

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER



81st Anniversary

Annual Report

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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
2002 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chapter Chair	<i>Eric Stones</i>
Vice Chair	<i>Dale Geslien</i>
Secretary	<i>Doug McKain</i>
Treasurer	<i>Al Puches</i>
AMC Outdoors Liaison	<i>Carl Rosenthal</i>
Bicycling Committee Chair	<i>Judy Kunkel</i>
Conservation Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Frank Junga</i> <i>Lisa Spencer</i>
East of the River Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Ruth Griffin</i> <i>Barry Resnick</i>
Education Committee Chair	<i>Leo Kelly</i>
Excursions Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Jim Linnane</i> <i>Duncan Schweitzer</i>
Fairfield County Group Chair	<i>Tom Carruthers</i>
Flatwater Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Jean Trapani</i> <i>Diane Worden</i>
Membership Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Liz Egli</i> <i>Christa Lubatkin</i>
Mountaineering Committee Chair	<i>Carol Parker</i>
Program Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Maria Athanasiou</i> <i>Dale Geslien</i> <i>Fred Iannotti</i>
Newsletter Editor	<i>Kristen Grant</i>
Northwest Camp Committee Chair	<i>Chuck Doll</i>
Trails Committee Chair	<i>Ann Sherwood</i>
Whitewater Committee Chair	<i>Mark Schappert</i>
Young Members Committee Co-Chairs	<i>Sue Bartley</i> <i>Darron Kannenberg</i>
Member-at-Large	<i>Bill Russell</i>
Regional Director	<i>Norm Sims</i>

CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chapter continued to flourish over the past year with growth in many areas. And, though this is my final year as Chapter Chair, I believe the Chapter is strong, vibrant, and has an excellent committee nominated to lead it through the next year. Here are a few highlights from the past year.

- ◆ In 2002, Chapter membership held at over 10,000 for the second year and now stands at slightly over 10,300.
- ◆ The Trails Committee continued to maintain the Connecticut Section of the Appalachian Trail in superior condition. (Thanks to Ann Sherwood and her committee for their continued excellent job.)
- ◆ The Tuesday and Thursday hiking groups (on both sides of the Connecticut River) continue not only to have well attended events every week, but in many respects it is their members who are the life and sole of the Chapter. Those who hike (and eat!) with this group can always be counted on to volunteer their time and I don't know how the Chapter would fare without them. Many thanks from all in the Chapter to you all.
- ◆ The Chapter's web site, www.ct-amc.org, added many new features. If you have not yet seen it, please do so, you will find it a treasure trove of information. (Thanks to Peg Peterson and her helpers for doing a great job.)
- ◆ This year we greatly expanded our flatwater paddling and sea kayaking activities by inviting the Paddlers Network to join the Chapter to form a new Flatwater/Coastal Paddling Committee. Headed by Jean Trapani and Diane Worden, they brought with them many experienced leaders, much wisdom and enthusiasm, and should help the Chapter fulfill the needs of this growing sport. (Many thanks to Paul Magnusen who has done a fine job organizing our flatwater events for the past several years.)
- ◆ The Young Members group continued to develop, adding new members, leaders, and activities. And, I'm pleased to see this group participate in many of the Chapter's events. (Thanks to Sue Bartley, Darron Kannenberg, and their committee.)
- ◆ The Chapter continued to organize and hold many hikes, bike rides, canoeing, kayaking, skiing and mountain climbing events, and other activities every week of the year. (Thanks to Mark Schappert, Duncan Schweitzer, Jim Linnane, Judy Kunkel, Carol Parker, and their committees.)
- ◆ The Program Committee produced several highly successful and well-attended events. Namely: the Annual Meeting, the Spring

- ◆ Dinner, and New Member Day. The Annual Dinner has been revived and attendance to it is at an all time high. (Thanks to Maria Athanasiou, Dale Geslien, Fred Iannotti, and their committee for doing a fabulous job.)
- ◆ The New Member Day event continues to expand and earlier this year held twenty well-attended activities during the day, and drew 125 to the evening event. (Thanks to Liz Egli, Christa Lubatkin and their committee for their successful efforts throughout the year.)
- ◆ Kristen Grant took over this year as Newsletter Editor and published three excellent newsletters that I believe set the standard for the entire Club.
- ◆ The Conservation Committee 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 – East of the River and Fairfield County groups 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 is my final year as Chapter Chair, having served for three years. It has been pleasure to work with so many fine people both from Connecticut and from the Club headquarters in Boston. I thank all that have helped me during the last three years, and I wish Dale Geslien and her 2003 Executive Committee all the best for 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 again as Treasurer.



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING - 2001

The 80th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held on November 17, 2001, at the Marriott Hotel in Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

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

Eric thanked Dale, everyone attending, and for everyone's participation in Club events.

Eric explained that the Club is run on three fronts. First, are the members and many volunteers who run all the hikes, bike rides, river trips, climbs, maintain the trails, run the socials and programs, and so on. Second, there's the Chapter Executive Committee, elected at the Annual Meeting each year, which does lots of administration for the Chapter's events. And third, there's the staff and directors most of whom are up in Boston.

Eric then spoke about what has been going on in Boston.

"The story begins some 10-15 years ago. The club had less than 30,000 members and was close to bankruptcy. The trails were in bad shape and the club was run almost exclusively by volunteers who were finding it more and more difficult to devote the time needed to run the club.

