

**ANNUAL  
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**SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS  
CHAPTER**

## From the Chair

1988 was a good year for the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter. Our present membership, as of August 31, stands at 950, and we are adding new members each month toward our goal of 1,000.

In 1988 the Chapter organized a varied and interesting program of trips and outings which attracted a large number of participants. The Canoe Committee had a number of good trips both on flat and whitewater. Hiking/Excursions continued their excellent local walks and mountain hikes. These are, of course, of primary interest to a club dedicated to the enjoyment of the mountains and the outdoors. A new Ski Committee was established. The Trails Committee worked on local trails and continued our commitment to the Lonesome Lake trail in the White Mountains. Bicycling was successful with their many trips throughout the year. Education and Conservation made much progress in these difficult and complicated areas. Spring Fling, Coastweeks, Century Ride and other events were all well attended and very successful.

So much for the past.

In the future we must continue what we've been doing, and reach out to new members, forming programs which will attract both older and younger people to our 1989 activities, especially beginners' hikes and trips.

At this time I'd like to thank sincerely all those who contributed to the past year's activities and helped to make everything run so well, and to extend my congratulations to the new slate of officers. For my part I have enjoyed every minute of my time as Chapter Chair. It has been a very rewarding experience to work with all the pleasant and competent people of the Executive Board.

Paul Murphy, Chapter Chair

## Membership

As of August 31, 1988, the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter of AMC stood at 950 members, approximately the same as the previous year. With the new AMC Director of Membership, Patti Roka, at the helm, there has been a renewed emphasis on organization, cooperation and communication between the chapters and AMC staff.

At the Fall Town Meeting (Pinkham Notch, October 28-30, 1988) sixteen members representing 12 chapters met with Neil Day, Vice President for Planning and Membership Services, and Patti Roka, Director of Membership, to address a number of membership issues, including attracting and retaining members. Part of the discussion was concerned with the annual budget, as the size of the club's membership has a direct effect on finances.

The organization and activities of the Board of Membership were discussed at the Fall Town Meeting (October 1987), Annual Meeting (January 1988), and Spring Town Meeting (May 1988), and new strategies for membership retention and growth were developed.

Once again, thanks to our many hosts and hostesses, the potluck supper program was very successful and will be continued in 1989. The suppers are open to both new and old members and provide informal opportunities to share our AMC experiences, great photos or slides, and of course, an opportunity to indulge in two favorite AMC activities: talking and eating.

John Abbott, Membership Chair

Margaret Brown, Vice-Chair

## Leadership/Education

The Leadership/Education committee coordinated successful flat and whitewater training sessions in the Bridgewater College Pool in the early spring. Equipment lists for the various activities were published in the Breeze. The Leadership Dynamics weekend scheduled for October had to be cancelled. A different format will be planned in connection with Spring Fling in 1989.

Anita Franks, Leadership/Education Chair

## Hiking

This year the season started in mid-March. Attendance has been good for most hikes ranging from nature walks to strenuous backpacking. Fewer hikes had to be cancelled due to poor attendance or bad weather.

The Cape Cod group continued their regular program of Thursday and Sunday hikes every week except during the summer. There were also 31 hikes off-Cape.

Highlights of '88 were the introduction of a fall planning meeting, urban hikes, and a 25% increase in off-Cape hikes. In closing I'd like to thank all the hiking leaders for the time they put into planning and leading hikes. I also encourage all new members to participate in our hikes next season.

Bruce Dunham, Hiking Chair

## Bicycling

For several of us the 1988 bicycling season started in January when we held our Bicycle Schedule Planning Meeting. Our long-range planning paid off as we had a successful calendar of events.

We started in March with our popular Bike Workshop, covering many aspects of bike repair and maintenance. Our ride roster started in April and consisted of 29 day trips (from 15-mile beginner rides to 50-mile advanced rides), 5 weekend trips (3 trips to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, one each to Western Mass. and Montreal), and our 7th Annual Century and Half-Century rides. Our schedule concluded in late October, stretching as long as possible.

A regular series of Tuesday evening rides were held throughout the summer, with most of them on the Cape. They were well attended. While it wasn't a SEM Bicycle Committee trip, I would like to mention the AMC bicycle trip to England. It was a two-week trip led by Bob Bentley with Steve Driscoll as co-leader. It was a wonderful trip with great biking, superb countryside, and a nice group of people to travel with. A trip like this provides many memories for years to come.

Thanks to trip leaders, co-leaders, and the many unsung heroes behind the scenes of a full schedule of bicycling events, and to my vice-chair, Roz Reilly, for her able assistance.

Art Wessel, Bicycle Chair

## Canoeing

During 1988, there were 26 day trips and 15 weekend trips, including five joint trips with the Narragansett Chapter and a joint trip with Greenways Belt Committee on the Taunton River. Two of our most well-attended trips were Washburn Island with 28 and Taunton River with 40 people.

This year we had a flat water instruction night at the Bridgewater pool, and a day trip on the Nemasket River for beginners. Many of our members bought kayaks this year, so we hope to have some kayak events next year.

I'd like to thank all the canoe leaders for a successful season and encourage new participants next year. This year's committee included: Bob Scolamiero, Mark Klim, Chuck Wright, Barbara Hughes, Tony Arnold, and Dave Gunning.

Judy O'Bryant, Canoe Chair

## Whitewater Activities

We would like to thank all of you that boated with us this season, making it a great success. Special thanks to our w/w training instructors and to trip leaders!

