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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 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

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB  
CONNECTICUT CHAPTER  
1998 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chapter Chair	<i>Paula Burton</i>
Vice Chair	<i>Carl Rosenthal</i>
Secretary	<i>Doug McKain</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dave Jenkins</i>
Bicycling Committee Chair	<i>Judy Kunkel</i>
Conservation Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Patricia Culbert-Hughes</i> <i>Roger Gibson</i>
East of the River Committee Chair	<i>Pam Lewis</i>
Education Committee Chair	<i>Virginia de Lima</i>
Excursions Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Merri Fox</i> <i>Leo Ouillette</i>
Fairfield County Group Chair	<i>Eric Stones</i>
Membership Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Dave Cullen</i> <i>Tori Stepanov</i>
Mountaineering Committee Co-Chairs	<i>David Danenberg</i> <i>Mark Vandenberg</i>
Program Committee Chair	<i>Open</i>
Newsletter Editor	<i>Trish Treat</i>
Northwest Camp Committee Chair	<i>Trent Link</i>
Trails Committee Chair	<i>Ann Sherwood</i>
Whitewater Committee Chair	<i>Bruce Kindseth</i>
Members-at-Large	<i>Charles Baker</i> <i>Roger Hall</i>
Regional Director	<i>Paul Meleski</i>

CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

Our chapter is growing and growing and growing... and with that growth comes rewards and challenges. We continue to need new activity leaders to keep up with the demand. We continue to need new volunteers to do all the organizing work for those activities. We continue to need to educate new members (and the long time ones, too) about conservation and recreation issues.

Fortunately, the Connecticut Chapter Executive Committee is a strong, vibrant force. Here are some of the highlights of 1998. The Excursions Committee made strong headway into finding easier ways to get the hike listings published in *AMC Outdoors*. The leaders lists were updated, statistics on the hikes developed, and leader meetings were held.

The Conservation Committee is now revitalized, exploring issues, and having successful hands on activities such as the Mattatuck River clean-up. One important issue is the Trust for Land and Water Conservation.

The Trails Committee continues to be ever vigilant with regard to political issues affecting the Appalachian Trail corridor and its surrounding lands, while making sure the trail stays in good physical shape. A new computer was purchased for the Trails Committee and has been put to good use updating all the data the Trails Committee needs to record. Give a Day to Trails was organized by the Committee, and although the weather was not optimal, much work was accomplished. Many other committees participated, including Conservation, Excursions, the Fairfield County Group, Mountaineering and Northwest Camp.

The Connecticut Chapter newsletter strove to meet the interests of a wide range of member interests. Many interesting photographs were published, and a high editorial standard maintained.

The Membership Committee dealt with a growing number of new members and did a great job of providing services to those new members. The members of this Committee send out hundreds of packets each month and make dozens of phone calls.

The East of the River Committee is initiating a Friends of Mansfield Hollow State Park. And, their full schedule of Tuesday hikes continues.

The Whitewater Committee, besides publishing a great newsletter, starting a new kayak rolling instruction session in Wilton, ran a full schedule of events, has been involved with the Housatonic Dam relicensing, and worked on several river clean-ups.

The Education Committee was busy also, sponsoring three weekend sessions, two for leadership training, and one for wilderness first aid.

The Mountaineering Committee continued a Wednesday night climb through the summer, held several introductory sessions, and participated in trail work at St. John's Ledges.

Another very popular activity, Bicycling, is going strong, with more weekday and evening rides, and many weekend events. The Bicycling racing team participated in Hartford's "Ride for the Parks" over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

The area around Northwest Camp is now in the process of being revegetated, and tree seedlings will be planted within the next season.

The Fairfield County Group, with social meetings and dinners four times a year, is expanding into the Danbury area, while continuing its highly successful Westport meetings.

Our Technology Committee has designed a web page and hopefully by the time you read this, the page will be up.

I also want to mention our vice chair, treasurer, secretary, and members at large without whom all the meetings and organization would not be possible.

All in all, it was a very satisfying and eventful year.

*Paula Burton - Chapter Chair*



#### CONNECTICUT CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING - 1997

The 77th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held on November 15, 1997, at the Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Helene Goulet, Program Committee Chairperson thanked her Committee and everyone else that made the Annual meeting possible. She then introduced Paula Burton, the Connecticut Chapter Chairperson.

Paula welcomed everyone to the meeting and indicated that the Chapter is vibrant and growing, thanks to all its members and volunteers.

Paula then recounted many important things she has learned in the thirteen years she has been an AMC member. "I have learned about hiking in the rain and the hiker's philosophy about rain, 'wet is wet.' I also learned the various corollaries to that philosophy, such as, 'up is up' and 'down is down.' One of the most important syllogisms of the hiker's philosophy is 'the trail junction is just around the bend.' In place of 'trail junction' one might substitute 'peak' or 'parking lot' or 'shelter.' Then there is the smell permeating that expensive gortex and pile clothing. No matter how many times it's washed, . . . well, you get the idea." Paula talked about what she has learned from the trail maintenance crowd, such as, "If one can debate the merits of various types of composting and non-composting privies, outhouses and chums, one will never be at a social loss." And, learning the skill of "how to be covered with mud and talk to dignitaries as if I was wearing my best suit." Paula talked of going out for pizza and beer with the Mountaineering Committee and how she learned from the bicyclists how to break every fingernail changing a flat. Her most important lessons, she said, "have come from doing committee work. I have learned how to violently disagree with someone and still maintain some semblance of friendship."

More seriously, Paula indicated she has "gained wonderful friendships and worked with talented, creative, and energetic people all devoted to making the AMC a great club." She thanked the Program Committee, co-chaired by Helene Goulet and Mark Temkin, for their efforts in organizing the Annual Meeting, and asked the Program Committee to stand for a round of applause. Paula thanked the other committees who put together the exceptional programs held during the afternoon.