"The directors hired a management team and broadened the board to include members with greater expertise in finance, fund raising, recruitment, and so on. Over the next ten years the Club grew in strength, membership and capabilities. It is now very sound financially, has tripled its membership, and has professional staff covering such areas as conservation, facilities, publications, and trails. In the summer there are hundreds of additional temporary employees.

"By 1998 the Club was running well and the directors turned their attention to the future and the importance of the next decade.

"The club decided it needed to address:

- ◆ the rapid disappearance of open spaces
- ◆ the crowds on the trails – with a 7-8% annual growth
- ◆ the White Mountain huts usually being filled to capacity
- ◆ and, with all this membership, how members' voices could be best heard in Washington and by the various state governments.

"The board decided, along with input from all parts of the organization, to create a plan on which to model the next ten years of Club management. It was called the Vision 2010, which would be funded by the AMC's largest ever fund-raising effort – a multimillion-dollar capital campaign. I'd like to talk about that tonight.

- ◆ The theme behind Vision 2010 is protecting and enhancing the outdoor experiences that we value so highly. Protecting the experiences is inseparable from our need to protect the mountains, rivers, and open spaces.
- ◆ Manage 2000 miles of hiking trails, an increase of 600 miles.
- ◆ Attract and support twice as many active volunteers to achieve AMC's mission, an increase from approximately 12,000 to 25,000.
- ◆ Provide lasting outdoor educational experiences for 50,000 young people a year.
- ◆ Provide outdoor safety and recreation information for over 100,000 members and 2 million outdoor users per year.
- ◆ Provide high quality overnight outdoor experiences for 150,000 people at AMC outdoor program centers, an increase of 50,000.
- ◆ Play a significant role in the protection of an additional two million acres of land.
- ◆ 125th Anniversary Capital Campaign - a minimum of \$30 million is needed for endowment and construction.
 - Raise \$12 million for Outdoor Program Centers
 - Crawford Notch Outdoor Center
 - Recreation Corridor and New Huts
 - New York Program Hub
 - Cardigan Outdoor Center
 - Mohican Outdoor Center
- ◆ Build a model education and outdoor facility at Crawford Notch.
- ◆ Add \$18 million to endowment funds for:
 - Trails
 - Huts Endowment
 - Education
 - Conservation Advocacy
 - Research
 - Unrestricted uses

"Very shortly many of you will receive in the mail an opportunity to participate in this historic event and help the Club be a leading voice and guide to the future of the outdoors in our region.

"I'm excited and honored to participate and I hope you will."

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:

Edward Battey	Gus Petriccione
Howard Bornholm	Mrs. John Reymond
Robert E. Elder	Christopher John Ripley
Richard F. French	Joanne Jackson Russell
Thomas Horan	Doris Salvo
Joseph Kittredge	John L. Smith
Kathleen McGray	Katherine M. Stevenson
Frederick W. Muller	David S. Terrill
Paul Olafsen	Samuel Zahl
Stefan A. Pawlicki	

Eric then recognized those who became fifty-year Club members in 2001:

Mr. Frederick K. Bailey
Mrs. Kornel Bailey
Mr. Alfred A. Beale
Mrs. Brita Cappel
Mrs. George W. Carden
Mr. Richard W. Constable
Mr. Daniel E. Damer

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

Eric then introduced several guests:

Norman Sims – Board of Directors,
 Dexter Robinson – Chair of the S.E. Mass Chapter, and
 Faith Psalter – Conservation Volunteer Coordinator

Eric then introduced the following Chapter Chairs from previous administrations:

<i>Gardner Moulton</i>	1963-64	<i>Trish Niece</i>	1987-88
<i>Ledge Clayton</i>	1975-76	<i>Glen Parchman</i>	1989-90
<i>Gerry Hardy</i>	1979-80	<i>Mary Dorpalen</i>	1993-94
<i>Sue Hardy</i>	1981-82	<i>Dave Cullen</i>	1995-96
<i>Judy Besancon</i>	1983-84	<i>Paula Burton</i>	1997-98
<i>Anne Bailey</i>	1985-86	<i>Carl Rosenthal</i>	1999

Eric then thanked and asked members of the Executive Committee to come forward as he read their names.

Eric then asked committee chairs to read the names of the special volunteers who gave more than 30 hrs of service or led more than 5 activities, including everyone on the Executive Committee. Recipients were awarded a T-shirt.

