

Southeast Breeze



Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter—Appalachian Mountain Club

June/July 1988

Executive Board Notes

The Chapter's Executive Board, consists of the Chapter officers, chairs of standing committees, and the Regional Councillor. The Board plans and reviews ongoing programs, special events, membership and communications; manages Chapter finances; sets chapter policies; reviews and contributes to clubwide business and policy changes.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday evening of every month except July and August and are open to Chapter members. Call any Board member for time and location of next meeting or to comment on Club or Chapter business.

Highlights of April and May Board Meetings

Ski Committee Proposed - Past ski programs have been successfully organized by an informal, self-appointed committee. The Board now feels the need for an official committee and chairperson. Voted: to create an ad hoc ski committee headed by Marie Johnson (238-7250); to amend Chapter By-laws to create a standing Ski Committee; to instruct Nominating Committee to search for an '88-'89 chairperson for this new committee.

Breeze Ads - Voted: no, to seeking paid advertising; yes, to accepting free "for sale"/"for rent" ads from members if space available.

Spring Fling - Russ Ottey was thanked for an excellent job of running the event which cleared \$476.96.

Checks - Members are asked to make out checks for trip fees or special-events tickets to the leader, not to AMC or event, so money is readily available for use. [Checks for donations (tax-exempt) must be made out to AMC but can be made as a restricted gift (e.g. for a specific chapter or project) if desired. Ed.]

Chapter Slide Show - We are seeking slides of Chapter activities, particularly of last 2-3 years, to create a slide show for Annual Meeting/Dinner/Dance. Slides will be returned. Contact Walter Morin (697-5795).

Scholarships - Money is available to members to attend AMC-related leadership or skills workshops. Requests are subject to Board approval. Contact Don Ouelette (339-7727)

Nominating Committee-Appointed to seek nominations for '88-'89 officers. Anyone wanting to be considered for office please contact Bob Bentley (866-3057).

Tools for Trails Axes, hazel hoes, bark spuds, and a sledgehammer purchased for trailwork. [Want to learn how they are used? Sign up for trailwork. Ed.]

Buzzards Bay Day - June 11. Due to late involvement in project, our participation this year is limited. Voted: to become more involved next year.

Coastweeks '88 - Duxbury Beach clean-up, dinner and dance Oct.1.

Annual Meeting/Dinner/Dance - Nov.19 at Bridgewater State College. Full schedule of events planned.

Conservation Committee -Still seeking members willing to work on various projects.

Capital Campaign - Grand total \$9,526,465 from 8200 donors. Complete financial audit in *Appalachia Bulletin*.

AMC will host the '89 Appalachian Trail Conference.

Spring Town Meeting discussed. Issues of volunteer-centered vs. staff-centered organization, local vs. central control, desired degree of emphasis on financial and business matters were hot topics at this year's meeting. Further discussion of these topics should appear soon in the *Appalachia Bulletin*. Members are asked to give thought to direction they want the Club to take, to communicate their ideas to Chapter and Club officials, and to consider attending the Fall Town Meeting when some of these issues will come up for vote.

Can we help each other?

Combine a vacation with an AMC service activity

Volunteer Pinkham Host Program needs AMC members, preferably two at a time, for 5-7 day periods June 6 - Oct. 15. Hosts receive meals and lodging in a two-bunk room at Pinkham Notch Camp for \$10/day.

The job takes an average of 4hr/day at variety of tasks: gardening, envelope stuffing, switchboard, etc. Collect dinner tickets, eat dinner with guests, introduce evening program. Give short talks on what AMC means to you, what Chapters and volunteerism are all about. Hike, meet people, have a good time.

Contact Alan Lambert, AMC Pinkham Notch Camp, Box 298, Gorham, NH 03581 (603-466-2721).

Safe Trips

All trips involve some risk. Participants assume responsibility for their own welfare. Discuss your abilities with trip leader prior to trip.

Hiking

Bruce Dunham (587-0679)

Hike Ratings

1st character indicates distance: AA=over 13 mi.; A=9-13 mi.; B=5-8 mi.; C=under 5 mi. 2nd character indicates leader's pace (average terrain): 1=very fast (2.5 mph or faster); 2=fast (2-2.5 mph); 3=moderate (1.5-2 mph); 4=leisurely (less than 1.5 mph). 3rd character indicates terrain: A=very strenuous; B=strenuous; C=average; D=easy.

