year for the Chapter. It is our 75th anniversary. The chapter was originally chartered in a ceremony held on West Peak in Meriden. There was a celebration of the 60th anniversary in 1981 at the same place. We are planning to celebrate the 75th anniversary in conjunction with New Member's Day in September. There will be hikes and bike rides with a late afternoon ceremony on West Peak, followed by a supper nearby. There will be a special tee-shirt available to commemorate the occasion. Watch the *AMC Outdoors* and the Chapter newsletter, *AMC in Connecticut*, for details.

Remember that the chapter is a strictly volunteer organization. When somebody says that "they should do this or that" in referring to the Chapter, they really are saying "we should do this or that." If everybody thinks it is somebody else's job to do something, then nobody does anything. Consider getting involved as an activity leader, a member of a committee, doing trail work or just doing a one-time job. The Connecticut Chapter is viewed as one of the better chapters in the club, and I intend to keep it that way, but the Chapter is only as good as its volunteers.

Dave Cullen - Chapter Chair

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING - 1994

The 74th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held on November 19, 1994, at the Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Chapter Chair Mary Dorpalen welcomed members and guests and announced that this Annual Meeting is dedicated to the memory of the late Harry Duren, who passed away in October. Harry gave of himself unselfishly for many years as an avid and loyal activities leader, a highly professional keeper of the budget, and, most recently, Chair of the Bicycling Committee. Mary invited Education Chair Paula Burton to speak about Harry, and Paula brought out Harry's great involvement in Inner City Outings in New Haven and the Sierra Club with activities for disadvantaged children, as well as his active participation in the hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing activities. Harry will be greatly missed by everyone.

Mary expressed thanks to Helene Goulet, Sandi Tanzi, and to the Program Committee for all their efforts in organizing the Annual Meeting. Mary also offered special thanks to Richard Bartes, who has ably served as Registrar for many Annual Meetings; to Mary-Jane Gately, Connecticut Chapter Secretary, for preparing the Annual Report; and to Newsletter Editor Matt Donachie, for publicizing the event. Appreciation was also expressed to all of the committees for organizing and conducting the excellent programs and workshops in the afternoon.

Special announcements included awards to winners of the Membership and Education Committee raffles. Helene introduced Michael Gordocki from the Special Olympics, which are to be held in Connecticut this summer. He expressed the hope that AMC members would help to fill the need for over 45,000 volunteers necessary for the event.

Mary recognized some of the special guests attending this evening, including John Herr, Past Chair of the Connecticut Chapter, who started the Red Hat Ceremony in 1951 as a way of making officers known to the membership (who then numbered 500). Also recognized were Suzanne Scolamiero, Past Chair of the Southeast Massachusetts Chapter, John Helenek, program presenter for the evening, and Anne Bailey, our Regional Director, who is retiring from the position this year. Mary noted that the Chapter will greatly miss Anne's "creative ideas

and wise suggestions" and expressed thanks to Anne for her time and efforts through the years as a hike and trip leader, Excursions Chair, Chapter Chair, and Regional Director. Mary invited Anne to share some thoughts with us. In her comments, Anne paid tribute to the Connecticut Chapter as an outstanding group. She noted that membership has doubled since she joined the Board five years ago, and financial stability has been achieved. She cited the AMC as an organization having a lot of impact, guided by a high caliber professional staff. A unique aspect of the organization, she noted, is its "hands on" approach to fun and volunteer activity; a challenge as the organization grows will be to continue the sense of belonging and fun. Mary presented Anne with a gift in recognition of her service.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Connecticut Chapter members deceased in 1994. They include:

*Albert Bescancon
Gertrude Stone
Tom Trump*

*Harry Duren
Dolly Stone
Joseph Ulman, Jr.*

Mary then called on Excursions Chair Cyndy Mangini to present awards to the most active trip leaders. Cyndy read the names of 61 leaders who will receive the honorary patches; each of the leaders has led five or more activities this year. Those leaders and the number of leads are as follows:

<i>Joellen Anderson (6) *</i>	<i>Bob Baldwin (11) *</i>	<i>Bill Blaha (5)</i>
<i>Janet Blaha (5)</i>	<i>Steve Braciak (11)</i>	<i>Elizabeth Buckley (8)</i>
<i>Paula Burton (7)</i>	<i>Harry Caldwell (5) *</i>	<i>Ledge Clayton (13) *</i>
<i>Dave Cullen (16)</i>	<i>John Cunningham (5) *</i>	<i>Birge Dayton (11)</i>
<i>Jan DiMattia (5) *</i>	<i>Ed Dresner (7)</i>	<i>Paul Duclos (10)</i>
<i>Henry Edmonds (5) *</i>	<i>Marjorie Hackbarth (7) *</i>	<i>Dale Hackett (9)</i>
<i>Aart Hoogenboom (5)</i>	<i>Christine Kaatz (7) *</i>	<i>Elaine Kosa (5)</i>
<i>Judy Kunkel (5) *</i>	<i>Bonnie Leary (5) *</i>	<i>Rich Ferraina (6) *</i>
<i>Chuck MacMath (10)</i>	<i>Jim Malumphy (7) *</i>	<i>Cyndy Mangini (11) *</i>
<i>Dave Milhalek (7) *</i>	<i>Rob Munro (10) *</i>	<i>Ron Naylor (7)</i>
<i>Ellen Newton (10) *</i>	<i>Bill Novoa (5) *</i>	<i>Pauline Onyx (5) *</i>
<i>Janice Parker (6) *</i>	<i>Anne Rehm (5)</i>	<i>John Rek (6) *</i>
<i>Betty Robinson (10)</i>	<i>Carl Rosenthal (12)</i>	<i>Jo Russell (5) *</i>
<i>Hal Sandals (6) *</i>	<i>Bill Schumacher (17)</i>	<i>Mike Stino (18)</i>