A moment of silence was observed as members stood to honor the memory of Connecticut Chapter members that passed away in 1997:

<i>Dennis Burke</i>	<i>Mark Hansen</i>
<i>John Burlew</i>	<i>Donald Jacobs</i>
<i>Ruth Calderwood</i>	<i>Bryon Lightner</i>
<i>Mebel Cody</i>	<i>Stephen Meyer</i>
<i>Donald Dock</i>	<i>Shirley Murphy</i>
<i>Donald Foote</i>	<i>Lois Williams</i>
<i>Richard Gaetjen</i>	<i>Jim Wright</i>
<i>Ken Grubbs</i>	

Paula then called on Eric Stones, to present the 1997 Connecticut Chapter Stewardship Society awards. Presented for the first time, this award recognized those individuals who contributed more than 30 hours to trails, education, membership, programs and conservation activities, and to leaders who led five or more activities. These are the people who write letters, make phone calls, attend meetings, take care of Northwest Camp and the Appalachian Trail, give workshops, and volunteer in ways that are often invisible. Without them the Chapter could not function. The leaders receiving the award, a handsome Connecticut Chapter Volunteer Stewardship Award T-shirt, were:

<i>Luella Bartes</i>	<i>Richard Bartes</i>	<i>Dick Blake</i>
<i>Doug Christie</i>	<i>Dave Cullen</i>	<i>John Cunningham</i>
<i>Dave Danenberg</i>	<i>Walter Daniels</i>	<i>Ed Dresner</i>
<i>Fay Dresner</i>	<i>Paul Duclos</i>	<i>Henry Edmonds</i>
<i>Merri Fox</i>	<i>Mary-Jane Gately</i>	<i>Helene Goulet</i>
<i>Roger Hall</i>	<i>Justine Hart</i>	<i>Roy Hoffman</i>
<i>Jeff Hogan</i>	<i>Linda Houser</i>	<i>Jeri Jaminet</i>
<i>Dave Jenkins</i>	<i>Bruce Kindseth</i>	<i>Elaine Labella</i>
<i>Trent Link</i>	<i>Doug McKain</i>	<i>Irving Mills</i>
<i>Ellen Newton</i>	<i>Carolyn Olsen</i>	<i>Wilford Parker</i>
<i>Rod Parlee</i>	<i>Irene Patsky</i>	<i>Ruth Pfifer</i>
<i>Anne Rehm</i>	<i>Betty Robinson</i>	<i>Carl Rosenthal</i>
<i>Jadwiga Rosenthal</i>	<i>Ann Sherwood</i>	<i>Carole Slocum</i>
<i>Lisa Spencer</i>	<i>Ruth Sternburg</i>	<i>Mike Stino</i>
<i>Eric Stones</i>	<i>Trish Treat</i>	<i>Mark Vandenberg</i>
<i>Wilda Wise</i>		

The following people received an honorary award:

<i>Andy Falendar</i>	<i>Pat McCabe</i>	<i>Paul Meleski</i>
<i>Mercedes Pour</i>	<i>Bill Shearer</i>	

Paula then asked all leaders to stand and be recognized.

Paula then called on Birge Dayton who recognized the following people for their volunteer efforts in maintaining the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut:

2000 Hours:  
Henry Edmonds

500 Hours:  
Jonathon Helitzer  
Marshall Jamison  
Tom Kaelin  
Elaine Labella

250 Hours:  
Bob Poitras  
Ann Sherwood

50 Hours:  
Bob Cochran  
Trent Link  
Carole Slocum

Paula then recognized Mrs. Charles J. Katan of West Granby, Connecticut who was in attendance and has been a member for 50 years. Paula acknowledged two other 50-year members who were unable to attend the meeting:

Mrs. Mark Goedecke of Canton Center, Connecticut  
Mr. Douglas A. Reed of Portsmouth, New Hampshire

A considerable number of people were recognized when Paula called on all who have been members for at least 25 years to stand.

Paula then introduced Andy Falendar, Executive Director of the AMC. Andy indicated that he is amazed at the number of activities in the Connecticut Chapter, the number of people involved, and that the awards of the evening are an indication of this. He then talked of the AMC overall, that has a membership of 75,000 in eleven chapters, and that there are more members over 65 than under 35. Andy spoke about AMC facilities, and of the major issues and activities of the Club.

Before opening the business meeting, Paula expressed appreciation to those Executive Committee members who will be leaving the Committee:

Jadwiga Rosenthal, Treasurer  
Paul Duclos, Excursions Co-Chair  
Birge Dayton, Trails Chair  
Mary-Jane Gately, Education Chair  
Helene Goulet, Program Co-Chair  
Kirby Holcombe, Conservation Co-Chair  
Jeri Jaminet, Bicycling Chair  
Elaine Labella, Conservation Co-Chair  
Betty Robinson, East of the River Chair  
Lisa Spencer, Member-at-Large

Two members of the Executive Committee will be changing roles: Dave Cullen, Past Chair, will become Membership Committee Co-Chair and Dave Jenkins, Membership Chair, will become Treasurer.

Paula then called on Dave Cullen who described the Harry Duren Scholarship Fund that sends one or more youths to an AMC Teen Wilderness Adventure each year. To help support this, Dave asked for donations to be made at the end of the meeting.

At 8:08 P.M. Paula called to order the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Paula called for a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as presented in the 1997 Annual Report, which was received, seconded and passed. Paula then called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented in the 1997 Annual Report, which was received, seconded and passed.

Paula recognized the members of the Nominating Committee for their work in drawing up the slate for next year. Applauded were Roger Hall, Chairperson, Justine Hart, Irene Patsky, Carol Slocum, and Will Parker. Justine Hart presented the following slate of nominees for 1998:

<i>Paula Burton</i> - Chapter Chair	<i>Carl Rosenthal</i> - Vice Chair
<i>Doug McKain</i> - Secretary	<i>Dave Jenkins</i> - Treasurer
<i>Judy Kunkel</i> - Bicycling	<i>Patricia Culbert</i> - Conservation
<i>Roger Gibson</i> - Conservation	<i>Pam Lewis</i> - East of the River
<i>Virginia de Lima</i> - Education	<i>Leo Ouillette</i> - Excursions
<i>Merri Fox</i> - Excursions	<i>Eric Stones</i> - Fairfield County
<i>Charles Baker</i> - Member-at-Large	<i>Roger Hall</i> - Member-at-Large
<i>Dave Cullen</i> - Membership	<i>Tori Stepanov</i> - Membership
<i>Dave Danenberg</i> - Mountaineering	<i>Mark Vandenberg</i> - Mountaineering
<i>Trish Treat</i> - Newsletter	<i>Open</i> - Program
<i>Ann Sherwood</i> - Trails	<i>Bruce Kindseth</i> - Whitewater

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

Paula then recounted the story of how the Chapter Chair came to wear a red hat as a way to be recognized. Back in 1951, when John Herr was Chair, he felt that the Chapter was getting so big that not everyone knew who the Chair was. So he wore a red hat to stand out. After all, there were 500 members. Today there are close to 9,000 members. Paula then asked all past chairs in attendance to put on their red hats, and to stand and be recognized: Ledge Clayton (1975-1976), Trish Niece (1987-1988), Glen Parchmann (1989-1990), Ken Richardson (1991-1992), Mary Dorpalen (1993-1994), and Dave Cullen (1995-1996).