Hiking Equipment Rentals: A limited supply of backpacking equipment is now available for rent for use on scheduled SEM-AMC weekend trips. For info call Hiking Chair Bruce Dunham (587-0679) or Co-Chair Ron Caron (335-6642). Thank you to Diane Violetta for donating three backpacks. Additional donations are welcome.

Tue., June 7. Fall Hiking Scheduling Meeting. Help plan our fall schedule. Any person interested in Leading or Co-Leading a hike or just wanting to observe is invited to attend. Call leader for details. L Bruce Dunham (587-0679) before 9:30 PM.

Sat.-Sun., June 11-12. Hut experience (AA3B). Lake of the Clouds hut via Ammonoosuc Ravine trail, then on to Mt. Washington and return to the hut for the night. Hike Mt. Monroe after dinner. Spend Sunday doing what you want. Return via Jewel Trail. Limited to six. L Walter Morin (697-5795).

Sat.-Sun., June 18-19. Day hikes in the White Mtns. (A3B). Hike Mt. Field, Mt. Willey and Mt. Tom via Willey Range Trail. Hike out via A-Z Trail. Total of 13 mi. \$5.00 deposit by June 13. L Bob Benvissuto (697-2025).

Sat.-Sun., June 18-19. Beginner's backpack. For details call L Russ Ottey (563-6637).

Sat. June 25. Nature walk. For details call L Carolyn Crowell (888-4923).

Fri.-Mon., July 1-4. Backpack-Hut experience. (AA3B) Franconia Ridge, Mts. Liberty, Flume, Lincoln, Lafayette. Enjoy two experiences in one weekend. Hike to Liberty Springs campsite on Sat.; set up tents; hike over to Liberty and Flume. Next day, hike over the ridge to Greenleaf Hut and spend the night. Limited to six. Call L Walter Morin (697-5795).

Sat.-Sun., July 16-17. Beginner backpack. (A3C). Learn the basics to enjoy the outdoors, stay overnight on 4000 ft. Mt. Whiteface. Community cooking. \$10 deposit by 7/9. L Bruce Dunham (587-0679) before 9:30 PM. CL Ron Caron (335-6642).

Sat.-Sun., July 16-17. Day hikes to Mt. Moosilauke and Mt. Tecumseh (B3C). Two great day hikes to peaks over 4000 ft. with beautiful views in all directions. Hike Moosilauke via Beaver Brook Trail, part of the AT. Stay overnight in National Forest Campground. Next day hike Tecumseh in Waterville Valley. Community cooking. L Walter Morin (697-5795). Note: This is a new date for trip originally scheduled early in June.

Sat.-Sun., July 30-31. Day hikes in White Mts. Hike N & S Kinsman via Kinsman Trail on Sat. Sunday, enjoy a leisurely hike (2 mi.) into beautiful Coppermine Falls and cool off in the falls and pools. L Walter Morin (697-5795). Community cooking and stay in local campground.

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 6-7. Backpack (AA3A) Mahoosuc Notch and Old Speck in Maine. Join me for a weekend trip through the "toughest" mile on the AT. Stay at Old Speck shelter. L Walter Morin (697-5795).

Cape Cod Hikes

Harry Dombrosk (385-9502)

No Cape Cod Hikes are scheduled during summer months. They will resume in the Fall.

Conservation Hike

Sat., June 11 Buzzards Bay Day Hike - Cape Cod Canal. Meet 11 A.M. at Bournedale Visitors Center with lunch. 4-5 hr. hike. L. Pam & Bud Carter (398-2605).

Biking

Art Wessel (878-9626)

Tuesday Evening Bike Rides On The Cape. Enjoy an evening ride combined with a stop at a local restaurant. Rides start at 6PM through summer months. Coordinators: Barbara Hughes (362-3954), Muriel Thomas (428-3593).

Sat., June 2. Falmouth. Easy ride. Tour New Alchemy Institute. L Chuck Wright (564-4250).

Sat., June 11. Cape Cod Rail Trail. Leisurely 20 mi. ride. L Margaret Brown (285-4766), CL Bill Brown.

Sat.-Sun., June 11-12. Martha's Vineyard. Adult/child week-end. L John Smart (888-4811), CL Betsy MacLean (428-0167).

Sun., June 12. Pembroke-Duxbury. 20-25 mi. An easy ride through several beautiful rural towns. L Phylis Godby (293-2294).

