

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

52nd Annual Report

October 28, 1972



CHAPTER CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Much progress has been made in various directions by the chapter this past year, and I am proud of the chapter officers on the executive board since it is due to their fine efforts with their committees, with volunteers and with each other that this progress has been possible. They have worked long and well on projects that will have long-lasting benefit both to the chapter and to the club.

As our chapter grows rapidly in membership; as interest in the activities and outings offered by the club expands within our chapter area; and as the importance of the ecological and conservational problems within our state widens in scope, so grows the need for each of us to assist in every way we can. With the officers and volunteer help such as I have had the pleasure of working with the past two years, it is obvious that we can and have done well!

During each year the executive board meets together on an average of four times for the discussion and decisions of chapter business. As chairman I am also in contact individually with each officer as well, and try to attend at least one committee meeting during the year. It has kept my phone and typewriter busy to keep up with them!

Your Secretary, Joe Creager, has done a super-job of making our files and mailings an efficient and less expensively-run routine. We must face the probability of having professional secretarial services within the next year or so. The job is now more than we should reasonably ask a volunteer to do, so I am delighted that Joe is staying on for another year. Together with Joe and me, our Treasurer, Barbara Buttrick, are in constant contact to assure that the basic chapter business is running smoothly. Barbara has done her job efficiently and well the past two years, simplifying the books and rendering a budget for the club to which we have kept very well.

What would a chapter meeting be without the welcoming smile of our Membership Chairman, Bernice Johnson, as she hands us our name tags?!! Our chapter has been regularly represented at the monthly club membership committee meetings in Boston, thanks to her efforts (one of the few chapters to do so, in fact). She has realized the importance of our voice being heard and our interests served at the club level; and since she is also a business woman, with two pups and a young daughter now, this is no small contribution for her to make.

You never saw a Conservation Committee in New Hampshire as Rhoda Peck, the chairman, has assembled this past year! Not only that; she has them working in shifts on side-committees, and has lined up a slate of projects for the coming year already. This is such an important field of activity (and one of the few which works closely with the main club) that the knowledge and talent of her committee is already helping a great deal. And here is a field in which each of us, both as A.M.C. ers and as private citizens, can help, too, either with our committee or on our own.

When I first knew Bill Nichols, he confided that one of his ambitions in the club was to be on the Trails Committee. Well, Bill has been Trails Chairman for 10, these many years, and luckily for us his enthusiasm seems undiminished! He and his committee do many unsung hours of trail work; many tedious days of trudging up and down buggy trails in order to check tent sites, collect registers, clean trails, and help where the trail crew needs them. He needs some "strong backs and willing minds" to extend this work, and will tell you truthfully that the fun far outweighs the work.

Thanks to the concerted efforts of the Mountaineering Committee under Dan Brodien, a booklet has been published this spring by Dan Allen, a member of that committee, with the costs being under-written by the chapter. This booklet is aimed at aiding the beginner and intermediate climber both before and during his outings, and was done with our own chapter members in mind, as a contributory effort, though the printing costs are being charged. (See the Bulletin for particulars) My hat is off to both Dans and to the many others who made it a reality. One of the most important accomplishments of Dan and his committee during his term of office has, I think, been the formulating, concisely and well, of the committee's rules and functions for future guidelines. His committee roster reads like a Who's Who of club expertise in mountaineering, so we're in good hands.

This year the Camping Committee, under Ted Comstock, has expanded its activities to include white-water instruction. Though the rivers didn't cooperate too well this spring, it seems safe to predict that the interest is sufficient to develop the leadership we need to have a regular spring schedule of both white and flat water trips. Ted and his committee have continued fine job of enlarging the activities of this field, which George Faucher had started only two years before them.

On the whole, chapter participation on our regular chapter excursions are not as consistently attended as we would expect. This bothers the executive committee. Are the trips too hard; too easy; not to the right peaks or places? Our Excursions Chairmen over the past few terms; first Sylvia Willard and now Katherine Brown, have worked hard and dug deep among the membership, trying to have a balance of degrees of difficulty in order to appeal to a variety of members, and to find the members willing to plan in advance and lead the trips. It's often ended up with the chairman running too many trips herself. Understandably, trips offered under the Regular Outings of the club have appeal to many chapter members, too. And another tendency is to have "bootleg trips" as members make climbing friends in the club; this is good, too. But it doesn't explain to us why our own trips are lacking in chapter participation, so if you can tell us why, please do; we need your interest.

