

Southeast Breeze



Southeastern Mass. Chapter—Appalachian Mountain Club

JUNE 1987

BIKING

Art Wessel

878-9692

Tues., June 2, 7:30 PM Century Planning Meeting At the home of Claire Cabral. Please come one and all, help is needed in many areas to continue to make this outstanding event. (L) Claire Cabral 866-2464.

Wed., June 10, Raynham Area 15 mi. easy ride in the evening. (L) Al Meserve 822-6249.

Sat., June 13, 11:00 AM. Rain date Sun., June 14. Bike on the Cape: Brewster, Dennis, & Harwich on scenic back roads. The ride concludes with a swim in Cape Cod Bay followed by the 5th annual buffet at Peake's Patio. Bring lunch and swim suit. (L) Bob Peakes 896-7326.

Tues., June 16, 6:00 PM, Hingham Easy 15 mi. ride in Wompatuck State Park. Stop at Leader's house after ride for refreshments. (L) Art Wessel 878-9626.

Sun., June 28, 10:00 AM, Jamestown Island, R. I. Ride the perimeter of the Island with many scenic water views. 25 mi. of rolling terrain. Pack a lunch to eat at Fort Wetherell. (L) John Lanik 401-783-4932.

Fri.-Sun., July 24-26, Nantucket Bicycling Weekend. Tour Nantucket by bicycle, and camp at the Girl Scouts Camp. Take Fri. PM Ferry and spend 2 days on the Island, at the beach or exploring. Sat. & Sun. breakfast and Sat. supper provided. Tents provided, limited to 18. Estimated cost \$45. Register with non-refundable deposit of \$15. to Art Wessel, 155 Grove St., Norwell, MA 02061 (878-9626).

PLEASE MAKE CALLS BEFORE 9:30 P.M.

HIKING

Bruce Dunham

587-0679

Hike Rating

First character indicates distance:

AA = over 13; A = 9-13 miles;
B = 5-8 miles; C = under 5 miles.

Second character indicates leader's pace (average terrain): 1 = very fast pace (2.5 or faster); 2 = fast (2-2.5 mph); 3 = moderate (1.5-2 mph); 4 = leisurely pace (less than 1.5 mph)

Third character indicates terrain:

A = very strenuous B = strenuous
C = average D = easy

Two letters at the end indicate a terrain between the two prime values. Hikers unsure of their capacity should try only one level higher than they previously attempted.

Sat.-Sun., June 13-14 (AA3B) Enjoy AMC Hut overnight and hike 6 4000 ft. Mountains on the Carter Range. Limited to 8. Intermediate to expert hikers. \$25 deposit by June 4. Register: (L) Bob Benvissuto 697-2025. (C-L) Bruce Dunham 587-0679.

Sat.-Sun., July 11-12. Backpack in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. (A3C) Two 4000-footers, Mt. Guyot and South Twin. In Gale River, and out via Zealand Falls. Sleep at Guyot tent platform. Community cooking. (C-L) Albert & Edna Merserve, 822-6249.

Sat.-Sun., July 18-19. Intermediate full backpack to Mt. Hancock and South Peak; two 4000-footers (B3B). Make Camp near Carrigan Pond. Sunday hike to Mt. Carrigan, 4680 ft. (B3B). \$5.00 deposit by July 13. Call to register. (L) Bob Benvissuto, 697-2025. (C-L) Bruce Dunham, 587-0679.

CANOEING

Barbara Hughes 362-3954
There is no flat water instruction this year, but there are people who are willing to instruct informally. For information call Chuck Wright 564-4250.

Saturday, June 13. Bass River, Yarmouth, tidal. Canoe this historic Cape Cod river and see the famous Viking Rock. Call Bud Carter, 398-2605.

Saturday, June 27. Scorton Creek, Sandwich, tidal. Paddle an interesting creek through marshes; good birding. Call Carolyn Crowell, 888-4923.

Saturday, July 11. Ninigret Pond, RI, flat. A new trip with excellent birding. Call Dave or Sue Appleton, 401-467-3638.

Fri.-Sun. July 17-19. Leaders Choice, flat. Canoe/camping weekend. Call Steve or Marilyn Hayes, 438-7263.

ADVANCE NOTICE

VERMONT INN TO INN BICYCLING August 16 thru 22, 1987 Enjoy five days of bicycling in northern Vermont. This region, the most sparsely settled of the state, has villages and farms located on the less travelled roads of Vermont. Wonderful scenery, and simple, unadorned natural beauty describe Vermont's Northeast Kingdom.

Cost per person approx. \$285.00 which includes 6 nights lodging, 6 breakfasts, 6 dinners, register early by sending a \$150.00 dep.(deductable, no refunds) payable to Dave Fogg with a SASE to 77 Cumberland Road, Wrentham, MA 02093-1826 (384-3851).

Trip is designed for intermediate and advanced cyclists. There will be no sagwagon, panniers required to carry your gear. Trip limited to 14 people. CL Art Wessel (878-9626).

HELP WANTED by BREEZE EDITOR

Associate Editor with skills or interest in typing, word processing, layout, and proof-reading. If you have any interest, please call Tony Arnold, days 585-4311, evenings 888-7532.

PERSPECTIVES

By Chairperson, Linda Thomas

Here's the scoop from the AMC's recent Spring Town Meeting. What's that, you say?

Three times a year, volunteer representatives from all 13 Chapters, plus Council get together, along with staff to review current status, work to solve problems and plan for the future. A very important part of the event at the spring and fall sessions is the open "Town Meeting", at which any member can speak about any topic they choose...it's a time to air grievances, question decisions, put forth new ideas, etc.