<i>Patti Allard</i>	<i>George Arthur</i>	<i>Leon Barkman</i>
<i>Luella Bartes</i>	<i>John Barry</i>	<i>Jeff Barnard</i>
<i>Sue Bartley</i>	<i>Dick Blake</i>	<i>Dave Boone</i>
<i>Paula Burton</i>	<i>Caorlyn Callan</i>	<i>Doug Christie</i>
<i>Joyce Clark</i>	<i>Hugh Cobrain</i>	<i>Ted Cowles</i>
<i>Dave Cronin</i>	<i>Dave Cullen</i>	<i>John Cunningham</i>
<i>Walt Daniels</i>	<i>Heather Davidson</i>	<i>Dot Davis</i>
<i>Birge Dayton</i>	<i>Bob Dest</i>	<i>Ann deVona</i>
<i>Chuck Doll</i>	<i>Dick Don</i>	<i>Sandy Dunn</i>
<i>Paul Duclos</i>	<i>John Eberhart</i>	<i>Tom Ebersold</i>
<i>Henry Edmonds</i>	<i>Liz Egli</i>	<i>Ged Fay</i>
<i>John Figucia</i>	<i>Dale Fox</i>	<i>Dale Geslien</i>
<i>Suzanne Graham</i>	<i>Roger Hall</i>	<i>Larry Hayden</i>
<i>Bob Hayman</i>	<i>Mark Hansen</i>	<i>Ray Helie</i>
<i>Charlotte Hitchcock</i>	<i>Jamie Howland</i>	<i>Fred Iannotti</i>
<i>Jeri Jaminet</i>	<i>Dave Jenkins</i>	<i>Harlan Jessup</i>
<i>Frank Junga</i>	<i>Darron Kannenberg</i>	<i>Mark Kiley</i>
<i>Bruce Kindseth</i>	<i>Ken Klopfer</i>	<i>Maryann Kouyoumjian</i>
<i>Judy Kunkel</i>	<i>Elaine LaBella</i>	<i>Tim Lenihan</i>
<i>John LeShane</i>	<i>Marion Liberati</i>	<i>Anne Maio</i>
<i>James Malumphy</i>	<i>Carol Marchion</i>	<i>Paul Maresca</i>
<i>Doug McKain</i>	<i>Rick Merritt</i>	<i>Dave Mihalek</i>
<i>Geri Mihalek</i>	<i>Rob Munro</i>	<i>Bill Novoa</i>
<i>Carolyn Olsen</i>	<i>Paul Palmer</i>	<i>Carol Parker</i>
<i>Janice Parker</i>	<i>Rod Parlee</i>	<i>Peg Peterson</i>
<i>Carol Phelan</i>	<i>Bob Poitras</i>	<i>Al Puches</i>
<i>Anne Rehm</i>	<i>Ed Richardson</i>	<i>Walt Rinehart</i>
<i>Fred Riotte</i>	<i>Betty Robinson</i>	<i>Carl Rosenthal</i>
<i>Bill Russell</i>	<i>Mark Schappert</i>	<i>David Schowalter</i>
<i>Bill Schumacher</i>	<i>Jack Shea</i>	<i>Ann Sherwood</i>
<i>Don Schildneck</i>	<i>Norm Sills</i>	<i>Lisa Spencer</i>
<i>Eric Stones</i>	<i>Shirley Sutton</i>	<i>Bill Walters</i>
<i>Russ Waldie</i>		

Eric then announced two special awards:

- John Cunningham and Rod Parker were awarded the club's Psychoweska award for outstanding service.
- Bill and Jo Russell received the Appie of the Year award for distinguished service. Paula Burton, Dick Blake, Betty Robinson, and Dave Cullen are past recipients.

At 7:55 p.m. Eric called to order the business portion of the 81st 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 2001 Annual Report, which was received, seconded, and passed. Eric then called for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented in the 2001 Annual Report, which was received, seconded, and passed.

Eric introduced Dave Mihalek, Nominating Committee chair, who presented the following slate of nominees for the 2002 Executive Committee:

Eric Stones - Chair
 Open - Vice Chair
Al Puches - Treasurer
Doug McKain - Secretary
Carl Rosenthal - AMC Outdoors Liaison
Judy Kunkel - Bicycling
Frank Junga - Conservation Co-Chair
Lisa Spencer - Conservation Co-Chair
Ruth Griffin - East of the River Co-Chair
Barry Resnick - East of the River Co-Chair
Leo Kelly - Education Co-Chair
Duncan Schweitzer - Excursions Chair
Tom Carruthers - Fairfield County
Bill Russell - Member-at-Large
Liz Egli - Membership
Tim Lenihan - Mountaineering Co-Chair
Carol Parker - Mountaineering Co-Chair
open - Newsletter Editor
Chuck Doll - Northwest Camp
Dale Geslien - Program Co-Chair
Ann Sherwood - Trails
Mark Schappert - Whitewater
Sue Bartley - Young Members Co-Chair
Darron Kannenberg - Young Members Co-Chair

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

At 8:10 p.m. a motion to adjourn the business meeting was made, seconded, and passed.

Eric then asked Dave Cullen to say a few words about the Duren Scholarship.

Dale Geslien then introduced the program speaker, Charles Gray, who presented "Big Mac Attack," a multimedia presentation of an expedition to Mt. McKinley.

Respectfully submitted,
 Doug McKain, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000 AND 2001

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Cash at January 1	\$73,877	\$44,761
Revenue Collected:		
Joy Street dues allocation	24,302	50,999
Program activities	14,632	20,184
Contributions	2,625	2,363
Reserve funds - sources ⁽¹⁾	43,447	8,600
Local sale of memberships	4,980	6,985
Leadership training	4,475	3,985
Subscriptions to <i>THE HIKER</i>	798	630
Merchandise sales	1,252	1,378
Interest income	<u>1,548</u>	<u>1,216</u>
Total revenue collected	\$98,059	\$96,340
Expenditures:		
Cost of program activities	\$17,924	\$22,761
Cost of merchandise	1,098	699
Contributions made	1,325	1,325
Reserve funds - uses ⁽¹⁾	48,538	12,857
Committee operating expenses:		
Bicycling	1,628	2,123
Conservation	244	158
East of the River	2,542	1,871
Education	4,497	6,239
Excursions	1,317	1,072
Executive	16,653	9,449
Fairfield County	3,582	3,650
Membership	6,586	8,151
Mountaineering	1,178	1,137
Newsletter	11,672	9,013
Northwest Camp	537	822
Program	436	92
Trails	5,811	2,454
Whitewater	1,607	1,483
Young Members	-	<u>244</u>
Total expenditures	\$127,175	\$87,400
Cash at December 31	<u>\$44,761</u>	<u>\$53,701</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2001 AND 2002