At 8:13 P.M. a motion to adjourn the business meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

Paula then introduced Don Garber of the Connecticut Forest and Parks Association (CF&PA), and Doug Christie of the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC), who spoke about the common missions of their organizations and the AMC. Don urged AMC members to join CF&PA, which maintains over 700 miles of "blue trails" in Connecticut. Doug summarized the efforts of the ATC to first construct, second to protect (95% complete), and lastly to maintain the Appalachian Trail. Doug urged AMC members to join the ATC.

Program Co-Chair Mark Temkin then introduced the program speaker, Laurie Campbell, who presented an extremely interesting slide show entitled "The Jewels of Egypt and the Nile River."

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug McKain, Secretary.



TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

Cash at January 1, 1997:		\$32,488
Revenue Collected:		
Joy Street dues allocation	\$36,735	
Program activities	12,563	
Northwest Camp use	1,088	
Contributions	1,868	
Reserve funds - sources	16,548	
Local sale of memberships	1,760	
Leadership training	3,595	
Subscriptions to <i>THE HIKER</i>	1,860	
Merchandise sales	2,167	
Interest income	<u>650</u>	
Total revenue collected		\$78,834
Expenditures:		
Cost of program activities	\$13,558	
Cost of merchandise	2,109	
Contributions made	1,590	
Reserve funds - uses	13,215	
Committee operating expenses:		
Bicycling	1,511	
Computer	1,927	
East of the River	1,429	
Education	3,974	
Excursions	1,319	
Executive	5,891	
Fairfield County	2,549	
Membership	4,467	
Mountaineering	457	
Newsletter	7,268	
Northwest Camp	1,447	
Program	235	
Trails	<u>5,470</u>	
Total expenditures		<u>\$68,416</u>
Cash at December 31, 1997		<u>\$42,906</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT  
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1998

Cash at January 1, 1998:		42,906
Revenue collected:		
Joy Street dues allocation	\$25,114	
Program activities	3,880	
Northwest Camp use	995	
Contributions	1,853	
Reserve funds - sources	16,528	
Local sale of memberships	1,320	
Leadership training	3,337	
Subscriptions to <i>THE HIKER</i>	1,090	
Interest income	<u>423</u>	
Total revenue collected		\$54,540
Expenditures:		
Cost of program activities	\$3,940	
Contributions made	1,000	
Reserve funds - uses	13,764	
Committee operating expenses:		
Bicycling	1,591	
East of the River	1,070	
Education	3,737	
Excursions	1,778	
Executive	3,295	
Fairfield County	1,580	
Membership	3,513	
Newsletter	5,358	
Northwest Camp	284	
Program	46	
Trails	<u>4,788</u>	
Total expenditures		<u>\$46,284</u>
Cash at September 30, 1998		<u>\$51,162</u>

David Jenkins - Treasurer



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## Bicycling Committee

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### BICYCLING COMMITTEE

AMC cycling enjoyed another terrific year during 1998. The Bicycling Committee accomplished one of its major goals when we obtained a bulk mail permit for our monthly *AMCyclist* newsletter. Another goal was realized when we updated our database. These two accomplishments enabled us to mail the newsletter out each month without using our entire budget for postage and printing.

*AMCyclist* was published monthly from April through October thanks to newsletter editor, Maureen Sylvestre-Craig, who did another great job. In addition to our ride listings, we also publicized special bicycle events for other bicycle clubs and fund raising rides for various charities throughout New England. In 1999 we will start publishing the newsletter earlier, to get a jump-start on spring cycling activities.

In addition to our usual Saturday and Sunday ride schedule, our leaders offered rides every Monday from April through November, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening rides during the summer months. Mountain bike rides were also scheduled throughout the season. Three new ride leaders were added to our ride leader roster this year.

To show appreciation to all of our leaders, the Bicycling Committee held a leader appreciation day on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Judy Kunkel led the 25-mile shoreline ride and Committee members Donna and Mike Palumbo hosted a cookout at their home in Niantic following the ride. The ride leaders did a terrific job during the year and this was one small way to thank them.

On weekends, some of our members enjoyed cycling in such terrific places as Hampton Beach, New Hampshire; Cape Cod; the North Shore of Massachusetts; the Berkshires; Franconia, New Hampshire; and Bethel, Maine. Interchapter weekend trips included a trip to Vermont and New Hampshire, and to Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania. Ten of our members even ventured 800 miles to Johnson City, Tennessee to take part in the League of American Bicyclists' (LAB) GEAR South Rally in May, and many, many more attended the LAB's GEAR and National Rally in Wellesley, Massachusetts in August.

Several members of the Bicycling Committee attended activities of the newly organized Interchapter Bicycling Committee at the AMC's spring and fall meetings.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank the members of the 1998 Bicycling Committee for the terrific job they did this year, and for all of the support they have given me. I look forward to another wonderful year of AMC bicycling in 1999.

### BICYCLING COMMITTEE

<i>Roger Borgersen</i>	<i>Deborah Casey</i>	<i>Jon Day</i>
<i>Rich Ferraina</i>	<i>Larry Hayden</i>	<i>Jeri Jaminet</i>
<i>Tom Latham</i>	<i>Doug McKain</i>	<i>Donna Palumbo</i>
<i>Mike Palumbo</i>	<i>Amanda See</i>	<i>Maureen Sylvestre-Craig</i>

*Judy Kunkel - Chair*

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## Conservation Committee

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The Conservation Committee accomplished a great deal this year. The Committee's task is to promote and pursue the AMC mission, particularly as it relates to conservation, with an emphasis on Connecticut issues.

During the year the Committee scheduled educational conservation hikes, identified elements for a basic conservation module for leadership training, and participated in conservation activities on New Members Day.

Three meetings were held. At the first meeting, Ruth Dinerman presented information on the Land and Water Conservation Fund. She also focused on local issues and motivating volunteers.

