APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

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
2001 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chapter Chair
Eric Stones
Roger Hall
Doug McKain
Al Pachas
Carl Rosenthal
Judy Kunkel
Frank Junga
Lisa Spencer
Dick Don
Bob Hayman
Shirley Sutton
Janice Parker
Tom Carrauthers
Liz Egli
Tim Lenihan
Carol Parker
Dale Geslen
Patti Allard
Chuck Doll
Ann Sherwood
Mark Schappert
Sue Bartley
Darron Kannenberg
open
Norm Sims

CHAPTER CHAIR’S REPORT

The past year was a busy year for the club with growth in many areas and a new focus by the Executive Committee to accomplish some meaningful improvements in serving the membership. Here are a few highlights from the past year:

- Chapter membership surpassed 10,000 for the first time and now stands at slightly over 10,300.
- The chapter’s web site, WWW.CT-AMC.ORG, was greatly expanded to include all hikes and other activities. (Thanks to Peg Peterson for doing a great job with this.)
- The Young Members group continued to flourish, more than doubled their membership, and added many new activities to their cadre. (Thanks to Darron Kannenberg, Sue Bartley and their committee.)
- The club continued to expand its activities with growth in bicycling, white-water pool sessions, mountain climbing, and flatwater canoeing. Many hikes and other activities were organized for every week of the year. (Thanks to Judy Kunkel, Tim Lenihan, Carol Parker, Janice Parker, Mark Schappert, and their committees.)
- The Program Committee produced several highly successful and well-attended events, namely: the Annual Meeting, the Spring Dinner and New Members’ Day. (Thanks to Dale Geslen and her committee for doing a fabulous job.)
- The New Member Day event continues to expand and this year held 19 well-attended activities during the day, and drew 190 to the evening event. (Thanks to Liz Egli and her committee for their successful efforts throughout the year.)
- The Trails Committee continued to maintain the Connecticut section of the Appalachian Trail in superior condition. All the through-hikers I encountered this year reported that “it was one of the best-maintained sections throughout the entire trail.” (Thanks to Ann Sherwood and her committee for the continued excellent job.)
- The Conservation Committee was invigorated, held many events throughout the year, and participated in many advocacy campaigns. (Thanks to Frank Junga and Lisa Spencer for their good efforts here.)

Many other groups contributed much to provide activities and events for chapter members – the East of the River Committee and the Fairfield County Group in particular organized many events. Thanks to all the
many volunteers whose participation kept the AMC the major outdoor activity and advocacy organization in the state.

This summer we instituted a campaign to recruit more volunteers to help run the club and participate in the various committees. We had a wonderful response and I thank all that have offered to help. We expect to greatly draw on their services during the next year. Best wishes,

Eric Stones - Chapter Chair

P.S. Special thanks to Doug McKain for preparing this Annual Report and to Al Puches for doing an outstanding job as Treasurer.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING - 2000

The 80th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held on November 18, 2000, at the Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Dale Gestien, Program Committee Chair, introduced Chapter Chair, Eric Stones.

Eric welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that it was encouraging to see so many members attending.

Eric noted the following highlights from the past year:

“Sue Bartley and Daron Kaeberlein started the Young Members Group. Starting with just three members at the beginning of the year, they have grown to several hundred participants, with over 140 on their email list. Much new blood has joined the club and with it they have broadened our scope and membership.

“The Handcapped Trail was completed this year and is a feather in the cap of all that helped Dick Blake complete this ‘first’ for the AT.

“The web site has continued to improve and is now an excellent source for information. Thanks to Andrea Hebert for her good work on this.

“The Whitewater ‘rolling’ sessions continue to attract more and more participants.

“The Bicycling Group led many more trips this past year and has greatly increased participation.

“Though probably not very noticeable to most members, it’s quite a job pulling together all the activities for the Backcountry section of each Outdoors Magazine. Peg Peterson did a superb job over the past year organizing this task.

“Many other groups continued to contribute much to the club. For example, the Trails Committee has a huge job maintaining the AT and all that goes along with it. They work very hard, do a superb job, and receive little credit. Likewise, the other committees are full of dedicated volunteers who keep the Chapter strong, active and providing the outdoor experience to all that wish to participate. It has been a pleasure serving with so many competent and hard working individuals.”

Eric went on to point out that, “there is always a need for more of our general members to lead activities and serve on one of the committees. The work is fun and rewarding and not too hard. The pay isn’t much, but the rewards are immense in terms of friendships made, self-growth, and providing a general feeling of helping your fellow man. I hope that
anyone here tonight, who does not currently participate in the club, but
would like to, will call me so they can get in on the fun.”

Eric thanked Dale Geslien and the Program Committee for organizing
the Annual Meeting and asked them to stand for a well-deserved round
of applause. Eric also thanked those who put on 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 since the last
Annual meeting:

Virginia G. Aiken
Chet Marturano
Hazel Jacoby
James Kelly
Phillip Bishop
Frederick Miller
Emerson White
Henry Francis

Eric then called on Nancy Shooshan, who became a fifty-year member of
the Club in 2000, to come forward and receive her fifty-year pin. Nancy
was in attendance with her husband Robert, a sixty-year member.