Chapter programs, at regular meetings for the past years have been excellent; and for the past two years, it's been due to Charlie Woras' planning months and months in advance. As Program Chairman he's realized that it takes careful thought; considering the location, time of year, balance of activity to be featured, as well as the speakers, menu and cost, to be able to com-

mand a good attendance . . . and he's had it! He has started two "Annuals"; one in mid-winter at Pinkham Camp, and the other the Mountaineering Day at Cardigan with instruction by the members of the Mountaineering Committee. These, together with the Annual "June at Loon" and our Annual Meeting in October, comprise four of our expected six or so meetings of the year.

As Publicity Chairman this year, Warren Hastings has helped at executive meetings and put notices of our activities in the papers. He worked with other chapters on the publicity of the Appalachian Trails Conference and attended it for us in June.

As I write this report, Sylvia Willard and her Nominating Committee are struggling to work out the best panel of officers possible for the 1972-73 to present for your approval. The responsibility of this job is great; I've done it myself in the past. But I know that Sylvia is a diligent conscientious leader, so feel that the choices will be carefully considered.

Last year I appointed Terry Frost and George Faucher to represent our chapter on a special committee, in charge of the Hospitality for the A.T.C. held at the Plymouth State College last June. This involved work for a full year in advance; and Terry, as chairman, with George, their wives and a host of volunteers did a tremendous job. All went smoothly for over 600 guests who came from the fourteen states along with A.T. and even from other countries. Thanks to their preparation and planning, the club's reputation as a fine host is inviolate.

This report tells of every officer's work but my own. This is as it should be, however, since basically a Chairman is a coordinator. I have tried to tie all the chapter work together; to help the real workers when it's needed, and to represent the chapter. This has been a deep satisfaction to me, and I hope of benefit to the chapter.

Since family plans necessitate my leaving the state four months before the end of my term of office, this is being written in June. Joe Creager has taken over such business and correspondence as will be needed until the election of officers, for which I give him special thanks, and feel sure you'll never miss me! My sincere thanks, too, to all of those officers of whom I've spoken; to the club officers and staff who are a dedicated and gracious group; and to the many others in the chapter who have "greased the wheels" with willing hands. You're wonderful!

Mrs. Gale Burak, Chapter Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The official club figures for the New Hampshire chapter as of November 1, 1971 were:

Regular Members	835
Life Members	84
Paid Life Members	14
Junior Members	140
Total Membership	1073

During the past year we have processed 206 applications for membership, including 21 where two family members joined and one where four family members joined. We have had 15 applicants who were elected but failed to join and 21 members have resigned. Sixty-two have been dropped from membership for failure to renew. Four were reinstated. Two were made life members. Thirty-six moved to another chapter area. Eighty-six moved into the chapter. Of these 53 were from Massachusetts, 12 from New York, 8 from Connecticut, 3 from New Jersey, 4 from Maine, 2 from Rhode Island and one each from Tennessee, Virginia, Colorado and Oregon.

The chapter has lost three members through death: James Irvine, a life member who joined in 1939; John Meades who joined in 1948; and Florence Durgin, a life member who joined in 1924.

Total membership in the chapter at the time of writing this report therefore stands unofficially at 1294.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bernice Johnson, Membership Chairman

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

As my first year as Program Chairman drew to a close, new plans were already being formulated for the ensuing season. The size of our Chapter presented some difficulties in selecting a location that could handle a large turnout. Also, in keeping with a policy established last year, Chapter meetings were planned for various geographical areas of the State.

Meetings were held on Saturday evenings in February at Pinkham Notch Camp, Gorham; in March at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Manchester; and in May at Loon Mountain, Lincoln. The April meeting was held on a Friday evening at the New England Center for Continuing Education, University of New Hampshire, Durham.

As of this writing, our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 1972, at the Sheraton Wayfarer Convention Center, Bedford. For a change from the usual slide presentation, two movies will be shown following the business portion of the meeting.

Hopefully we set a precedent by having two successive February meetings at Pinkham. The attendance was exceptional, and many members took part in weekend outdoor activities such as: snow shoeing, ski touring, ice climbing and ice skating. I certainly would like to see the Chapter continue having an annual February weekend at Pinkham.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation to all members who attended the meetings over the past two years. The exceptional attendance was very heartwarming and made my task worthwhile. Also, I want to wish the succeeding Program Chairman well in his forthcoming endeavors, and may our members continue to turn out as they did in the past.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles P. Woras, Program Chairman

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The publicity outlook for things ecological is brighter than it has been for a long time, even in a state like New Hampshire which tends to take natural beauty for granted.

The media in New Hampshire has been more receptive lately to accepting and publishing items from organizations such as ours, but there are still many "pockets of resistance" which can be overcome through various methods most of which have not yet been evolved by your publicity chairman.

