CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

105th Anniversary

Annual Report

November 14, 2026

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 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 and incorporated into the
Chapter Standing Rules.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB
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2025 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chapter Chair	*Jeannine Loughlin*
Chapter Vice-Chair	*open*
Secretary	*Mary Anne Hardy*
Treasurer	*Al Puches*
Immediate Past Chair	*Altina Waller*
Appalachian Trail Chair	*Adam Lippman*
Bicycling Chair	*Leo Pon*
Communications Chair	*Corey Mott*
Conservation Co-Chair	*Janet Ainsworth*
Conservation Co-Chair	*Andrew May*
Education Chair	*Keith Spaar*
Excursions Chair	*open*
Fairfield County Group Co-Chair	*Tom Carruthers*
Fairfield County Group Co-Chair	*Fiona Nicholson*
Family Activities Chair	*Deborah Minor*
Flatwater/Coastal Paddling Chair	*Daniel Hart*
Member at Large	*Barry Black*
Member at Large	*John Grasso*
Member at Large	*Phil Wilsey*
Membership Co-Chair	*Jeff Bass*
Membership Co-Chair	*Barbara Beckerman*
Mountaineering Co-Chair	*Chris Granata*
Mountaineering Co-Chair	*Levi Shmulsky*
Program Chair	*David Wemett*
Webmaster/Technology	*Keith Spaar*
Whitewater Co-Chair	*Mark Schappert*
Whitewater Co-Chair	*Ed Yiznitsky*
Whitewater Co-Chair	*Troy Schinkel*
Young Members Co-Chair	*Portia Baudisch*
Young Members Co-Chair	*Jacob Dunnohew*

CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT – 2026

For 105 of AMC's 150-year history, the Connecticut Chapter has contributed significantly to the organization with a vibrant membership, leader and volunteer pool, and by offering a wide array of quality activities that connect AMC to local communities. AMC celebrated its 150-year milestone this year with a relay from Virginia to Maine.

We were well represented in the celebratory relay marking 150 years of a history rich with traditions of protecting the outdoors and promoting its enjoyment thanks to all our activities committees and their chairs. Family Activities Chair Deborah Minor and Phil Wilsey co-led a very successful excursion at Lonesome Lake.

Cross-chapter collaborative activities such as these offer a window to the kind of re-defined relationship developing between chapters and AMC that will foster a more flexible, sustainable organization capable of responding to increasing pressure from a competitive outdoor recreation industry.

The Board of Directors initiated the move towards a future-ready AMC by approving updated By-Laws, while simultaneously proposing a new, short duration and focused task force to review chapter structure and operations.

A Chapters Chairs meeting followed in March where we reviewed, discussed and voted unanimously to accept a revised AMC Chapters Chairs Committee Charter that included language affirming the CHCM's place in discussions for the future of AMC. CHCM is a Board of Directors' committee charged with specific responsibilities, the first of which is to represent AMC chapters, ensuring their voices are heard at the Board.

This significant step supported CHCM's aligned efforts to contribute to and offer guidance to the Future-Ready Chapter Volunteer Strategy Task Force whose members were drawn from the Board of Directors, Regional Directors, staff and chapters. Their assignment was to recommend a model that would integrate chapters and AMC's work and structures into a seamless whole, empower long-term chapter (local) sustainability, support chapter/AMC effectiveness, and strengthen the community experience. Most importantly, that model had to have the likelihood of successful implementation.

The hybrid model presented to chapters synthesized four concepts obtained from researching organizations similar to AMC. Under the proposed structure, staff would manage finance, bylaws, tech systems, leader credentialing, marketing and compliance. Chapters would be organized into "hubs" within preset "manageable service areas", balancing geography and population. Volunteers would be grouped into "guilds", akin to professional associations or existing activities committees.

The benefits of such a structure are threefold: 1) Administrative burdens would be lifted off volunteers. 2) AMC support would be customized to local activities (hubs). 3) Volunteer entry and movement across AMC would be easier through defined shared skills and standardized training (guilds).

The plan was presented to the wider community of volunteers in early October soliciting constructive comments, to be followed by a presentation to CHCM, after which time the

recommendation will then be presented to the Board of Directors which may approve, modify or reject it altogether.

If approved, we anticipate a long-term, evolutionary process (3-10 years) that will require cost/benefit analyses, management assessment, clear communication founded on integrity and the ability to keep an open mind.

Some may question why another costly endeavor. Major considerations included a diminishing volunteer pool due to aging out and a population that volunteers differently as well as recreates in other ways than they did in years past.

When challenges appear, most will step back, but not our chapter's Executive Committee. They are fully engaged and committed. For that reason alone, AMC should be grateful.

Until such a time as new methods are implemented, our hardworking, resilient and capable Executive Committee will continue to create a vision and strategy that is unique to our chapter, recruiting, retaining, and training leaders and volunteers to share our passion for the outdoors with local communities. This is our mission, and a challenging one at that. We generously do so because to quote the late King Harald V of Norway: "To take care of nature is to take care of ourselves and those who will come after us."

Jeannine Loughlin, Chair of the Connecticut Chapter 2026



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER ANNUAL 2025 MEETING MINUTES

The 104th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held on November 8, 2025, at Deer Lake in Killingworth, CT.

Chapter chair Jeannine Loughlin welcomed everyone to our re-invented Annual Gathering at a venue that is more reflective of AMCs mission and activities. She acknowledged that planning required a lot of effort, blending elements from past events with fresh ideas while working with a leaner budget. She thanked our new program chair, David Wemett, for all his hard work. Also Janet Ainsworth, Corey Mott, and Tom Ebersol for leading hikes this morning around the property and at Chatfield Hollow. She urged everyone to read the 2025 Annual Report available on the CT AMC website – there are wonderful reports from all the CT chapter committees and the terrific things that we participated in over the past year.

Jeannine referenced the email from AMC President and CEO stating the Northwest Camp (NWC), like other AMC properties, will fall under staff management and the NWC committee will be dissolved. She extended her thanks to NWC committee chair Rod Parlee, and committee members: Tom Potter, Art Mauger, Craig Kennedy, Donald Klein, Paul Thoma, Tom McGrath, Al Puches, John Hicks, Carol Langley, Tom O'Connor, and Mark Navarra for their stewardship of this unique facility.