Eric then recognized other members reaching the fifty-year milestone in
2000:

Ms. Emilie L. Farrenworth
Mrs. J. H. Bartholomew, Jr.
Mr. W. W. Stueck
Ms. L. P. Onyx

A good number of members stood when Eric asked twenty-five-year
members in attendance to stand.

Eric then introduced Jon Grand, Boston Chapter Chair, who was in
attendance.

Eric then introduced Dave Cullen. Dave described the Harry Dunen
Scholarship Fund that sends one or more youths to an AMC Teen
Wilderness Adventure each year. Dave summarized the experiences of
the year 2000 recipients. To help support this worthwhile activity, Dave
asked for donations to be made at the end of the meeting. Dave has been
overseeing the Harry Dunen Scholarship Fund since its inception six
years ago.

Eric then introduced Elaine Lala Bella who urged everyone to join the
Connecticut Forest & Park Association. The CFPA maintains the 700

miles of “blue trails” in Connecticut. The AMC sponsors many hikes and
work parties on these trails.

Eric then expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the 2000 Executive
Committee. He asked them to come forward as he read their names and
receive a round of applause.

Eric Stone called on committee chairs to present the 2000 Connecticut
Chapter Stewardship Society awards, recognizing those volunteers who
contributed more than 30 hours to trails, education, membership,
programs, and conservation activities, and to leaders who led five or
more activities.

Patti Allard  George Arthur
Leon Barkman  John Barry
Richard Bates  Sue Bartley
Dave Boone  Steve Brusick
Tom Carruthers  Russ Charette
Milt Clark  Hugh Cobain
Ted Cowles  Dave Cronin
John Cunningham  Walt Daniels
Birge Dayton  Bob Dett
Chuck Dool  Dick Don
Jonnae Ducois  Paul Ducois
John Eberhart  Henry Edmonds
John Figuccia  Barbara Feuchtel
Roger Hall  Bob Hayman
Ray Heise  Harlan Jessup
Darron Kanenbarg  Joe Kelsoe
Judy Kunkel  Elaine La Bella
Tom Louns  Jocelyn Lunnkin
Paul Maresca  Ian McConn
Nancy Metzler  Dave Mihalek
Rob Muo  Ron Naylor
Bob O'Brien  Carolyn Olsen
Carol Parker  Janice Parker
Carol Pucan  Bob Poiras
Walt Rinehart  Betty Robinson
Mark Schappert  Bill Schmacler
Ann Sherwood  Norm Sils
Jerry Sage  Tori Stepnow
Chet Sizer  Larry Studdford
Debbie Tedford  Russ Waldie

Bob Baldwin
Louella Bartes
Dick Blake
Paula Burton
Doug Christie
Steve Collins
Dave Cullen
Dot Davis
Eileen DiBene
Ed Dresser
Sandy Dunn
Lu Egli
Dale Geslien
Andrea Hebert
Frank Junga
Maryann Kosyamian
Marion Liberati
James Malumpy
Doug McKinnon
Gern Mihalek
Bill Novak
Leo Ouellette
Peg Peterson
Al Pachis
Brigitte Rothsman
Jack Shea
Lisa Spencer
Eric Stone
Shelley Sutton
Bill Walters
Aim Sherwood announced Trails Committee awards for:

**New Volunteers with 12 Hours**
- Matt Barnett
- Glen Bracken
- George Kocha

**Volunteers with 50 Hours**
- Jeff Girard-52 hrs
- Therese Greyhouse-58 hrs
- Bob O’Brien-89 hrs
- John Grasse-61 hrs
- Ron Silversone-58 5 hrs

**Volunteers with 250 Hours**
- Dave Boone-333 hrs
- Briggs Rutman-329 hrs

**Volunteers with 500 Hours**
- Ted Cowles-535 hrs
- Jim Mahanpy-519 hrs
- Bob Poirier-598 hrs

Eric then presented the Appie of the Year award to Paula Burton. Paula started as a bike leader, later became a bike leader, served on many committees, was Chapter Chair, and is retiring as Regional Director on the AMC’s Board of Directors. Everyone stood and applauded in appreciation of Paula’s many years of service. Past recipients have been Betty Robinson, Dave Cullen, and Dick Blake.

Eric then recounted the story of how the Chapter Chair came to wear a red hat as a way to be recognized. Back in 1951, John Herr, then the Chapter Chair, felt the Chapter was getting so big that not everyone knew who the chair was. After all there were 500 members. (We are now over 9000 members.) So, he started the tradition of wearing a red hat. Since then the tradition has been for each Chapter Chair to be given a red hat. Eric then asked all past chairs in attendance to put on their red hats, stand, and receive a round of applause.