Meri Swanson (9)
*Matthew Wynne (6) **

*Mark Swanson (9) **

*Barbara Tortora (7) **
*Claude Zeller (7) **

WHITEWATER LEADERS

Ed Bossom (11)
*Kris Gasque (6) **
*Kent Heidens (9) **
*Bruce Kindseth (5) **
Tom Tyburski (7)

Ed Chase (9)
Ted Groom (6)
*Becky Hendricks (6) **
Dick Ploski (5)

Cord Gasque (6)
*Kevin Hamon (5) **
*Paul Hendricks (6) **
Mark Schappert (5)
Wendy Tyburski (7)

* Designates leader with prior years' awards

Cyndy also announced the names of the newest members of the "Connecticut 400 Club," which is composed of persons who have hiked all of the more than 400 miles of Blue Trails in Connecticut. New members are:

*Pam Bateman
Joan Noyes*

*Lorraine Hughes
Peter Noyes
Francoise Yvon*

Mary expressed appreciation to the Excursions Committee and all the activity leaders for their participation.

Membership Chair Betty Robinson was called on to give special recognition to our newest 50 year member, *Mr. J.H. Bartholomew* of Simsbury, Connecticut. His pin will be sent to him because he was unable to attend the meeting.

Before opening the official meeting, Mary paid tribute to the 1994 Executive Committee members for their "creativity and dedication" and to the "tradition of excellence" which they have continued. Mary presented gifts to those members who are leaving the Executive Committee: Carl Rosenthal and Rich Rahmig, outgoing Excursions Co-Chairs; Chuck MacMath, Fairfield Committee Chair, and Marilyn Harper and Betty Robinson, Membership Co-Chairs. Mary noted that Betty has given years to our organization and will continue to be active with the new "East of the River" group which she helped organize. Additional members who are retiring from the Committee include Rick Orsini, Mountaineering Chair, Cord Gasque, Whitewater Chair, and Henry Edmunds, Trails Chair.

Mary also recognized and presented gifts to Executive Committee members who are leaving their present Committee posts but have been

nominated for other positions for 1995: Paula Burton, Education Chair, Dave Jenkins, Treasurer, and Dave Cullen, Vice-Chair.

Special tribute was paid to outgoing Newsletter Editor, Matt Donachie, and his wife Martha, who has assisted him. Matt has produced the Connecticut Chapter Newsletter for the past six years.

Mary then called to order the 74th annual business meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club. The Secretary's report was moved, seconded, and accepted as presented in the 1994 Annual Report. The Treasurer's Report, printed in the same document, was also moved, seconded and accepted.

Dave Cullen, Chair of the ad hoc Bylaws Revision Committee, requested approval of the 1994 revision of the Bylaws as published in the fall Newsletter. The approval of the revised Bylaws was moved and seconded. Mary expressed appreciation to the revision committee, headed by Dave, and members Matt Donachie and Harry Duren.

The Nominating Committee then were asked for their report. Mary noted that the Committee had a difficult job this year because terms were ending for many of the Executive Committee members. Mary called for applause in recognition of the efforts of Nominating Committee members Marjorie Herzenberg, Trish Niece, Bill Schumacher, Anne Rehm, and Chair Ken Richardson. In the absence of Ken, Anne presented the slate of nominees for 1995 and asked each to come forward. The slate is as follows:

Dave Cullen - Chapter Chair	Paula Burton - Vice Chair
Mary-Jane Gately - Secretary	Anne Perkins - Treasurer
Unfilled - Bicycling	Mary Adams - Conservation
Ellen Newton - Education	Cyndy Mangini - Excursions
Bill Russell - Fairfield County	Dave Jenkins - Membership
Dwight Curry - Mountaineering	Roy Hoffmann - Northwest Camp
Chuck Luce - Newsletter Editor	Helene Goulet - Program
Unfilled - Trails	Tom Tyburski - Whitewater
Paul Duclos - Member-at-Large	Mary Dorpalen - Past Chair

The motion was offered to direct the Secretary to cast one ballot for the slate as presented, and it was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Red Hat Ceremony concluded the meeting. As previously mentioned, this tradition was initiated in 1951 to give continuing recognition to those people who have guided our Chapter over the years.

Mary asked Past Chairs to put on their red hats and come forward when their names were called. Past Chairs in attendance, and the years in which they served, were: John Herr, 1951-52; Gardner Moulton, 1963-64; Bill Schmidt, 1973-74; Ledge Clayton, 1975-76; Gerry Hardy, 1979-80; Sue Hardy, 1981-82; Anne Bailey, 1985-86; Trish Niece, 1987-88; Glen Parchmann, 1989-90. Mary called for Chair-elect Dave Cullen to come forward and awarded him his red hat, along with the official Connecticut Chapter gavel, and a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

At 8:05 p.m. the motion was offered, seconded and passed to adjourn the business meeting.