Recognition of Members who have passed in the past year

Jeannine asked for a moment of silence as we remembered deceased CT chapter members:

Jon Ainsworth	*Malcolm Matthews*
Robert Baldwin	*Kathleen Miller*
Mary Bales	*Priscilla Peale*
Stephen Corman	*Richard Perrault*
David Eusden	*Robert Sampson*
Joseph Frey	*Claire Stieger*
Bruce LaRoche	*Tom Strand*
Anne Latham	*Gay R. Szumyk*
Barbara Marroquin	*Nancy Taylor*

Recognition of Volunteers and Members

Jeannine then thanked all the tireless volunteers that make the CT chapter what it is today. She acknowledged those volunteers who ran five or more excursions or participated in over 30 volunteer hours. Those folks are all recipients of the Volunteer Stewardship Award and they are listed in the Annual Report. She asked anyone present who is in this group to please stand and be acknowledged.

Appalachian Trail Committee Volunteers

Jeannine introduced Dave Boone (chair of the AT Committee) for the presentation of awards for AT committee volunteers. Dave urged everyone to read their annual report summary which lists the many accomplishments of this past year. Some highlights:

- 104 individual AMC-CT AT volunteers contributed 2,724 field hours, and an additional 874 hours of non-field-based work. Travel constituted an additional 1,470 hours.
- Two new bear boxes were installed in Sages Ravine for a total of four.

All their volunteers will be recognized with awards and swag at their volunteer round-up in the spring. Dave recognized those volunteers who were present at the Gathering:

- Skip Fredericksen of New Hartford has been appointed as our new Outreach Coordinator. Skip is well suited to promote the AT, the Committee, and the Club. He is a very active volunteer, the section maintainer for the W. Cornwall Rd-Cesar Brook, is well-known for his "hiker feeds", and is an AT thru-hiker.
- Adam Lippman has agreed to be the new AT Committee chair starting in 2026.
- Volunteers with 12 cumulative hours who were present were recognized:
    - Dave Crockett
    - Sarah Lippman
    - Jeannine Loughlin
    - Joanna Shann
- Volunteers with 30 cumulative hours who were present were recognized:
    - Evan Saccone
    - Kristine Saccone
- Volunteers with 50 cumulative hours who were present were recognized:
    - Peg Peterson
    - John Saccone
    - Kristine Saccone
    - Jacob Stafford
- Volunteers with 100 cumulative hours who were present were recognized:
    - Jacob Stafford
- Volunteers with 500 cumulative hours who were present were recognized:
    - Skip Fredericksen
- Volunteers with 1000 cumulative hours who were present were recognized:
    - Skip Fredericksen

<u>2025 Appie of the Year Award: Leo Pon</u>
Leo has been active in the AMC since 2001. He has volunteered as a bicycling and hike leader.

Leo is a strong leader - having achieved the highest level leader ranking with multiple training credentials: the CT-AMC Leadership Weekend, AMC Mountain Leadership School, National Outdoor Leadership School - Pacific Northwest Trip Leader program, a Cycling Instructor with League of American Bicyclists and a certified Public Safety Cyclist.. He is one of our few leaders who lead in the White Mountains and the Adirondacks. He has led cycling trips all over the world.

Leo is currently the Chair of the CT-AMC Bicycling Committee. He manages a robust group of cycling volunteers who led over 100 rides for the CT chapter this past year.

2025 Lifetime Service Awards - Phil Wilsey and Janet Ainsworth

Phil Wilsey has been a member of the AMC since 1971. He ramped up his volunteer efforts starting in 2008 when he retired. He is an active leader - leading 25–30 hikes annually. He is an information volunteer at the AMC high huts. He has been volunteering for the AMC-CT Excursions committee since 2013, working as the Excursions chair the last few years. He was a member of the Centennial History Committee in 2020. In 2024, Phil played an essential role in the development and migration of data to the new Outdoors Connector database. Phil also regularly participates in work parties on the Appalachian Trail with the CT-AMC AT Committee.

Janet Ainsworth started her volunteering with the CT chapter as a Family Activities leader (and then moved into the co-chair position of that committee). In 2012, after a sudden change in leadership in the CT chapter, Janet agreed to step up and be the chapter chair. She served as chair until her term ended, including the first year with no vice chair. In 2017, former president John Judge asked her to become a regional director. Thereafter, she continued leading family hikes and tracking legislation, working with club conservation staff and acting as co-chair of the CT-AMC Conservation committee.

Recognition of the 25-year and 50-year members
Jeannine recognized the 50-year members by name:

Mary Adams	Walker Burns	Oliver Dann
Thomas Dwyer	Dorothy Dwyer	Sabina Florczak
Linda Kaminski	Jim Miller	Robert Rollefson
Virginia Rollefson	Lewis Segal	Jennifer Tate
Faith Weidner	Ralph White	Joanne White

The 25-year members (over fifty in all) are listed in the Annual Report.

All these individuals received recognition and their pins in the mail, sent by Jeff Bass, our membership chair.

AMC Professional Staff Speaker Jeannine introduced the Vice President of Technology for the Appalachian Mountain Club, Crystal Mandler.

Crystal began her talk by thanking all the volunteers active in the CT chapter. Crystal accompanied her talk about “Another Joyful Year with the AMC” with a PowerPoint presentation.

Crystal shared some data about the CT Chapter: 695 activities were offered - with 440 being hiking excursions but also including bicycling, whitewater, mountaineering, trailwork and more. Also nearly 3000 people participated in activities this year.

Crystal also shared information about an important Maine Woods Initiative taken on by the AMC this year - the purchase of the Bernard Forest, over 29,000 actress in the 100-mile wilderness. Of that land, 17,000 acres reverts back to the Penobscot Nation (a portion of the forest closed off by the previous owners). Another initiative by the AMS is the NY Growth Strategy - a "concrete to trails effort" offering busses to hikes on Saturdays from NYC. It has been a huge success.

The biggest initiative this year was the implementation of the Outdoor Connector. This new system was eight years in the making and went live in early 2025. This is a living system that continues to be updated and improved with the help of countless volunteers.

Crystal then looked at AMC Technology and Key Achievements of Note:

- Data Lakehouse in Progress
- AMC booking is live on Booking.com
- Starlink at 12 locations
- Phone & Web conferencing improvements have commenced
- A Membership Platform has been selected
- Critical Infrastructure Improvements
- Deploying Salesforce Releases
- Peer to Peer fundraising solution in progress

Crystal is looking forward to 2026, another year for collaboration and resilience. It is especially exciting to be celebrating 150 years of the AMC in 2026 with activities from Virginia to Maine from March to October.
Another focus of the club is the updating of chapter By-laws. The proposed by-laws will come out in November 2025 with an information webinar. They will be voted on in January.

Crystal ended by looking at where we are headed. Two important initiatives are improving member communication and deeper collaboration with chapters. She thanked everyone for their hard work in making the CT chapter of the AMC a vital part of the AMC organization.