- Gardner Moulton 1963-1964
- Glen Parchmann 1989-1990
- Ledge Clayton 1975-1976
- Ken Richardson 1991-1992
- Gerry Hardy 1979-1980
- Mary Dorrance 1993-1994
- Sue Hardy 1981-1982
- Dave Cullen 1995-1996
- Anne Bailey 1985-1986
- Paula Burton 1997-1998
- Trish Niece 1987-1989
- Carl Rosenthal 1999

At 7:50 p.m., Eric called to order the 80th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Eric called for a motion to accept the Secretary's Report as presented in the 2000 Annual Report, which was received, seconded and passed. Eric then called for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented in the 2000 Annual Report, which was received, seconded and passed.

Eric acknowledged the efforts of the Nominating Committee of Dave Milhausk, Chair, Steve Braciak, Dan Casey, Ledge Clayton, and Elizabeth Craven and called for a round of applause. Dave Milhausk, then presented the following slate of nominees for 2001:

- Eric Stoner - Chair
- Roger Hall - Vice Chair
- Al Pach - Treasurer
- Doug McKain - Secretary
- Carl Rosenthal - AMC Outdoors Liaison
- Judy Kunkel - Bicycling
- Frank Junga - Conservation Co-Chair
- Liza Spencer - Conservation Co-Chair
- Dick Dow - East of the River Co-Chair
- Bob Hayman - East of the River Co-Chair
- Shirley Sutton - Education Co-Chair
- open - Education Co-Chair
- open - Fairfield County
- open - Member-at-Large
- Liz Edl - Membership
- Tim Leith - Mountaineering Co-Chair
- Carol Parker - Mountaineering Co-Chair
- open - Newsletter Editor
- Chuck Dull - Northwest Camp
- Brent Link - Northwest Camp Caretaker
- Dale Geslien - Program Co-Chair
- open - Program Co-Chair
- Ann Sherwood - Trails
- Mark Schepker - Whitewater
- Sue Bartley - Young Members Co-Chair
- Darrin Kassenberg - Young Members Co-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.

At 8:03 p.m. a motion to adjourn the business meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

Dale Geslien then introduced the program speaker, Thom Pollard, who made a fascinating presentation on “The Power of Mt. Everest: The quest to Find George Leigh Mallory.”

Respectfully submitted,
Doug McKain, Secretary.
### TREASURER'S REPORT

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 2000**

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#### Revenue Collected:
- Joy Street dues allocation: $36,418, $24,302
- Program activities: $8,779, $11,778
- Contributions: $2,444, $2,625
- Reserve funds – sources \(^1\): $31,865, $46,301
- Local sale of memberships: $1,972, $4,980
- Leadership training: $4,668, $4,475
- Subscriptions to *THE HIKER*: $1,385, $798
- Merchandise sales: $1,251, $1,252
- Interest income: $1,076, $1,518
- **Total revenue collected**: $89,658, $98,059

#### Expenditures:
- Cost of program activities: $10,404, $16,249
- Cost of merchandise: $756, $1,098
- Contributions made: $1,373, $1,525
- Reserve funds – uses \(^3\): $6,853, $51,820

**Committee operating expenses:**
- Bicycling: $1,000, $1,628
- Conservation: $79, $244
- East of the River: $1,207, $2,542
- Education: $4,877, $4,497
- Excursions: $825, $1,317
- Executive: $9,846, $16,653
- Fairfield County: $4,708, $3,582
- Membership: $5,610, $6,586
- Mountaineering: $549, $1,178
- Newsletter: $3,424, $11,672
- Northwest Camp: $797, $537
- Program: $258, $436
- Trails: $6,168, $4,911
- **Total expenditures**: $59,535, $127,175

**Cash at December 31**: $73,877, $44,761

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

**FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2000 AND 2001**

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#### Revenue Collected:
- Joy Street dues allocation: $24,301, $38,320
- Program activities: $5,417, $5,328
- Contributions: $2,625, $25
- Reserve funds – sources \(^2\): $62,988, $11,265
- Local sale of memberships: $3,255, $5,020
- Leadership training: $3,075, $3,685
- Subscriptions to *THE HIKER*: $658, $525
- Merchandise sales: $104, $45
- Interest income: $1,067, $1,015
- **Total revenue collected**: $103,490, $65,228

#### Expenditures:
- Cost of program activities: $5,669, $6,660
- Cost of merchandise: $-- $--
- Contributions made: $0, $2,000
- Reserve funds – uses \(^3\): $68,227, $10,146

**Committee operating expenses:**
- Bicycling: $1,400, $1,347
- Conservation: $237, $92
- East of the River: $2,279, $1,685
- Education: $3,046, $4,165
- Excursions: $991, $985
- Executive: $13,142, $4,778
- Fairfield County: $3,051, $2,662
- Membership: $5,241, $4,951
- Mountaineering: $1,178, $651
- Newsletter: $7,929, $8,163
- Northwest Camp: $387, $308
- Program: $321, $68
- Trails: $3,226, $2,282
- **Total expenditures**: $116,324, $50,943

**Cash at September 30**: $61,043, $59,046
TREASURER'S REPORT
RESERVE FUNDS
(1) Reserve funds are cash set aside by the Chapter for a specific future use or spending objective. Sources of such funds are often grants, gifts, or contributions, but can also include funds set aside from the Chapter's operating budget. A summary of the Chapter’s reserve funds is as follows:

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Al Puches – Treasurer

Bicycling Committee

The AMCyclist newsletter was published again in 2001 and covered rides from April through November. In addition to leading rides and weekend trips, several of our leaders participated in special events and fundraisers for several charities.