Helene Goulet, Program Chair, then introduced John Helenek who presented his spectacular slides and personal account of his ascent of Mt. Everest.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary-Jane Gately - Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1994

Cash at January 1, 1995:	
Cash held by Treasurer:	
Shawmut Bank - Checking	\$9,094
Shawmut Bank - Savings	993
Shawmut Bank - CDs	12,129
Cash held by Whitewater committee	1,304
Total cash at beginning of year	<u>\$23,520</u>
Revenue collected:	
AMC dues collected	29,239
Programs, merchandise sales and camp use	16,333
Grants received	1,206
Interest income and other	557
Total revenue collected	<u>\$47,335</u>
Expenditures made:	
Cost of program activities	11,177
Cost of merchandise sales	2,165
Grants expended	5,741
Contributions made	1,148
Committee operating expenses:	
Administration	5,819
Bicycling	1,136
Conservation	18
Education	1,765
Excursions	2,326
Fairfield County	2,176
Membership	3,416
Mountaineering	683
Newsletter	7,130
Northwest Camp	1,035
Program	463
Trails	1,953
Total expenditures	<u>\$48,151</u>
Cash at December 31, 1994	
Cash held by Treasurer:	
Shawmut Bank - Checking	7,951
Shawmut Bank - Savings	1,011
Shawmut Bank - CDs	12,438
Cash held by Whitewater committee	1,304
	<u>\$22,704</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1995

Cash at January 1, 1995:	
Cash held by Treasurer:	
Shawmut Bank - Checking	\$7,951
Shawmut Bank - Savings	1,011
Shawmut Bank - CDs	12,438
Cash held by Whitewater committee	1,304
Total cash at beginning of year	<u>\$22,704</u>
Revenue collected:	
AMC dues collected	19,623
Programs, merchandise sales and camp use	5,039
Grants and restricted funds received	7,988
Interest income and other	465
Contributions received	3,172
Total revenue collected	<u>\$36,287</u>
Expenditures made:	
Cost of program activities	3,221
Grants and restricted funds expended	3,959
Committee operating expenses:	
Administration	4,656
Bicycling	1,200
Computer and support	441
Conservation	153
East of River	655
Education	593
Excursions	1,259
Fairfield County	668
Membership	2,331
Mountaineering	495
Newsletter	6,318
Northwest Camp	407
Program	221
Trails	2,606
Total expenditures	<u>\$29,183</u>
Cash at October 31, 1995	
Cash held by Treasurer:	
Shawmut Bank - Checking	14,771
Shawmut Bank - Savings	1,020
Shawmut Bank - CDs	12,713
Cash held by Whitewater committee	1,304
Cash at October 31, 1995	<u>\$29,808</u>

Ann Perkins - Treasurer

BICYCLING COMMITTEE

Americans are turning to bicycling in record numbers for recreation, exercise and transportation. This trend was certainly reflected in our membership during the 1995 season. Thanks to our many dedicated leaders, we offered more than 125 rides this year. In addition, more than three hundred people participated in the seventeen fantastic weekend bicycling trips we offered to all states in New England as well as New York and Washington, D.C. We had a wide variety of accommodations including camp sites, bed and breakfasts, motels, hotels, hostels, and self service guest houses. In addition to sharing the joy of riding we were able to raise money to provide subsidies for our leaders who take courses in leadership training, first aid, and CPR.

We aim to promote and encourage interest of all bicyclists in all aspects of bicycling, including recreational and leisure touring, mountain biking, road racing, tandem and family riding. We would like to offer clinics for learning to ride safely in all conditions of roads and traffic, and basic bicycle repair and to encourage a bicycle-friendly environment within our community and state. To this end, *Roger* and *Emily Hall* have worked to establish a data base of the bicycling membership. This information will allow us to survey our members to define their wants and needs. We may then expand our programs to suit their needs and promote growth within our organization.

It has been a year since the death of *Harry Duren*. He was a long time member of AMC and one of its most dedicated leaders and he left his heritage of achievements that will be long remembered. Harry was AMC Connecticut Chapter Bicycling chair for several years prior to his death. During this time he single-handedly revived a nearly defunct bicycle club. We are grateful for his commitment to bicycling and we recognize the positive impact he has had on bicycling within AMC, our local communities and our state. Connecticut Chapter members have rallied together to continue to support the work that was so important to him through our activities and by means of the establishment of the *Duren Scholarship Fund*, which each year will provide a grant to a deserving young person to enable him/her to participate in an AMC program.

To all members of the bicycling committee, thank you for your outstanding job. Your dedication and commitment made it possible for us

to initiate programs that produced revenue, promoted growth, and provided a safer bicycling environment. I am proud of our accomplishments. Thank you for your selfless and generous contributions.

A very special thank you to *Jo Ann Oberg*, who designed and produced our weekend brochure, created our newsletter, and held the position as secretary. Thanks, *Onnie*, for a super job.

My own excitement about the AMC and cycling continues to grow. It is a privilege to serve the membership, and a pleasure to work with the members of the bicycling committee. Our role in bicycling grows in importance each and every day. Hopefully, we will all be a part of the effort to promote the life sport of bicycling as a wholesome leisure activity, as well as an environmentally friendly alternative to the automobile.

BICYCLING COMMITTEE:

Deborah Casey
Emilie Hall
Tom Latham
Jo Ann Oberg
Michael Stino

Russell Curtiss
Roger Hall
Doug McKain
Deborah Rea

Richard Ferraina
Judy Kunkel
Richard Merritt
Jeri Smith
Barbara Tortora

Ellen Newton - Chair

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Conservation Committee acquired new members and expanded its activities in 1995. New members were added by mailing meeting notices to chapter members who had expressed an interest in conservation. A new meeting place in Kensington was also tried. The telephone tree was used briefly early in the year and materials about the Endangered Species Act were distributed. During the summer, one committee member collected approximately 200 signatures on a petition about the Northern Forest. The Conservation committee joined other organizations in the September 30, 1995 clean-up of the Housatonic River coordinated by the Housatonic Valley Association. Seventeen people collected six large bags of trash, a bicycle, and miscellaneous metal along the section of the river from Bull's Bridge to Ten Mile River. On Labor Day Weekend there was a joint Connecticut-Berkshire Chapter

Conservation Committee weekend trip, greatly facilitated by the fact that the Berkshire Chapter Conservation Chair lives in Connecticut.

