

Southeast Breeze



Southeastern Mass. Chapter—Appalachian Mountain Club

Editor Phyllis Whitford

Feb '86

SPECIAL!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR.....

Thanks for the many good wishes on my upcoming term as Chapter Chairperson... I've got some big shoes to fill in more ways than one! Russ "Bigfoot" Ottey has been giving me some help getting started before he takes off for the wild blue yonder of the AT, plus I've got a great Executive Board to back me up.

I'm really enthused about the year ahead, and hope you are, too. It's time for new ideas, new activities and new faces. Speak of new faces, did you know that there are now 932 members in the Southeast Mass Chapter? While each of us sees only a small portion of that number, we've got quite a group here!

- For the 70 or so people who have been very active in the last year by leading trips or serving on the Executive Board...MANY THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST AND HELP. It's your effort that makes the Club go!
- To the slightly less hard-core group of members who participate in the activities planned, again THANKS...you make it worthwhile and fun. Hopefully you're enjoying it and learning something too, and will someday share your enjoyment and skills with still more new members by leading or co-leading a trip.
- For those of you who haven't been active in a while...WE MISS YOU...so take another look at what's being offered this year. There's bound to be some new activity or trip destination to perk your interest, not to mention all of the great new people we've got now!
- And, of course, to all of our newer members...WELCOME...we're looking forward to meeting you. Please plan to take advantage of several activities...that way you'll get to meet a real cross-section of members.

TO ALL...HOW ABOUT A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO ATTEND AT LEAST THREE AMC EVENTS IN 1986? It should be easy, there's lots to choose from: our Winter Series of Local Potluck Suppers (see pg 4); some great X-C ski weekends and day trips, plus the Cold Line for additional ski plans each week; weekly hikes on the Cape; Breeze folding "parties"; plus some info sessions on whitewater canoeing and bicycling...and that's just in the next two months!

After that, we'll be into our usual spring whirl of activities, plus there are lots of other things coming down the pike for 1986: involvement in the Club's Capital Campaign (more next month); leadership development; efforts to increase participation of all members; revision of Chapter By-Laws; a more aggressive involvement in conservation issues and, hopefully, modernizing our communications and programs by computer. WOW...what a year!!

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ADVANCE NOTICE:

Fri.-Sun., June 7-8: Camp Farley Weekend.
A fun-packed & educational weekend - biking, hiking, canoe instruction, square dance, etc. Stay in cabins, community cooking. Bring slides and AMC stories to share. More details in March Breeze.

For sale

AMC SUNCATCHERS are still available. 3 3/4" round, with pine tree logo in green, white and clear. Complete with suction cup holder to hang in a sunny window. \$5 ea., 3 for \$14 (includes tax, postage and handling). Send check, payable to SE MASS AMC, to Margaret Brown, 202 Taunton Ave., Norton, MA 02766.



X-C SKIING...

COLD LINE FOR SKI TOURERS AND/OR SNOWSHOERS!

If local conditions permit, several leaders will run day trips. Call Thurs./Fri. nite to get location for Sat., Sun., weekdays. Russ Ottey (563-6637), John Smart (888-4811), Bob Bentley (866-3057), Vicki Fitzgerald (585-3424), Carolyn Crowell (888-4923).

Fri.-Sun., Jan. 31-Feb. 2: X-C at Schoolhouse, VT. Joint trip w/SubSig to their large Schoolhouse cabin in Moretown. Ski Stowe or Bolton Valley. L John Smart (888-4811) CL Russ Ottey (563-6637)

Fri.-Sun., Jan. 31-Feb. 2: Zealand Notch Ski Tour. Backpack tour into Zealand Falls Hut...for intermediate/advanced X-C skiers only. L Bob Bentley (866-3057)

Sat.-Sun., Feb. 15-16: Fayette, ME. X-C weekend may still have openings available. Call L Carolyn Crowell (888-4923)

Sat., Feb. 22: Annual Borderland Bash, Easton, MA. Come and join us for a day of local X-C, snowshoeing, hiking, ice skating, etc., plus a great potluck lunch by the fireplace. L Bob Milburn (294-0875)

Fri.-Sun., Feb. 21-23: X-C in Woodstock, NH. Stay at The Ledges, an AMC-type facility w/bunkrooms and community cooking. Ski Waterville area touring centers. Advanced beginners and intermediates. Approx. cost \$50 covers lodging, 2 breakfasts and dinner. Deposit required. L Linda Thomas (697-8640) CL Claire Cabral (866-2464)

Fri.-Sun., Feb. 28-Mar. 2: Ski Stowe, VT. Ski Cross Country or Downhill in Stowe. Stay two nights in delightful Stowebound Inn. Two breakfasts & Sat. supper for \$65. per person double occupancy. Bring 2 trail lunches. Additional costs: lift and trail fees, car pooling. Trip will fill fast - send \$20 deposit payable to L Hortense Kelly, Mill Rd., Box 328A, Eastham, MA (255-3021), CL Marilyn Crary (255-1140), Harriet Sears (385-3715)

The next deadline is...FEBRUARY 5, for the April issue of Appalachia and the March issue of the Southeast Breeze. Trip notices must be submitted thru the appropriate activity committee. Other contributions may be sent direct to the Editor: Phyllis Whitford, 64 Robert Rd., Brockton, MA 02402. Telephone: 588-5834.