A total of 122 road rides, 17 mountain bike rides, and seven trips were scheduled during 2001.

Thanks to our ride leaders, we had the usual weekend rides, and rides every Monday from April through November, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during the summer months, and several mountain bike rides. Leaders were once again able to use our web site to review and schedule their rides.

The "ABC" ride series scheduled over a two year period concluded on October 28th with the "Z" ride. Thanks to Jeri Jamnet for this terrific idea and to the ride leaders who volunteered to help Jeri lead rides to accomplish this goal.

Weekend trips (and one mid-week trip) during 2001 included Washington, DC; Hampton Beach, NH; Gettysburg, PA; the North Shore of Massachusetts; Cooperstown, NY; and Killington, VT.

The 2001 Bicycling Committee was very supportive during this past year and all of them who have been contacted to date have agreed to continue on the Committee for 2002. I look forward to another exciting year of AMC bicycling.

BICYCLING COMMITTEE

Gary Carlson
Deborah Casey
Larry Hayden
Doug McKain
Jo-An Oberg
Mike Stina
Maureen Sylvester-Craig

Judy Kunkel - Chair
Conservation Committee

We are continuing to bring guest speakers to our monthly meetings in order to stimulate more interest in the Conservation Committee. We have also instituted weekend hike meetings with guest leaders. These have been warmly received. Specific activities this year were:

- A talk by Robert Thorsen (University of Connecticut Geology Department), Geology of Traprock Ridges.
- A talk by Julie Victoria (Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection - Wildlife), Timber Rattle Snakes in Connecticut.
- A talk by Jim O'Rourke (Connecticut State Representative), Environmental Legislation.
- A hike/talk by Prof. Sherm Clehin (Eastern Connecticut State University), Effect of Glaciers on Landscape in Connecticut, and
- A hike/talk by Ralph Lewis (Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection), Connecticut Geology.

We are planning a November hike with a member(s) of the state legislature.

Responding to comments that too many hike leaders have little to say about the land on which we hike, we have started a program to provide our hike leaders with some natural history background. Ed Richardson started this experimental program on October 13, 2001 with a tree identification walk. Ralph Lewis has agreed to hold a seminar on Connecticut geology for hike leaders.

Many thanks to Joe Grychowski, who has volunteered to keep the Committee e-mail list up to date. It's a real help.

The Conservation Committee co-chairs attended a gathering in Litchfield for the Conservation chairs of each AMC chapter. Our idea is to interest new people in the Conservation Committee were well received.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

George Basse
Kristen Grant
Juliet Leeming

Borge Dayton
Joe Grychowski
Marco Liberati
Jo-Anne Giblin
Marilyn Lassow
Eric Stone

Frank Junga - Co-Chair
Lisa Spencer - Co-Chair

East of the River Committee

This has been another highly successful year for members living and hiking east of the Connecticut River, with 100 scheduled hikes. Tuesday hikes averaged 25 hikers and there were 8-18 hikers on Thursday hikes.

This success is largely due to our East of the River Newsletter, published three times in 2001, that gets information out to our membership. Thursday hikes were added to our usual Tuesday hiking schedule. They are usually longer and more strenuous than the Tuesday hikes are. We owe our thanks for these Thursday hikes to John Cunningham, Jack Shea, Ed Richardson, and John Figueroa. We've also improved the weekend hiking schedule east of the river thanks to Ed Dresner whose machete has also worked on our behalf to add more trails east of the river.

Betsy Robinson, founder and former East of the River chair, has established Friends of Mansfield Hollow State Park, which will support the park as a viable recreational area.

We held two very well attended dinners and slide presentations (about eighty at each presentation), with profits going to the Harry Duren Scholarship Fund.

Beginning on October 23rd, East of the River will offer, in addition to our regular 5 to 8-mile hikes, hikes that are less than 5 miles. These are for hikers who for one reason or another can't manage longer hikes.

On a weekend in October, hike leaders were treated to a tree identification hike. Those hike leaders will pass on to their hikers this informative information.