The theme for Conservation Day was the 100th Anniversary of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA). *Dick Bauerfeld*, a member of the CFPA board, presented a very informative talk and slide show on "100 Years of Conservation" to an appreciative audience. It had earlier been decided that due to poor attendance at previous Conservation Day potlucks, next year Conservation and Trails Days will be combined. A Conservation Committee meeting in early November will decide the fate of the Committee, which at this time lacks a Chair for 1996.

My thanks to the committee members listed below and other AMC members who attended activities, wrote letters, made phone calls, or otherwise supported conservation in the past year.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

<i>Cheryl Bennett</i>	<i>Bob Dickinson</i>	<i>Ginny Dowd</i>
<i>Brian Gardner-Smith</i>	<i>Jim Hall</i>	<i>Don Patterson</i>
<i>Fred Riotte</i>	<i>Joe Roberts</i>	<i>Greg Schoernor</i>
<i>Tom Senuta</i>	<i>Judy Snyder</i>	<i>Lisa Spencer</i>
	<i>Tom Sullivan</i>	

Mary Adams - Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee experienced some reorganization this year. Despite this, we have continued our focus upon leadership training and expanded our role somewhat into other areas of education.

Education sponsored a very successful SOLO course in the spring. We will offer another SOLO course in 1996 and will attempt to expand our role to other areas of risk management training for leaders.

The committee sponsored a Regional Leadership Training weekend in early December, we continued our RAP hike program for new leaders, and we sponsored three workshops at the annual meeting including a CPR course.

The committee has a number of new enthusiastic members and is endeavoring to contact all chapter leaders to ensure that they are up to date on the latest information related to trip management, risk management and first aid.

Education hopes to expand the successful Junior Naturalist program for next year as well.

Thanks to all the members of the Education Committee, new and old for their support and efforts in this transitional year.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

<i>Una Barry</i>	<i>Paula Burton</i>	<i>John Donovan</i>
<i>Linda Houser</i>	<i>Angus Lamont</i>	<i>Cyndy Mangini</i>
<i>Marcia McGowan</i>	<i>Clint Morse</i>	<i>Ellen Newton</i>
<i>Trish Niece</i>	<i>Debra Rea</i>	<i>Anne Rehm</i>
<i>Stacey Sciacchitano</i>	<i>Shirley Snow</i>	<i>Ken Sutton</i>
	<i>Rick Taylor</i>	

Jeffrey Hogan - Chair

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE

The Excursions Committee coordinates Chapter activities in the following areas: Day Hiking, Backpacking, Family Activities, Flatwater Canoeing, Cross-Country Skiing, and Weekend trips. The committee continues to encourage and qualify new activity leaders through a close partnership with the Education Committee. Leadership development activity includes the co-leader program for Hike leaders, and rosters of both activity leaders and leadership candidates.

There are many opportunities for volunteers in the Excursions committee. Our members include ten monthly Hike Coordinators, five Special Activity coordinators, Bulletin Editor, Trip Report Coordinator, and Computer Coordinator. We are actively recruiting Hike Coordinators, Blue Trails Series Coordinator, and Computer Coordinator.

Message from the Excursions Chair

This past year had been a challenge for me in fulfilling my role as Excursions chair since my work commitments have had me based in Phoenix, Arizona, full time since January, 1995. I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Executive Committee, and the entire Excursions Committee for their help, and willingness to take on additional responsibilities in my absence. Special thanks to *Paul Duclos* for his assistance with data and technical support, *Christine Kaatz* for her efforts in attending several Executive Committee meetings, and *Mary Jane Gately* for her help in coordinating communication between Arizona and Connecticut. Many of our Hike leaders, who have been able to "fill in" for hike leaders unable to lead their event also deserve a mention: *Ken Anderson, Marilyn Harper, Justine Hart, Paul Hermenau, Jim Larsen, James Malumphy, Chuck McMath, Bill Novoa, Mark Swanson, and John Rek*. Thank you all. Although the backcountry here in Arizona is breathtaking, the views that feel most like "home" will always be New England.

TRIP STATISTICS - OCTOBER 1, 1994 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1995

	1995	1994	1993	1992
<u>All Activities</u>				
Trips	435	470	379	336
Participants	6,079	4241+	4,942	4,993
Average Turnout	14	N/A	13.0	14.9
<u>Day Hikes</u>				
Trips	378	429	352	302
Participants	5,717	3,794+	4,583	4,524
Average Turnout	15	N/A	13.0	15.0

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Weekend Trips Coordinator: Marjorie Herzenberg

Thirteen Weekend trips were offered to Connecticut chapter members last year. One trip was canceled due to lack of registrations. Trips ranged from a Family weekend through B class hiking to more strenuous joys of A class hikes and snowshoeing. Two weekend trips featured Connecticut and Massachusetts, and the balance were evenly divided between Vermont, New Hampshire and New York. The chapter benefits from weekend trips sponsored by our seasoned weekend leaders, and would like to encourage day events leaders to consider qualifying to lead weekends.

<u>Weekends</u>	1995	1994	1993	1992
Trips	12	18	10	6
Participants	200	N/A	218	130
Average Turnout	16.6	20	21.8	21.7

Backpacking Coordinators: Bonnie Leary and Neal Leary

A series of trips were planned to cover the AT in Massachusetts and Connecticut, and the two annual summer events in the White Mountains were led by *Neal Leary* and *Bonnie Leary*, and *Trish Niece* and *Mike Sheehan*.