Wed., June 15. S. Easton-Bridgewater. 15 easy mi. in the evening. L Marie Johnson (238-7250).

Sat., June 18. 10 AM. Jamestown. R.I. 25 mi. Ride the perimeter of the island with many scenic water views, rolling terrain. Bring lunch. L John Lanik (401-783-4932).

Sun., June 19. Easton, Norton, Mansfield. 33 mi. An intermediate ride along beautiful country roads. Helmets required. 10:30 AM. Bring lunch. L Claire Braye (238-3434).

Sat., June 25. 11 AM Cape Cod biking. Brewster, Dennis and Harwich. At the end of the ride, swim in Cape Cod Bay, followed by the 6th annual buffet at "Peakes' Patio". Bring lunch, swim suit. L Bob Peakes (896-7326).

Fri.-Sun., June 24-26. Week-end biking. Enjoy a week-end of biking in the western part of Mass., in the Conn. River Valley. Approx. 35 mi. per day. Lots to see: fish hatchery, old Deerfield Village, Northfield Project, etc. Camp at Barton's Cove with the canoe group. Cost approx. \$30. Limited to 12. L Elsie Laverty (823-0634) CL Dave Fogg (384-3851).

Sun., June 26. Norwell, Marshfield, Duxbury. 50 mi. A half century ride to Duxbury Beach, going over the new Powder Point Bridge to beach. L Art Wessel (878-9626) CL Roz Reilly (659-4852).

Wed., July 6. Freetown. An easy 12 mi. evening ride with a pizza stop. L John Abbott (644-5626).

Sat, July 9. Sherborn-Millis. 30 mi. Explore our beautiful western suburbs. L Dave Poole (293-9415); CL Art Wessel (878-9626).

Sun., July 10. Falmouth 25 mi. Enjoy Falmouth and it's beautiful seashore at a leisurely pace. L Chuck Wright (564-4250).

Fri.-Sun., July 15-17. Nantucket week-end. Tour the island, camp at the Girl Scout camp. Take Fri. PM ferry, spend 2 days exploring, beaching, etc. Sat. & Sun. breakfast & Sat. supper provided. Est. cost \$50. Register with deposit of \$25 by July 9 to Claire Cabral, 3 Wareham St., S. Carver, MA 02366 (866-2464).

Sat., July 23. Newport, RI. Explore historic and scenic Newport. Bicycle among the "rich and famous". L John Lanik (401-783-4932).



ADVANCED NOTICE;

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 22-23. Martha's Vineyard deluxe biking weekend. Stay at a new B&B with an authentic down-east clam bake Sat. night. Breakfast Sun. at B&B. Plenty of time for biking and browsing. Trip limited to 20 with a min. of 15 for clam bake. Cost \$94. (Includes round trip ferry fare with bike. Car parking at ferry \$5 per day is extra.) This is a repeat of last year's successful trip which was a sell-out. Send a SASE and check for full amount to: Bob Peakes, Tower Hill Circle, Brewster, MA 02631 as soon as possible and no later than Sept. 1. For more info call L Bob Peakes (896-7326).



Trail Work

Russ Ottey (563-6637)

Sat., June 11. 4-H Farley Outdoor Education Center on Rte. 130, Mashpee. Meet 9AM, bring lunch and gloves and swimsuit. Will rebuild steps from Rec. Hall to Council Circle. L Carolyn Crowell (888-4923)

Sat.-Sun., June 25-26. Trail Maintenance Training Day. Sat., learn the standards of trail, height and width of cuttings, blazing, erosion control, water bars, etc. Followed by a BBQ and a chance to meet the summer AMC trail crew. Sun., you may work with the AMC crew -- camping is available at Camp Dodge. L Russ Ottey (563-6637).

Sat.-Sun., July 16-17. White Mts. Trail Day '88. Work on a variety of projects. Cookout Sat. night and tent at Camp Dodge. Hiking on Sun. L Russ Ottey (563-6637).

Canoeing

Judy O'Bryant (587-3370)

Flatwater

Chuck Wright (564-4250).

Sat., June 4. Taunton River. Joint trip with Taunton River Greenway Project. American river month trip. L Dave Gunning (997-6876).

Sun., June 12. Coastal Falmouth. tidal. L Tony Arnold (888-7532), CL Chuck Wright (564-4250).

Sat.-Sun., June 25-26. Connecticut River, Barton's Cove. Canoe and fishing weekend. L John Smart (888-4811), CL Paula Phillips (826-8080). \$10 dep. req.