EAST OF THE RIVER COMMITTEE

John Cunningham
Linda Cunningham
Dot Davis
Ed Dresner
Fay Dresner
Rob Funk
Frank Junga
Maryann Kosyshojian
Pam Lewis
Nancy Mettler
Carolyn Olsen
Ruth Pfeifer
Betty Robinson
Meg Sexton
Dick Don - Co-Chair
Bob Hayman - Co-Chair
Education Committee

The Education Committee of the Connecticut Chapter of the AMC continued to offer technical training at reasonable expense to its members. The ever-popular SOLO Wilderness First Aid was presented in March to a full house. At the Annual Meeting each year, a morning CPR class is offered. The last November/First December weekend hosts the Major Excursions Training and the Leadership Weekend at White Memorial in Litchfield.

The Committee is also responsible for its own Junior Naturalist Booklet, which was reprinted this year.

My hope is that the new chair and committee not only continue these valuable programs, but also expands into new areas of education.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Paula Burton
Merri Fox
Eric Stones
Anne Rahm
Shirley Sutton - Chair

Excursions Committee

The Excursions Committee coordinates Chapter activities in the areas of day hiking, backpacking, cross-country skiing, and family activities. In addition to the more formal leadership development programs offered by the Education Committee, the Committee continues to encourage and qualify new activity leaders through a co-leader program for new leaders and through rap hikes.

A total of 356 day hikes were offered over the course of the year, with more than 4,000 participants. Currently, there are 140 active leaders in the Chapter, a comparatively small roster given the number of trips led over the year. Thanks to all of the activity leaders who contributed their time and effort, and in particular to the more than twenty leaders who made exceptional contributions by leading five or more trips over the course of the year.

While we have had a gratifying number of new leaders qualifying over the past year, there has also been some attrition as members left the area or retired from active leadership. Therefore, our roster of active leaders has not increased as we would wish. We are keen to increase recruitment of new leaders in order to maintain, or better still, to increase the number and variety of excursions that we can offer. To this end we are always seeking to recruit individuals willing to act as coordinators for family activities, backpacking, weekend activities, and leader recruitment.

For each issue of AMC Outdoors, hikes are coordinated by a different AMC member who solicits hikes by mail, phone or e-mail, and then prepares the listings that ultimately appear in AMC Outdoors. Their efforts help the Committee meet its goal of offering a wide variety of hikes each month to AMC members and guests throughout the state. We would like to thank these individuals for their efforts and contributions.

The Monthly Hike Coordinators for 2001 were:

- Carl Rosenthal, Waterford
- Eric Stones, Bethel
- Paul DuGlo, West Haven
- Fred Roote, Suffield
- Charlotte Hutchcock, New Haven
- Dick Duff, Manchester
- Heather Davidson, Lakeville
- Janice Park, Ledyard
- Ann de Vries, Wading, NY
- Janice Park, Ledyard

January/February  March  April  May  June  July/August  September  October  November  December
The indispensable jobs done by Suzanne Graham and Heather Graham, who were responsible for the distribution of the hike report sign-up sheets that form the basis for Excursions Committee record-keeping, and Paul Duclos who coordinates distribution of hike solicitation materials to the monthly coordinators and disciplines our computers, deserve particular acknowledgement.

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE

Paul Duclos
Heather Davidson
Bob Dickinson

Computer Coordinator, Backpacking
Trip Reports Coordinator
Cross-country Skiing

Ann deVona - Co-Chair
Janice Parker - Co-Chair

Fairfield County Group

The Fairfield County Group continued in 2001 to do what it does so well: hold bimonthly spaghetti socials in Westport and Danbury, issue THE HIKER newsletter, and conduct many local hikes each weekend.

Tom Carruthers - Chair

Membership Committee

As of October 1, 2001 there were 10,328 AMC members affiliated with the Connecticut Chapter. This is the first year that chapter membership has exceeded 10,000. Membership-in-a-Bottle sales have increased significantly due to the continued successful use of the web site and the ongoing Adopt-a-Store program. After some deliberation over whether to hold our annual New Member Day on Saturday, September 15, so soon after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, we carried on with our original plans, and the event was an overall success. There were 19 well-attended events held around the state, including hikes, bike rides and canoe trips. One hundred ninety people attended the New Member Day evening program at Northeast Utilities in Berlin consisted of a social hour, spaghetti dinner, and multimedia presentation given by Heidi Howkins, world-class mountain climber and author of K2: One Woman's Quest for the Summit. Heidi has led or participated in five Himalayan expeditions in five years. She focused this inspiring presentation primarily on her 1998 expedition to K2. New Member Day continues to be a tradition that brings together old, new, and prospective members of all age groups and backgrounds to experience what the AMC has to offer.

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. I am most grateful for their continuing efforts.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dave Cullen
Pat Coughlin
New Member Day Planning

Dot Davey
Adopt a Store Coordinator

Virginia Fish
New Member Day Planning

Dave Gogliardo
MIB Coordinator

Dave Jenkins
New Member Day Planning

John Kelling
Voice Mail Inquiry Response

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Carolyn Olsen
New Member Day Activities Coordinator

Ted Platt
Member-at-Large

Betty Robinson
Member-at-Large

Glady Shulman
New Member Day Planning

Tori Stepantow
Past Co-chair

Liz Egli - Chair
Mountaineering Committee

We opened the year with a winter attempt on the summit of Mt. Marcy, in the Adirondacks of New York. Eleven intrepid individuals snowshoed or skied to Marcy Dam and set up camp. That night we were treated to 12 inches of new snow. The next day we set out for the summit, tramping a five mile long trail in two feet of snow only to be turned back by the weather a few hundred yards from the summit.