Chapter reps from Membership, Trails, Chairpeople, Newsletter Editors, etc...meet with their counterparts and advisers to share ideas, problems, etc. All meetings are open to any member...it's a great way to learn more about the Club...and meet some pretty terrific people!

We sometimes forget at the Chapter level, that we're part of a larger organization that provides us with many support services, an excellent public image and many things we couldn't do on our own, like participation in the White Mountain Natl. Forest Plan.

This larger organization consists of approx. 30,00 members from Maine down to Wash, DC., plus 55 fulltime staff people at our Boston HQ, NY office and Pinkham Notch, etc.

The Good News this spring is that the Club's operating finances are in much better shape, due largely to deep staff cuts (from 73 in 1984 to 55).. plus heavy belt-tightening.

Coming up:

*Capital Campaign goes full blast thru '87.. to build our critical endowment funds!

*The Mountain Gate facility (NY) is up for sale..Possible better site later for the Catskills.

*A new Computer at HQ should speed up membership services.

*Camps celebrates the 100th Anniv. of August Camp this summer at Baxter...and continues to look for a new full-service camp location.

*Plan lots of publicity, especially at the Chapter level.

*Work on improving financial practices at all levels.

*Volunteer jobs at Pinkham this Summer.

NEXT TOWN MEETING OCT 24-25,PINKHAM

THE NEXT BREEZE WILL BE A DOUBLE
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Correction: In last month's listing of the Executive Board, the activity chairpersons were inadvertently omitted. Here is the complete list. *

Chairperson:	Linda Thomas	697-8640
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	Don Ouellette	339-7727

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SPRING FLING A BIG SUCCESS!

Russ Ottey would like members to know that there was a good turnout for the Spring Fling in May. Expenses were lower than anticipated, thanks to the planning of Russ and of John Smart, and the contributions of all involved. As a result, the Chapter was able to contribute \$500 to the Capital Campaign.

A few articles of clothing were left at the dance. Call Russ to enquire.

WORK/PLAY AT PINKHAM NOTCH CAMP

The North Country Board is calling for volunteers to spend a week at Pinkham this summer working alongside the staff to improve the delivery of services, spruce up the facility and increase membership recruitment.

The deal: for the paltry sum of \$50 per week, you get lodging and meals for 7 days (Sunday through Sunday). In return, you'll be expected to work 4-6 hours each day, applying particular skills you may have, or as a jack-of-all-trades. ...landscaping/garden work, taking reservations, orienting guests to the facility, helping in the kitchen/dining area, soliciting new members for SE Mass, providing info about the club and chapter, etc.

Sounds like an interesting way to spend a week...meet new people, help out the Club, have some playtime in the White Mountains, and a comfortable place to stay! If interested, contact Michael Torrey, Mgr, AMC Hut System, Pinkham Notch Camp, P.O. Box 298, Gorham, NH 03581 (603)466-2721.

CATCH THE SUN!

The Chapter has a few left: the AMC "SUNLIGHT" emblem - the pine tree logo in green, white, and pewter.



More than a thousand have been purchased as souvenirs, gifts, decorations. Five dollars covers postage and handling. Order with check payable to Margaret Brown/SEM AMC: 202 Taunton Ave., Norton, MA 02776

NEWCOMER NOTES

John Abbott 644-5626
Margaret Brown 285-4766

To all new members, we welcome you and extend an invitation to join us in our many activities.

Barbara A. Leahy	Hyannis
Jeanne Ceglarski	Walpole
Patricia Foley	Foxboro
Philip Trufant Fam	Abington
Stuart Peoples	Mashpee
Elizabeth Conover	Norwell
Robert C. Gardner	Mattapoisett
Alfred B. Haskell	Cohasset
Ariel Fowler	Rockland
Fred Wolock	Westport
John D. Best	Vineyard Haven
Hugh J. O'Neale	New Bedford
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Norman B. Pierce	Hingham
N L Price	Bourne
Kathleen Franklin Fam	Mashpee
Patricia Doherty	Falmouth
David A. Williams	So. Easton

Joining the club should be the beginning of a long and happy relationship. We invite you to share your knowledge and ideas with us. You need no special talents, just a willingness to spend some time with other AMC friends.

When you see an activity listed that may be of interest, just call the trip leader for details and join us.

We hope you will join us soon to enjoy the outdoors.

CONSERVATION CORNER

Pam Carter 398-2605

The good news is that about 250 "concerned citizens" gathered at the State House, in spite of the weather to show their support for Land Day '87 sponsored by the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Environmental Lobby of Massachusetts Tuesday, April 28. This is encouraging news that about 90 groups are in favor of our current "land bank" bills and increased funding for land preservation programs.

Now the important thing is, do you understand what all this means? Simply: Land Bank Bills, if passed, give our towns the authority to adopt a local real estate transfer tax to fund land protection along with affordable housing.

State Rep. Henri Rauschenbach, emphasized this at our April Conservation meeting and said that since preservation of open space is one of the most important issues facing all of us within the Commonwealth, one thing we all could do would be write our legislators in support of Bill H4164, a bill recently filed by Governor Dukakis, a \$258 million capital outlay budget for open space acquisition.

Are you listening? Are you aware of the fact that the population in Barnstable County has increased 53% within the last dozen years, the largest percentage gain in New England? What is this doing to our land? What about within your community?

Anyway, please write your legislator at once. I've got the name and address if you don't know. In the meantime, please support our Chapter's June weekend at Camp Burgess and after breakfast Sunday, come to our "Conservation Corner" when Dave Hoskins, AMC Conservation Director, will show an excellent slide program of what the club has done, as a whole, in the care of our environment.

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