	<u>Months</u>	<u>Leaders</u>
Massachusetts AT	May	<i>John Grasso</i>
South Connecticut AT	June	<i>Bonnie Leary</i> <i>Neal Leary</i>
Wild River, White Mountains	August	<i>Bonnie Leary</i> <i>Neal Leary</i>
White Mountains, NH	September	<i>Paul Duclos</i>
Carter-Moriah (AT)	October	<i>Paul Duclos</i>
Backpacking Leader Workshop at the Northwest Cabin		<i>Paula Burton</i>

Flatwater Canoeing Coordinator: Paul Magnuson

<u>Activities</u>	1995	1994	1993	1992
Trips	8	23	N/A	21
Participants	58	87+	N/A	247
Average Turnout	7	N/A	11.8	5.6

Cross-Country Skiing Coordinator: Marty Griffin

Last winter was known for its lack of snow. Of the twenty-four day trips planned, only six were able to take place. There were seven weekend trips, some groups were able to take advantage of excellent snow, especially near the end of the season, while other trips enjoyed alternate activities such as hiking.

<u>Ski Trips</u>	1995	1994	1993	1992
Trips	31	15	17	6
Participants	104	80	141	86
Average Turnout	3.4	5.3	8.3	14.3

Blue Trail Series Coordinator: *Open*

The Excursions committee is actively recruiting one or more Hike Leaders interested in leading Blue Trail Hikes, and a Coordinator. The purpose of these hikes is to support members in completing the Connecticut 400 (hiking the approximately 500 miles of Blue Trails in the state.)

Connecticut 400 Club: *Daryll Borst*

Daryll continues to monitor the roster of the Connecticut 400 Club for AMC members who attain this goal. During the past year *Jonathan Howes* has qualified for his Connecticut 400 Award. Congratulations!!! This brings to 58 the total number of hikers who have earned the Award since 1973 when the tally was begun.

Monthly Hike Coordinators

Each month day hikes are coordinated by a different AMC member who solicits hikes by mail, follow-up by phone, and meets the goal of the Connecticut Chapter to offer varied distance, terrain, and location hiking opportunities to all AMC members and guests. The excursions committee is actively recruiting several coordinators for the 1996 season.

MONTHLY HIKE COORDINATORS:

<i>Donna Arbas</i>	<i>Steve Braciak</i>	<i>Jan DiMattia</i>
<i>Paul Duclos</i>	<i>Justine Hart</i>	<i>Christine Kaatz</i>
<i>Janice Parker</i>	<i>Roberta Peron</i>	<i>Anne Rehm</i>
<i>Fred Riotte</i>	<i>Carl Rosenthal</i>	<i>Chiara Taylor</i>

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE:

<i>Daryll Borst</i>	Connecticut 400 Club Monitor
<i>Sandra Godin</i>	AMC Outdoors Coordinator
<i>Joy Guite</i>	Family Activities Coordinator
<i>Mary Dorpalen</i>	AMC Outdoors Coordinator
<i>Sue Graham</i>	Hike Trip Reports Coordinator
<i>Marty Griffin</i>	Cross-County Skiing Coordinator
<i>Marjorie Herzenberg</i>	Weekends Coordinator
<i>Paul Magnuson</i>	Flatwater Canoeing Coordinator
<i>Bonnie Leary</i>	Backpacking Coordinator
<i>Neal Leary</i>	Backpacking Coordinator

Cyndy Mangini
Ruth Sternburg

Computer Coordinator
AMC Outdoors Coordinator

Cyndy Mangini - Chair

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMITTEE

1995 has been a transition year for us. The Fairfield County Committee of the Appalachian Mountain Club has finally reached a point where the regular bi-monthly meetings have outgrown the facilities where meetings have been held for the past years.

Membership has increased to over 1,400 members requiring an enlarged meeting hall. A search currently is underway with a target date of January 1996 to occupy new meeting facilities. The regular bi-monthly spaghetti dinner and slide presentation will continue. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of alternate months.

Because of budget restrictions, regular mail delivery of THE HIKER has been discontinued. Distribution is now effected only through local sports and outing stores and libraries.

Regular weekend events in Fairfield County including hiking, sailing, skiing, and biking continue to be well attended.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMITTEE:

<i>John Barry</i> - Membership Coordinator	<i>Ann Crane</i> - Refreshments
<i>Dave Cronin</i> - Member-at-Large	<i>Dave Cullen</i> - CT Chapter Chairman
<i>Diane Davenport</i> - Secretary	<i>Peter Heyel</i> - Activities Coordinator
<i>Fred Ianotti</i> - Publications Coordinator	<i>Jeff Lundberg</i> - Programs Coordinator
<i>Chuck McMath</i> - Member-at-Large	<i>Rob Munro</i> - Member-at-Large
<i>Frank Santacana</i> - Treasurer	<i>Chiara Taylor</i> - Hikes Coordinator
<i>Mary McNamara</i> - Public Relations Coordinator	

Bill Russell - Chair

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As of September 30, 1995 there were 7,837 AMC members affiliated with the Connecticut Chapter. This represented approximately 12% of the Club's 63,695 total members. The Chapter has grown by approximately 310 members since last September. In the past year we welcomed approximately 1,345 new members; however 1,035 existing members chose not to renew their memberships. In summary, the past year can be viewed as a success in terms of membership growth; however it is the number "dropouts" that disappoints us most of all. It is this number that is our Chapter performance measurement - it is a barometer of what we do right or don't do right.

At the Club level much is done to mitigate non-renewals. Special invitations to renew are mailed and telephone campaigns are waged towards first anniversary members and lapsed renewals in an effort to persuade people to stay. At the Chapter level, we mail tailored welcome packages to each new member, and we contact new members by phone to welcome them and attempt to match their interests with our various activities. We host special events including our annual New Members Day and Annual Meeting in order to provide members ways to participate and avenues in which to pursue their own interests. But we have come to learn both anecdotally, as well as through surveys, that the most powerful guarantee of renewal is the bonds and friendships developed when a newer member finds personal common interests with other members. It is in this way that existing members can help reduce the number of dropouts or non-renewals. During your next hike, ski trip, or attendance at potluck, make an effort to welcome new members, or, just as importantly, long-time members just beginning to participate. The Club and the Chapter can promote and support membership growth, but it is the responsibility of each of us as individual members to make all members feel welcome.