Winter 2000/2001 was a spectacular ice-climbing season; teams were out almost every weekend on trips throughout New York and New England. There were three-day trips to Smuggler's Notch (ice-climbing, skiing, winter hiking) and the White Mountains (ice-climbing, winter hiking). In addition to Wednesday gym climbing, members met at Mt. Southington a few times on Thursday nights to practice telemark skiing techniques (an effort we hope to expand during the 2001/2002 season).

As the weather warmed, we exchanged crampons for rock shoes and took to the crags once again. Our season rock-climbing opener saw 20 climbers out -- including a few new faces. In addition to cragging, we had a Wednesday evening trip to climb in the White Mountains.

A Summer Solstice traverse of the presidential range in New Hampshire has become something of an annual tradition. This year 4 teams attempted the peak-bagging, 18+ mile, 8000 feet of elevation gain/loss, hike that begins in Crawford Notch and ends on Dolly Copp B (or vice versa).

John Res logge an record time of 11 hours. Other teams completed the route in times varying from 12 to 14 hours. As the season progressed, members spread out for objectives further afield. Several teams traveled to the Cascades in Washington State for climbs on Mt. Adams, Mt. Rainier, Forbidden Peak, and Liberty Bell. Two members traveled to Northern Italy for a week of climbing in the Dolomites. In September, members climbed at Cochise Stronghold in Arizona -- our scheduled "major" trip. Two teams climbed "big walls" in Zion and Moab during October, and a group will be climbing in Southern New Mexico over the Thanksgiving holiday.

When not climbing, we were engaged in a number of support activities:
- **Education** - Our annual Introduction to Rock-Climbing class was a sell out with 21 students of varying age in attendance. Two members attended an AMC sponsored Avalanche Awareness program, others took courses in backcountry first aid.

in self-rescue techniques for multi-pitch leaders and "seconds." Former committee chair Paul Maresca provided instruction and coaching in big-wall climbing techniques to several members of the section (the big-wall outing in Zion was a "graduation" outing for one of the students). Informal tutelage from other members of the section greatly assisted in the development of five new leaders on rock and two new leaders on ice.

- **Trail Work & Crag Clean-Up Efforts** - Members of the section joined with the Access Fund and the Ragged Mountain Foundation (RMF) to perform trail maintenance and crag clean-up.
- **Fund Raiser** - Our section coordinated a screening of the Banff Film Festival, raising $1,300 for the benefit of RMF.
- **Access Issues** - Many of the best crags in Connecticut remain closed to climbing. AMC regional staff met with our section and members of RMF and the Access Fund to help coordinate an effort to re-open these areas.

- **Service Work** - Several members assisted Everest climber Thom Pollard in sponsoring a day of rock climbing for the American Leadership Forum; participants included State Representative Jesse Stratton.

**Connecticut Climbing Guide** - Members assisted climbing guide author Dave Fauske, by traveling to and producing route descriptions for two Connecticut crags; the information will be included in a forthcoming new guidebook to Connecticut climbing.

- **Gear** - We replaced several climbing ropes, adding SAM and air splints to our first aid kits, and acquired a portagelie to support multi-day big-wall climbs. Several gear donations were received this year including a pair of avalanche transceivers, and some general mountaineering ice axes.

Clearly these sorts of activities require volunteered time and skill from many people. We would like to thank everyone in the section for their assistance this year, especially the contributions of the Committee.
Newsletter Committee

In the year 2001, there were two issues published of the AMC Connecticut Chapter newsletter. The over 10,000 members in the Chapter are being sent the newsletter. This is an increase in membership of approximately 2,500 people since the June 2000 issue. Thanks to Committee members, Dale Geslisen, and Chapter Chair Eric Stines for their support.

I would also like to thank everyone who contributed articles and photographs for publication. Without your input, we have no output. We look forward to your support in 2002. Happy Trails!

Patti Allard – Co-Chair

Northwest Camp Committee

Three pallets of stone were ordered for the cabin's new foundation. The spring work party was held on May 5th and stones were moved up to the cabin.

A proposal was approved for $10,000 and the work to build a foundation for the cabin was completed in October.

A fall work party was held on Friday, November 2nd.

Northwest camp celebrated 50 years on November 3rd. There were hikes and a cookout held in celebration.

Ken Kostak, a committee member, donated signs to replace the worn out signs around the cabin.

The outside furniture was painted.

A new picnic table was purchased for $300.