The second meeting consisted of brainstorming and reviewing the tentative schedule of annual events set at the first meeting. It was decided that four meetings a year would be scheduled. The last meeting each year will create a spring project for the incoming Committee chairperson. A conservation display was built and will be part of the group's presentation at AMC functions.

Ann Sherwood, the AMC's club-wide Conservation Committee chairperson, presented an overview of the initiatives and positions of the club-wide Conservation Committee. The Connecticut Chapter agreed to provide the club-wide committee with Connecticut's views and opinions.

Two conservation workshops were scheduled for the Chapter's Annual Meeting:

- A slide show by Bruce Hill on the "National Policy on Air Quality and Visibility"

- A presentation by Peter Donahue, the AMC's River Conservation Advocate, on "River Conservation Leadership"

#### CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

<i>Dave Bicking</i>	<i>George Bosse</i>	<i>Nadine Castonguay</i>
<i>Birge Dayton</i>	<i>Roger Hall</i>	<i>Justine Hart</i>
<i>Frank Junga</i>	<i>Marcie Klattewserg</i>	<i>Elaine Labella</i>
<i>Frank Piercy</i>	<i>Ann Sherwood</i>	<i>Lisa Spencer</i>
<i>Jerry Stage</i>	<i>Eric Stones</i>	<i>Carolyn Webster</i>

*Roger Gibson - Co-Chair*  
*Patricia Culbert-Hughes - Co-Chair*

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### East of the River Committee

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The East of the River Committee met four times in 1998 to establish goals, plan programs, and discuss items for the quarterly *East of the River* newsletter.

Four issues of *East of the River* were published. At our September meeting we elected to continue our practice of sending a newsletter and membership form to new AMC members living east of the river, inviting them to join our group. Once we receive their completed forms, we add them to our newsletter and membership list. We now have 690 members.

In May we hosted a spring dinner for 90 people in Rockville at the Methodist Church. Gary and Deb McConville presented a multi-media slide show of their hike on the Colorado Trail.

In June, we met with a representative of the Friends of Connecticut State Parks, Inc. to help develop a strategy to create a Friends of Mansfield Hollow State Park group. Using a grant from the Connecticut Chapter, we are exploring interest in forming such a group. During the summer, the park was officially re-opened by Governor John Rowland. At the ceremony, former chair Betty Robinson spoke to the Governor and was interviewed by the Hartford media about the condition of the park.

In October, our fall East-of-the River Day was held in conjunction with the Quinebaug-Shetucket Walking Weekend at the Preston City Congregational Church in Preston. The program was a showing and sing-along with troubadour Sally Rodgers (on videotape) singing her "Songs of the Heritage Corridor."

Tuesday hikes continued to attract an average of 20 participants - sometimes as many as 30 or more. We publish a list of approximately 75

regular Tuesday hikers with names and telephone numbers and distribute the lists at hikes so that people can carpool together. These hikes are held year round, mostly on trails east of the river. Some highlights this year included two hikes in Hartford led by Ed Richardson - one of Cedar Hill Cemetery in Wethersfield and another through the city of Hartford.

#### EAST OF THE RIVER COMMITTEE

<i>Kathy Allenby</i>	<i>George Arthur</i>	<i>John &amp; Linda Cunningham</i>
<i>Dot Davis</i>	<i>Dick Don</i>	<i>Ed &amp; Fay Dresner</i>
<i>Neal Felsing</i>	<i>Virginia Fisher</i>	<i>Frank Junga</i>
<i>Nancy Meitzler</i>	<i>Carolyn Olsen</i>	<i>Jean Partridge</i>
<i>Ruth Pfeifer</i>	<i>Betty Robinson</i>	<i>Meg Sertl</i>
<i>Jean Silverio</i>	<i>Diane Wright</i>	

*Pam Lewis - Chair*

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### Education Committee

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The Education Committee continues to provide leadership training for the Chapter, and to offer various outreach activities. At this year's Annual Meeting, programs sponsored by the Committee included CPR, AMC facilities, using map and compass, and a RAP hike leaders workshop.

In March 1998, the Committee sponsored training for prospective activity leaders at White Memorial Foundation in Litchfield. The weekend included good food and fellowship, outdoor activities, and presentations and workshops concerning:

- leadership styles and techniques,
- accident scene management,
- trip planning and management,
- liability and trip requirements, and
- judgment and decision making.

There were fourteen program participants.

Another leadership training opportunity was the SOLO Wilderness Medicine course that was arranged and coordinated by Jeff Hogan. It was presented at White Memorial in April, and will be offered again in the spring of 1999. There were twenty-eight participants.

Nine "rap hikes," another aspect of leadership training, were held this year. Rap hikes provide a meeting ground for the exchange of ideas and

procedures between experienced and aspiring leaders. Rap hikes, coordinated by Anne Rehm, are listed in *AMC Outdoors*.

In the area of outreach activities, Shirley Sutton has continued to direct the Junior Naturalist program. In response to requests, Shirley sends out activity booklets, which are geared to children from approximately six to twelve years of age and, upon their completion, awards the Junior Naturalist patch.

Our video loan library now includes over twenty videos on various outdoor activities, including the Appalachian Trail, backpacking, and conservation. They are available by mail to borrow free. Emily Hall, has serviced the requests.

My sincere thanks and appreciation go to my enthusiastic, dedicated, and involved Committee members.

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Paula Burton  
Emily Hall  
Anne Rehm

Merri Fox  
Linda Houser  
Karen Stackpole

Mary-Jane Gately  
Erik Madsen

Virginia de Lima - Chair

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### Excursions Committee

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The Excursions Committee coordinates Chapter activities in the following areas: Day Hiking, Backpacking, Family Activities, Flat Water 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 activities include a co-leader program for hike leaders and rosters of both activity leaders and leadership candidates.

#### Message from the Excursions Chair

This past year has been an exciting year. The Committee, in conjunction with the Education Committee, continues to encourage more members to become leaders through rap hikes, leadership training weekends, and co-leading. Leo Ouillette and Merri Fox organized hike leader meetings to better acquaint our leaders with each other and the issues leaders face. Of great concern is the impact caused by very large groups of hikers. Every effort is being made to increase the number of hikes and balance out trail use to keep the number of participants to a comfortable level and minimize the impact to the trails.

