

SPECIAL !!!

Southeast Breeze

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Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter — Appalachian Mountain Club

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We'll keep you up to date in future newsletters; but in the meantime... give a hand to ARM...and get info you need from our SEM Co-ordinator:

Bob Bentley, 14 Lucas St., Carver, MA : 866-3057

THANK YOU!!!

"...to ALL who helped with the potluck supper: arrived early, carried trays, set up tables, helped with food registration, so cheerfully cleaned up, or were "Go-Fers!" THANKS!"

luv, Pat Manfredi





HEE HEE

In April...during a 12-day period, the SEM Chapter TRAILS Committee headed by John Smart and Bill Brown, did 238 hours of trail work! FORTY jobs were completed during this time..with 19 "workers" which included 7 NON-Club members! "We cleaned old water bars and dips, replaced old water bars, installed new bars and made new dips, re-worked one rock ledge, made three new bog bridges, inlaid a number of stepping stones, cut down blowdowns, dug small drainage canals and left the LONESOME LAKE TRAIL in better condition than it has been in years!" reports John Smart Trails Co-Chairman. He says that Trails Supervisor Reuben Rajala and assistant Mark Bromley spent a full day working with his crew and also sent 2 crew members from Pinkham to cut trees for bridge work!

And, according to Chairman Smart, the Trails "crew" will return to Lonesome Lake in September the weekends of the 10th and 17th. Why not plan to pitch in and give a hand?

In the meantime, says John, "Volunteers are needed all during the year: for weekend work parties to clean out waterbars and dips ETC." Just call he or Bill Brown; they can use us all!

And also! Help the work crew raise some money to buy a chain saw and an adze..both valuable tools out there on the trail! Shall we have a slide show..a dinner..a yard sale..a raffle..or what?????? If you can't work on the mountain..can you help with this project?

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BILL BROWN: 285-4766

"WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS! PLEASE JOIN US SOON ON AN ACTIVITY OF YOUR INTEREST! WE'RE ANXIOUS TO MEET YOU!"

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Edward Barlow..E.Providence
Michael Belisle..Canton
Mary Best..Bridgewater
Chuck Burke..Forestdale
Cornelia Burr..Mattapoisett
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Laurel Conway..Rochester
Charlie Cottuli, Marshfield
Charles Craven..Stoughton
Jane Curtin, Brockton
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Mary Dunn, Marshfield
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Don Farrell..Brewster
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