Sat.-Sun., June 25-26. Ipswich River, Topsfield. L Judy O'Bryant (587-3370), CL Herbie Edgren (472-7271). \$10 dep .req.

Sat., July 9, Minot's Light, Cohasset Harbor and the Rips. Tidal. experience required. 1 PM. L Anita Franks (545-7157), CL Bob Scolamiero (545-6015). Pot luck supper after trip. Call to plan dish you would like to bring.

Sat., July 23, Nauset Beach, Eastham. Tidal. L Bob & Suzanne Scolamiero (545-6015).

Sun., July 31, Hingham Harbor, Hull and World's End. Tidal. L Anita Franks (545-7157). CL Herbie Edgren (472-7271).

ADVANCE NOTICE

Middle to end of August 10 day wilderness trip Moosehead Lake, West Branch Penobscot into Lobster Lake. L Bob Milburn (294-0875), CL Bill Rehill (543-3921).

Whitewater

Bob Scolamiero (545-6015)

Sun., June 19. Farmington River, Tariffville, CT. Class 2. L Mark Klim (293-9655), CL Bob Scolamiero (545-6015).

Fri.-Sun., July 15-17, Dead River, ME. Class 2-3. L Bob Scolamiero (545-6015), CL Mark Klim (293-9655).

Conservation Corner

Pam Carter (398-2605)

Saturday, June 4 and Saturday, June 11 are both important dates not only for environmentalists but for all residents of Southeastern Mass.

June 4: SEM-AMC and Taunton River Study Committee co-sponsor a canoe trip on the Taunton River, to increase awareness of the recreational aspects of the river and to publicize the Taunton River Greenway Project. (See Dave Gunning's article on the project in April 1988 Breeze.) The river, the most important in S.E. Mass., drains 516 sq. mi. and its banks of vegetative wetlands, and lovely oak and pine forests, are native habitats for wildlife. The public needs to know how this river, chief waterway for the Indian tribes, has become polluted and how the pollution can be stopped. Help spread the word about the Greenway Project and come canoe!

June 11: Buzzards Bay Day. Just look at the map and see why this ocean bay is so vitally important. It now bears the title of Estuary of National Importance, which means it is so polluted that its clean-up rates extra finances. Unfortunately, we are all at least indirectly guilty of causing that pollution: road runoff, septic systems dumping into bay, beach litter, pet droppings, etc.

What can we do? Support and attend Buzzards Bay Day events planned to foster public awareness of the need to clean up our coastal waters. Local media will list shoreline tours, boat trips, exhibits, photo contest, conferences, and other activities. Because the Chapter entered this project late our participation this year consists of a hike along the Cape Cod Canal (see trip listings). Next year the conservation committee will work with other committees to expand AMC's participation in this important annual event. In the mean time, come hike!

The Governor of N.H. has signed the NH Rivers Bill (SB326). Thanks to all who wrote senators in support of this important bill.

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North Country for Sale. At his last AMC Council meeting, retiring Exec. Dir. Tom Deans reported that due to present financial and taxation conditions, a vast amount of North Country acreage is or will be up for sale. This forest land has up to now been made available for hiking, canoeing and backpacking. Diamond International is selling about 800,000 acres in Maine and 67,000 in NH. AMC will work with other groups to put purchase packages together, but its activity can only be leadership and advocacy.

August Camp - Rangeley, ME.

There are still a few openings in all four weeks at August Camp (July 23 - August 20). Take advantage of an opportunity to climb some Maine 4000-footers and hike a chunk of the AT. Great canoeing too! See March Camps Bulletin for details and application or call Christine Bird (646-1162). Rates \$200/week for AMC members, \$225/week for non-members. Send application with \$75 deposit per person (check payable to AMC August Camp) to Connie Garbut, P.O. Box 292, Onset, MA 02558 (295-3785) during June.

Newcomers Notes

John Abbott (644-5626) -- Margaret Brown (285-4766)

We would like to extend a special welcome to all the new members who have joined the AMC. This is a great time to get involved in the various activities of the Southeastern Mass. Chapter and the AMC in general.

There is a complete listing of activities in this newsletter and the *Appalachia Bulletin* for day, weekend and longer trips, as well as information regarding the Club in general.

One of the great advantages of an AMC membership is the opportunity to meet other people who have similar interests and to share information and experiences that you most enjoy.

To get the most out of your membership, get involved with your club.

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