BUSINESS PORTION OF THE MEETING

Action Items

a. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2024 Annual Gathering. The motion was unanimously approved.

b. Jeannine recognized all of Al Puches's hard work as a longtime and faithful treasurer for the CT chapter. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Annual Treasurer's report. The motion was unanimously approved.
c. Tyna Waller presented the nominating committee's slate for the 2026 executive committee. She read the names of everyone on the slate and highlighted the open positions. Everyone was in favor of the new slate and the executive committee for 2026 was approved.

Red Hat Ceremony

Tradition decrees that all chapter chairs (past & present) wear red hats at all events. Jeannine Loughlin and all past chairs present were asked to stand for a round of applause. A group photo was taken.

With no further business, the 103rd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was adjourned.

The Annual Gathering concluded with an excellent musical presentation by Skip Fredricksen the AT Thru hiker who did the AT NOBO.



Annual Committee

Reports

2026

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2025

	2024	2025
Cash at January 1	$121,218	$59,280
Revenue Collected:		
Boston dues allocation	20,692	20,373
Program activities	12,335	15,402
Contributions	200	1,150
Reserve funds - sources (1)	775	1,495
Leadership training	603	263
Centennial book sales	27	0
Interest and investment income	9,948	-1,122
Total revenue collected	$44,580	$37,561
Expenditures:		
Cost of program activities	19,155	16,168
Donations	0	0
Reserve funds - uses (1)	1,609	11,651
Committee operating expenses:		
Bicycling	1,381	1,370
Conservation	516	0
Education	542	178
Executive	6,906	8,894
Membership	1,934	1,372
Mountaineering	471	412
CT AT Committee	12,332	5,370
Whitewater	564	0
20s & 30s	0	88
Total expenditures	$45,410	$45,503
Cash Transferred to Boston	64,750	0
Cash Transferred from Fall Hiking Week	3,642	0
Cash at December 31	$59,280	$51,338

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, AND 2026

	2025	2026
Cash at January 1	$59,280	$51,338
Revenue Collected:		
Boston dues allocation	20,373	20,760
Program activities	7,974	5,725
Reserve funds - sources (1)	1,150	1,050
Share of initial memberships	0	570
Leadership training	167	283
Merchandise sales	0	277
Contributions	0	5,088
Interest and investment income	1,270	3,682
Total revenue collected	$30,937	$37,435
Expenditures:		
Cost of program activities	4,910	3,674
Reserve funds - uses (1)	3,365	1,875
Committee operating expenses:		
Bicycling	1,000	574
Education	178	313
Executive	3,859	3,284
Membership	1,012	605
Mountaineering	142	233
CT AT Committee	1,491	4,164
Total expenditures	15,957	14,722
Cash Transferred to Boston	2,401	8,909
Cash at September 30	$71,859	$65,142

TREASURER'S REPORT
RESERVE FUNDS

	12/31/24	12/31/25	9/30/26
Reserve funds (1)			
AT Handicap Accessible Project	$5,176	$3,361	$3,361
Eversource Donation	7,152	2,470	2,470
Other CT-AT Committee Memorials/Grants	4,328	2,994	1,119
Connecticut Teen Wilderness Fund	2,111	6	1,056
Whitewater Committee reserve	5,013	4,793	4,793
General fund:	35,500	37,714	52,343
Total cash:	$59,280	$51,338	$65,142

(1) Reserve funds represent cash set aside by the Chapter for a specific future use or spending objective. Sources of such funds are often grants, gifts, or contributions.

Al Puches, CT Chapter Treasurer-2026

Appalachian Trail Committee

The Chapter Appalachian Trail (AT) Committee is responsible for the maintenance and management of the Appalachian Trail and its side trails in Connecticut, including the adjoining public lands, in partnership with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), the Connecticut DEEP, and the National Park Service (NPS).

- 96 individual AMC-CT AT volunteers contributed 3,187 field hours, and an additional 1,028 hours of non-field-based work. Travel constituted an additional 1,623 hours.
- As a result of the July 4th storm damage, our volunteers cleared approximately 12 miles of trail from Falls Village to Salisbury in just 2-3 weeks over the course of 130 hrs (with Mass AT committee help) to clear the trail in peak hiker and thru hikers season.
- Our Boundary volunteers report that over the past season they have visited 368 monuments along 22.8 miles of boundary and completed 5 easement monitoring visits. They continue their walk on the wild side!
- Our effort to update our CT-AT Local Management Plan is progressing and we hope to complete it in the upcoming season.
- The GreenAgers of Great Barington, MA completed work at Mt. Algo and Schaghticoke completing 45 rock steps.
- Our annual Volunteer Round-Up was held in March at a church local to Kent. Both the Committee's Volunteer Round Up and Give-a-Day to the A.T. saw successful turnouts, and a lot of necessary pre-season work was done at Give-A-Day. On that day, over 40 volunteers participated in projects including boundary maintenance, invasive species removal, basic maintenance, repairs to the Limestone Spring Shelter, and rock step construction. All were able to enjoy sunny and dry social hours.
- Limestone Spring shelter endured damage twice this season. First, a tree fell due to snowfall and then again when the area was hit with a tornado/macroblast. We had to hire Bartlett Tree Experts to take these trees down due to safety concerns. The campsite and shelter were reopened following repair of the shelter and affected tree removal by the committee. During the 2026 season, we completed

temporary repairs to the side wall and roof of the Limestone Springs shelter after a tree fell on it with hopes to replace the shelter in its entirety using the Legacy Restoration Funding previously applied for.

- In an effort to mitigate the powder post beetle infestations of our shelters, we began spraying a borate solution on the interior and exterior surfaces of shelter logs. We will monitor results over time. We also installed a chain gate to control vehicle access to the Macedonia Brook field.
- Our struggle to find a new location for our tools, signs, and other equipment continues. Reaching out to local land trusts and municipalities, the State DEEP, and placing classified ads in local media proved to be not fruitful. Presently, we are arranging to relocate to another property in Cornwall owned by ATC (Appalachian Trail Conservancy), known as the Strobel property. We have met with the Town of Cornwall Land Use Office to investigate what compliance requirements are necessary for us to address. We have approached both AMC and ATC to help find funding for site improvements and building construction.
- Skip Fredericksen settled into his role as our Outreach Coordinator. This season Skip created a trail maintenance slideshow for tabling events and club meetings that was used at the CT-AMC annual meeting and subsequent events. He appeared in a video for the NW CT Land Trust highlighting new preserves in their trail network. He continued to promote the A.T. through over 20 performances of his self-created “A.T. the Musical” including at the ATC Southern Partnership Meeting in Mountain Lake, VA and at the Duncannon, PA Appalachian Trail Festival. He has nine more performances already scheduled between now and February with even more pending. He manned a table with Adam at the Barkhamsted Earth Day Nature Festival on 4/14/2026 and at the National Public Lands Day Event at REI Norwalk on 9/26/2026, where they spoke with and collected names from interested attendees and later contacted over 40 of these prospective volunteers.
- The 2026 Ridgerunner team recorded 352 Day Hikers, 134 Overnight hikers, 15 Groups, found & dismantled 18 fire rings, and removed 22 blowdowns. from June through mid-Sept.
- Our committee and members of the Massachusetts A.T. Committee joined staff from NPS and ATC at Sages Ravine over 2 days in September to do the first of many Hemlock treatments to prevent infestation from Wooly Adelgid. This project was featured in the *Berkshire Eagle* on Oct 6, 2026 and will also be highlighted in the fall/winter issue of ATC’s *Journeys* Magazine.
- Over the summer months, the following trail hardening was completed: 73 rock steps, 16 Log Steps, and 6 Water bars were replaced. Over 100 downed trees and over 50 hazard trees were removed. Over half of the trail was brushed back.