NORTHWEST CAMP COMMITTEE

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Chuck Doll – Chair

Program Committee

The Program Committee provided another exciting and fun filled year to AMC Members. Last year’s annual meeting at the Rocky Hill Marriott surpassed attendance records in recent years. Members found a great variety of workshops from which to choose – from learning about Timber Rattlesnakes to viewing our Mountaineers’ most recent adventures. They also interacted with committee members and perused the offerings at the Used Equipment Sale and Book Sale. The highlight of the day was Thom Pollard’s awesome presentation “The Power of Everest: The Quest to Find Mallory.” The Spring Dinner at the Cheshire Grange was also well attended. Martin Torrezquintero gave us an extremely interesting and educational presentation entitled “Two Ocean Safari – Exploring South Africa’s natural and cultural heritage.” As usual, the Cheshire Grange members provided a superb meal. We had more delectable delights at the Trail’s Day Potluck, held jointly with Connecticut Forest and Park Association at Northeast Utilities in Berlin. CFPA’s speaker, Kim Robert Nilsen, founded New England’s newest and one of its longest trail systems, the Cohos Trail. Everyone was excited about the opportunity to explore a “new” wilderness closer to home. Our annual New Member Day spaghetti dinner, also held at Northeast Utilities, was another well attended event. Mountaineer Heidi Hopkins’ presentation “K-2: One Woman’s Quest for the Summit” was especially intriguing in light of the tragic events of September 11th.

Committee members did a great job this year providing hors d’oeuvres and filling our famous punch pot, making sure the projectors, screen, PA system etc. were all in working order for our speakers, as well as taking care of registration and overall logistics. I hope you will join me in thanking them for all their hard work in making these events run so smoothly. We were also happy to welcome Ellen and Joy, two new members to our Committee this year. Our membership is growing so our committees need to grow as well. Please think about volunteering. We’d love to have you join us.

2002 is just around the corner and we’re looking ahead to another exciting year of Connecticut Chapter events!

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Dale Geslisen – Chair
Trails Committee

The Trails Committee had a very productive year that included the following accomplishments:

- All open space mowing projects were completed.
- A new signboard was installed at the south gate on River Road in Kent to continue the education and outreach to the general public about the Appalachian Trail (AT), especially since this is such a busy starting point for day hikers and first time people to the Trail.
- Red worm privy renovations were completed at the Stewart Hollow Shelter privy.
- The replacement of the bog bridging to turnpiking was completed at Macedonia Brook.
- Two chums were relocated.
- The deck at Silver Hill Campsite was repaired.
- The upgrade to Privy A and repaired two tent pads at Sages Ravine Camp Area was completed.
- Made progress with trail hardening projects at Bulls Bridge, on Macedonia Ridge, St. John’s Ledges, Guinea Brook, and near Sages Ravine.
- Temporary bridge repairs north of Warren Turnpike were completed.
- Repairs to Pine Swamp Shelter were completed.
- The annual Maintainers Workshop was held in April.
- Another successful Give-a-Day Back-to-the Trail event was held.
- Inter-chapter weekend work parties with the New Hampshire Chapter were held in Connecticut and New Hampshire.
- Plans were completed, National Park Service approval received, and the approval of neighbors, for the installation of a hiker parking lot on Bunker Hill Road for the Lion’s Head Trail. Parking lot construction was also completed.
- Participated with the AMC Berkshire County AT Trails Committee in sponsoring a Student Conservation Association Trail Crew for one month in Connecticut and Massachusetts.
- The annual Vista Review was completed.
- Testimony was submitted on behalf of the Committee to the Town of Sharon Planning and Zoning Commission regarding the siting of a digital telecommunications tower on the Sharon/Salisbury town line along Route 7. The tower, which was ultimately approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, proved not to be an impact to the trail.
- The initial review of a Management Plan for the Bulls Bridge area with the State of Connecticut was completed.
- The Committee participated in the New England Regional ATC meeting in Fairlee, Vermont.
- AMC Club Trail Committee meetings throughout the year were attended.
- Water well testing was brought to current guidelines of the National Park Service.
- A vault privy at the Undermountain Trailhead Parking lot was installed.

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Dick Blake
Hugh Cobrana
Burge Dayton
Elaine Labella
Walt Rinehart
Sue Springer

Dave Boone
Ted Cawley
Henry Edmonds
Paul Palmer
Briggie Rathsam

Doug Christie
Walt Daniels
Harlan Jessup
Bob Peatras
Norm Sills

Ann Sherwood – Chair

Whitewater Committee

2001 has been a busy year for the Whitewater Committee. Starting in January our annual pool instructional sessions in Wilton saw solid attendance of 25-30 people a week. Attendance at Suffield was also up from last year.

This summer we ran a new instructional program on Thursday nights in July and August at the Lake Lillinonah boat ramp in Bridgewater, CT. The class attracted more than forty students over the course of the sessions. The lack of any rental charges for the facility allowed us to run this class for no charge. It was a great success and will be run again next summer.

