

Southeast Breeze



Southeastern Mass. Chapter—Appalachian Mountain Club

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB
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CAPE HIKES

Harry Dombroski

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CROSS COUNTRY SKI !

by Linda Thomas

Help to build the longest cross-country ski trail in North America. It's not quite in our own backyard, but it's certainly within reach for a weekend trip.

The Catamount Trail is a route linking the trail networks of nearly two dozen touring centers in Vermont from the Mass. border all the way to Canada...280 miles!

Development started in 1984, with a dream of a "Long Trail of Skiing". Much of the route is already accessible...unplowed roads, public trails and groomed ski center trails, but many of the connecting links and undeveloped sections still need to be located, cleared and blazed.

The non-profit Catamount Trail Association invites support from all quarters...your membership gets you a copy of the First Edition Map of the route, discounts on trail fees, and the quarterly newsletter, announcing trail work parties, winter ski-tours and special events.

Only \$15/year (\$20/family) to support an exciting new recreational opportunity in New England. Send your request and check to: Catamount Trail Assoc., P. O. Box 897, Burlington, VT 05402.

HIKING

Bruce Dunham

587-0679

INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL HIKES !

The hiking committee is in need of more Local Hike Leaders and new places to hike. All that is involved is picking an area you like, knowing the trail and giving directions over the phone. If you would like more information call Hiking Committee Chairperson, Bruce Dunham 587-0679 before 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20. Hiking Committee Meeting. Help plan the 1988 Spring and Summer schedule. Any person interested in leading or co-leading a hike or just wanting to observe is invited to attend. Location: Bridgewater, Mass. Time 7:00 PM. (L) Bruce Dunham, 587-0679 (before 9:30 PM).

Please make calls before 9:30 PM !

POTLUCK! Sun, Dec 13. 4 PM for hikers on and off Cape! See you, 16 Driftwood La, S. Yarmouth. Info: Bud & Pam Carter, 398-2605, Cookie & George Thew, 362-2462.

Thursday, December 3. Deer hunting week so meet 9:30 AM at parking lot of Orleans Beach in E. Orleans at the end of Beach Rd. (L) Bill Leahey, 432-5359.

Sunday, December 6. T. W. Trail. Meet bike path parking lot, Headwaters Drive, Harwich at 11:00 AM. (Located off Rte. 124 just north of Exit 10 from Mid-Cape Highway. (L) Larry Smith, 432-2555.

Thursday, December 10. Meet 9:30 AM at Nickerson State Park, Rte. 6A, Brewster at the end of Flax Pond Road which is first left after entering park. (L) Larry Smith, 432-3555.

Sunday, December 13. Meet 11:00 AM at front entrance Nickerson State Park, Rte. 6A, Brewster to hike Racoon Hollow, Holiday Hill, Silas Road and Rafe Pond. Approximately 4 hours. (L) Bud/Pam Carter, 398-2605.

Thursday, December 17. Yarmouthport. Meet 9:30 AM at Dennis Pond parking area, Summer St., from Rte. 6A, turn south on Summer St. to Old Yarmouth Inn. (L) Larry Cotreau, 896-2884.

Sunday, December 20. Dune hike. Hike north on those dunes. Meet 11:00AM in parking area at end of South Pamet Rd., Truro. (L) Bill Leahey, 432-5359.

Thursday, December 24. Fort Hill, Eastham. Meet 9:30 AM here. (Turn right at sign which is North on Rte. 6, Eastham. (L) Bill Leahey, 432-5359. **MORE HIKES NEXT PAGE ----->**

MORE CAPE HIKES

Sunday, December 27. Paradise Valley in winter. Meet 11:00 AM in abandoned rest area in Truro on the west (left) side of Rte. 6 heading north about 1 mile beyond Truro town sign. (L) Hortense Kelly, 255-3021.

Thursday, December 31. Sheep Pond. Not over or on but around. Meet 9:30 AM at parking lot on Fisherman's Ldge. Rd. off Rte. 124, Brewster. (L) Larry Cotreau, 896-2884.

Sunday, January 3. Nickerson State Park. Hikers meet 11:00 AM with lunch, front gate of parking lot. Rte. 6A, Brewster for Leader's Choice. Hike 3-4 hours. (L) Larry Contreau, 896-2884.

Thursday, January 7. Orleans Watershed. Meet 9:30 AM in parking lot rear of Texaco Station on Rte. 28, about 200 yards north of junction with Route 39. (L) Larry Smith, 432-3555.

Sunday, January 10. 11:00 AM hike meets in parking area at end of South Pamet Road, off Rte. 6, Truro for hike south along the dunes. (L) Bill Leahey, 432-5359.