	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>
Cash at January 1	\$44,761	\$53,701
Revenue collected:		
Joy Street dues allocation	\$38,320	25,192
Program activities	11,248	9,872
Contributions	25	3
Reserve funds - sources ⁽¹⁾	5,345	1,662
Local sale of memberships	5,020	4,730
Leadership training	3,685	4,965
Subscriptions to <i>THE HIKER</i>	525	343
Merchandise sales	45	50
Interest income	<u>1,015</u>	<u>548</u>
Total revenue collected	\$65,228	\$47,365
Expenditures:		
Cost of program activities	\$12,959	\$14,064
Cost of merchandise	-	-
Contributions made	2,000	2,000
Reserve funds - uses ⁽¹⁾	3,820	7,704
Committee operating expenses:		
Bicycling	1,347	1,434
Conservation	92	92
East of the River	1,685	1,900
Education	4,165	3,135
Excursions	985	566
Executive	4,778	3,373
Fairfield County	2,662	2,534
Membership	4,951	3,885
Mountaineering	651	372
Newsletter	8,163	7,283
Northwest Camp	308	216
Program	68	23
Trails	2,282	2,903
Whitewater	27	558
Young Members	-	<u>117</u>
Total expenditures	\$50,943	\$52,159
Cash at September 30	<u>\$59,046</u>	<u>\$48,907</u>

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:

	<u>12/31/00</u>	<u>12/31/01</u>	<u>9/30/01</u>
Reserve funds:			
American Ref-fuel grant	\$200	\$200	\$200
AT Handicap Accessible project	13,690	13,814	13,814
Bicycle racing fund	410	410	410
Bicycle reserve	332	332	332
Duren Memorial Scholarships	1,268	1,204	1,448
Friends of Mansfield Hollow	507	542	0
Jim Wright Memorial	264	264	264
Northwest Camp	9,994	3,594	3,825
Ridgerunner	752	752	752
Stanley grant	4,558	6,199	2,257
Stephen Meyers Memorial	1,895	1,895	1,895
Whitewater	3,951	5,271	2,244
General fund	<u>6,940</u>	<u>19,224</u>	<u>21,466</u>
Total cash	<u>\$44,761</u>	<u>\$53,701</u>	<u>\$48,907</u>

Al Puches - Treasurer



Bicycling Committee

The Bicycling Committee published its *AMCyclist* newsletter again in 2002. This newsletter supplemented rides listed in *AMC Outdoors* from April through November. Several of our leaders again participated in special events and fundraising rides for charities.

A total of 118 road rides, six mountain bike rides, and four weekend trips were scheduled during 2002.

In addition to the weekend rides, there were rides every Monday from April through mid-November, and on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during the summer months. Ride leaders continued to use our web site to review and schedule their rides.

Weekend trips in 2002 were to Cape Cod, the north shore of Massachusetts, central Vermont, and Maine.

I am stepping down as the Bicycling Committee Chair and want to take this opportunity to thank all Committee members for their support and hard work during the past year.

BICYCLING COMMITTEE

*Gary Carlson
Larry Hayden*

*Jo-Ann Carlson
Doug McKain*

*Deborah Casey
Maureen Sylvestre-Craig*

Judy Kunkel - Chair



Conservation Committee

We are continuing our program of guest speakers at our monthly meetings. The purposes of these meetings are to promote interest in the Conservation Committee and to provide fine lectures with a nature background. A natural history 2002 calendar was:

- Connecticut geology by Ralph Lewis (lead geologist and of Connecticut river) geologist
- A hike in Mt. Holyoke with state representative Jim O'Rourke, who reviewed proposed environmental legislation
- A slide show on agapan
- History and status of chestnut trees in Connecticut given by Dr. Sandy Panagoulas, Conn. Agricultural Experiment Station
- A visit to the Woodbury Museum in Kent followed by a hike
- Diseases of and current research on hemlock on CT given by Dr. Mark McCune, Conn. Agricultural Experiment Station

A hike in the Westhampton State Forest is planned for November 24, 2002. This will be a walk and talk hike about local geology, the history of the natural areas, and forest history. The hike will be advertised as a family hike and is suitable for children ages 5 and up.

The Connecticut Chapter issued an AOC Regional Workshop, October 4th through 6th, at the West-Memorial Conservation Center. The objective of the workshop was to help members more effectively interact with their state legislators and organize community conservation action committees. The Conservation Committee provided logistical help and enlisted three of its speakers. Guest speakers were:

- Richard Whitford, Highlands Coalition
- Party Penetration of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association spoke at A.T.V. legislation
- Jim O'Sourke, State Representative, spoke on communicating with state legislators, and
- Kurt Heninger of the Nanticoke Water Shed Group spoke of his experiences challenging UConn on the development of the Horseburn Hill area at the State campus.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

George Rose	Roger Deane	Jo Anne Giblin
Joe Grayhawk	Martin Luzzo	Julie Lanning
Eric Simon	Norman Tague	Alexandra Thomas
		Frank Jurga - Co-Chair
		Eric Spitzer - Co-Chair

East of the River Committee

The East of the River Committee has been successful in working with the City of New Haven, Connecticut and the State of Connecticut to help the residents of the City of New Haven. The committee has been successful in helping the City of New Haven to help the residents of the City of New Haven. The committee has been successful in helping the City of New Haven to help the residents of the City of New Haven.