The Committee approved the purchase of a used Perception “Shock” rodeo style kayak and related gear to add to the club’s inventory of boats. This makes six fully outfitted kayaks, six outfitted canoes, and a C-1 and C-2 closed boat. The Shock was purchased to make instruction easier for smaller students. All of our existing fleet is designed with larger paddlers in mind.
The Whitewater committee also sponsored a swiftwater rescue class run by Wayne Sandmacher, who co-authored with Charlie Walbridge, the *Swiftwater Rescue Manual*. The class was attended by thirteen paddlers. The Committee voted to cover half of the cost of the class for our trip leaders. Seven of the thirteen were leaders. The class taught students many valuable techniques for river rescue.

The Committee ran seventy-five trips this year from West Virginia to Maine. Membership is slowly growing. Next year there are plans to increase the number and variety of trips. We're trying very hard to recruit new leaders and more instructors are planned as a way to increase membership. We're also planning a river rescue class for trip leaders.

**WHITWATER COMMITTEE**

- Jeff Barnard
- Ed Chase
- Bruce Kindred
- Barry Smith
- Clark Bowlen
- Becky Hendricks
- Mike Madison
- Dave Jamison
- Tracy Britt
- Paul Hendricks
- Matt Manzick
- Shelly Jamison

*Mark Schappert - Chair*

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**Young Members Committee**

The AMC Young Members of Connecticut (ages 21 to 39) started in January of 2000 with nine members. As of October 2001 we have 303 members and guests, and 16 event leaders. We started the year with multiple ski trips to Mt. Southington, several cross-country ski trips, including one in the Berkshires, and two snowshoe trips. We continued the year with numerous hikes in central and Northern Connecticut and one by the Long Island Sound. We also had two hikes in the Catskills, two in the Berkshires, and one at Mt. Tom in southern Massachusetts. We went rafting in the Hudson Gorge and in the Dryway, camping out both times. We went mountain biking twice. We went roller-blading twice. We had a trail work day. We visited the Hancock Shaker Village in the winter, and in the fall, toured a museum display of paintings of Connecticut history and landscape, toured a science center, and attended an outdoor jazz festival in Hartford. We had a summer picnic with more than 40 members and guests and lots of food at Wadsworth Falls State Park. We also had numerous socials after events, or just to get the group together. We generally had between 10 and 25 participants at each event.

We would like to thank the committee for providing many successful events. We would like to thank all the leaders of the group for leading at least one event this year:

- David Bilemure
- Brad Long
- Roy Watanabe
- Mike Dews
- Eric Madsen
- Brees Haldeco
- Mark Schappert

We would also like to thank everyone for attending the events and for helping to make every event a fun time.

**YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE**

- Steve Collins
- Julie Nye
- Larry Studdiford
- John Eberhart
- Dave Schwalter
- Jamie Howland
- Rick Strunk

*Sue Bartley - Co-Chair

Darrin Kannenberg - Co-Chair

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**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 need a couple of co-chairs: Education and Program, and a Newsletter Editor. Any interest? Give any of us a call.

*Dave Mihalek - Chair*
Nominations for the 2002 Executive Committee

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

**AMC Outdoor Liaison**
- Carl Rosenthal

**Bicycling**
- Judy Kuskel
- Eric Stones

**Chair**
- Frank Junga
- Lisa Spencer

**Conservation Co-Chair**
- Barry Beemack

**Conservation Co-Chair**
- Ruth Griffin

**East of the River Co-Chair**
- Shirley Tassen

**Education Co-Chair**
- Ann deVona

**Education Co-Chair**
- Duncan Schwetzer

**Excursions Co-Chair**
- Tom Carruthers

**Excursions Co-Chair**
- open

**Fairfield County**
- Liz Egli

**Member-at-Large**
- Tim Lenahan

**Membership**
- Carol Parker

**Mountaineering Co-Chair**
- open

**Mountaineering Co-Chair**
- Chuck Delli

**Newsletter Editor**
- Trest Link

**Northwest Camp**
- Dale Gashen

**Northwest Camp Caretaker**
- Doug McCauley

**Program Co-Chair**
- Ann Sherwood

**Program Co-Chair**
- Al Puches

**Secretary**
- Tim Lenahan

**Treasurer**
- Peg Peterson

**Vice Chair**
- Mark Schappert

**Web Site Coordinator**
- Sue Bartley

**Whitewater**
- Darren Kaminberg

**Young Members Co-Chair**
- Norm Sims

**Young Members Co-Chair**
- open

**Regional Director**
- open

* There is no nomination to replace Eric Stones as Chapter Chair. Eric has agreed to serve an additional year.

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.

- Mr. Frederick K. Bailey of West Hartford
- Mrs. Kornel Bailey of Simsbury
- Mr. Alfred A. Beak of Trumbull
- Mrs. Brisa Cappell of Wilton
- Mrs. George W. Carden of Plainville
- Mr. Richard W. Constable of Darien
- Mr. Daniel E. Dumer of Northampton, New Hampshire
- Miss Drucilla Littlechals of Waterbury