

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER



92nd Anniversary

Annual Report

November 9, 2013

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MISSION STATEMENT

Through our broad range of activities and programs, the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club encourages people to enjoy and appreciate the natural world. We believe that successful conservation depends on this experience. The Connecticut Chapter promotes the protection, enjoyment and responsible use of the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut as well as other trails, rivers and byways within the state in cooperation with other maintenance organizations. We believe that the mountains and rivers have an intrinsic worth as well as provide recreational opportunity, spiritual renewal, and ecological and economic health for the state. The members of the Connecticut Chapter of the AMC form a network of users and stewards who protect these areas and educate others as to their use.

Adopted May 1993

**APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB
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2013 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chapter Chair	<i>Janet Ainsworth</i>
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Secretary	<i>John Grasso</i>
Treasurer	<i>Al Puches</i>
Bicycling Co-Chair	<i>Susan Grant</i>
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Chapter Youth Program	<i>Jim Liptack</i>
Conservation Co-Chair	<i>Jamie Lee</i>
Conservation Co-Chair	<i>Andrew May</i>
East-of-the-River Chair	<i>Alexis Kuchel</i>
Education Co-Chair	<i>John Crist</i>
Education Co-Chair	<i>Jennifer Wood Heslin</i>
Excursions Chair	<i>David Roberts</i>
Fairfield County Co-Chair	<i>Tom Carruthers</i>
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Family Activities Chair	<i>Janet Ainsworth</i>
Flatwater/Coastal Paddling Chair	<i>Barry Gorfain</i>
Member at Large	<i>Bea Holt</i>
Member at Large	<i>Tim Linehan</i>
Membership Chair	<i>OPEN</i>
Mountaineering Co-Chair	<i>Peter Gajdoski</i>
Mountaineering Co-Chair	<i>Kurt Zoner</i>
Newsletter Co-Editor	<i>Maggie Grayson</i>
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Program Chair	<i>OPEN</i>
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Webmaster/Technology Chair	<i>Jim Scheef</i>
Whitewater Co-Chair	<i>Mark Schappert</i>
Whitewater Co-Chair	<i>Dennis Wigg</i>
Young Members Chair	<i>OPEN</i>

CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

I am proud to report that our activities leaders brought our members and the public more than 1,000 volunteer-led activities in 2013. Our service committees planned and executed dinners, BBQs, leader training, trail work and unique conservation efforts like Alternative Spring Break for university students to do service work and the Channeling Pinchot film series about the development of the early conservation movement. We have scheduled two large dinners with speakers, one of which also features an exciting array of workshops, and the chapter's annual celebration of the Appalachian Trail, which includes a blowout BBQ at Macedonia Brook State Park, which went ahead just days after the government and the Appalachian Trail reopened. The Fairfield County Group offered a regular dinner-speaker program in two locations. Chapter members continued their leadership roles in Fall Hiking Week and August Camp. The Trails Committee successfully addressed the overuse of Bulls Bridge in Kent by non-hikers with trained volunteers keeping the area under control. One hundred four Trails Committee members put in 4,120 hours to keep the AT well maintained. Bicycling and paddling committees are also very active providing quality recreation and training opportunities. The Education Committee trained and mentored a large number of new leaders this summer and is getting ready to do it again. The Excursions, East of the River, Young Members and Family Activities committees are offering hikes and ski trips. Our very talented newsletter editors soon will be putting out a publication that will be digital only. Also new this year is a Facebook page and Meet-Up group. Both are allowing us to communicate with more people.

Like last year, I write this as I get ready to attend the club's Fall Gathering, held this year in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. Among the issues to be explored was follow up from the Spring Chapter's Meeting, which was devoted to the need to recruit more volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to make a pitch for more volunteers for our chapter. Our service committees, in particular, need help: Program, which plans and executes two dinners per year and could do more with a chairman of the committee; Education, which trains leaders, and Membership. Additionally, our activities committees could always use more leaders. Please contact me at chair@ctamc.org if you are interested.