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LIST OF THE STATE COMMITTEE

John Conroy	John Conroy	Joe DeLo
Ed Deane	Ed Deane	Ed DeLo
Frank Jurga	Norman Tague	Tom Luzzo
Mark White	Frank Jurga	Ed DeLo
Bob Deane	Ed DeLo	

Bob DeLo - Co-Chair
Ed DeLo - Co-Chair

Education Committee

The Education Committee continued to offer technical training at reasonable expense to its members. The ever-popular SOLO Wilderness First Aid was presented in April. At the Annual Meeting each year, a morning CPR class is offered. In November Major Excursions Training and the Connecticut Chapter's Leadership Training Weekend will be held at White Memorial in Litchfield.

The Committee is working on revamping the Leadership Training program that will be offered in 2003.

A sub-committee is attending Junior Naturalist workshops to aid in establishing a revised Junior Naturalist program in 2003. The Committee is also responsible for its own Junior Naturalist Booklet.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Paula Burton
Anne Rehm

Dale Geslien
Bill Russell

Jeff Hogan
Eric Stones

Leo Kelly - Chair



Excursions Committee

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

A total of 283 day hikes, with more than 4000 participants, were offered during the January to October time period. There are 140 leaders listed as active and of these 47 led hikes during the period. Thanks to all of the activity leaders who contributed their time and effort, and in particular to those individuals who made exceptional contributions: more than twenty leaders led five or more trips over the course of the year. Special note should be made of the following:

<i>John Cunningham</i>	22 hikes
<i>Dave Bellemare</i>	17 hikes
<i>Dave Cronin</i>	11 hikes
<i>George Arthur</i>	10 hikes
<i>Leon Barkman</i>	10 hikes
<i>Rob Munro</i>	10 hikes
<i>Betty Robinson</i>	10 hikes
<i>Phylis Freeman</i>	9 hikes
<i>Dave and Geri Mihalek</i>	9 hikes
<i>James Linnane</i>	8 hikes

For each issue of *AMC Outdoors*, hikes are coordinated by a different AMC member who solicits hikes by mail and/or phone or e-mail, and then prepares the listings that ultimately appear in *AMC Outdoors*. Their efforts help the Committee to 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 2002 were:

<i>Carl Rosenthal</i> , Waterford	January/February
<i>Eric Stones</i> , Bethel	March
<i>Paul Duclos</i> , West Haven	April
<i>Fred Riotte</i> , Suffield	May
<i>Charlotte Hitchcock</i> , New Haven	June
<i>James Linnane</i> , Barkhamstead	July/August
<i>Jennifer Nadeau</i> , Coventry	September
<i>Chuck Sack</i> , South Windsor	October

Chuck Sack, South Windsor November
Chip Tuthill, East Haven December

Particular acknowledgment is deserved for the indispensable jobs done by:

- Dave Cronin, who was responsible for the distribution of the hike report sign-up sheets that form the basis for Excursions Committee record-keeping, and
- Paul Duclos, and later James Linnane, who coordinated distribution of hike solicitation materials to the monthly coordinators and disciplines our computers.

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE

Dave Cronin Trip Reports Coordinator
Jim Linnane Computer Coordinator

Jim Linnane – Co-Chair
Duncan Schweitzer – Co-Chair

Fairfield County Group

The Fairfield County Group continued in 2002 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



Flatwater/Coastal Paddling Committee

Under Paul Magnuson last year, numerous paddling trips were planned statewide in Connecticut for the spring, summer and fall of 2002. Thirteen events were held and everyone had a good time.

Diane Worden and Jean Trapani, organizers of Paddlers Network, became the Co-Chairs in the spring of 2002 and gave the group a new name, the Flatwater/Coastal Paddling Committee.

An in-water practice session aimed at familiarizing paddlers with procedures for recovery after a capsized and rescue techniques for both canoes and kayaks was held on August 11, 2002, in partnership with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 72, at their facility on Calf Pasture Beach in Norwalk, CT. Perfect weather made the day all the better, as AMC members helped participants from ages 9 to 55 fall out of their boats and get back in.

The Committee held meetings in the spring and summer and discussed a wide range of topics, including establishing qualifications for trip leaders, guidelines for trip participation, and rating trips, especially as applied to sea kayaking situations. Informal paddles were often held before the meetings to expose Committee members to various locations, and provide concrete opportunities to discuss gear, safety equipment, and other trip variables.

Pool sessions are being planned for January through March 2003. These are being modeled after the pool sessions attended and supervised by the Committee Co-Chairs at the Norwalk YMCA from January through March 2002 and which were planned and negotiated by the Whitewater Committee. A general meeting for all AMC members who are interested was scheduled for November 12, 2002 at the Wooden Boat Workshop in Norwalk, with discussion on warm weather paddling vacations for paddlers this winter.

We are seeking additional leaders for trips and welcome inquiries. Both the past leadership and the current chairs wish to express heartfelt thanks to the trip leaders this year for helping us enjoy paddling and good company within the AMC structure.

FLATWATER/COASTAL PADDLING COMMITTEE

Sharon Fera Nadine Gorrell Clare Lindsey
Lisa Spencer Robert White

Jean Trapani – Co-Chair
Diane Worden – Co-Chair

Membership Committee

As of October 1, 2002 there were 10,058 AMC members affiliated with the Connecticut Chapter. This is the second year that chapter membership has continued to exceed 10,000. "Membership in a Bottle" sales continue to increase due to the continued successful use of the web site and the ongoing "Adopt a Store" program.

New Member Day was held on Saturday, September 21, 2002, and was an overall success. During the day, there were twenty events held throughout the state, including hikes, a bike ride, and a canoe trip.