- Adam Lippman became Committee Chairman in January of 2026. ATC's *Journeys* Magazine covered the story of Dave and Adam's role transition in the summer 2026 issue.
- Adam and Dave met new ATC president Cinda Walbuesser at the spring Regional Partnership Meeting in NH and presented an overview of our committee and its work.
- Work is ongoing with ATC regional manager Tracy Lind, representatives from the NPS, and a local contractor on options and timelines for replacing the Macedonia Brook bridge.
- Significant planning hours were spent on the design and creation of CAD drawings for a standard lean-to shelter and privy working with an engineering firm to meet APPA compliance requirements.
- Chair Adam Lippman attended and represented the Committee at several other events, also collecting contact information for new potential volunteers. These events included: hosting a table at the Kent Land Trust Memorial Day event, with fellow Committee volunteer Bernadette Ellegard and volunteer maintainer Lisa Luca; a presentation at Sherman library as part of the NW CT Land Trust's "Hiking around Sherman" Guide event; and a presentation on the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut for White Plains, NY Recreation.
- Members of the Committee held a remembrance and hike in honor of Henry Edmonds, a former member of the committee of long standing, having done many of the roles on our committee and inspiring countless others.
- The Committee is grateful to our dedicated Section Maintainers, Boundary Monitors, Trail Patrollers, and all Chapter members who participate in our work parties and other efforts. Projects to improve the Trail go out nearly every weekend. Please consider coming with us soon.

Ray Bracone *Jeff Glans* *Jim Liptack* *Bob Poitras* *Rich Cady*
Gene Grayson *Paul Reder* *Ann Sherwood* *Walt Daniels*
Dave Boone *Russ Waldie* *Elaine LaBella* *Christoph Geiss*
Chip Ward *Bernadette Ellegard* *Julia Lumens*
Skip Fredericksen *Kristine Saccone*

Tracy Lind, ATC Southern New England Regional Manager
Adam Lippman, CT AT Trails Committee Chair 2026

2026 season AT committee awards

CUMULATIVE HOURS

12 HOURS
Julie Carney
Tessa Weble
Susan Marsh
Peter Crawford
Dave Coderre
Tiffany Hajdasz
Brian Quigley
Oscar Quigley
Edgar Quigley
Scot Kerr
Mike Webster

30 HOURS
Jeannine Loughlin
Eric Egner
Scot Kerr
Mike Webster

50 HOURS
Evan Saccone
Mike Webster
Mike Schumann
Judy Taylor
Lou Presutti
Dave Crockett

100 HOURS
Ken Sgorbati
Kristine Saccone
Russell Skelton

250 HOURS
(none at this time)

500 HOURS
(none at this time)

1000 HOURS
Adam Lippman
William Shaffer

2000 HOURS
(none at this time)

3000 HOURS
Paul Reder

AMC CLUB WIDE STEWARDSHIP AWARDS-SEASON HOURS---'26 season

PYCHOWSKA AWARD-96 HOURS ANNUAL
Richard Cady
William Shaffer
Paul Reder
Russ Waldie
Donald Klein
Ray Bracone
John Hicks

HART AWARD-224 HOURS ANNUAL

Arnold "Skip" Fredericksen
Jim Liptack
Gregg Nolting
David Boone
Chip Ward
Adam Lippman
Christoph Geiss


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Bicycling Committee

Bike Rides:

For the fourth year in a row, over 100 rides were posted by CT-AMC Bicycling Leaders. In addition to our local CT rides, we offered five events in NY, five in MA, two in RI, one in ME, one in VT and one in Quebec City. The CT-AMC Bicycling Leaders, (in order of rides led from September 30, 2025, to October 1, 2026), were Leo Pon, Barbara Beckerman, Joseph Snyder, Judy Borrmann, Steve Borrmann, Tom Ebersold, Anna Proczek, Finlay Ferguson, Mary Ferguson, Susan Grant, Steve Fisher.

Ride Posting:

Leo Pon and Barbara Beckerman did service to post and approve rides.

Ride with GPS:

Our club chapter continued its subscription to 'Ride with GPS'. This software offers all CT-AMC members a shared database for rides, easy route download to cell phones and other electronic devices, plus audible cues for safer riding.

Smart Cycling Class:

Eight people completed this valuable program from the League of American Bicyclists (co-sponsored by CT-AMC and Bike West Hartford) in 2025.

The Smart Cycling curriculum is designed to develop the confidence and competence of any bicycle rider. Students will learn about choosing a bicycle, basic parts of a bike, essential equipment, as well as how to safely and comfortably ride your bike in various traffic conditions, terrain and climates.

Leo Pon
2026 Bicycling Committee Chair



Communications Committee

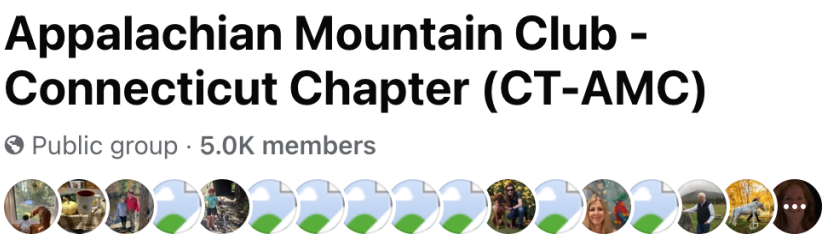
Key Accomplishments & Improvements

- **Newsletter Automation:** We implemented further automation for **"The Weekly"** (our Tuesday email covering events for the next two weeks) and **"The Monthly"** (our monthly weekday hike email). A process that previously took 1–2 hours now takes just **5–10 minutes**. Additionally, automated cancellation emails were introduced to further reduce administrative overhead for volunteers.
- **Meetup & Outdoors Connector Integration:** Last year's pilot successfully expanded to **16 leaders**, resulting in more activities posted to Meetup than ever before. Late in the year, we rolled out a major technical improvement that automatically pulls images from Outdoors Connector directly into Meetup posts.
- **Media Outreach Directory:** We completed a special project compiling a comprehensive list of all media outlets in Connecticut, providing the Communications Chair and Committee Members with a ready-to-use resource for publicizing chapter events.
- **Social Media Growth:** Our Facebook presence continued its strong upward trajectory, highlighted by a **30% increase in members** in the main group compared to last year.