The club as a whole has been busy this year. Among the many accomplishments is the development of the Bay Circuit Trail, 200 miles between Plum Island and Duxbury, Massachusetts. A drive to raise \$2 million is currently underway. AMC also is actively opposing the Northern Pass, a 186-mile transmission line that would spoil views throughout the White Mountain National Forest. The Youth

50-Year Members

Congratulations and best wishes to the following Connecticut Chapter members who we are honoring for their remarkable 50 years of membership in the Appalachian Mountain Club! They have been invited to attend the Annual Gathering and banquet as guests of the chapter.

Charles Dickson of Granby, Connecticut

Deborah Tait of Norfolk, Connecticut

Colin Tait of Norfolk, Connecticut

Lloyd Reynolds of Washington, DC

Mary Louise Mosher of Meriden, Connecticut

C. Eugene Mosher of Meriden, Connecticut

Eric Feldmann of Old Greenwich, Connecticut

Irving Stanley of Andover, Connecticut

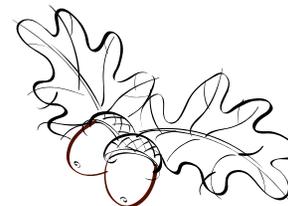
Katherine Lea of Fairfield, Connecticut

Jeffrey Lea of Fairfield, Connecticut

Virginia Dowd of Hamden, Connecticut

Bernard Shearon of Jupiter, Florida

James Forrest of Lebanon, Connecticut



Nominations for the 2014 Executive Committee

In accordance with the chapter bylaws, the Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates:

Chapter Chair	<i>Janet Ainsworth</i>
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Opportunities Program, which brings the outdoors to urban and at-risk youth, has been extended to Worcester, Massachusetts. Another new initiative is the Outdoors Rx program with Massachusetts General Hospital for Children. The goal is 5,000 prescriptions to get outdoors given to young people by participating medical professionals with resources provided by AMC. Next year, I hope to have news of an AMC presence in Harriman State Park in New York.

Another new initiative is the addition of outdoor leadership to the four prongs of Vision 2020: (1) Build a vibrant and diverse community of 500,000 constituents; (2) Help 500,000 kids get outside; (3) Lead regional conservation action; (4) Broaden the impact of the Maine Woods Initiative and (5) Advance Excellence in Outdoor Recreation and Leadership Training. This new prong recognizes AMC's reputation as a leader in providing safe, high quality outdoor recreation. For more information about Vision 2020, please go to <http://www.outdoors.org/about/amc-vision2020.cfm>.

In closing, I'd like to say that it has been exciting and rewarding to lead the chapter for the past year. AMC is an amazing organization and I can't help but sing its praises wherever and whenever I get the opportunity.

Janet Ainsworth
Connecticut Chapter Chair



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER ANNUAL GATHERING – 2012

The 91st Annual gathering of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held on November 10, 2012 at the Sheraton Hartford South Hotel, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

Chapter Chair Janet Ainsworth welcomed everyone to the Annual Gathering. Janet began by explaining that she was elected by the Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of Wayne Tersi, who resigned as Chapter Chair in July.

As is tradition, Janet reflected upon the first Annual Gathering, held on November 21, 1921, at which a planned hike turned into games of billiards and a meal due to inclement weather. In the first year of the Chapter, there is record of four scheduled activities. Janet observed that this past year, the Chapter has conducted scores of activities. Janet reflected upon the fact that our current mission statement reflects the same core purposes for which the Chapter was created, and read aloud from it:

“...the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club encourages people to enjoy and appreciate the natural world. We believe that the mountains and rivers have an intrinsic worth as well as provide recreational opportunity, spiritual renewal, and ecological and economic health for the state...”

Janet then outlined the evening program, and introduced past Chapter Chair and present Executive Committee member Tim Linehan, who announced the winners of the items auctioned in the “silent auction”. Janet thanked the donors who provided auction items. Janet also thanked Program Chair Stacey Hoffman and all of the volunteers who made this Annual Gathering possible, and each of the individuals and organizations who or which provided afternoon presentations or workshops.