One experiment we will begin next year is the revival of mid-week, at-home potlucks. These dinners used to be the staple of the Chapter when the membership base was smaller. On a selected evening there will be 3-5 potluck dinners occurring at members' homes throughout the Chapter. The benefit of such activities is that they are smaller, more intimate, and require less extensive planning. By offering these dinners, we hope to attract members who don't enjoy or can't make the larger, more formal potluck socials.

During the past year the Committee has reorganized somewhat. These changes reflect volunteer turnover, matching of volunteer skills to Committee needs, and an attempt to more specifically define our roles and responsibilities. Volunteers on our Committee and their area of responsibility are:

New member day planning, Caller	<i>Chris Simeone</i>
New member day planning, Caller	<i>Carolyn Olsen</i>
Committee recruiter, Caller	<i>John Cunningham</i>
East of River Chair	<i>Betty Robinson</i>
New member packet co-ordinator	<i>Betty Robinson</i>
Membership database co-ordinator	<i>Betty Robinson</i>
New member phone number look-up	<i>Dave Cullen</i>
New member listing distribution	<i>Dawn Gagliardi</i>
New member questionnaire co-ordinator	<i>Trish Niece</i>
Prospective member inquiries	<i>Phyllis Freeman</i>
Area membership contact (Hartford)	<i>Gerry Hardy</i>
Area membership contact (Fairfield)	<i>Ledge Clayton</i>
Area membership contact (New Haven)	<i>Darryl Borst</i>
Member-at-Large, Caller	<i>Dot Davis</i>
Member-at-Large	<i>Lisa Spencer</i>

In addition to the above, the Committee has a number of member volunteers who call and welcome new members to our Chapter:

<i>Roberta Ambrosino</i>	<i>Jon Burr</i>	<i>Bill Emerson</i>
<i>Virginia Fisher</i>	<i>Karen Fisher</i>	<i>Helen Flood</i>
<i>Emily Hall</i>	<i>Inger Hellstrom</i>	<i>John Hicks</i>
<i>Nola Jordan</i>	<i>John Lynch</i>	<i>Diane Mischke</i>
<i>Nancy Meitzler</i>	<i>May Nevius</i>	<i>Cecilia Stoll</i>
<i>Madelaine Revere</i>	<i>Joan Seeds</i>	<i>Trish Treat</i>
	<i>Howard Treat</i>	

Our calling team volunteers play an important role in the membership process. With the growing number of new members added each month, our goals next year include recruiting more calling volunteers and scheduling a caller workshop dinner. We currently have 23 callers, however a team of 30-35 would be preferable.

Our New Member Day this year was a great success. The potluck dinner attracted approximately 120 members, split evenly between new members and existing members. The day time activities were also well attended. The after dinner presentation included an introduction to the Biking committee as well as slides from recent Chapter biking trips.

As members, you are all "customers" of the Chapter. Part of this Committee's responsibility is to be sure its customers needs are being met. If any of you have any observations, comments or complaints anytime during the year please call me directly at either of my phone numbers listed in *AMC Outdoors*.

Finally, I'd like to thank *Betty Robinson*, former Membership Chair, for having handed over to me an enthusiastic and well-organized committee. Without her help during the transition and continued participation on the Committee, my job would be much more difficult.

David Jenkins - Chair

MOUNTAINEERING

This has been an active year for the AMC Mountaineering committee. The group has nearly doubled in the number of active members, with new climbers joining us from all skill levels. Last winter, various members of the group went on ice climbing and winter hiking trips to the White Mountains, Lake Willowbee, The Adirondacks, and Smugglers Notch. *Dwight Curry, Paul Maresca, John Rek, and Dan Sullivan* skied into Mount Katadin for a week of climbing in March.

The spring and summer were no less active. Besides the weekly local climbing outings to the local Connecticut crags, we traveled to the Adirondacks, the Gunks and various climbing havens in New Hampshire. *Mark Vandenberg* led a trip to Maine, which included sea cliff climbing, sea kayaking and hiking in Baxter State Park. There were two expeditions to Yosemite Valley this summer and on the on the fourth of July weekend we traveled to New River Gorge for a weekend of hard sport climbing and hiking. Next year will be just as exciting. There will be a beginners rock climbing course in the spring for new members.

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE:

Janet Larry
Steve Wall

Paul Maresca

Rick Orsini
Bill Walters

Dwight Curry - Chair

NORTHWEST CAMP COMMITTEE

Northwest Camp has become more popular over the last several months. Besides the onslaught of regular habitual users, there has been an influx of "HAPPY CAMPERS" who have recently discovered our great Connecticut hide-a-way. Not only is the cabin occupied every weekend of the year, but it is also being utilized on many weekdays as well. Since usage has increased and costly renovations are pending, a modest boost in cabin rental fees went into effect in the year for \$16.00 Friday and Saturday and \$10.00 Sunday through Thursday. Non-members may use the cabin April 1 through September 30 for \$20.00 Friday and Saturday and \$15.00 Sunday through Thursday. The Northwest Camp and Cabin have been used with care and respect by almost everyone who stays there. Non-registered use and vandalism have been thwarted by the increased presence of AMC members and ridgerunner inspections.

