Annual Meeting Program: “Alaska”

AMC volunteer naturalist team, Timothy Williams, PhD, and his wife Janet Mcl. Williams, MED, from the Biology Department of Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, will be featured at this year’s Annual Meeting. The pair present a brilliantly illustrated lecture conveying not only the essence of our spectacular northernmost state, but also a geological and biological perspective relating to our own Cape Cod and White Mountain glacial topography.

These noted lecturers speak from their extensive knowledge of migration ecology, glaciation, and meteorology, as well as over 25 years of hiking and nature photography. Timothy has taught Biology for 25 years. Janet has spent 25 years doing research on birds, mammals, and natural history, and 15 years lecturing to college and special interest groups and volunteer teaching Science in pupil schools.

Summer residents of Gorham, NH, and formerly engaged in scientific studies at Woods Hole, the couple maintain their ties to our area by sharing their vast knowledge of the environment as naturalists at Pinkham Notch Camp, Cold River Camp, and the AMC huts.

Meet this stimulating couple as they join in the full day of activities planned for our annual chapter celebration and then treat us to their outstanding performance.

Suzanne Scolamiero, Vice-Chair

Chapter Slide Show

Suzanne Scolamiero and John Pribilla are putting together a slide show featuring Southeast Mass. Chapter activities. The slides will be shown at pot-lucks and other gatherings.

They have most of what they need, but a few activities are under-represented. If you have prints or slides of the following activities that you can loan, please call John, at 508-394-7008, or Suzanne, at 617-545-6015. Your photos and slides will be returned.

We need pictures of: Coastweeks Conservation Activities; Century Ride; Square Dancing with Toots; Appalachian Trail through-hiking; Winter Camping; Biking, day and weekend trips; and Board or other meeting at Bourne Community Center.

Conservation Corner

The Northern Forest

It is not the intention of this Conservation Co-chair to do any preaching, but as a 23-year AMC member who has served with Club conservation for quite a little while, I am singularly concerned with the future of the Northern Forests.

At the August meeting of our chapter’s Executive Committee, Club Director Andy Falender stressed the responsibility which AMC shares for their protection. We are all responsible and need to give the forests the care and concern that we do our hiking boots, canoes, or whatever else we use to go off and enjoy the world outdoors. (at least!)

Please take time out to read again the Northern Forest Report in September’s “Appalachia”. It offers a splendid collection of writings pertaining to this beautiful wilderness area we’ve got here in northern New England.

Take note of the legislation in the works geared toward their protection; The Forest Legacy Act, for which the Senate has approved $6,000,000. This is a far cry from the $25,000,000 which we and other environmental groups had hoped for, but it is a step in the right direction. The House/Senate Conference Committee will make final recommendations this month, so please stay tuned to the outcome. You may need to do some letter-writing to our legislators.

Southeast Chapter Heroes

A tip of the hat to Al Johnson for his quick tree-removal work along the Cape Cod Bicycle Trail after Hurricane Bob!

Hats off, too, to our chapter’s Trail Crew, enthusiastically co-chaired by John Pribilla and Steve Ouellette.

Bay Circuit Trail dedication

Special Notice: A trail dedication ceremony, preceded by a hike of the newest 15 miles of official Bay Circuit Trail will be held in Andover, on Saturday, Sept. 28. The dedication is being sponsored by the Andover Trails Committee and the Bay Circuit Alliance, who can be reached for more information at 508-470-1982.

Pam Carter, Conservation Co-chair
Safe Trips
All trips involve some risk. Participants assume responsibility for their own welfare. Discuss your abilities with trip leader prior to trip.

HIKING
Bob Benvissuto, Chair, (697-2025)
HIKE RATING
First character indicates distance: A=A=very strenuous; B=strenuous; C=average; D=easy. Hikers unsure of their ability should try only one level higher than previously attempted.

NOTE: No pets allowed on any hikes. Backpacking equipment is available free of charge to all members. A nominal fee will be charged for non-members. All equipment rental requires a refundable deposit. Call Bruce Dunham, Equipment Manager (587-0679)

Sat. Oct. 5. Wapack Trail (B3B).
Day hike to Wapack Mountain Range, S of Monadnock. Hike over 3 2000' peaks. Fine views of full foliage. Please call for info. before 9:30 PM.
L Bruce Dunham (587-0679)

Sat. Oct. 12. Cliff Walk - Newport RI (B4D). Hike historic trail set between the ocean and Newport's mansions. Please call only 6 - 8 PM.
L John & Nancy Abbott (644-5626).

L Bruce Dunham (587-0679)
CL Linda Schworm (617-331-6662).

Interested hikers are encouraged to attend. We will discuss the hike schedule for November through March, year - end review, and new hiking ideas. All are welcomed. Bring a friend!
L Bob Benvissuto (697-2025)


L John & Nancy Abbott (644-5626).

CL Bob Marchand (674-2005).