Our Early Bird Special (ice breaker run) was on February 20th, followed by 15 scheduled w/w trips as well as 7 official B trips, for a total of 22 trips.

The w/w training last spring was very successful and a lot of fun (!) thanks to great instructors, food and hot showers.

Our w/w ranks are growing with some paddlers joining us from other chapters as well as our own members.

The 1989 Canoe Roster will have whitewater ratings posted to assist leaders and co-leaders in organizing trips at the different skill levels.

We look forward to 1989, our third season. With your continued enthusiasm and support it will be more exciting than 1988!

We hope to see you on the rivers!

Bob Scolamiero, Vice-Chair, Whitewater

Mark Klim

## Communications

Editing the Southeast Breeze and sending notices to Appalachia Bulletin is a challenging and time-consuming job, but it is rewarding to see the finished product go out in the mail each month and to participate in Chapter administration via the Executive Board.

This year's Breeze was made possible by a team of capable and hard-working Assistant Editors: Mary Angulo, Linda Hare, Shirley Waskilewicz, and Chuck Wright. Their ideas and support were as valuable as their computer skills.

Distribution was well-handled by Chuck Wright and a team of monthly recruits. Nancy Wigley has taken over this job, and we welcome her.

The major change this year is the implementation of computerized typesetting and layout. This means we can pack more information into the same space and can now print trip reports and feature articles in addition to trip listings and announcements of special events. We ask members to submit brief reports on activities, major excursions, service activities and brief AMC anecdotes.

Other new features are For Sale/For Rent classified ads and Executive Board notes. A new masthead design by Jean Cole is being given a trial run.

Printing costs for the Breeze were higher this year because of the cost of computer time. The Executive Board is strongly considering the purchase of a computer for the Chapter. This would greatly simplify the Editor's job, in addition to being useful to Membership and other Chairs.

Thanks are due to the Activities Chairs for getting their material to me on time and to the editorial and distribution staffs who work overtime when needed. Thanks also to our printer Dave Sheppard at the Job Shop in Woods Hole. Dave, an AMC member, has gone well out of his way to assist.

Comments and suggestions for future directions in the Breeze are welcome.

Naomi Lipton, Editor

## Conservation

During the year we again focused interests on wetlands protection issues, once more writing letters to legislators. Other letter-writing efforts included those in support of NH Rivers Bill SB 326, the Scenic Rivers bill which was finally signed by the governor in June. Other letters to state legislators expressed concern over possible impacts of the proposal for Greylock Glen at Mt. Greylock, our state's largest reservation, better known to members as Bascomb Lodge and surrounding area.

We adopted a trail at Nickerson State Park which is now maintained by conservation members on a regular basis. They also attend the park's monthly Adopt-A-Trail meetings. We supported efforts of the Brewster Conservation Committee in designing, then working on a trail system for their newly acquired land.

Supporting the Boston Chapter's Conservation Day, Saturday, April 23, was another successful event on our calendar, when we led a hike at Sandy Neck State Park. It received publicity and support from Boston's Chapter members.

In June we sponsored a hike on the Cape Cod Canal in celebration of the Second Annual Buzzards Bay Day in which we hope to play a better and bigger role next June. We are happy to endorse and follow volunteers such as SEM/AMC member David Gunning's involvement with the Taunton River Greenway Project.

Our largest endeavor of the year was participation in Coastweek 88, The seventh annual celebration of our country's coastal resources, with a beach clean-up on October 1. All the plastic litter collected was assessed by our conservation committee, and the data given to Batelle Ocean Sciences in Duxbury to be analyzed. Their findings were sent to Congress. The focus, of course, was on sources and causes of our nation's plastic pollution. Clean-up day was followed by dinner and square dancing at St. Peter's Parish Hall in Plymouth.

It's been a GOOD year!

Pam Carter, Conservation Chair

## Trails

This has been an excellent year. We had twelve trips that covered a wide area. The Punkhorn in Brewster, the Warner Trail, the Blue Hills, and our adopted trail at Lonesome Lake in the White Mountains were among the places we worked. Thanks to everyone who worked on these projects. The chapter gave 1036 person hours this year. The year started with clearing the Weweantic River and ended finishing a new trail of approximately one and three quarters miles for the Plymouth County Wildlands Trust.

I hope to see some new faces next year. Trail work gives one a good feeling and helps preserve the land.

Russ "Chainsaw" Ottey, Trails Chair

## Treasurer's Report

September 1, 1987 - August 31, 1988

### General Account

Cash Balance as of Sept. 1, 1987		\$6,987.36
<b>Income</b>		
Allocations from AMC/Joy St.	\$4,222.50	
Bank interest	335.80	
Chapter events	4,008.47	
Miscellaneous income	25.00	
Total income	\$8,591.77	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Breeze (printing and mailing)	\$2,609.49	
Postage/telephone/supplies	674.47	
Donations	428.00	
Meeting attendance reimbursement for Executive Board	710.50	
Chapter events	4,095.08	
Cash advances	220.00	
Miscellaneous expense	9.95	
Total Expenses	\$8,747.49	
Cash Balance as of August 31, 1988		\$6,831.64
Chapter Loan to AMC Camp Reserve Acct. (including interest as of 3/31/88)		\$ 5,679.90
Total Chapter Assets		<u>\$12,511.54</u>

Joey Gallus, Treasurer