There were five events sponsored by the Northwest Camp committee during the year: The May and November work parties, a Winter weekend in January, a Summer barbecue in July, and New Members Day in September. During the November work party, five cords of wood were cut, split and stacked for use in the cabin wood stove. At the May work party, a new fire ring/cooking grill was installed, a large drainage ditch was dug to control erosion, wood stove fire bricks were replaced, the privy was relocated, a new loft ladder was installed and the cabin table was repaired. An emergency October work party was held to upgrade fire safety codes for the woodstove.

The Northwest Camp committee will replace the existing woodstove chimney with a new double wall stove pipe that will run directly up through the loft floor and roof. Making this change will help support the weight of the stove pipe, help increase draft, reduce creosote build-up

and improve fire safety. We also intend to replace the cabin floor before the start of next summer.

NORTHWEST CAMP COMMITTEE:

<i>Jon Beckmann</i>	<i>Chuck Doll</i>	<i>John Hicks</i>
<i>Paul Ives</i>	<i>Marleen Kopcha</i>	<i>Elain Kowaleky</i>
<i>Keith Larson</i>	<i>Rod Parlee</i>	<i>Lincoln Pease</i>
<i>Pam Rackliffe</i>	<i>John Rek</i>	<i>Lauren Skau</i>
	<i>Dave Terril</i>	

Roy Hoffmann - Chair

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

This past year, editorship of the newsletter passed from the very capable hands of *Matt Donachie*, who held the post for six years, to newcomers *Lisa Brownell* and *Chuck Luce*.

Three issues of the newsletter were produced in 1995, each totaling eight pages. Average distribution was 6400.

The largest obstacle faced by the newsletter this year was double-digit paper and postage price increases coupled with a budget that was slightly smaller than that of 1994. The committee coped with these additional costs by employing a format that maximized paper use and by engaging a mailhouse where automated equipment reduced mail-handling charges. Further savings can be realized when Joy Street, which provides the mailing list, is able to do so on computer disk.

Chuck Luce - Co-Chair
Lisa Brownell - Co-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, we hosted a potluck supper for the Connecticut Forest and Parks Association's Trails Day. We provided the program for the Mid-Winter Potluck when *Bob* and *Marian McIlvin* gave a slide presentation on "Photographic Programs of Distinction". At the Spring Dinner, *Dr. Rita Mathews* gave a presentation on "The Northwest Passage". At the 1994 Annual Meeting, *John Helenek*, from Haddam, Connecticut, gave a presentation on his experience of conquering Mt. Everest.

The Annual Meeting on November 19, 1994, at the Marriott in Rocky Hill, 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 227 people joined us for dinner, and 120 came for just the afternoon workshops.

We are fortunate to have been able to use the Church of Christ, Congregational, in Goshen, space at the Northeast Utilities in Berlin, and the United Methodist Church in Vernon for the potlucks. The Spring Dinner was held at Northeast Utilities. 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 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.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

<i>Luella Bartes</i>	<i>Richard Bartes</i>	<i>Harold Carpenter</i>
<i>Edgar Dresner</i>	<i>Fay Dresner</i>	<i>Irving Mills</i>
<i>Wilda Wise</i>	<i>Wilford Parker</i>	<i>Cecilia Stoll</i>
	<i>Louise Carroll</i>	

Helene Goulet - Chair

TRAILS COMMITTEE

We completed the video and other parts of the joint Trails and Education project on the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut. We started our season with a leadership and First Aid Workshop, and then a Monitoring Workshop. We later had a two-day Maintainers Workshop, a Chainsaw Workshop, and two Guides and Ridgerunners Workshops.

We cleared the view from Bear Mountain, improved drainage in a number of locations, put in a switchback south of Route 341, and relocated the trail off the road at the north end of the Stanley Tract, and restored the river walk.

We had weekends away on two weekends at Camp Mohican, one at Camp Dodge in New Hampshire, and one on the Long Trail in Vermont.

We started building a shelter at Ten Mile River in August, and it should be completed by the time you read this report.

A major project was Public Lands Appreciation Day on September 30, sponsored by Times Mirror Publications. We had 78 volunteers on 10 projects, and accomplished work that would otherwise have required 10 weekends to complete.

TRAILS COMMITTEE:

*George Andrews
Hugh Cobrain
Henry Edmonds
Carole Mazza*

*Dick Blake
Ted Cowles
Harlan Jessup*

*Doug Christie
Walt Daniels
Tom Kaelin
Richard Rouse*

Birge Dayton - Chair

WHITewater COMMITTEE

This year we used a new method to produce a whitewater schedule that offered 134 paddling trips. Instead of conducting a lengthy and expensive phone search to recruit trip leaders, we created a leaderless target schedule which we mailed out to all of our past leaders. This allowed the leaders to select the trips they wanted and assigned a priority to their selections to enable the scheduler to resolve any conflicts. The response from our leaders was excellent and many of them commented that they never realized how much work went into creating a schedule. As a result, many leaders signed up for more trips than they had led in prior years. Unfortunately, the drought caused many trip cancellations as the Farmington River reached record low levels for several weeks and at least two reservoir draw-down releases have been canceled due to a lack of water.

Our roster was trimmed in 1995 to include only paddlers who have participated on a club trip during the preceding two years. This has left us with a roster of approximately 250 paddlers which will make it easier for us to reach our active membership.

In June, we had our open boat training along with the Berkshire Chapter on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts. This training session was better attended this year than the last two years as we had 12 participants in 1995 compared to 2 in 1994 and 5 in 1993. Hopefully this increased interest will continue next year. We held our annual rolling sessions this year in January and February at the Suffield Academy. However, we were unable to find anyone willing to run a training session on the river for beginning kayakers.

In September, we published what may be our best newsletter to date. It contained 14 pages of articles and 4 advertisements that paid for more than 50% of our printing and mailing costs. Next year we may try to publish two editions.