Thursday, January 14. Nickerson State Park. Meet 9:30 AM front entrance, Rte. 6A, Brewster. (L) Bud and Pam Carter, 398-2605.

Sunday, January 17. Yarmouthport. Meet at Dennis Pond Parking area on Summer Street at 11:00 AM. From Rte. 6A turn south on Summer Street at Old Yarmouth Inn. (L) George and Cookie Thew, 362-2462.

Thursday, January 21. Wellfleet. Meet at Great Pond parking lot. Take Cahoon Hollow Rd. (at PJ's) off Rte. 6 in Wellfleet and follow to Great Pond parking lot. Meet 9:30 AM. (L) Hortense Kelly, 255-3021.

Sunday, January 24. Visitor's Center, National Seashore Park, Rte. 6, Eastham. Meet 11:00 AM with lunch. (L) Marilyn Crary, 255-1140.

Thursday, January 28. Fisherman's Lodging Rd., off Rte. 124, Brewster. Meet 9:30 AM hike around Sheep's Pond with (L) Larry Cotreau, 896-2884.

Sunday, January 31. Nickerson State Park, Rte. 6A, Brewster. Meet in parking lot, 11:00 AM with lunch. (L) Larry Smith, 432-2555.

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CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Here is the schedule all you snow lovers have been waiting for! A deposit is required for all weekend trips - be sure to make your reservations early.

Thursday, January 7 at 7:30 PM there will be a cross country ski clinic at EMS in Hyannis. All you want to know about equipment, clothing, waxing techniques, etc. will be explained by EMS staff and a video. Call Barbara Hughes, 362-3954, ASAP for reservations and directions.

Dec. 31-Jan. 3 Celebrate New Years at rustic Schoolhouse camp in Moretown, VT; joint trip with Schoolhouse members. (L) Steve & Marilyn Hayes, 438-7263.

Sat., January 9 Local instruction trip where snow available. (L) Bob Bentley, 866-3057.

January 8-10 Weekend in rustic Dickerman Cabin, Bartlett, New Hampshire. \$15 deposit. Joint trip with Sub Sig Club. (L) Claire Cabral, 866-2464.

Sat., January 16 Day trip to Windblown Ski Touring Center, New Ipswich, NH (just over state line). (L) Anne Mitchell, 587-3078.

Sunday, January 24 Local instruction trip where snow available. (L) Bob Bentley, 866-3057.

January 22-24 Weekend at Old Colony Ski Club Lodge, N. Woodstock, NH, dorm. 2 nights, 3 meals, \$30; \$10 deposit by 1/11/88. Downhill skiing also nearby. (L) Dave Durgin, 585-4991.

January 29-31 Weekend at an Inn in Jefferson, NH. Est. cost \$40-52, dormitory or double room. (L) Chuck Wright, 564-4250.

Sun. February 14 Day Trip, Blue Hills, Canton, MA. (L) Russ Ottey, 563-6637.

February 12-15 Annual Washington's Birthday weekend at rustic camp in Fayette, ME Skiing, snowshoeing. (L) Carolyn Crowell, 888-4293.

February 26-28 Weekend at Trailside Lodge, Killington, VT., dormitory style, 3 meals, outside hot tub. \$72 cost - \$25 deposit by 2/1/88 (limited to 12 people). (L) Barbara Hughes, 362-3954.

March 4-6 Weekend at private chalet, North Conway, NH. Showers, est. cost \$40. (L) Linda Thomas, 697-8640, Vicki Fitzgerald, 585-3424.

March 11-13 Weekend in heated cabins (woodstoves) at Mohawk State Forest, Charlemont, MA, est. cost \$25.00. \$10.00 deposit required. (L) Russ Ottey, 563-6637, Joanne Staniscia, 384-3959.

Our "COLD LINE" will be in operation anytime there is local snow available. Call the following to get information on where the trips are.

John Smart (Plymouth) 888-4812
Russ Ottey (Falmouth) 563-6637
Art Wessel (Norwell) 878-9626
Claire Braye (Easton) 238-3434
Dave Fogg (Wrentham) 384-3851

* * * * * ANNUAL DINNER 1987 * * * * *

The '87 Annual Dinner was quite a bash...we had great weather (a bit cold, but sunny), pleasant surroundings, a good mix of old and new members and guests and a fine meal. 50+ people enjoyed hiking, while others visited with friends, perused the variety of info available about the Club...or helped fold the new Annual Reports.

After some rousing square dancing, social hour and a fine dinner, Linda Thomas, Chairperson, opened the meeting with thanks to those who helped make it a success.

Honored guests included, Club Treasurer, Kevin Smith; Vicki Fitzgerald, Regional Councillor; Patti Roka, the new Director of Membership; and Michael Cirone, Director of Publications, with a display showing the proposed new format for combining Appalachia Bulletin and Journal into a single, magazine-type format, with four-color photos and ads.