The New Member Day evening program at Northeast Utilities in Berlin consisted of a social hour, spaghetti dinner, and slide presentation. The presentation was given by Michael Tougas, author of over fifteen books and publications on New England, including *River Days: Exploring the Connecticut River from Source to Sea*, on which he gave his presentation. Approximately 125 people attended the evening program. Thirty percent of these were new members, including prospective members who joined that evening. 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 those who serve on the membership Committee. We are grateful for their continuing efforts.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

<i>Monica Caruso</i>	<i>Dave Cullen</i>	<i>Dot Davis</i>
<i>Robin Forgette</i>	<i>Heather Hess</i>	<i>Dave Jenkins</i>
<i>Nancy Kaericher</i>	<i>Nancy Meitzler</i>	<i>Carolyn Olsen</i>
<i>Ted Platt</i>	<i>Betty Robinson</i>	<i>Gladys Sheehan</i>
<i>Tori Stepanov</i>		

Liz Egli - Co-Chair
Christa Lubatkin - Co-Chair

Mountaineering Committee

We started out this year up in the White Mountains; a group of six stayed in the North Conway area and spent the long weekend ice climbing, skiing, and snowshoeing. After a memorable snowstorm last New Year's Eve on Mount Marcy, however, the Mountaineers took a New Year's off from midnight summits and retired to various indoor activities for the midnight celebration.

Winter 2001/2002 did not bring the multitude of ice to which we were treated the year before - so our winter trips to Smuggler's Notch, the White Mountains, and the High Peaks Region of the Adirondacks saw an increase in alpine hike/climbs and skiing.

Climbing continued throughout the winter at the climbing gym with our weekly Wednesday climbs, and in spring we again resumed biweekly outings on Wednesdays and Saturdays to local crags.

Throughout the spring and summer members of the group took on a multitude of adventures. Our 'annual trip' was to the North Cascades, where a group of six summited Mt. Eldorado, Mt. Shuksan, and Mt. Baker. Another group traveled later to Mt Olympus, and an attempt on Mt. Robson was tried by two of our more experienced mountaineers as part of a team of five. The team kept moving forward despite the loss of a tent, which was blown off the mountain in a storm; they slept in snow caves for the remainder of the trip. A trip to Scotland and England was also made with the intent of climbing a number of seastacks, including the Old Man of Hoy - but the climbers were repeatedly weathered off of their climbs.

This year's climbing season will be topped off by a (hopefully first annual) Beer, Bivy, Bagel and Beginner's Weekend at the Shawangunks in New York. We will be taking our beginners out for their first multi-pitch climbs. The weekend will entail two full days of climbing (weather permitting), a 'beer and pizza delivered to your bivy site' dinner, and a 'bagel in bivy' breakfast prepared by our leaders.

When not out climbing, we engaged in a number of related activities:

Education - Our annual Introduction to Rock Climbing class was again sold out, with 50% of the class becoming regular members of the group, five "seconding" on a regular basis, and one preparing to take over as Committee Chair for the 2003 calendar year. We also have six members signed up for level I and II Avalanche Courses to increase our winter safety awareness as a group.

Trail work/crag clean up - We again joined with the Ragged Mountain Foundation (RMF) on Trails Day for trail improvements at the Ragged Mountain main cliff. Also, a new initiative was begun for all climbers on our Wednesday night outings to bring a trash bag out to the crags and leave the area cleaner than we found it. We have spent virtually the entire summer cleaning the areas around Connecticut crags.

Access Issues - We have continued to work hand in hand with the Ragged Mountain Foundation on ongoing access issues for crags throughout the state.

Gear - We replaced several climbing ropes, three old club harnesses, locking carabiners and belay devices, and purchased a haul bag.

Earlier in the year, we were saddened by the departure of co-chair Tim Linehan from the Mountaineering Committee. While we have been fortunate enough to have had his company back on a number of outings, we miss his leadership and his presence among us, and wish him the best of luck in new endeavors.

While the loss of Tim was felt throughout the Committee, our functions were able to go on due to the help and guidance of a number of our more experienced leaders, without whom the above mentioned events would never have taken place. Special thanks this year for the support of all those who stepped forward and assisted with the chairmanship and trip leading responsibilities, especially Paul Maresca, Ken Klopfer, and Al Carilli - all of whom made chairing the Mountaineering Club not only a "do-able" task, but a fun one.

Thanks also to the many people who kept us going all summer, including those who led weekly outings, taught newcomers throughout the summer, helped on monthly trips, and participated in clean-ups, and are helping with the slide shows and mountaineering table at the Annual Meeting.

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

Al Carilli Ged Fay Ken Klopfer
Paul Maresca Carole Phelan - web site
Bill (Dollar Bill) Walters

Carol Parker - Chair

Newsletter Committee

In 2002 there were three issues of the AMC Connecticut Chapter newsletter, which were sent to the more than 10,000 members of the Chapter.

I would like to thank Eric Stones for his super-human patience and support as he guided me through the process of creating, editing and distributing the newsletter. I also appreciate the help and guidance I received from the rest of the Chapter's Executive Committee.

As we move into 2003 I am looking forward to receiving lots of articles, photos and suggestions for articles from other Connecticut Chapter members.

Kristen Grant - Chair

Northwest Camp Committee

A Spring Work party was held on May 4, 2002.

Four books for the Camp's library were purchased with \$40 received from AMC Conservation Committee Special Funds.

A safety inspection was conducted at the Camp which identified fire safety concerns. The Committee responded with a proposal to correct all items, including building a fire escape.