In 1996, we hope to recruit more new people to help us with committee functions, training, and trip leading. We also plan to continue to refine the processes which we use to produce a schedule that will offer something for paddlers of all abilities.

WHITEWATER COMMITTEE:

*Ed Bossom
Naomi Freedman
Paul Hendricks
Bruce Kindseth
Dolores Sandman*

*Ed Chase
Kevin Hamon
Dave Jamison
Jay Larkin
Leo Sandman*

*Joel Freedman
Becky Hendricks
Shelley Jamison
Ray Larkin
Wendy Tyburski*

Tom Tyburski - Chair

AD HOC COMPUTER COMMITTEE

The Computer Committee supports the various PC based activities of the chapter committees, primarily supporting the Bicycling, Excursion and Membership Committees. Each uses a specific database attached to membership information. The Bicycle Committee tracks leaders and participants in bicycling events. The Excursion Committee maintains information about hike leaders. The Membership Committee maintains information about member preferences. Activities include data entry of new member questionnaire responses, special activity inquiries, and support of the existing databases. Future activities include updating the existing club database documentation, developing a desk top publishing library of Education Committee information, and determining the appropriate method for transfer data between the chapter computers.

The Club owns three PC's and a number of committees use computers owned by members. The club uses Word for Windows for document processing and Access for database processing. In addition some committees use other products such as PFS, dBase, Lotus 1-2-3 and WordPerfect 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:

*Tracy Ford
Kathy Lindbeck*

*Don Garber
Daniel Michael
Abby Doolittle White*

*Doug Hayden
Alex Nagy*

Paul Duclos - Chair

AD HOC EAST OF THE RIVER COMMITTEE

The East of the River committee was formed to better serve the residents of the portion of the membership living east of the Connecticut river, and to improve communication among those members. It first started in 1992 with a simple typed mailing to a very few members. It now has a mailing list of nearly 400, due largely to a start-up grant from the AMC Membership Committee which enabled a mailing to 1500 members in June. Since that time a working committee of about 15 members have been involved in planning and carrying out activities.

Three local programs were held in 1995--A Dessert Slide Show in Vernon, with multi-media shows by *Curly Perzel* and *Ted Tenerowicz*; a summer picnic at Hopeville State Park, and a Potluck supper followed by a slide show by *Frank Kaczmarek* in Waterford. In November 1994 a potluck supper planned by the Chapter Program committee attracted 125 who enjoyed a program by *Ruth Pfeifer*, presenting slides of her Appalachian Trail through hike. Hikes preceding the evening's program were coordinated by *Dave Cullen*. In 1996 this activity will become the responsibility of the East of River committee.

The Tuesday Hiking Group is sponsored by the committee, but open to all. It is flexible in scheduling, but listed in *Outdoors*, with all hikes led by Chapter leaders. It seems to be meeting its purpose of providing mid-week opportunities convenient to our membership and encouraging exploration of varied trails systems. *John Cunningham*, *Linda Houser*, *Carolyn Olsen* and *Betty Robinson* are coordinators.

Members of the committee sponsor trail work on selected trails, particularly in local state parks. We are looking into the state-wide Friends of State Parks for direction. Individuals are active in the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor's walking weekend.

Special thanks to *Ruth Pfeifer*, who with her professional background, maintains our mailing lists and transforms the rough copy we get to her into the final copy ready for printing (and does it fast!).

Thank also to *Curly Perzel*, and *Ted Tenerowicz*, *Karen Fisher*, *Tom Wendland* and *Chris Kaatz* for program assistance.

At this year of transition ends, we are pleased that the Chapter voted at their October meeting to grant Committee status to our group.

AD HOC EAST OF THE RIVER COMMITTEE:

<i>John Cunningham</i>	<i>Linda Cunningham</i>	<i>Dot Davis</i>
<i>Carolyn Olsen</i>	<i>Ed Dresner</i>	<i>Fay Dresner</i>
<i>Phyllis Freeman</i>		<i>Robert Slover</i>

Betty Robinson - Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 1995 Nominating Committee is grateful to all those Executive Committee members who chose to continue in office. We welcome the new members who said "yes" when we called you to serve.

My hearty thanks to the following for their hours of telephone work and coordination.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

<i>Steve Braciak</i>	<i>Jan DiMattia</i>	<i>Fred Riotte</i>
	<i>Christine Simeone</i>	

Anne Rehm - Chair

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 1996 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

Chapter Chair	<i>Dave Cullen</i>
Vice Chair	<i>Paula Burton</i>
Secretary	<i>Doug McKain</i>
Treasurer	<i>Anne Perkins</i>
Bicycling	<i>Ellen Newton</i>
Conservation	<i>Unfilled</i>
Education	<i>Mary Jane Gately</i>
Excursions Co-Chairs	<i>Merri Swanson</i>
	<i>Paul Duclos</i>
Fairfield County	<i>Bill Russell</i>
Membership	<i>Dave Jenkins</i>
Member-at-Large	<i>Justine Hart</i>
Mountaineering	<i>Dwight Curry</i>
Newsletter Co-Chairs	<i>Chuck Luce</i>
	<i>Lisa Brownell</i>
Northwest Camp	<i>Roy Hoffmann</i>
Program	<i>Helene Goulet</i>
Trails	<i>Birge Dayton</i>
Whitewater	<i>Tom Tyburski</i>

50-YEAR MEMBER

Congratulations and best wishes to *Ms. Catherine E. Blanchard*, of Branford, Connecticut, who we are honoring for her 50 years of membership in The Appalachian Mountain Club! She has been invited to attend the Annual Meeting and banquet as a guest of the Chapter.