By reducing the time spent on routine administrative tasks, our goal moving forward is to dedicate more energy toward proactive event advertising, leader recruitment, and member engagement.

Platform	Key Metric	Year End Total (Sept 30)	Change from Previous Year
Constant Contact	Total Recipients	4,483	-1.0%
Facebook Page	Total Followers	4.1K	+14.0%
Facebook Main Group	Total Members	4927	+30.0%
Meetup	Total Members	3,828	-4.0%

Corey Mott
Communications Chair 2026



Conservation Committee

2026 Co-chairs: Janet Ainsworth & Andrew May
Committee Members: Bob Andrews, Russ Charest & Jamie Lee

A big part of what the Conservation Committee does is stay informed about conservation issues, track proposed legislation and seek to maintain knowledge of conservation generally, reporting what we know to the Executive Committee and in reports like this one.

The legislative session in 2026 was what is known as the short session. It ran from February to May. The following link shows bills of interest and their outcome. Fortunately, the efforts of our committee of volunteers are augmented by the work of other environmental groups with paid staff at the capital during the session.

https://cga.ct.gov/olr/Documents/year/AA/2026AA-0093_2026%20Acts%20Affecting%20Environment.pdf?t=1788998400364

Both vice chair Andrew May and I attend conferences of interest. The Connecticut Land Conservation Council annual conference is one that I have attended for many years. This year, it was at Wesleyan University in Middletown. Next year, it will be at Quinnipiac University in Hamden.

Andrew participated in a club-sponsored postcard advocacy project. At the time of this writing (September 2026), we were gearing up for another.

Chapter volunteers, including from this committee, participated by tabling at both Public Lands Day and Land Conservation Day at the state capital last spring.

For years, I have attended hike leader training to discuss the work of the committee with the prospective new hike leaders. At the time of this writing, a session was scheduled in October.

The chair of the Clubwide Conservation Committee and I met with the new executive director of the Connecticut Forest & Park Association. We discussed how we could work together as conservation organizations. This is an evolving area. One possibility we discussed is the need for more camping along the New England National Scenic Trail (NET). (CFPA oversees it in Connecticut; AMC in Massachusetts). It turns out club staff members have also been looking at working more closely with CFPA.

I have also been involved in tabling at stores like REI with other members of chapter leadership. This is something that I like to do as I get to talk to lots of people. At the time of this writing, I was planning on attending one in Norwalk, while closely eyeing the projected path of a nor'easter.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Ainsworth, co-chair
Conservation Committee



Education Committee

In 2026, the Education Committee hosted 3 leadership training sessions. The sessions were held on April 25th, May 16th, and October 24th at Hammonasset State Park, with 23 participants taking the first steps toward becoming an AMC activity leader. AMC staff organized Wilderness First Aid training. Six attended the training held on September 19th and 20th at White Memorial in Litchfield, CT. Keith Spaar provided support for the event for the two days.

The AMC online leadership training program, Outdoor Leader Fundamentals (OLF), continues to provide a basic introduction to AMC activity leadership. This online training helps new Leaders in Training become qualified activity leaders for the AMC.

The Education Committee is always seeking alternative venues to host leadership training, map-and-compass, and Leave No Trace classes. If you're interested in becoming an instructor in the CT chapter, please email the Education Committee at education@ct-amc.org.

The chapter's educational program's annual success depends on dedicated volunteers, including Keith Spaar (Chair), Phil Wilsey, Janet Ainsworth, Barbara Beckerman, and Barry Black

Keith Spaar Education Committee Chair 2026



Excursions Committee





Fairfield County Committee

In the last 12 months Sep-25 to Jun-26, The Fairfield County Group (FCG) organized 5 programs. The presentation-dinner socials are in both north and south Fairfield County: two in Bethel and three in Weston. Each program featured a presentation by a guest speaker or a film. The programs focused on adventure travel as well as environmental aspects in an educational manner.

The places presented in adventure travel were India, Japan and sailing around the world in a small yacht. We showed two films: one kayaking in Antarctica and another documenting an in depth view on how turkeys hatch to the time they find their independence in their first year.

On average, in the last 12 months there were 45 paid attendees at each meeting (26 in Bethel and 58 in Weston) and 6-7 volunteers. The previous year the average was 52 paid attendees per meeting (and 40 the year before that).

The Weston meetings historically have had more attendees, perhaps because of its easy accessibility from Rte-15 and there are more people living on the coast. For the next season, we will hold all five meetings in Weston.

The Fairfield County Committee 2026
Tom Carruthers Fiona Nicholson, FCC co-chairs.



Family Activities Committee

Family Activities led two hikes in 2026. In January, in collaboration with the Essex Land Trust, guide Phil Miller shared information about winter animal tracking and led us on a snowy, icy hike around the Falls River Preserve in Essex. Adults and children attended in large numbers, and Phil shared a wealth of information on local history and animal tracks.

In July, Family Activities participated in a leg of the AMC 150 Relay, hiking to the AMC's Lonesome Lake hut in Franconia Notch, NH, staying overnight, and carrying the relay flag back down the mountain the next day to hand off to the next relay team. We had a hardy group of 8 adults and 2 young people and enjoyed perfect White Mountain weather. It was exciting to be part of this historic AMC Relay event.

New members of the committee are always welcome, either to plan and lead outdoor and social activities, or simply to participate in brainstorming sessions.