A fall work party on November 2nd and 3rd started making the safety improvements inside the Camp at a cost of \$500. Bids will be solicited for the construction of the fire escape. The fire escape will be rustic looking and built out of cedar logs.

NORTHWEST CAMP COMMITTEE

Paul Ives Ken Kostak Keith Larsen
Trent Link Rod Parlee Megan Patrick
John Rek Jim St. Amand Dave Terril

Chuck Doll - Chair

Program Committee

The Program Committee provided another year of four interesting and fun events for AMC Members. The 2001 Annual Meeting, held at the Rocky Hill Marriott, provided CPR training and a full afternoon of workshops from Winter Sports to Pacific Coast Bicycle tours to Mountaineering to Bears and Coyotes in Connecticut. Members also had the opportunity to peruse the offerings at the Used Equipment Sale and Book Sale. The evening was filled with an excellent dinner and a multimedia presentation "Big Mac Attack" by experienced mountaineer and North Stonington resident Charles Gray about his June 2000 climb to Mt. McKinley's summit. The Spring Dinner at the Cheshire Grange had excellent attendance. Everyone enjoyed Anne Parmenter's engaging presentation on Ama Dablam, a Himalayan adventure. As usual, the Cheshire Grange members provided a superb meal. We had a wide variety of members prepared food at the Trail's Day Potluck, held jointly with Connecticut Forest and Park Association at Northeast Utilities in Berlin. Everyone enjoyed the "Pictures of the Past" black-and-white slide presentation arranged by event co-sponsor, the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA) and delivered by Marilyn Aarrestad, forest supervisor II for the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Ms. Aarrestad's presentation highlighted work by the Depression era federal Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in our state parks and forests. Our annual New Member Day spaghetti dinner, also held at Northeast Utilities, was another well attended event. The delightful presentation by Michael Tougias was based on his book, "River Days: Exploring the Connecticut River from Source to Sea."

Committee members did an outstanding job this year coordinating the events, providing hors 'doerves and beverages, ensuring that the projectors, screen and PA system were available for our speakers, as well as taking care of registration and overall logistics. I hope you will join us in thanking them for all their hard work in making these events so successful. Special thanks to our newest member Lisa Giugno, to Richard and Luella Bartes for their exceptional service and to our "retiring" members Ed and Fay Dresner for their hard work over the years. Our membership is growing so our committees need to grow as well. Please think about volunteering. We'd love to have you join us. 2003 is just around the corner and we're looking ahead to another exciting year of Connecticut Chapter events!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

<i>Luella Bartes</i>	<i>Richard Bartes</i>	<i>Barbara Beckerman</i>
<i>Frank DeFazio</i>	<i>Edgar Dresner</i>	<i>Fay Dresner</i>
<i>Doreen Guarino</i>	<i>Lisa Giugno</i>	<i>Doreen Guarino</i>
<i>Fred Iannotti</i>	<i>Ellen McGuire</i>	<i>Wilford Parker</i>
<i>Wilda Wise</i>		

Maria Athanasiou -Co- Chair
Fred Iannotti - Co-Chair



Trails Committee

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

- Completed repairs to Schaghticoke Mountain from last fall's ground fire and reopened the trail in May. We had a great response to this emergency averaging twenty-five people per work date and logging over 700 hours. This project altered our original plans for the first quarter of the season.
- Completed the installation of the vault privy at the Undermountain Trail parking area.
- Held workshops for monitors and maintainers, scheduled the annual Give a Day to Trails event and annual Fall Interchapter Social work weekend, and supported National Trails Day.
- Completed all open space mowing projects.
- The National Park Service sponsored a student conservation association crew for the second year in a row. The crew worked for ten days on the north side of Bear Mountain installing rock steps and scree definition.
- Conducted our first work party to hand pull invasive species on National Park Service land, with technical support from The Nature Conservancy.
- Planted a shrub border and corrected some minor problems at the new parking lot on Bunker Hill Road.
- Moved the privies at Algo, Sages, and Riga camp areas. Moved the chum boxes at Schaghticoke and Belters camp areas.
- Made good progress on the north side of Calebs Peak, installing rock steps, rock cribbing, and rock water bars. Also, rock work was continued on the north side of Bear Mt.
- Repaired the bridge at Stony Brook.
- Nearly finished the new bridge that is part of a relocation being constructed just north of Warren Turnpike.
- Completed a review of eleven vista locations; all were fine or cleared, except for Prospect Mt.
- Worked with private archeologists to inventory cultural resources along the Connecticut Section of the Appalachian Trail (AT).

- Attended the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC) biennial Club Presidents' Meeting in June 2002.
- Attended the ATC New England Regional Meeting in Fairlee, Vermont in October 2002.
- Revamped and printed the AT map brochure.

TRAILS COMMITTEE

<i>Dick Blake</i>	<i>Dave Boone</i>	<i>Doug Christie</i>
<i>Hugh Cobrain</i>	<i>Ted Cowles</i>	<i>Walt Daniels</i>
<i>Birge Dayton</i>	<i>Henry Edmonds</i>	<i>Harlan Jessup</i>
<i>Carol Kromer</i>	<i>Elaine Labella</i>	<i>Paul Palmer</i>
<i>Bob Poitras</i>	<i>Walt Rinehart</i>	<i>Brigitte Rothman</i>
<i>Norm Sills</i>	<i>Sue Springer</i>	

Ann Sherwood – Chair



Whitewater Committee

2002 was a busy year for the Whitewater Committee. Starting in January our annual pool instructional sessions at a new location in Westport saw a solid attendance of 15 to 20 people a week Attendance at Suffield was also up from last year.