Weekly papers in general seem more eager to take AMC and similar copy but this, of course, depends on relevance, timeliness and proximity to their particular circulation areas.

The state's largest daily, the Manchester Union-Leader and New Hampshire Sunday News are perhaps the most receptive to news of our club's activities.

Foster's Daily Democrat in Dover has exhibited interest in our programs from time to time.

I have not been able to monitor the rest of the state's dailies effectively as yet but obviously there is much room for improvement in many cases.

The newspaper outlook then is fair-to-good in most areas.

For those who desire immediate coverage in a particular event and cannot communicate with the club's publicity chairman, most dailies and weeklies will accept written, preferably typewritten, copy.

If the subject is timely and of general news value, its chances of publication are good. However, rambling, hand scrawled, poorly organized material rarely makes it past the editor's "round file".

Remember, editors don't expect letter perfect professionally done copy . . . they just want it to be understandable. They will do the rest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren D. Hastings, Publicity Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The conservation committee met ten times during the year. At the initial meeting on October 27, a general overview of concerns which need action or at least wider understanding was arrived at and served as a guide for the continuing work of the committee. As a means of accomplishing maximum chapter cooperation and effectiveness a conservation questionnaire was sent to all chapter members. The returned questionnaires were sorted by counties and the distribution plotted on a state map. The resulting picture of the location of interested members suggested the feasibility of forming five subcommittees as follows: Pinkham Notch Group, Connecticut River Valley Group, Lakes Region Group, Merrimack Valley Group, and Monadnock Region Group. Although such subgroups have not yet materialized, their formation is "in the works" and the questionnaire results shall continue to be used for alerting members about meetings and legislative bills pertinent to particular areas of the state.

With pressure on recreational areas and facilities becoming ever more intensive the need for cooperation with groups whose interests may be at variance with traditional AMC goals grows constantly. With so many people addicted to snowmobiles, ATV's, trail bikes, etc., it was inevitable that use of trails would be a dominant concern of the committee. The need for joint discussion and cooperation with the various groups presenting these other users of trails led to plans for holding an open meeting with the theme, "Trail Use in the Mountains". The meeting was held on March 15 in the Alumni Room of the New Hampshire Hall on the UNH campus. Members of the New England Trail Riders Association, the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association, and the White Mountain National Forest Service were invited to attend and take part in the program. A resource person from each of these groups, in addition to the AMC, explained his point of view and answered questions. Representatives from other groups concerned with the problem of multiple trail use as the N. H. Audubon Society, N. H. Timberland Owner's Association, N. H. Fish & Game Department, White Mountains Environmental Committee, etc. had been alerted to the meeting which, in spite of a severe snowstorm, attracted more than fifty persons and turned out to be a spirited and very informative meeting.

Committee members spent considerable time studying snowmobile legislation with the aim of providing guideline information to the recently created state level Snowmobile and Off-the-Road Recreational Vehicles Commission. This group has conducted a series of meetings in the six regional association areas. Based on the committee's questionnaire results, members indicating interest were alerted concerning the meeting in their area. An effort was made to have at least one AMC member present and speak at each of these meetings to present a different aspect of the subject at each meeting.

State level legislation and relations with legislators is a crucial area where the conservation committee can act as an information source for the entire chapter. A letter from the committee to all state senators urged them to vote for the establishment of a State Environmental Protection Agency. Since the bill was defeated this session, further action is even more essential. A study of conservation-related actions taken (or rejected) during the last state legislative session will be useful as a guide for future efforts.

The April chapter meeting held at the New England Center for Continuing Education and sponsored by the conservation committee, has as its theme, "Status of Land Use Planning for New Hampshire - 1972". The program focused on the status of resource legislation and some needs which remain through a panel discussion with panelists George Hamilton, director, Division of Parks; Mary Louise Hancock, planning director, Office of State Planning; and Robert Tyrrel, supervisor, White Mountain National Forest. Rhoda Peck, committee chairman, acted as moderator. Topics discussed included preservation of unique natural resources; land development with emphasis on second-home projects and industrial development; outdoor recreational pressures; power plant siting and development; also a report on the reassessment of resource use and recreational development now underway for the national forests. A question period followed the formal program, which was attended by one hundred and twenty people.

To get a broad picture of the situation and thus aid in practical and effective planning for future action, the committee works with state agencies and private groups to obtain information and avoid duplication of effort.