Deborah Minor
Family Activities Committee Chair 2025



Flatwater/Paddling Committee

20 total flatwater trips

- 17 by Thomas Ebersold
- 3 by Daniel Hart

Notes:

- More than a half-dozen more trips were offered but were canceled, mostly due to weather
- Corey Mott also offered a few paddles, but canceled due to weather or lack of participants

2026 Paddling Season:

- Most flatwater paddle trips were offered in southern (shoreline marshes and rivers) or southeastern CT (Lake Lillinonah)
    - Cross-posting groups
        - Most of these trips were also posted on CT-AMC MeetUp, Paddle Killingly MeetUp, and New Haven Hiking Club
    - Cross-posting to other AMC state chapters
        - One was offered in 2026
            - Colebrook River Lake, which straddles CT + MA, was co-led by paddle leaders from those two state AMC chapters

- Other trips included:
    - Two in northern CT (Colebrook River Lake)
    - Several in central CT (Farmington River, Lake McDonough, Silver Lake, Crescent Lake)

- Weekends - most were posted for weekends or holiday time to attract maximum participation

- After work - several were posted for the after-work crowd, twilight/sunset paddles

Goals for next season:

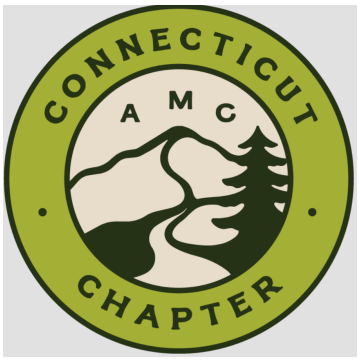
- Increase offerings
- Cross-post paddles on AMC-CT MeetUp

- Cross-post paddles in other AMC state chapters
- Develop an email list of active participants to notify (advertise offerings/postings)
- Include paddles for the 20's & 30's group (Corey Mott tried)
- Diversify geographic area of paddles
- Rental equipment
    - Plan to launch near available rental gear to include more paddlers
    - Example - Collinsville Canoe & Kayak

Long-term goals:

- Identify future paddle leaders
- Develop a training program
- Co-plan events with other paddle leaders in CT + other states
- Update AMC-CT website (flatwater pages)





Membership Committee

Total Number of Members as of August 2026: 7246

CT. Chapter Members Type	CT
Family	4,265
Family Life	185
Individual	1,716
Lifetime	161
Senior	759
U-30	156
Youth Leader	4
Total	7,246

We thank Jeff Bass, Co-Chair Membership committee for his diligent work in emailing an average of 78 letters per month to welcome new members and members who rejoined the AMC Connecticut Chapter.

Each year at the CT. Banff Film Festival, our chapter provides information tables during dates in February and March 2026 : New London - Garde Theater, New Haven- SCSU, Lyman Auditorium, and Hartford - Bushnell Theater . Each table location was staffed by various AMC CT. Chapter committee members. We thank them for their support.

Our fifth annual chapter members' picnic, held at Chatfield Hollow State Park, Killingworth, CT, was a great success with 49 folks attending. The day acknowledged and celebrated CT Chapter volunteers and members in general. The following excursions were held before the picnic: Moderate hike-Janet Ainsworth and Phil Wilsey Easy/Casual hike-Jeff and Jean Bass, A Bicycle Ride through Park-Tom Ebersold. The

event continues to provide an opportunity to meet new and longtime members, as well as providing information to newer members and prospective volunteers on various volunteer opportunities to sustain administrative and programmatic activities for the AMC CT. Chapter.

In late April, a new members hike was offered by Barbara Beckerman at Chatfield Hollow State. New members can ask questions about the chapter and organization at large. There is also an opportunity to meet other new members and learn more about hiking skills, if new to this outdoor activity.

We are always looking for new committee members to help with membership programming.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Beckerman
Jeff Bass
Co-Chairs Membership Committee 2026



Mountaineering Committee

2026 was another successful year for the Climbing and Mountaineering Committee. We maintained a full and vibrant schedule of events, including outdoor group climbs, weekly gym meetups, crag clean-ups, and a variety of skills classes.

Our season kicked off early with the annual Ice Climbing Weekend in North Conway, NH. The club hosted an introductory ice climbing course, an intermediate class, and several group outings for those looking to put their skills to the test.

Spring brought the return of our rock-climbing classes, which began in late March and ran through May. These classes continue to be incredibly popular and often reach full capacity. This season, we offered:
-Top Rope Anchor Building
-Basic Self-Rescue
-Rappelling 101
-Trad Anchor Building
-Trad Seconding
-Introduction to Trad Climbing

As the classes wrapped up, we transitioned into our regular Thursday Night Outdoor Meetups, where members from all over Connecticut come together to climb and socialize at local crags in the Greater Hartford area. These weekly events are perfect for newer climbers looking to transition from indoor gyms to outdoor climbing. Many of this season's meetups were organized and supervised by a small group of dedicated members. In the coming season, we hope to increase volunteer involvement to help support and grow these gatherings.

As fall approached and daylight hours shortened, the club began shifting indoors. Every Tuesday afternoon, we meet at Central Rock Gym in Glastonbury, where we've built a strong and welcoming community of regular climbers. These sessions are beginner-friendly and open to anyone interested in learning or improving their climbing skills. We are incredibly grateful to Central Rock Gym for their ongoing support and generosity over the years.

Looking ahead, plans are already underway for our annual Holiday Potluck Party. In recent years, this event has become a club favorite, complete with photo slideshows of

the year's activities, raffles, strength challenges/games, an amazing spread of food, and a chance to reflect and share plans for the future.

With 2027 shaping up to be another exciting year, the committee, along with a small but passionate group of volunteers, is ready to take it on!

Chris Granata & Levi Shmulsky, CT Chapter Co-Chairs
Mountaineering Committee - 2026



Whitewater Committee

The CT AMC WHITEWATER COMMITTEE had a great 2026 year. We held many pool sessions at the Dennis Malone Aquatic Center in Bristol during the winter months. In the spring months we ran weekly trips down the Tville section of the Farmington River. During the summer we held weekly lake sessions at Beseck Lake, and beginner river runs at Satan's Kingdom, Farmington River. All these trips and sessions were well attended bringing 10-20 participants.

We had our annual trip up to the Ottawa Kayak School in Ottawa, Canada. Numerous individuals attended the trip. Each year the Ottawa Kayak School has provided a wealth of knowledge to our group.

We hosted our annual leaders appreciation picnic in October and we presented the Stephen Forster Award to Denise Dieli. Denise is recognized for her enthusiasm in the sport. She can be seen on the river always carrying a smile on her face and always being positive. It is always a joy paddling with Denise.

We are maintaining our fleet of 15+ kayaks and all related gear.

Whitewater Committee 2026
Mark Schappert, Ed Yiznitsky,Troy Schinkel co-chairs



Young Members/20's & 30's Committee

Concluding the annual cycle, observed from October 1, 2025, to September 30, 2026, the committee has hosted a total of **40 events.**

The Numbers:

36 hiking events, with many of these including social lunches/dinners afterwards.

1 camping trip at Macedonia Brook State Park.

1 social event at Six Flags and its Haunt Fest.

2 bicycle rides with Leo Pon.