During the year Housatonic River Day, Give a Day to Trails, National Trails Day, New Members Day and East of the River Day events were held. I want to take this time to thank all of the activity leaders for contributing so much of their time and love of the outdoors with other members.

Trip Statistics - October 1, 1997 - September 30, 1998

All Activities	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Trips	450	429	422	435	470
Participants	5741+	5150+	4680	6079	4241+
Average Turnout	13	12	11	14	N/A

Day Hike	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Trips	398	395	376	378	429
Participants	5231	4640	4257	5717	3794+
Average Turnout	13	12	12	15	N/A

#### Weekend Trips Coordinator: Merri Fox

The weekend trips listed below are Hiking, Cross-country Skiing, Flat Water Canoeing and Sea Kayaking. In addition Bicycling had eighteen weekend events. We are always looking for new leaders.

Weekends	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Trips	25	8	12	12	18
Participants	N/A	N/A	171	200	N/A
Average Turnout	N/A	N/A	15.7	16.6	20

#### Backpacking Coordinator: Paul Duclos, Steve Keri

The demand for backpacking trips, especially in Connecticut, is always high. The need for leaders for these types of activities is also very high. If you would like to lead, or co-lead a backpacking trip, please contact Paul Duclos at (203) 932-9868 before 9:00PM or Steve Keri at (203) 331-0143.

This year there were two weekend backpacking trips.

#### Flatwater Canoeing Coordinator: Paul Magnuson

With the growth in Sea Kayaking, there were three flat water weekend events as well as eleven day events.

Activities	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Trips	14	14	11	8	23
Participants	N/A	N/A	86	58	87+
Average Turnout	N/A	N/A	8	7	N/A

### Cross-Country Skiing Coordinator: Marty Griffin

Last winter was known for its lack of snow. Many trips were planned but several were canceled because of the lack of snow.

<u>Ski Trips</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1994</u>
Trips	27	9	23	31	15
Participants	N/A	82	150	104	80
Average Turnout	N/A	9	6.5	3.4	5.3

### Blue Trail Series Coordinator: Open

The Excursions Committee is actively recruiting a coordinator and one or more hike leaders interested in leading Blue Trail Hikes. The purpose of these hikes is to support members in completing the CT 400 (hiking the approximately 700 miles of "Blue Trails" in the State).

### CT 400 Club: Daryll Borst

Daryll continues to monitor the roster of the CT 400 Club for AMC members who attain this goal. During the past Year William Shaffer and Allmuth Perzel have qualified for the CT 400 Award. This brings to sixty the total number of AMC hikers who have earned the award since 1973 when the tally was begun.

### Monthly Hike Coordinators

For each issue of *AMC Outdoors*, hikes are coordinated by a different AMC member who solicits hikes by mail, follows up by phone, and helps meet the goal of the Connecticut Chapter to offer a variety of hikes based on distance, terrain, and location, for all AMC members and guests to enjoy. The Excursions Committee is actively recruiting new coordinators for the 1999 season.

Monthly Hike Coordinators for 1998 were:

<i>Carl Rosenthal</i> - Waterford	January/February
<i>Donna Arbus</i> - Meriden	March
<i>Paul Duclos</i> - West Haven	April
<i>Justine Hart</i> - Middletown	May
<i>Ann Rehm</i> - Bristol	June
<i>Bob Baldwin</i> - Columbia	July/August
<i>Mark Wood</i> - Stamford	September - FCG Coordinator
<i>Tom Carruthers</i> - Westport	October
<i>Charles Baker</i> - Old Saybrook	November
<i>Janice Parker</i> - Ledyard	December

### EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE

<i>Daryll Borst</i> - North Haven	CT 400 Club Monitor
<i>Paul Duclos</i> - West Haven	Computer Coordinator, Backpacking
<i>Sue Graham</i> - Old Greenwich	Hike Trip Reports Coordinator
<i>Marty Griffin</i> - Newington	Cross Country Skiing Coordinator
<i>Merri Fox</i> - Harwinton	Weekend Coordinator
<i>Steve Keri</i> - Bridgeport	Backpacking
<i>Paul Magnuson</i> - Danbury	Flatwater Canoeing Coordinator
<i>Peg Peterson</i> - Danbury	<i>AMC Outdoors</i> Coordinator
<i>Mark Wood</i> - Stamford	FCG Coordinator

*Merri Fox* - Co-Chair  
*Leo Ouillette* - Co-Chair

## Fairfield County Group

Over the past twelve months the Fairfield County Group held over 250 outdoor activities in and around Fairfield County. Though hiking was the predominant activity, other events held included road biking, mountain biking, cross-country skiing, sea kayaking, and white-water canoeing and kayaking. Several weekend excursions were held.

During this period, six social evenings were held with an average attendance of over 100 per session. Meetings were held in both Westport and Danbury. In addition to consuming some 85 pounds of spaghetti, presentations were given on: "Connecticut's Landscape through the Eyes of an Archeologist"; "The Salmon River, Idaho, by Raft and Kayak"; "Around Holland, and onto the Moselle, by Bike"; "Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro"; "Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail"; and "Hiking the Appalachian Trail." Six editions of *THE HIKER* were printed, mailed, and distributed to stores and community locations throughout the county. A special summer edition was produced that contained topical articles.

### FAIRFIELD COUNTY GROUP

<i>Ken Anderson</i> , Activities	<i>John Barry</i> , Hiker Editor
<i>Paula Burton</i> , Chapter Chair	<i>Tom Carruthers</i> , Biking/Excursions
<i>Dale Geslien</i> , Danbury Rep.	<i>Gretchen Goethner</i> , Programs
<i>Peter Heyel</i> , Activities	<i>Joe Kelleher</i> , Food Service
<i>Kim Rumford</i> , Distribution	<i>Jeff Russek</i> , Treasurer
<i>Bill Russell</i> , Public Relations	<i>Karen Stackpole</i> , Leader Development
<i>Mark Wood</i> , Hike Coordinator	

*Eric Stones* - Chair

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## Membership Committee

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As of September 1, 1998 there were 9,543 AMC members affiliated with the Connecticut Chapter. This represents a net increase of 638 members since last September and a retention rate of 83.5%. This compares to last year's net growth of 165 members and retention rate of 78%. Family memberships continue to increase and now represent about 30% of the total. In the past twelve months we welcomed 2,100 new members to the Chapter.