For example, the Society for Protection of the N. H. Forests has made a wilderness survey; the Office of State Planning has a consultant doing a study of outdoor recreation; a wilderness survey is being carried out in Maine. Getting and disseminating information on current trends and developments and cooperating with other groups continue to be key committee aims.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rhoda Peck, Chairman
Peter Allan
Kenneth Andersen
David Cilley
Robert Colby
Cass Curtis
C. Anthony Federer
Edna B. Heidgerd
Frederick G. Hochgraf
Donald Melvin
Melville Nielson
John Nutter
David Sanderson

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

The first edition of "Don't Die on the Mountain", by Dan Allen, came out this spring. It is hoped that this publication will help the beginner climber exercise good judgement during his first experience in mountaineering. Although the Mountaineering Committee made significant contributions to this publication, Dan Allen deserves all the credit as author and editor for putting it all together.

The Winter Leadership Workshop this year was an A.M.C.—A.D.K. joint venture at St. Mary's in the Mountains. This committee had only a small part in it and cannot comment objectively on its success. The New Hampshire Chapter had no candidates to sponsor for this workshop.

The A.M.C. Leadership Workshop was held as usual this summer. The New Hampshire Chapter candidates to this workshop were Miss Margaret Currie, Dover, N. H. and Miss Kathy Eneguess, Peterborough, N. H.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Brodien, Mountaineering Chairman

CANOE COMMITTEE

Thanks to the help of Vice-Chairman, Roili Schweiker, and a six-man committee that served as trip leaders, your Chapter activities continue to expand.

While your Committee's main efforts centered on offering flat water trips to N.H.A.M.C. members, a noted increase of interest was found in a white water program. Of the 16 scheduled trips this past spring and summer, seven were Interchapter and three white water instructional.

Consideration was given to providing more canoeing equipment on a rental basis for first-timers or members not owning their own canoes. However, based on this year's requests for rentals, the Chapter's present equipment (one canoe, two paddles, and two life jackets) appears to adequately serve present needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tad Comstock, Chairman

TRAILS COMMITTEE

On September 25th of last year the Mountaineering Committee of the N. H. Chapter held a family-oriented Hiking Seminar at Cardigan Lodge, which was very successful.

Having caretakers at some of our back country shelter sites proved to be so helpful that I was able to spend the busy October 9-10 Columbus Day weekend in a like capacity at the Ethan Pond Shelter. This year caretakers have been instituted there also.

Again this year I attended the New England Trail Conference held at Northampton, Massachusetts, on March 25th.

My annual Litter Pick on Mt. Lafayette on June 11th was again a success, thanks to volunteers covering the Old Bridle Path and Greenleaf Trails.

Special thanks to Ben English, Jr., Ted Cunningham, Barry and Linda Borell, Paul and Marcia Leavitt for their willingness to help on the Appalachian Trail Conference last June 16-18 at Plymouth, New Hampshire.

On August 19th the A.M.C. Trail Committee met at Pinkham, and on the 20th we hiked to Speck Pond to view a new bridging technique our Trail Crew has developed to save the footpath in heavy-use areas.

Some of the major changes in our White Mountains I will list here:

Naumann Shelters No. 1 and 2 have been razed because of inadequate water supply. Tent platforms at Mizpah Hut have been erected as a replacement for the two shelters.

A rock stairway from Lakes-of-the-Clouds Hut to the summit of Mt. Monroe to provide a walkway and to keep people from spreading out all over the side of this hill and spoiling the delicate growth on that incline. Please use this path!

A new approach to the Flume Slide Trail has been made off the White House Trail. Access through the Flume to Liberty Springs Trail and Flume Slide is terminated. The new approach is a fine example of trail building skill.

Two most active members of my N. H. Trail Committee who keep me informed of what they do deserve a special cheer; they are, Roy Cascadden and Bob Waugh from Berlin. Thanks for your fine service!

Lastly, welcome to Doc Mykland who has offered to serve on this Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Nichols, N. H. Trails Chairman

LAST YEAR'S MINUTES
APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB
NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

Minutes of the 51st Annual Meeting, October 30, 1971

The 51st Annual Meeting of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held on Saturday, October 30, 1971, at the Steel Hill Inn, Winnisquam, N. H. This business meeting was opened at 9:30 P.M. by Mrs. Gale Burak, Chapter Chairman. Following the introduction of all invited guests and current Chapter officers, Gale asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the 50th Annual Meeting. No changes were proposed.