Our committee has executed such prominence with the volunteer dedication from our leaders:
Lee Thao, Portia Baudisch, Corey Mott, Conrad Ward, and Jacob Dunnohew

Co-leads on our events:
Joy Pajarla and Liam Gerety

Co-leads to host events other than hikes:
Leo Pon and Chris Viera

Hikes have been led in all parts of Connecticut, making it accessible for people to attend. On average, anyone could reach a hike with a drive no more than 1.5 hours at most.
Most hikes have had a strong turnout with at least **10 people** on average. Weather and season influencing attendance.

We created a **Whatsapp** group in March, making an easy place for folks to collaborate and stay in the loop. It has been very successful and currently has 66 members, as of 10/16/26. It has received strong positive feedback. Most commonly, people interact in the "Social" chat, where anyone can share pictures and experiences, helping everyone feel included.

In February of 2026 Corey transitioned the chair position to be shared as co-chairs between Jacob and Portia.

Our committee has no intention of slowing down with the upcoming winter. We will continue leading hikes, even in the snow.
And we are in the process of planning a couple of camping trips in the winter!

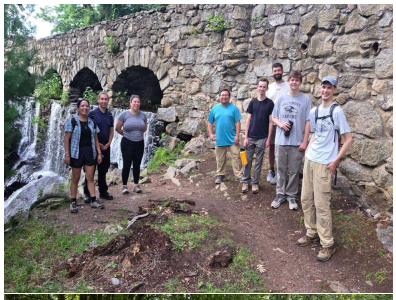
Jacob will be leading skiing trips once snow is on the ground, at resorts and in the backcountry. Other leaders in our group sharing interest to explore cross country skiing

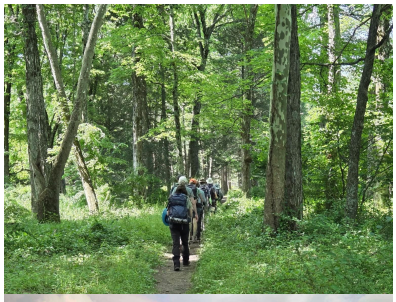
Jacob hasn't been able to achieve his goal of leading with the rock climbing and whitewater committees due to work/life balance, but is still interested in continuing opening opportunities for everyone!



No Reports Submitted This Year.

Program Committee (open position for Chair)
Excursions Committee (open position for Chair)











2026 Chapter Volunteer Stewardship Awards

Presented to those who ran 5 or more trips or gave more than 30 volunteer hours to the Chapter between 9/30/25-10/1/26.

Janet Ainsworth	Paul Garbarino	Fiona Nicholson
Gayle Amato	Barry M Gorfain	Gregg Nolting
Maite Barainca	Christopher Granata	Jeffrey Phelon
Jeff Bass	Kathy Granata	Leo Pon
Portia Baudisch	John Grasso	June Powell
Barbara Beckerman	Eugene Grayson	Al Puches
Barry Black	Dorothy Grimm	Constance Rokicki
Judy Borrmann	James Hagadorn	Claire Rusowicz
Steve Borrmann	Mary Anne Hardy	Zellene Sandler
Lesley Bourque	Dan Hart	Mark Schappert
Steven Braciak	Dennis Jakiela	Troy Schinkel
Paul Bryant	Gail Jaques	Levi Shmulsky
Heidi Bucholtz	Patrick Kennedy	Joseph Snyder
Tom Carruthers	Janet Kipphut Ainsworth	Pete Sofman
Steven Clark	Gregory Kohut	Keith Spaar
Andrea Crawford	Dzintra (Dee) Liepkalns	Debra Tedford
Chris DeGraaf	Adam Lippman	Lee Thao
Lisa DeRosa	Jeannine Loughlin	Leonora Thramann
Denise Dieli	Ida Lowe	Star Tower
Colleen Doshna	Jeffrey Mantie	Matthew Voelker
Jacob Dunnohew	Andrew May	Tyna Waller
Jo-Ann Durdock	Bill McCarthy	Conrad Ward
Thomas Ebersold	Shirley McCunn	Karen Weiss
Ken Evitts	Joanna Miller	David Wemett
Finlay Ferguson	Deborah Minor	Bill Wheeler
Mary Ferguson	Kathy Miville	Phil Wilsey
John Fitzpatrick	Corey Mott	Edward Yiznitsky
		Patty Zemsta

Connecticut Chapter Annual Awards

2026 Awards Committee
Altina Waller, John Grasso, Janet Ainsworth, Barbara Beckerman, & Adam Lippman

2026 Appie of the Year

This award is presented to chapter member(s) who have made a significant contribution to the Connecticut chapter in the previous year.

Kristine Saccone If you ask her, Kris will tell you that everything she does for the AT is her husband John's fault. Their first volunteering gig on the Connecticut Appalachian Trail was initially prompted by his interest and plans to section hike the AT. From the moment her hiking boots stepped on that trail, the connection was made. Over the years since, you will often see one, both or all three Saccones at most volunteer events. In 2024 Kris offered to take on the volunteer awards coordinator and soon thereafter she became the Volunteer Hours Coordinator for the AT Committee. Kris's great accomplishment was to modernize volunteer hours tracking and management from a system that was created more than a decade (possibly longer) ago. She walked AT volunteers through several options with the Committee eventually deciding on the current Airtable system. This system has made it easy for volunteers on the AT to enter their hours (even from the trailhead), upload photos of trail issues, and review their own seasonal entries. She has patiently worked with any volunteers who had questions or needed some 'technical' help with their entries and is always open to suggestions for improvement. It has been a big relief to many with its ease of use, self-management and offered the AT Committee real-time views of work being done throughout the season. This has truly revolutionized the tracking system, launching the AT committee into the 21st century, and in a manner where even 'technophobes' are on board. Kris's incredible efforts make her well-deserving of an Appie of the Year.



Mary Anne Hardy became Secretary of our Executive Committee in January 2024. This was not an easy time to become Secretary as our parent organization was undergoing an overhaul of the organization that, of course, involved many changes at the Chapter level. Still, Mary Anne, recently retired from teaching, enthusiastically embraced the new role. This was not surprising as Mary Anne has been an AMC member for fifty years! Yet it was not easy. She had to learn different computer programs than she had used in her teaching career to say nothing of a whole new cast of characters - Executive Committee members who often needed help with the intricacies of forms and deadlines that needed following. Mary Anne took all this on with cheerfulness, patience, and willingness to learn as well as help others. In this past year particularly, the changes in personnel and the procedures asked of Chapters from HQ in Boston have been especially challenging to navigate, and much of our success as a Chapter can be attributed to Mary Anne's dedicated work as Secretary. Besides her outstanding work as Secretary of the Executive Committee, Mary Anne has been an outstanding hike leader with an enviable list of varying hikes from strenuous to easier walks in the park. She has created liaisons with the Sierra Club hiking group and the Friends of Sleeping Giant State Park. For the latter, she leads a series of hikes at Sleeping Giant covering all the trails and leading to a certificate as Sleeping Giant Master. Leading so many hikes is alone an impressive contribution to the Chapter, but in conjunction with her careful and committed work as Secretary of the Executive Committee, she represents the best of Connecticut Volunteers.