OF INTEREST...

IRELAND, ANYONE?

Am thinking about a two-week trip in August, September or October, combining hiking and sight-seeing. If interested please get in touch. Vicki Fitzgerald (585-3424) evenings.

BIKING...

Dave Fogg (384-3851)
Claire Cabral (866-2464)

The Bike Planning Meeting on January 7 was a great success. About 30 bikers turned out and planned a great schedule for 1986!

ALL-NEW BIKE WORKSHOP SERIES!

Get to know your bike inside out with our 3-part, in-depth series. Hands-on experience with a qualified bike mechanic. Joe Fucile from Columbian Sq. Bicycle Shop, Weymouth, will demonstrate and assist us. All sessions at Lindquist Precision Metal Bldg., 160 Weymouth St., Rockland. (Rte. 3 to Exit 14 West, then 1/2 mi. and turn right onto Reservoir Park Drive to the end and Lindquist.) Please call or write to pre-register with Dave Fogg, 77 Cumberland Rd., Wrentham, MA 02093 (384-3851). Inclement weather will advance workshops by one week. Bring your bike, tire irons, drop cloth, allen wrenches, adjustable wrench, regular and phillips screwdrivers, tire pump and any special bike tools you may have. Refreshments will be served.

Tues., Feb. 11: THE BASICS, 7-10 PM. Std. fitting for a bike, plus a FitKit demo. Tire repair and installation w/patch kit, minor adjustments and chain resetting.

Tues., Feb. 18: COMPONENT INSTRUCTION, 7-10 PM. An in-depth look at derailleurs, brakes, spoke replacement, cable replacement and wheel truing.

Tues., Feb. 25: COMPLETE DISASSEMBLY/REASSEMBLY, 7-10 PM. Learn how to take it all apart and put it together again! Focus on hubs, bearings and headset along with procedure of building a bike.

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Sat., Apr. 5. 11th Annual Picturesque Pedaling Premiere. Come and enjoy our first trip of the season with a ride along Cape Cod canal. Approx. 20 easy miles. Bring lunch and dress for wind! Call L D. Fogg (384-3851) or CL Claire Cabral (866-2464)

HIKING/CAPE-SUNDAYS

Harry Dombrosk (385-9502)

All hikes begin 11 AM sharp, last 3-4 hours, bring lunch.

Sun., Feb. 2: New Hike/Yarmouth. Park and woods. Meet Dennis Pond pkng. lot, Summer St., Yarmouthport, Mid-Cape Hwy to Exit 7, north on Willow St., then first right at Gold Star Nursery. From 6A, south on Summer St., at Old Yarmouth Inn. L Barbara Hughes (362-3954) CL George Thew (362-2462)

Sun., Feb. 9: Brewster. Meet with lunch at abandoned RR station Rte. 137 for hike eastward! Nice outing. L L. Smith (432-3555)

Sun., Feb. 16: Wellfleet. Meet at Nat'l. Park HQ, Marconi Site, Rte. 6, Wellfleet, for outing on wood roads and behind dunes. Bring lunch. L M. Kelly (255-3021)

Sun., Feb. 23: Brewster. Meet Headwaters Dr. by taking Exit 10, Mid-Cape Highway, head N on Rte. 124, take first road on left & follow to parking lot. Walk woodland roads viewing lakeside country. L L. Smith (432-3555)

Sun., Mar. 2: Truro. Hike Truro dunes N. Meet at old Coast Guard Station, No. Pamet Rd., off Rte. 6. L J. Hanlon (255-5292)

Sun., Mar. 9: Brewster. Meet at old RR station site on Rte. 137, Brewster, for good hike on bike path heading west. Nice pace for March outing. L H. Dombrosk (385-9502)

HIKING/CAPE-THURSDAYS

All hikes meet 9:30 AM, last about 2 hrs.

Thurs., Feb. 6: Brewster. Leader's Choice! Meet Nickerson State Pk front entrance pkng. lot. L Bud Carter (398-2605)

Thurs., Feb. 13: Eastham. Meet at Salt Pond Vis. Ctr., Rte. 6, Eastham. L M. Cray (255-1140)

Thurs., Feb. 20: Truro. Meet at pkng. lot at Head of Meadow Beach, Truro. L H. Dombrosk (385-9502)

Thurs., Feb. 27: Brewster. Hike the T.C. Trail. Meet at Fisherman's Ldg., off Rte. 124 and 1/2 mi. N Harwich town line. L Jack Hanlon (255-5292)

Thurs., Mar. 6: Eastham. Meet at Salt Pond Vis. Ctr., Eastham for interesting 2-hr. hike with L R. Nicholson (349-2494)