Janet referred attendees to the Annual Report for a detailed presentation of the Chapter’s accomplishments in 2012, and made note of several committee reports. She stated that Chapter membership experienced a slight decline in 2012, at the same time that Club membership increased. Janet noted that notwithstanding the decline in Chapter membership, our committee email lists reflect that we are communicating with an increasing number of persons. Janet stated that the decline in Chapter membership may result from the absence of a Membership Committee or Chair for several years, and she invited members to come forward for service on the Membership Committee. Janet noted that Chapter revenues exceeded expenses for the sixth consecutive year. Janet noted that the Family Activities Committee is exploring strategies in

Whitewater Committee

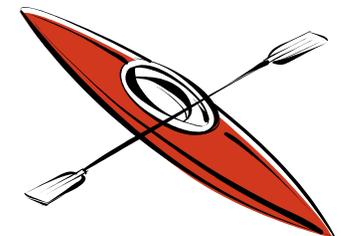
In 2013 the Whitewater Committee had a good year. The committee started the year off running two pool sessions, one in Bridgeport, Connecticut and another in Middletown, Connecticut in the months of January and February. In July and August we run lake sessions at Lake Beseck. In the pool sessions and lake sessions, trip leaders and volunteers help one another learning kayaking skills and how to roll the kayaks. In conjunction with the lake sessions, two of our trip leaders, Jeff Magee and Ed Yiznitsky, one of our newer leaders, started a weekly river run for the beginners that come to the lake sessions. Chris DeGraaf gets everyone ready for the Ottawa Kayak Trip (10th year) to Canada by running weekly Tville sessions in June and July. The trip leaders have been running a lot of trips and have gone the extra mile for the club. The committee also ran an on-the-river instructional on the Deerfield River in Massachusetts. This will also be the 10th year of running our Leaders Appreciation Day, combined with presenting Chris DeGraaf with the Steven Forster Award for his work with taking kayakers to the next level in their kayaking skills. This past year Mark Schappert was seen on TV demonstrating kayaking and talking about kayaking with the AMC. Also, the Middletown Press came to a lake session in order to do a story about the lake sessions and take pictures of the kayakers practicing their skills on the water.

WHITEWATER COMMITTEE:

Dennis Wigg, Co-Chair
Mark Schappert, Co-Chair
Dave Shoup, Leaders Coordinator

Patti Vaughn
Chris DeGraaf
Ed Yiznitsky
Robin Pleshaw
Ed Chase

Dana Warner
Jeff Magee
Denise Dieli
Paul Edwards



2014 Goals

- Continue to help AMC improve the Activities Database (Online Trips Listings) system.
- Improve chapter communications and publicity thru more effective use of the various tools available.
- Explore moving the website to a content management system.
- Improve integration with the AMC Activities Database system to make finding activities easier.
- Expand utilization of the chapter phone line as appropriate.

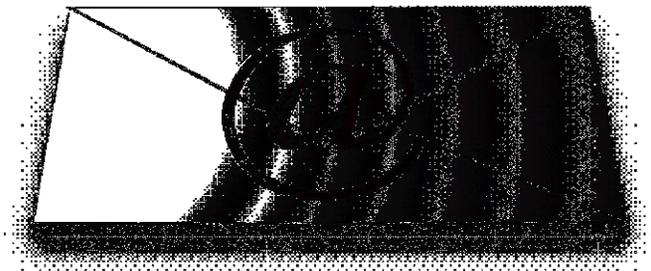
Committee Page Maintainers

I want to thank those who maintain the sections of the website devoted to specific committees:

Jamie Lee	Conservation
Robert White	Flatwater
Mark Schappert	Whitewater & Young Members

All other sections are maintained by your webmaster.

Your faithful web lackey,
Jim Scheef



furtherance of the Club's Vision 2020, which has set a goal of reaching 500,000 children. Janet concluded by soliciting members to serve on the Program Committee.