2026 Lifetime Service Award

This award is presented to the chapter members who have made a significant lifetime contributions to the Connecticut chapter. Recipients have 10+ years of significant service to the chapter.

June Powell began hiking with AMC on a cold winter day in 2008. The freezing temperature and raw wind would have discouraged most prospective hikers. All who know June, however, are not surprised that the experience along with the hikers she met that day turned her into a hiking enthusiast! It wasn't long before she took leadership training. Since then, June has become an extraordinary hike leader. She has consistently offered a variety of hikes by scouting out new trails and offering them as official AMC hikes. She has boosted AMC membership by attracting new hikers with her welcoming and encouraging manner. Following the practice of the East of the River (EOR) group she adopted founder Betty Robinson's dictum that this was an "Eating group with a hiking disorder" and made sure lunches at nearby restaurants followed every hike. During the pandemic when many AMC hikes shut down due to severe restrictions, June kept hiking with faithful EOR members. Lunches were planned for restaurants with outdoor seating.



June has been a bulwark in preserving a sense of community and caring in the East of the River hiking group. She is the first to initiate responses to health issues or crises members may be experiencing - she brings get well cards to hikes and lunches so everyone can sign them; she organizes in person visits to those kept from hiking by serious illness whether at home or in the hospital. Further, June has organized social events such as visits to wineries for wine tastings. She, along with Bob Nickels, initiated yearly get togethers known as "Reunion Lunches." These events bring together retired, inactive hikers and hike leaders to join current leaders and hikers to share good fellowship and good memories. All these activities were accomplished without June holding any official position such as program chair. Her acknowledgement came from her loyal group of hikers. None of this would have happened without June's energy and enthusiasm. For her many years of extraordinary service, June Powell is awarded the Lifetime Service Award.



Keith Spaar's indispensable contribution to the life and good health of the Connecticut Chapter over more than a decade is hard to package in a brief summary. Keith's first experience with AMC was attending a Leave No Trace Master Educator course in New Hampshire in 2008. It was his first backpacking trip and first time in the White Mountains. It made a great impression that the only flat ground was the parking lot! From there he moved on to an AMC Wilderness First Aid course at White Memorial in Litchfield. Keith regards this second experience as the real beginning of his AMC journey. He became an AMC leader and began to get involved in training subsequent leaders. His dedication was noticed, and he was asked to join the Executive Committee becoming Co-Chair of the Education Committee in 2014 and Chair in 2015. The Education program expanded in 2015 under Keith's leadership with more offerings of Wilderness First Aid and Leadership Training courses. These programs were always well attended, even attracting local and out-of-state college students. Keith introduced training in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) that is now integrated into leadership training.

Keith's role as Chair of Education also included the role of Webmaster, and over more than a decade Keith became one of the handful of essential leaders without whom our Chapter could not have thrived. His inspired modernization of our Chapter's Website elevated Chapter life. Thanks to his leadership and his welcome embrace of others seeking to contribute, our website is an attractive, accessible, and informative resource. His dedication to the training mission of the Chapter and of AMC has been both sustained and remarkable. His organization and administration of numerous Wilderness First Aid course weekends and his organization of and participation in frequent training events have all been "above and beyond" by any measure. Keith's example of an incisive, valuable, and sustained contribution is humbling and highly deserving of a Lifetime Service award.

Nominations for the 2027 Executive Committee

In accordance with the chapter standing rules, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates:

Chapter Chair	*Jeannine Loughlin*
Chapter Vice-Chair	*open position*
Secretary	*Mary Anne Hardy*
Treasurer	*Al Puches*
Immediate Past Chair	*Altina Waller*
Appalachian Trail Chair	*Adam Lippman*
Bicycling Chair	*Leo Pon*
Communications Chair	*Corey Mott*
Conservation Co-Chair	*Janet Ainsworth*
Conservation Co-Chair	*Andrew May*
Education Chair	*Keith Spaar*
Excursions Chair	*open position*
Fairfield County Group Co-Chair	*Tom Carruthers*
Fairfield County Group Co-Chair	*Fiona Nicholson*
Family Activities Chair	*Deborah Minor*
Flatwater/Coastal Paddling Chair	*Dan Hart*
Member at Large	*John Grasso*
Member at Large	*Phil Wilsey*
Member at Large	*Barry Black*
Membership Chair	*open position*
Mountaineering Co-Chair	*Chris Granata*
Mountaineering Co-Chair	*Kathy Granata*
Program Chair	*Open position*
Webmaster/Technology	*Keith Spaar*
Whitewater Co-Chair	*Mark Schappert*
Whitewater Co-Chair	*Ed Yiznitsky*
Whitewater Co-Chair	*Troy Schinkel*
Young Members/20s & 30s Co-Chair	*Portia Baudish*
Young Members/20s & 30s Co-Chair	*Jacob Dunnohew*

50 Year Members

Congratulations and best wishes to the following Connecticut Chapter members who we honor for their remarkable 50 years of membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club!

Marjorie Bingham

Philip Bujalski

Julian Grossman

Mark Hamilton

Elaine Hamilton

Mary Anne Hardy

Barbara Koff

Marvin Koff

Lee Langston

Ernest Laug

William Lyon

David Mihalek

Geraldine Mihalek

George Scheer

Ward Sheehan

25 Year Members

We also extend congratulations and best wishes to our 25-year members.

Jeffrey A Foster	Joanne Like
Peter Cannatta	Dennis Marolda
Leslie Caromile	Raymond Michno
Gary Clark	Michael Mimnaugh
Bonnie Clark	Jenifer Nadeau
Mike Cunningham	David Nelson
William Curley	Jeffrey Phelon
Ralph E Davidson	Leo Pon
Brady Foster	Judith Pond
Guy Gabrielson	George Porter
Jim Gamache	Mary Ellen Porter
Kevin Hadlock	Constance Rokicki
James Hamilton	Glenn Rokicki
James Hickey	A. Saxon
Lisa Hickey	Lyn Simmelink
Janet Kipphut Ainsworth	Dana Taylor
Edward Lawson	John Trainor
Masako Lawson	Kathleen Wallace
Mark Lescault	Richard Zell