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PROPOSED CHAPTER  
FOR SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS  
NEWSLETTER #1



January 1976

GOOD NEWS FOR AMC MEMBERS WHO LIVE  
IN THE SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS AREA

There is going to be a new chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club! It will cover the area of southeastern Massachusetts shown in the map above, which consists of Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable (Cape Cod), Dukes (Martha's Vineyard) and Nantucket counties. There are about 720 A.M.C. members living in these counties. Each of these members is being sent a copy of this newsletter.

The purpose of the new Chapter is to pull the A.M.C. members in the Southeastern Massachusetts (S.E.M.) area together so that they can meet each other and go on A.M.C. trips together. Also, the Chapter will foster A.M.C. activities in the S.E.M. area and will attract members from other areas to participate in activities in our area. Although there are no mountains in our area, we do have some interesting canoeing waters and hiking trails. Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket offer unique possibilities for cycling, hiking and many other activities, as you know.

HOW THE BALL GOT ROLLING

Last January, Bruce Langmuir (who is Chairman of the recently formed Boston Chapter) sent out a questionnaire to all of you asking such things as whether you felt there should be a S.E.M. Chapter, whether you were interested in serving as an officer in the Chapter or in helping on one of the committees. A number of people responded, and some of these people became the nucleus of an ad hoc committee that is getting things started. The following A.M.C. members are on this committee:

Charles Culler — Chairman	312B Forest Street, Rockland, MA 02748 878-3026 (home)
James Fox — Secretary	159 Franklin Street, Halifax, MA 02338 293-2262 (home) 528-9100, ext. 318 (work)
Paul D. Brodeur	P. O. Box 169, Falmouth, MA 02541 540-1711 (home)
Edward F. Kelly, Jr.	49 Richmond Street, Fall River, MA 02721 673-1804 (home)
Sam Raymond	P. O. Box 444, North Falmouth, MA 02556 540-1396 (home) 563-5917 (work)
Dr. E. Arthur Robinson	25 North Main Street, Falmouth, MA 02540 548-4414 (home) 548-4445 (work)
Leon B. Rogers	RFD Monponsett Street, Halifax, MA 02338
Howard A. Shearer	33 Old Main Road, North Falmouth, MA 02556 563-2434 (home) 563-6666 (work)

The committee met for the first time on October 8th and has met 4 more times since then. Meetings have been held alternately in Halifax and North Falmouth, usually at mid-week about 7:30 P.M.

## CHAPTER TO MEET ON JANUARY 21, 1975

In order to get the Chapter officially started, an open meeting of the S.E.M. area members will be held. At this meeting the following will take place.

1. A discussion period will be held.
2. The officers and committee chairmen will be elected by vote.
3. A name for the Chapter will be voted upon.
4. A petition will be signed and sent to the A.M.C. Council requesting that the Chapter be recognized.  
(Refreshments will be served)

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 1976, in the Auditorium of the Merideth Williams Middle School on South Street in Bridgewater. A pre-meeting, informal get-together will start at 7:00 P.M. while the meeting itself will start at 7:30 P.M. A map will be included in the next newsletter to show you how to get there.

In this newsletter is a list of the A.M.C. members in the S.E.M. area. It is arranged by zip code. Look up your zip code and find other A.M.C. members that live near you. We suggest you call them about the meeting and form a car pool with them. We'd like to see as many A.M.C. members in the S.E.M. area as can possibly make it, attend the meeting. Let's have a good turn out of A.M.C. members from YOUR town.

All A.M.C. members and their friends are welcome to attend the meeting, but only A.M.C. members may vote. A.M.C. members outside the official Chapter area are also welcome, but may not vote. (They may vote at later meetings if they become official members.) Only members present at the meeting may vote. No proxy votes will be accepted. Hopefully all candidates for office will be present at the meeting so that you can meet them.

### ELECTIONS

The 4 Chapter officers (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) and the 6 Committee Chairmen will all serve for about one year, until the Annual Meeting of the Chapter. Together, the 10 of them are the Executive Committee that run the Chapter. Listed below are the various Chapter offices and committees with comments.

#### Officers —

**CHAPTER CHAIRMAN** — Presides at all meetings of the Chapter members and the Chapter Executive Committee. Represents the Chapter at the A.M.C. Annual Meeting in Boston. Qualities of leadership required.

**CHAPTER VICE CHAIRMAN** — Serves as Chairman in the absence of the Chapter Chairman and assumes other responsibilities delegated to him by the Chapter Chairman.