Volunteers on the Membership Committee are:

<i>Jon Burr</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>John Cunningham</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Dot Davis</i>	Member at Large, Calling Team Member
<i>Bob Dickinson</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Mary Jane Engle</i>	Adopt -A-Store Coordinator
<i>Virginia Fisher</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Helen Flood</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Dawn Gagliardi</i>	New Member Day Planning
<i>Dale Geslien</i>	New Member Day Planning, Calling Team Member
<i>Melissa Healy</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>John Hicks</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Jeri Jaminet</i>	New Member Survey Coordinator
<i>Dave Jenkins</i>	Past Chair, Inquiry Response, MIB Coordinator
<i>John Kelling</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Nancy Meitzler</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>May Nevius</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Carolyn Olsen</i>	New Member Day Activities Coordinator, Calling Team Member
<i>Donna Palumbo</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Michael Palumbo</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Betty Robinson</i>	New Member Packet Coordinator, New Member Day Planning, Membership Database Coordinator
<i>Gladys Sheehan</i>	Member-at-Large
<i>Howard Treat</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Trish Treat</i>	Calling Team Member
<i>Mary Warren</i>	Calling Team Member

Our annual New Members Day was held on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The numerous and varied activities scheduled for that day were well attended and provided our new members with a nice sampling of what the Chapter has to offer. Following the daytime activities, over 100 members headed over to the Northeast Utilities Building in Berlin for a spaghetti dinner and interactive slide show presentation by Paula Burton on the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut.

The Membership-in-a-Bottle (MIB) program begun last year, which allows chapters to sell AMC memberships directly to the public, is quite popular. Individual and Family memberships can be purchased through MIB. One way the applications for membership through MIB are made available is through the Adopt-A-Store Program, which was started last fall. In an effort to promote membership, volunteers adopt a favorite outdoor store and keep it stocked with membership applications. While this program has grown since last year, many more volunteers are needed to make this a real success by ensuring widespread distribution throughout the State. If you'd like to participate in this program, please contact Mary Jane Engle.

The responsibility of recruiting and welcoming new members to the club, and serving the interests of the general membership would be an impossible task without the help of the many dedicated volunteers who serve on this Committee and we are most grateful for their efforts.

*Dave Cullen* - Co-chair  
*Tori Stepanov* - Co-chair

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## Mountaineering Committee

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The Connecticut AMC Mountaineering Committee started off the 1998 season with an active winter schedule. On New Year's Day, a group spent the day hiking the Appalachian Trail (AT) at St. John's Ledges in Kent, Connecticut. The season continued with various activities including winter hiking and camping, snowshoeing, and ice climbing.

Winter camping weekends, lead by Mark Vandenberg, were spent in Vermont, at Mt. Mansfield and Mad River's Mt. Ellen, and in the White Mountains of New Hampshire at Mt. Madison, Mt. Pierce, Mt. Whiteface and Mt. Passaconaway. The weekends at Mt. Whiteface and Mt. Passaconaway revealed the tremendous destruction caused by this past winter's ice storm. We introduced new eager winter adventurers to the amazing stability of crampons on ice, and the art of alpine axe self-arrest on the slopes of Mt. Chocorua in New Hampshire. In February a dozen

members spent a four-day weekend in Mad River, Vermont. Activities included ice climbing, snowshoeing, winter hiking, and cross-country and down hill skiing.

Ice climbing highlights lead by Paul Maresca, included a full day climb on grade 4/5 ice at the Black Dike on Cannon Cliff, Pitch-off Cliff and Chapel Pond in the Adirondacks, Smuggler's Notch in Vermont, and Frankenstein Cliff in New Hampshire.

As usual, we climbed indoors once a week throughout the winter at Prime Climb in Wallingford, with our traditional pizza dinner afterwards. Once the weather warmed up, we were climbing outdoors at Woodbury, Cat Hole, Amphitheater, Pinnacle and Small Cliff, to mention a few of our favorites. May was extremely busy. Not only did we hold our annual two day "Introduction to Rock Climbing" class, we also participated in "Give a Day to Trails" where we worked on a section of the AT at St. John's Ledges. On "Trails Day," members participated in a trail work party at Woodbury. And at the end of May, six members participated in a Climbing Self-Rescue Course taught by David Fasulo, author of the 1996 book Self-Rescue - How to Rock Climb Series.

Some weekends we ventured further, with trips to the "Gunks" in New York, Seneca Rocks in West Virginia, and Rumney + Cannon Cliff in New Hampshire. Once again Paul Maresca led a successful two-day aid climb on Fruit Cup at Cannon. Further travel included several attempts on Slesse in British Columbia, three days of classic climbing in Leavenworth, Washington, and other adventures on Forbidden Peak in the northern Cascades. Under the leadership of Dave Danenberg, the group also did some exploring to new climbing areas like Rose Ledges, and Reservoir Rock in Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

In August, Dave Danenberg and Carol Parr organized a one-day climbing experience with forty 10-15 year old inner city foster children, building their self-confidence and self-esteem.

In September, five members went on a ten-day trip to Utah and Colorado. In Utah we climbed at "Wall Street" outside Moab, and the Six Shooter Tower near Canyonlands National Park. In Colorado we hiked to the summit of Mt. Elbert and climbed at 11-Mile Canyon, which provides superb granite cliffs for all levels. With the guidance of our past chair, Dwight Curry, we were introduced to Canyoneering in San Rafeal Swell, Utah through the narrow sandstone walls of Little Wild Horse and Bell Canyons.

The remainder of the fall schedule includes more local climbing, as well as weekends at the "Gunks" and in New Hampshire until the cold weather starts the cycle once again.

#### MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

*Ed Budzig  
Spencer Sprecker*

*Paul Maresca  
Bill Walters*

*John Rek*

*Dave Danenberg - Co-Chair  
Mark Vandenberg - Co-Chair*

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#### Newsletter Committee

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Three 8-page issues of the Connecticut Chapter Newsletter were sent out in March, June and October to approximately 7,500 recipients each time. The pre-press phase of production, while adding greatly to the newsletter's graphic appeal and readability, also adds to its production cost. If a future editor or member of the editorial staff had training in graphic design, and low or no-cost access to scanning and page layout software, greater economies might be possible.

Volunteers to our newsletter staff would be most welcome. Those with graphic arts skills, those willing to photograph various club activities throughout the year, and those with editorial or electronic publishing experience are heartily urged to step forward!