Fri. - Sun. Nov. 8 - 10. Cardigan Lodge hiking weekend. Stay at "Little House" Fri. & Sat. nights. Popular weekend with limited space. Non-refundable $35 dep. req., unless replacement can be found. Please call before 9:30 PM.
L Vicki Fitzgerald (585-3424)
CL Bruce Dunham (587-0679).

CAPE HIKES
Harry Dombrosk (385-9502)
Sun. Hikes start 11 AM, last 4 hrs. 8 - 11 mi.
Bring lunch. Thurs. Hikes start 9:30 AM, last 2 hrs. 5 - 7 mi., brisk pace. No Dogs allowed.

Thurs. Oct. 3. Harwich. Herring River Scenic Trail. From Rte. 28 in Dennisport turn N on Depot Rd. at Barbo's Furniture. Go 1.5 mi. and park on R where bike path crosses Depot Rd.
L Al Meade (896-2296)
CL Nancy Wigley.


L Stan Parker (255-3681)
CL Monica Eldred.

L Kathy Meads (487-1517)
CL Al Johnson.

L Ann Hamilton (385-2943)
CL Stan Parker.

L Hortense Kelly (255-3021)
CL Monica Eldred.

L Nancy Wigley (548-2362).

Sun. Oct. 27. Sandwich. Maple Swamp Trail. From Rte. 6, take exit 4, Chase Rd., South. Almost immediately, turn R (W) on Service Rd.. Drive about 1 mi. and turn L into pkg lot at sign "Maple Swamp Conservation Lands."
L Janet Taylor (362-8149)
CL Al Johnson.

Thurs. Oct. 31. Yarmouthport. Gray's Beach. Turn N from 6A at Getty Station. follow to parking lot at beach.
L Al Johnson (775-8959)
CL Janet Taylor.
BIKING
Tom Waddell, Co-Chair, (617-837-5537)
Richard Iovanni, Co-Chair (617-331-6662)

Bike Trip Ratings:

Riders are encouraged to have bike in good working order (preferably 10 speed). Helmets are required at discretion of trip leader. If weather doubtful, check with leader. Riders are encouraged to check with trip leader about pace of trip and ability and equipment needed for participation. One 10-speed bike and helmet available to AMC members.

Great job, Century Riders and Crew!


L Claire Cabral (866-2564).


CANOEING
NOTE: Boats are available for rent on SEM-AMC trips only. Aluminum canoe, $7/day; Chinook Kayak, $7/day; C-1, $5/day. All include PFD, paddles and roof carrier. Contact trip leader.

FLATWATER
Lois Rogers (477-8557)

Sat. Oct. 5. Chase Garden Creek.
L Nancy Wigley (548-2362).

L David Shephard (548-8717).

L Ed York (385-6118).

Sat. Nov. 2. Taunton River.
L Herb Edgren (617-472-7271).

WHITEWATER
Mark Klim (617-344-6341)

L Mark Klim (617-344-6341).

L Paul Farrington (285-7041).

TRAILS
Stephen Ouellette (339-7727)
John Pribilla (477-2817)

TRAILS T-SHIRTS. Support your chapter TRAIL CREW. Contribute $10 or more and get a special T-shirt with our new Lonesome Lake Beaver logo. Contact Stephen Ouellette.

Most Trail Crew Trips have tasks for all skill levels. Call trip leader for details. Unless otherwise stated, bring work clothes, gloves, lunch and beverage. Tools will be provided.


Sat. Nov. 9. Herring Run. Meet at Herring Run Rest Area in Bourneclale, 9 AM.
L John Pribilla (759-4431).

Social Events
Vicki Fitzgerald (617-585-3424)
Let Vicki know what your ideas are for chapter social activities.

To get on Dance mailing list, contact Vicki at 220 High St., Duxbury, MA 02332.
Why Become A Trip Leader?

There’s the obvious reason: no leaders, no trips. But there are other reasons. Getting some of your trip expenses paid may be one. Traditionally, a portion of the leader’s costs can be charged to the trip to be split among the participants as an incentive/reward for leadership. Doing a trip where, when, and how you choose is a good reason.

But the best reason I have found for leading trips is the increased pleasure and satisfaction. First, you begin to plan weeks or months ahead. This adds to the anticipation of the trip. And then there is the trip. Nothing contributes more to your alertness than the responsibility of leading. As leader, you are more aware of things around you and the possible implications for the group. Is the weather changing? Is someone getting tired? Are you on course? Should we alter our plans? Does someplace look more interesting than where we planned to go?

Yes, leading trips is sometimes exhausting but your satisfaction and the appreciation of others at the completion of a trip well run is the pay-back. And you don’t easily forget a trip you run yourself.

The leadership workshop tentatively scheduled for this fall will not occur. Your indefatigable leadership chairman grew fatigued! his apologies to all.

Chuck Wright, Education Chair

Family Activities

Suzanne Scolamiero (617-545-6015)

If you have any ideas for this new program, we would love to hear from you.

Skiing

Marie Johnson (238-7250)

Yes, I know, It’s only October, but it’s time to start planning for the upcoming ski season and call Marie with your ideas!


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