Barbara Hughes (362-3954)
Chuck Wright (564-4250)

Tues., Mar. 11: Introduction to White Water Canoeing and Ocean Kayaking. 7-10 PM, Camp Burgess (YMCA), Sunset Lodge, Sandwich. What is it? How do you get started? How much does it cost? What equipment do you need? We will answer these questions and more and will show you boats and equipment. Films, slides and refreshments. Directions: Mid-Cape Highway (Rte. 6) to Exit 2, south on Rte. 130 1.6 mi. Bear left on Cotuit Rd., for 1.3 mi., left on Farmersville Rd. for 1.2 mi., then left again on Stowe Rd., about 1/2 mi. Camp Burgess is on the left opposite Triangle Pond. Tel. at camp: 428-2571. For more info call C. Wright (564-4250) or B. Scolamiero (545-6015).



HIKING/GENERAL

Bruce Dunham (587-0679)
Walter Morin (697-6690)

Sat., Feb. 15: Borderland State Park, Easton, MA. Friends of Borderland trip. Meet 10:30 AM at park entrance. Cross-country skiing or hike, depending on snow conditions. Bring picnic lunch to eat by fireplace in stone shelter by the pond. L Bernard Lawson (238-4669)

Watch March Breeze for listing of local weekend hikes.

TRAILWORK...

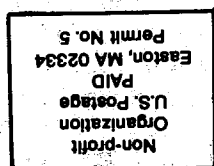
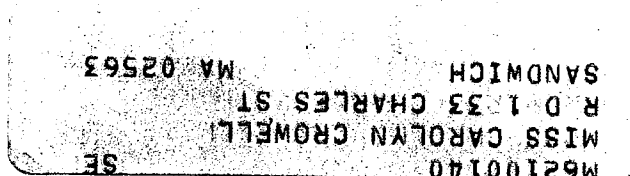
Bill Brown (285-4766)
Don Ouellette (339-7727)
Carolyn Crowell (888-4923)

ADVANCE NOTICES: (More details later)

Sat., Apr. 26: Trailwork/Bike/Hike Day. Combination work/play event at Cape Cod Canal.

Sat.-Sun., May 17-18: Lonesome Lake Trailwork Weekend in NH. Fun weekend helping the Trails Committee with spring maintenance on our Chapter's adopted trail in New Hampshire.

Time
Dated!



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CONSERVATION CORNER...

by Pam Carter

Are you in favor of wasteful spending... especially when it concerns messing up our environment with something man can well do without? Silly question, right? Well, unfortunately, there are people who do not see things that way...for instance, Gov. Cuomo of New York and his administration. Let me explain. Remember the Westway? No? Well, AMC, along with other environmental groups, has fought the building of the 4-6 billion dollar 4-mile roadway along the lower West Side of Manhattan. The good news is that recently Congress voted two to one that indeed New York and the world could do without it and gave New York City approximately one billion dollars to finance improvements of existing highways and mass transit.

However, the bad news is that Gov. Cuomo wants to use most of that money to design an eight hundred million dollar road in the same spot the Westway would have occupied, instead of giving priority to mass transit ...i.e. renovating subway stations. Why anyone wants to add to traffic congestion is a question that needs answering.

The moral of this story is, AMC'ers, whenever you get an opportunity to speak out against unnecessary highway construction... and for using available funds towards enhancing our environment with less pollution, please do so! We MUST protect our environment!

NOTICE TO SE MASS CHAPTER MEMBERS - If you change your address, notify AMC, 5 Joy St., Boston, MA 02108. Our Breeze mailing labels come from AMC HQ.

NEWCOMER NOTES...

Suzanne & Bob Scolamiero (545-6015)

Welcome to all our new members! Remember that members can participate in any activities offered by any AMC Chapter. Please don't hesitate to call the Leader of any trip in which you are interested for details.

Also, please take note of the Potluck Supper Series and join us at any of these friendly get-togethers. We want to meet YOU!!

A list of new members will appear in the next issue of the Breeze.

Potluck Suppers

Food, fun, fellowship - these are the ingredients for our winter Potluck Supper Series - several gatherings from January through April. Take the opportunity to plan your spring/summer outings. Talk to the Chairmen of committees you are interested in joining. Sign up for mailing lists for various activities. Meet other AMC'ers in your area of Southeastern Mass. Call in advance to register with the host/hostess, and plan your potluck contribution.

Sun., Feb. 9, 1:30 PM: Norton. Hosted by Margaret and Bill Brown (285-4766). Hike followed by supper.

Fri., Feb. 21, 7:00 PM: North Falmouth. Host Russ Ottey (563-6637).

Sun., Mar. 9, 1:00 PM: Bridgewater. Hostess Linda Thomas (697-8640). Education Chairman Bob Bentley will speak.

Sat., Mar. 15, 7:00 PM: Cotuit. Hostess Joey Gallus (428-5391).

Sun., Apr. 6, 2:00 PM: Sandwich. Hostess Carolyn Crowell (888-4923).