*Arlene Govang  
Trish Treat - Chair*

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#### Northwest Camp Committee

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The Annual Snowshoe Party is usually scheduled as the year's first event. Due to the unusually mild winter, this event was canceled.

The second event was the Annual Spring Work Party. The Committee is grateful for the help volunteered by the Trails Committee. This was the second joint work party on the second annual Give a Day to Trails Day. Unfortunately, rain hampered the work efforts of the hardy souls who participated. We were all thankful that a few projects were completed, including grading the front cabin entrance area and quarrying some rocks to build stone steps up from the brook to prevent further erosion.

Another project completed was painting the cabin's ceiling, which was badly in need of attention.

I would personally like to thank everyone who braved that inclement day to assist with all the projects in the State. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Committee hosted an open house at the cabin. This event brought members of the Committee together with members of the Club that are interested in helping the Northwest Camp Committee. Ten people attended. At this time, the information board has been updated with new pictures and information about the Committee.

The Annual Fall Work Party was held on November 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Projects included restocking the firewood supply with three cords of wood, moving the outhouse, carrying on stone work at the stream bank, additional revegetation work, and general preparation for winter.

Cabin use was steady for 1998, with weekends usually booking four months in advance and weekday use declining slightly.

The Committee, continuing in the tradition of land stewardship and hospitality, is still working on a questionnaire to encourage volunteer membership in the Committee.

The Committee will also be discussing the development of a policy that will focus on the historical significance of the Northwest Camp, not only to the Connecticut Chapter, but its important standing in the AMC as a whole. A primary purpose would be to protect the cabin and camp from the impact of overuse, unneeded modernization to the cabin itself, and a preservation of the philosophy that created this entity. This policy would be brought forth to the Chapter's Executive Committee for review and discussion upon completion.

#### NORTHWEST CAMP COMMITTEE

Chuck Doll  
Rod Parlee  
Jim St. Amand

Paul Ives  
Meghan Patrick  
Dave Terril

Keith Larsen  
John Rek  
Scott Whalen

Trent Link - Chair



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## Program Committee

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Our committee has continued to serve the Chapter by hosting the Mid-Winter and Connecticut Forest & Parks Association Trail Day potlucks. In addition, we hosted spaghetti dinners for the Spring Dinner and New Members Day. We provided the programs for the Mid-Winter Potluck and the Spring Dinner. We planned the Annual Meeting, which included planning the dinner and evening program, coordinating the afternoon workshops, and handling the book and used equipment sale.

We are fortunate to have been able to use space at Northeast Utilities in Berlin for our potluck and spaghetti dinners, and the Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill for our Annual Meeting.

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

Luella Bartes  
Brian Cushing  
Fay Dresner  
Cicilia Stoll

Richard Bartes  
Frank DeFasio  
Irving Mills  
Ruth Tupper

Louise Carroll  
Edgar Dresner  
Wilford Parker  
Wilda Wise

Helene Goulet - Co-Chair

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## Trails Committee

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The Trails Committee had a very productive year that included:

- Monitors and Maintainers Leadership Training, and Guide/Ridgerunner workshops were held early in the season.
- The second annual Give-a-Day-to-Trails event was well attended despite inclement weather. The event was expanded this year to include the Mountaineering, Fairfield County Group, Excursions, Conservation and Northwest Camp committees as co-leaders with Trails Committee leaders.

- National Trails Day was supported with projects on three blue blazed trails.
- A bridge project north of Warren Turnpike and the replacement of five steps was completed.
- A switchback on the north side of Raccoon Hill was completed.
- Work continued on cribbing in Sages Ravine.
- Repairs continued on the ridge runner cabin.
- All open-space mowing projects were completed.
- This year's vista review/upgrade quota was completed.
- A joint work party with the Mt. Riga Corporation on the Bald Peak Trail was successfully finished.
- The installation of twenty tons of riprap at Macedonia Brook was finished.
- The twenty-two foot, 3-stringer bridge at Carse Brook was replaced, and cribbing on the bank was installed.
- Another "Introduction to Trail Work for Women" was held, which was again very successful and is better attended every year. On the south side of Mt. Easter, one rock water bar and one log water bar were installed, and an existing rock water bar was repaired. Seven log steps on the hillside leaving Macedonia Brook were installed.
- The trail around the cornfield at Routes 112 & 7 was upgraded by extensive brushing, and by constructing three short cedar bridges and two sections of cribbing.
- A final land acquisition wish list for the National Park Service to consider in the acquisition project for the Appalachian Trail (AT) corridor was reviewed and submitted.
- Testimony at the Connecticut Siting Council's public hearing on an application submitted by AT & T for a telecommunications tower to be installed on a neighbor's property abutting National Park Service land was provided. While it was originally thought that the application was going to be denied without prejudice, the Siting Council and the applicant have agreed to reopen the application for the limited purpose of researching alternative sites and micro cell facility locations.
- The Committee was apprised that the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) is one of the defendants in a lawsuit submitted in Federal Court by the Schaghticoke Indian Tribe for the return of approximately 1900 acres of land from Route 341 to the New York border.
- Ann Sherwood and Elaine Labella attended the biennial Presidents' meeting hosted by the ATC this past June in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, which was attended by nearly all of the 31 maintaining clubs along the AT. A seminar on "Motivating the Volunteer" was

presented by Ed Clark, workshops on issues from boundary maintenance to telecommunication tower issues were held, and "networking" took place.