Bob Bentley, past Chair, presented plans for the Chapter's participation in the 1988 Hut Centennial program, with an special, all-SE Mass night at Galehead Hut on August 20.

An update on the Capital Campaign produced the exciting news about the SE Mass Challenge elsewhere in this issue. Several members passed along pledge cards or checks to Linda Thomas on the spot to get the ball rolling... so we're well on our way!

The special Annual Report, (copy enclosed) was prepared by the Executive Board...reviving the practice of documenting our progress on a yearly basis to all the members. Please take time to read it and ask questions or comment!

Special Awards of Appreciation were given to the following people by Linda Thomas, (with some help from Marilee Wheeler on the calligraphy). To Bob and Marion Milburn, for Hospitality to the Executive Board; Barbara Hughes, for several years of service to the Chapter in various roles; John Abbott, Membership Chairperson, for outstanding effort and coordination with Joy St; Phyllis

Godby, Secretary Extraordinaire; Pam Carter, for tremendous dedication to the Conservation program; Tony Arnold, for a variety of jobs, most recently, the editorship of the Breeze; and last, but not least, a special Award of Recognition to Russ Ottey, for his completion of the Appalachian Trail in 1987.

Several Executive Board members going into their second year received their "Green Badges of Courage" as well: John Abbott, Phyllis Godby; Art Wessel; Roz Reilly; Margaret Brown; Russ Ottey; Don Ouellette; Harry Dombroski; and Paul Murphy.

A new Leadership Recognition Program was announced....with special "SE Mass Leader" embroidered patches awarded to trip leaders and trailworkers who met certain criteria on number and type of trips. The colorful patches will be appearing on bikebags, daypacks, jackets, hats, etc... Some people even earned a whole set! There's plenty more where those came from...so plan your trip-leading next year to qualify for one or more. The lists of patches awarded will appear in the next issue of the Breeze.

The election of officers followed without a hitch, after presentation of the slate of officers by Nominating Committee Chairperson, Claire Cabral. After the turnover, Linda Thomas presented the new Chair, Paul Murphy with a very useful tool for keeping the Board meetings under control....a cowbell!

Paul's first official act was to thank Linda for her hard work on behalf of the Chapter and present her with a gift from the Chapter of a handsome travel pack.

The raffle was next, with Sunlites, breakfast for two, bikers poncho, backpackers stove, bottles of wine, a White Mtn, Guidebook and a pair of X-C skis going to some lucky winners! Donations courtesy of EMS, the Skillet Restaurant, and several chapter members.

The evening then wound up with a wonderful slide program...a whirlwind tour of the world's National Parks, by Joy and Alfred Viola. As promised, it was a great time!

PERSPECTIVES.....by Linda Thomas

Well, the last two years have been memorable for me....hope you all enjoyed them as much as I did! Looking back for this final Perspectives column, my memories of 1986 include a year of learning....especially about the relationship of the Chapter to the Club, and lots about the workings of the organization as a whole.

In 1986, the Exec. Board meetings seemed to get more productive...with "semi-formal" agendas and brainstorming sessions on various topics. We got job descriptions written, and some long-overdue revisions to the Bylaws. (Another look at these in '88).

1986 also brought a special Leadership weekend, and participation in a National Volunteer Project Conference. Sales of the AMC-logo Sunlites proved to be a good fundraiser, and we began hearing more about the Club's Capital Campaign.

After dealing with some of the organizational issues in 1986, we were able to concentrate once again on program and leadership development in 1987. Details are in the enclosed Annual Report...it's been a busy and productive year!

What's next? There are some exciting opportunities on the docket already..involvement in the Taunton River Greenway Project, the Club's Hut Centennial plans, a possible leadership program in conjunction with other chapters, more social events, more educational and beginner-oriented programs, etc.

What happens with these programs is up to YOU and the new Executive Board....they need your input and support to get the job done!

In closing, I'd like to thank all those who have worked with me on the Exec. Board over the last 2 years.....they've been a tremendous source of help and encouragement. Together, we've made some real progress.... and the experience of working with such fine people has enriched my life. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to lead!

* * * * * CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS! * * * * *

We're getting down to the wire on the Club's Capital Campaign. As noted last month, there will be a massive telephone effort underway in Nov and December.....now's the time to get serious about making a pledge!