Dan Brodien introduced the two recipients of the mountain leadership workshop scholarships. Each recipient gave a short description of his experiences at the workshop. Gale then reported that the Chapter made the following donations this past year:

Mt. Washington Observatory	\$100.00
Society for the Protection of N. H. Forests	_ 100.00
Fire Extinguisher for Mt. Washington Volun. Ski Patrol	20.00
Posters for A.M.C. Hut System	\$200.00

Gale then asked that the members please present their suggestions with respect to uses for surplus Chapter funds.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of Chapter officer candidates:

Mrs. Dorothy (Gale) Burak	Chairman
Edward (Joe) Creager	Secretary
Mrs. Barbara Buttrick	Treasurer
Bernice Johnson	Membership Chairman
Charles P. Woras	Program Chairman
Rhoda M. Peck	Conservation Chairman
Warren D. Hastings	Publicity Chairman
Mrs. Katherine W. Brown	Excursions Chairman
Dan Brodien	Mountaineering Chairman
William S. Nichols	Trails Chairman
Frederick T. Comstock, Jr.	Canoeing Chairman

No further nominations were presented from the floor and the motion was made and seconded to accept the candidates presented by the Nominating Committee. The vote was affirmative and the Secretary was directed to cast one vote for the motion.

Gale introduced John Perry, President of the A.M.C., who spoke on a number of points of general club interest. These included the proposed changes in new membership requirements, the A.T.C. meeting at Plymouth, N. H. in June 1972, the Club Annual Meeting in January 1972, and the coming new Bulletin format.

John Perry introduced Tom Deans, A.M.C. Associate Executive Director, who spoke on the North Country Office at Pinkham Notch Camp. Tom explained what the A.M.C. is doing in the North Country to cope with the tremendous increase in use pressure. He also pointed out that the hiker is no longer the primary user in the White Mountains.

Tom Deans introduced Alan Corindia, Assistant to the Executive Director. Al spoke on the status of the Club Development Program and explained that the Campaign goals should be reached this coming year.

Gale introduced Mrs. Elizabeth Burton, Executive Secretary of the New York Chapter. Betty spoke about the duties of a Chapter Executive Secretary, thus acquainting the N. H. Chapter membership with the various aspects of this position.

Gale then asked for further business. Being none, the motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn the business meeting. The meeting was then turned over to Chuck Woras for the evening's program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward (Joe) Creager, Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR 1973

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of candidates for 1973, to be considered at the Annual Meeting on October 28, 1972.

Chairman S. Robert Colby, Dover
Secretary Edward (Joe) Creager, Merrimack
Treasurer Mrs. Katherine Fosbroke, Jackson
Membership Bernice Johnson, Manchester
Conservation Rhoda M. Peck, Durham
Publicity Warren D. Hastings, Concord
Excursion Mrs. Katherine W. Brown, Concord
Mountaineering Dan H. Allen, New London
Trails William S. Nichols, Littleton
Canoeing Mrs. Roili Schweiker, Concord

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia R. Willard, Chairman

Theodore Brayton

Robert Colby

George Faucher

Bernice Johnson

1972 Nominating Committee

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Sept. 10, 1971-Sept. 25, 1972

September 10, 1971 Balance on Hand \$2413.36

R E C E I P T S

N. H. Savings Bank Dividends	\$ 46.29	
Dinner meeting reservations	2282.10	
Sale of "21-71" insignia	183.00	
Membership quota - AMC	2241.00	
Income from "Don't Die on the Mountain"	162.95	
Canoe rental	6.00	
		<u>4921.34</u>
		\$7334.70

E X P E N D I T U R E S

Dinner meeting reservations	\$2395.55	
Secretarial service	1018.53	
Use of AMC postage permit	106.24	
Meeting expenses (speakers' fees, etc)-includes \$100 deposit for 1972 annual meeting room reservation	196.60	
Officer and Committee Chairmen Expenses (postage, phone etc)	331.92	
Contributions (Mt. Wash. Obs., etc)	353.00	
Publication of "Don't Die on the Mountain"	550.50	
Bank of N H Service charge	11.10	
Miscellaneous (registers, films, etc.)	14.00	
		<u>\$4977.44</u>

September 25, 1972 Balance on Hand:

Bank of N. H.	304.07	
N. H. Savings Bank	2053.19	
Petty cash deposited in Bank of N H account		
		<u>\$2357.26</u>
		\$7334.70

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara B. Buttrick, Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of Barbara B. Buttrick, Treasurer of the N. H. Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club for the period from September 10, 1971 to September 25, 1972, and found the record of receipts and expenditures set forth above to be correct. All items of income have been identified and traced to the bank account, and all savings withdrawals have been found deposited in the checking account. Expenditures have been verified and checked against vouchers. The closing check book balance has been verified with the bank statement and the closing savings account balance has been verified by examination of the passbook.

Robert W. Walker
Fiscal Officer, Community Action Programs, Bel.-Mer., Ctys, Inc.