This summer we ran a second year of summer instructional programs on Thursday nights in July and August at the Lake Lillinonah boat ramp in Bridgewater, Connecticut. The class attracted over 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 donation of two older canoes to a local youth group. The Committee now has six fully outfitted kayaks, four outfitted canoes, and a C-1 and a C-2 closed boat.

This year a leader appreciation policy was instituted. Leaders who led four or more trips and submitted the proper paperwork will receive \$50 gift certificates to a local kayaking outfitter.

The club ran 75 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 run. We are trying very hard to recruit new leaders. We are planning more instructionals as a way to increase membership.

WHITewater COMMITTEE

<i>Jeff Barnard</i>	<i>Clark Bowlen</i>	<i>Tracy Britt</i>
<i>Ed Chase</i>	<i>Becky Hendricks</i>	<i>Paul Hendricks</i>
<i>Dave Jamison</i>	<i>Shelly Jamison</i>	<i>Jim Kilkenny</i>
<i>Bruce Kindseth</i>	<i>Mike Madison</i>	<i>Matt Manzik</i>
<i>Barry Smith</i>		

Mark Schappert – Chair

Young Members Committee

The AMC Young Members (21 to 39) group started in January of 2000 with nine members. As of October 2002, we had about 370 members and guests, and nineteen event leaders. We had several events each month and sometimes more than one event on a weekend. In the winter and spring we hiked (not much snow this year) in the Naugatuck Forest, skated in Cromwell (said farewell to social leader Julie Nye), did some through hikes, and hiked Mt. Monadnock and Sleeping Giant. Dave Bellemare (who led three hikes in one day), Jamie Howland, and Dave Schowalter led most of those hikes. Dennis McGlynn led a through hike from Hubbard Park to Castle Craig, and continued leading segment hikes toward the goal of hiking the entire Metacomet Trail to the Connecticut - Massachusetts border.

In the summer we hiked on the Quinnipiac, Mattatuck, and Tunxis trails, several small parks in the lower Fairfield County area, White Memorial (Rick Strunk), and Black Rock State Park. We also hiked Mt. Greylock, Bear Mt., and in the Catskills. Our summer picnic was held at Wadsworth Falls State Park. We went whitewater rafting on the Penobscot River (thanks to Mark Schappert). We rode bicycles on the coastal roads in Milford. Eric Madsen led a Vermont backpacking weekend (and another one in the fall), along with hikes in Connecticut. We congratulated David Bellemare for being awarded a Mountain Leadership School scholarship and successfully completing the school. We had a farewell social for David Schowalter. There were two unfortunate occurrences; a few cars were towed at one hike, and a car was broken into at another hike.

In the fall, Jamie Howland set up a canoe event and a Habitat for Humanity event. We hiked West Rock, the Metacomet Trail, and the final segment of the Quinnipiac Trail. New leaders included Tom Ebersold, who led several events, and Julie Mollohan, who hosted a social in West Hartford. A monthly calendar of events was added to our web page. We generally had between ten and twenty-five participants at events.

We would like to thank the Committee for continuing to challenge themselves to provide new hikes and different recreational events (along with repeating some of the favorites). We would like to thank the following leaders of the group for leading at least one event this year:

<i>Scott Anderson</i>	<i>Mike Dews</i>	<i>Tom Ebersold</i>
<i>Brad Long</i>	<i>Julie Mollohan</i>	<i>Julie Nye</i>
<i>David Schowalter</i>		

We would also like to thank everyone for attending the events and for helping to ensure the continued success of the group.

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE

David Bellemare
Eric Madsen
Rick Strunk

John Eberhart
Dennis McGlynn

Jamie Howland
Mark Schappert

Sue Bartley – Co-Chair
Darron Kannenberg – Co-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 need a Chapter Vice Chair. Any interest? Give any of us a call.

Dave Mihalik - Chair

Nominations for the 2003 Executive Committee

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

Chapter Chair	Dale Geslien
Chapter Vice Chair	open
Secretary	Pat Riggs
Treasurer	Al Puches
AMC Outdoors Liaison	Carl Rosenthal
Bicycling Co-Chair	Doug McKain
Bicycling Co-Chair	Rick Merritt
Conservation Co-Chair	Frank Junga
Conservation Co-Chair	Lisa Spencer
East of the River Co-Chair	Ruth Griffin
East of the River Co-Chair	Barry Resnick
Education Chair	Leo Kelly
Excursions Chair	John Barry
Fairfield County Chair	Tom Carruthers
Flatwater/Coastal Paddlers Co-Chair	Jean Trapani
Flatwater/Coastal Paddlers Co-Chair	Diane Worden
Member-at-Large	Bill Russell
Membership Co-Chair	Mary Ann Kouyoumjian
Membership Co-Chair	Christa Lubatkin
Mountaineering Chair	Rebecca Ford
Newsletter Editor	Kristen grant
Northwest Camp Chair	Chuck Doll
Program Co-Chair	Maria Athanasiou
Program Co-Chair	Fred Iannotti
Trails Chair	Dave Boone
Web Site Coordinator	Peg Peterson
Whitewater	Mark Schappert
Young Members Co-Chair	Sue Bartley
Young Members Co-Chair	Darron Kannenberg

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. Albert E. Booth, II of Far Hills, NJ

Mrs. Robert L. Fogg of Newington

Mr. Harry M. Johnson of Storrs

Miss Elizabeth MacMullen of Horseheads, NY