EXCITING NEWS.....we have our very own
SE Mass "L.L. Bean-style" Challenge....!
An anonymous donor has pledged matching
funds, FOR EVERY \$3 WE RAISE, HE WILL MATCH
IT WITH \$1, UP TO A TOTAL OF \$1000.....
..... IN A 30 DAY PERIOD..ENDING DEC. 10!
This pledge was announced at the Annual
Dinner on November 7, so some funds will have
already come in....but IF YOU ACT QUICKLY,
YOUR PLEDGE CAN COUNT TOWARDS THIS MATCHING
FUNDS CHALLENGE.

The funds raised under this effort will also qualify for other matching funds programs, so a pledge from you of \$300 (\$100 per year for 3 years) could really make a fat contribution to the Club.....i.e.,.....

Your pledge		\$ 300
SE MASS Challenge		
Matching Funds	3:1	\$ 100
Total to Fran Belcher Fund		\$ 400

Peabody Trust		
Matching Funds	1:1	\$ 400

GRAND TOTAL TO AMC \$ 800 !

Now, you give \$300 and the Club gets \$800
.....is that a deal or what! The only hitch
is that we have to get this together quickly
...and that all pledges to count toward the
SE Mass Challenge must go thru the Chapter
Chair.

Please call right away....to make your pledge
or to ask any questions about the Campaign,
or how you can make a special gift....
there's still plenty of room in the Presi-
dent's Society for donors of \$1000 or more!

Linda Thomas 697-8640
(please leave your name and number clearly on
the answering machine, I will call you back!)

NEWCOMER NOTES

John Abbott
Margaret Brown

644-5626
285-4766

A special welcome to all the new members who have joined our Chapter. Remember that members can participate in any activities offered by any AMC Chapter. Please don't hesitate to call the leader for details of any trip in which you are interested. We welcome:

Robert & Judy Christine Family
Emily Daybre
Mary Stabarakas
Benjamin Husted, Jr.
Mary Ann Doherty
Ann Doyle
Madeleine Marken
Terry Hill
Hugh Tripp
Howard Strum
Alfred Johnson
Joe & Elaine Aten Family
David Erickson Family
Steven Wood
Ann Guba
Terry Platt
Alan Cumming Family
Jerry & Cathy Riddick Family
William Simmons
Ramond Butts
Mary & John Caizza Family

POTLUCK SUPPERS

Food, fun, fellowship. These are the ingredients for our winter potluck suppers. All new members are especially welcome. Please call in advance to register with the host/hostess.

Sunday, January 10, 1988. Hingham. 2:00 PM
hosted by Mary McLellan, 749-5832. Walk at World's End with potluck supper to follow. If snow, cross-country skiing for those who wish to ski rather than walk.

Sunday, January 24, 1988. Scituate. 1:00 PM.
Hosted by Suzanne & Bob Scolamiero, 545-6015. Local walk with potluck supper to follow. Suzanne will show slides of her recent trip to China.

CONSERVATION CORNER

Pam Carter

398-2605

According to recent news media, such as Peter Kerr in The New York Times, a main reason the major drug crusade President Reagan set into action a year ago seems to be a failure is lack of vision on the parts of many of those participating in the campaign. An example, "although the campaign set a new wave of offenders into the federal prisons, no one had prepared for the resulting overcrowding which threatens to interfere with enforcement activities, etc."

Hopefully, the same thing will not happen to those of us with AMC....that we lack the vision to plan ahead. For the health and care of our trails and seacoast and air, etc. so that as time passes we'll find fewer and fewer "spaces" left for our recreational pursuits.

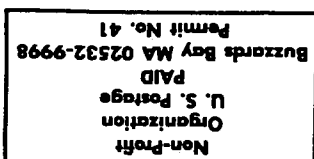
The good news is that we, SE AMC members (I know I am partial and I know darned well most AMC'ers are too), are all conservationists at heart and I know on whom, within our Chapter, "I" can depend upon for assistance in projects we can be of help with.

The good news also is we have become aware that the focus of our Chapter's Conservation Committee needs to concern that of our seacoast for obvious reasons. The bad news, such as the contamination of New England's fish and shellfish is posing all too many threats to anyone loving seafood and consider it "a very healthy food." Due to the present and past use of the sea as a dump (as those of us involved with recent Chapter beach cleanups well know), as well as other pollutants which flush down through our rivers and estuaries especially following heavy rains such as those last month.

Anyway, in 1988 let's all work together towards the pursuit of "healthy seafood", etc. Canoeists: with assisting in management of our rivers such as the Taunton. Hikers/walkers: with the trails committee especially because the network of trails we use often come into close proximity to little streams and the like which eventually wind their little selves down into the wetlands. And, more importantly, all of us: with periodical beach cleanups spring and autumn of every year. To close, for the non-active member, letter writing efforts to our state "reps" to help with the fight against "plastic pollution" as well as, of course, our shrinking healthy environment by urging him/her to support state land bank bills.

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Dated!

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