**CHAPTER SECRETARY** — Sends out notices of all Executive Committee and Chapter meetings, keeps the Minutes of all meetings of the Chapter and conducts the correspondence of the Chapter. It would be an asset if this person could type or have the services of a secretary available. Access to a Xerox machine and business experience would be helpful.

**CHAPTER TREASURER** — A Chapter officer who manages the financial affairs of the Chapter in a prudent and businesslike manner. The Treasurer reports at the Annual Meeting. Experience in accounting is an asset for this position.

#### Committees —

After each Committee Chairman is elected, the Chairman will appoint the committee. We already have quite a few people that have volunteered to serve on these committees, but more volunteers are needed. See the form at the end of this newsletter.

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** — Keeps an updated list of the Chapter members with their addresses. Furnishes information concerning the A.M.C. to those requesting it. The Chairman of this committee automatically becomes a member of the A.M.C. Membership Committee in Boston and is our liaison with that committee.

**EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE** — Supervises all trips not covered by other committees. Provides a program of general excursions such as afternoon and all-day hikes as well as occasional weekend trips. Also sends trip plans to A.M.C. Headquarters for publication in the Club's bulletin. Prepares excursions committee report for the annual Chapter publication.

**CANOE COMMITTEE** — Plans and schedules canoe trips and promotes safety and establishes ratings. Maintains canoe records. The Chairman serves on the inter-Chapter Canoe Committee.

**BICYCLE COMMITTEE** — Plans and schedules bicycle trips in and outside the Chapter area. Assists A.M.C. members from outside our Chapter area to plan bicycle trips inside our Chapter area. Promotes the formation of new bicycle trails (for example from abandoned railway roadbeds). Promotes bicycle safety. The Chairman should be able to ride a bicycle.

**TRAILS COMMITTEE** — Maintains trails in the Chapter area and sometimes sets up new trails.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE** — Gathers information on conservation of interest to the membership and makes it known to the members through all available Club media. Encourages legislation, activities and decisions favorable to the environment. Adopts practical conservation projects in the Chapter area. Works on the club's conservation projects and with other conservation agencies outside the club.

So far the following A.M.C. members have volunteered to run for the various positions in the Chapter.

Chapter Chairman — Ralph Poole, Hingham

Chapter Vice Chairman — Paul D. Brodeur, Falmouth

Chapter Treasurer — No one yet. **Candidates please step forward for this important and interesting position.**

Chapter Secretary — William E. Rasche, New Bedford  
Phyllis Whitford, Bröckton

Active Membership Committee

Chairman — James Fox, Halifax  
William Moss, Swansea

Excursions Committee

Chairman — Charles Culler, Rockland  
Robert Bentley, West Wareham

Canoe Committee

Chairman — Leon Rogers, Halifax

Bicycle Committee

Chairman — Dave Wilson, Rockland  
Bob Bentley, West Wareham

#### MORE CANDIDATES ARE NEEDED

There is no limit to how many people may run for any one office. Let's have some more female candidates! If you wish to be a candidate for any position, please fill out the form at the back of this newsletter and send it in right away. If you have any questions, contact any member of the ad hoc committee. Nominations will also be called for from the floor at the January Chapter meeting.

#### CHAPTER NAME

At the January meeting the Chapter members will vote on a name for the Chapter. So far, the following names have been suggested:

Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter (the Start-up Committee favors this name)

Pilgrim Chapter

Sou' East Chapter

Massasoit Chapter

Old Colony Chapter

Metacomet Chapter

King Phillip Chapter

More suggestions for the name of the Chapter are solicited. See the form at the end of the newsletter. Those received by December 20, 1975 may be included in our newsletter number two. At the January meeting, more Chapter names may be suggested before the vote is taken.

#### NEWSLETTER NUMBER TWO

Chapter newsletter number two will be issued in two or three weeks. Among other things it will contain the following:

1. A list of candidates to date that have volunteered for offices.
2. A description of the backgrounds and qualifications of all candidates.
3. An updated list of names suggested for the Chapter.
4. A map showing how to get to the January meeting.
5. A ballot to bring to the meeting.

#### CONCLUSION

The enthusiasm of the members of the Start-up Committee is running high. A.M.C. members in the S.E.M. area that we have talked to seem to be generally very interested in the idea of the new Chapter and look forward eagerly to its formation. Through the Chapter, new friends will be made with common interests and friendly traveling companions will be found. We feel that many new good times lie ahead for all of us because of the Chapter.

WATCH FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER  
AND  
SEE YOU ON JANUARY 21!