- The Committee approved the concept and design this year for a proposed handicapped accessible trail, which would encompass a section of the AT in Falls Village. The engineering design will be finished in October 1998.
- The Committee has purchased a computer and is in the process of updating all information and putting it onto the computer.
- The Committee continued the annual visits to Congressmen Jim Maloney, Christopher Shays and Nancy Johnson, urging their continued support of appropriations from the Interior Appropriations Committee for the remaining acquisition projects on the AT. At the ATC President's meeting in June, Dave Startzell, Executive Director of the ATC, received a personal telephone call from Ralph Regula, Chairman of the Interior Appropriations Committee, who stated that the \$15.1 million needed to finish the trail corridor acquisition project by the year 2000 had been approved.
- The National Parks Service acquired 57 acres in fee and easement from the Connecticut Light and Power Company at Bulls Bridge. The relocation of the trail for this area was completed and opened on the Chapter's New Members Day, September 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Expansion of the Trail Management Committee to add the new position of co-volunteer coordinators continued.
- All trail management job descriptions were reviewed and updated.
- Special use permit holders were reviewed.
- The Connecticut Forest and Park Association's April workshop to refurbish trails in People's State Forest was supported.
- Roving or interchapter weekends were held at Camp Dodge in the White Mountains, on the Long Trail/Appalachian Trail in Vermont, in Connecticut with the New Hampshire Chapter, and twice at Camp Mohican in the Delaware Water Gap.
- Connecticut was again well represented at the New England Regional Meeting of the ATC held in Fairlee, Vermont.
- Connecticut was well represented at the AMC's Clubwide Trails Meetings in April and October, as well as at the Club's Annual Meeting.
- The relocation of the lower part of the Pine Knob Loop Trail was started this fall.
- Cribbing repair commenced on the Barrack Matiff above Route 44.
- An inventory was completed and an evaluation was begun of all trailheads, shelters, and campsites for appropriate and consistent low impact needs.



- The Committee is active in the club-wide debate of the group size issue.
- A plan was completed for the maintenance of exterior corridor boundaries and inventory of the monuments.
- Review and revision of the Local Management Plan began.
- The manual for the monitors was updated.
- Ongoing meetings with local and state enforcement officials to improve overall lines of communication, and knowledge of the trail and emergency access routes continued.
- Spring and late summer issues of the *Hazel Hoe* newsletter were published.
- Three privies were relocated.
- New maintainers were recruited and the sections for some of the maintainers were rearranged.

With sadness on two counts: we accept the resignation of longtime committee member, George Andrew, who served as our treasurer. George is re-retiring to Florida with his wife. Our best wishes to you both in your new life. We note the untimely passing of Graham Clark, maintainer and work party leader. Graham had just retired and was looking forward to spending more time on the trail. A donation was made in his memory to the Richmond Memorial Library in Marlborough.

On behalf of the Trails Committee, I would like to thank all of the staff of all organizations that we work with for all their support, and a huge thank you to all the volunteers who helped make a successful year happen once again!

#### TRAILS COMMITTEE

George Andrews  
Hugh Cobrain  
Birge Dayton  
Ron Kisselburgh  
Elaine Luckey  
Walt Rinehart  
Norm Sills  
Tori Stepanov

Dick Blake  
Ted Cowles  
Henry Edmonds  
Elaine Labella  
Ian McCunn  
Richard Rouse  
Carole Slocum  
Chet Stover

Doug Christie  
Walt Daniels  
Harlan Jessup  
Jocelyn Linnekin  
Bob Poitras  
Ann Sherwood  
Bob Sprong

Ann Sherwood - Chair



## Whitewater Committee

The Whitewater Committee provided two kayak rolling instruction sessions this year. This was the 30<sup>th</sup> year of rolling sessions at Suffield Academy run by Ed Chase. A second session was added at the Wilton YMCA. Both drew a lot of paddlers and are scheduled again for 1999. Over seventy whitewater trips were scheduled on rivers from Maine to Pennsylvania. Three kayak instructional sessions were held to provide training on the river. Six sea kayaking trips were scheduled, two off the coast of Maine and four in Connecticut. The Committee also established a web site, which contains information for new members, trip schedules, river level and release schedules, trip reports and links to other useful web sites.

#### WHITEWATER COMMITTEE

Jeff Barnard  
Tracy Britt  
Naomi Freedman  
Dave Jamieson  
Anne-Marie Matula

Ed Bossom  
Ed Chase  
Becky Hendricks  
Shelly Jamieson  
Mark Schappert

Clark Bowlen  
Joel Freedman  
Paul Hendricks  
Mike Madison  
Jerry Walton

Bruce Kindseth - Chair

## Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee's charge is to fill any open chair positions with qualified volunteers. We get to meet many wonderful people that tend to give their time to our club over and over. We also get to "beat the bushes" looking for new talent that can give so much to the AMC. One need not be an "expert" to chair a committee. You need to be organized, have a great sense of humor, and be willing to lead. We will provide the rest. As of this report we still have a couple of open chairs: Mountaineering and Program. Any interest? Give any of us a call.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dan Casey  
Rod Parlee

Justine Hart

Marty Griffin

Dave Mihalek - Chair

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## Nominations for the 1999 Executive Committee

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

Chapter Chair	<i>Carl Rosenthal</i>
Vice Chair	<i>Eric Stones</i>
Secretary	<i>Doug McKain</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dave Jenkins</i>
Bicycling Committee Chair	<i>Judy Kunkel</i>
Conservation Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Patricia Culbert</i> <i>Lisa Spencer</i>
East of the River Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Pam Lewis, Rob Funk</i>
Education Committee Chair	<i>Virginia de Lima</i>
Excursions Committee Chair	<i>Janice Parker</i>
Fairfield County Group Co-Chairs	<i>Peter Heyl, Kim Rumford</i>
Member-at-Large	<i>Charles Baker</i>
Member-at-Large	<i>Roger Hall</i>
Membership Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Dave Cullen, Tori Stepanov</i>
Mountaineering Committee Chair	<i>open</i>
Newsletter Editor	<i>Arlene Govang</i>
Northwest Camp Caretaker	<i>Trent Link</i>
Program Committee Chair	<i>open</i>
Trails Committee Chair	<i>Ann Sherwood</i>
Whitewater Committee Chair	<i>Becky Hendricks</i>
Past Chair	<i>Paula Burton</i>
Regional Director	<i>Paula Burton</i>

### 50-YEAR MEMBERS

Congratulations and best wishes to the following Connecticut Chapter members who we are honoring for their 50 years of membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club! They have been invited to attend the Annual Meeting and banquet as guests of the Chapter.

- Miss E. Mildred Abbott* of New London  
*Mr. Edward Battey* of West Yarmouth, Massachusetts  
*Mr. Richard Bielefield* of Franconia, New Hampshire  
*Mr. George W. Carden* of Plainville  
*Mr. Harold O. Danielson* of Morganton, North Carolina  
*Mrs. Francis T. Hale* of Manchester  
*Miss Janet Kelly* of Madison  
*Ms. Katharine M. Stevenson* of Bloomfield  
*Mr. G. Judson Wells, Jr.* of Bethlehem  
*Mrs. Nancy C. Willis* of Bristol, Vermont