Janet then explained that as is tradition, the names of Chapter members who have died since the last Annual Gathering would be read aloud, and a period of silence in their memory would be observed. The following names were read:

Leon Barkman
Barbara Barnes
Alfred Beale
Roger Borgerson
Ralph Bowley
Michael Brown
Gordon Bywaters
Jacequeline Bywaters
Jon Cassidy
Christopher Connelly
John Cunningham
Rob Funk
Elizabeth Greene
William Douglas Kinhead
Robert Lamoureux
David Liebeskind
Barbara Loo
Daniel MacKas
Barbara Mankey
C.J. Ondeck
George Tuohy
George Wallace
Thomas Willis

Janet then requested that anyone present who knew of a member who died since the last Annual Gathering whose name was not read call out that name. Members called out the following additional names:

Joyce Rudnick
Nancy Sills

All present who were able then stood and observed a period of silence in memory of these departed Chapter members.

Janet then directed everyone to the Annual Gathering program, in which the contributions of outstanding volunteers are recognized. Janet read aloud the names of those members present who were recognized for

receipt of the 2012 Volunteer Stewardship Award, and asked those persons to stand as their names were read. David Bonne, Chair of the Trails Committee, then spoke to recognize those members present whose service on trails met the hours criterion for one of the Trails Awards. David singled out Russ Waldie as the “hero” of the group for his 551 hours of trail work in 2012. David Cullen, past Chapter Chair, then presented the “Appie of the Year” award to Mark Schappert, Co-Chair of the Whitewater Committee, and the Lifetime Service Award to Judy Besancon, past Chapter Chair.

Janet then read the names of the two Chapter members who completed their 50th year of membership in the AMC in 2012, Elizabeth Mary Deming, and Ronald Grant. By tradition, the Chapter presents a lapel pin to all Chapter members completing twenty five years as a member, and Janet noted that David Cullen has sent pins to those members not present. Two of the thirty seven persons who completed their 25th year of membership were present, David Boone, and David Cullen, and each received a pin. There was loud applause for all of these members.

Janet then introduced Kevin Breunig, the Club’s Vice-President of Communications and Marketing, and asked him to share news about what is taking place in the Club. Kevin stated that as of September 2012, Club membership exceeded 86,000, the highest number in seven years. Kevin spoke generally about the goal of Vision 2020 to reach 500,000 children, 200,000 “directly” through participation in Club activities, and another 300,000 by “influence”. Kevin noted that in 2012, the Youth Opportunities Program directly reached 20,000 children. Kevin made mention of the proposed Northern Pass transmission corridor through White Mountain National Forest, and of conservation issues in the Delaware Water Gap. Kevin referenced the AMC’s cooperation with Trout Unlimited in Maine, and the 66,000 Maine acres which the AMC “protects”. Lastly Kevin reported on the progress toward completing the entire Bay Circuit Trail.

Janet thanked Kevin for his remarks, and then called forward Dale Geslien, whose term as Regional Director was to expire in January 2013. Janet spoke briefly about Dale’s tireless service, and presented Dale a gift from the Chapter in appreciation. Dale thanked the Chapter and expressed appreciation for the Chapter’s support during her tenure as Regional Director. Dale stated that the incoming Regional Director will be Sharon Foster, a member of the Worcester Chapter.

After thanking Dale again, Janet then read the names of each member of the Chapter Executive Committee, and asked them to stand for a round of applause.

Webmaster/Technology

2013 Accomplishments

- Maintained the website with current information for the various committees and chapter events.

Social Media

Our chapter has established a presence on both Facebook and Meetup. Initial experiments have proven successful as we learn how best to use these tools. Thanks to Dales Geslien for managing the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AMCConnecticut) and Amy Cason (www.meetup.com/AMC-CT-Chapter) for their work in making these successful.

Online Trips System

A new major expansion of this system is underway. The goal is to allow trip leaders to better manage their trips thru online participant registration and payment. The project is presently in the design phase with people from all chapters participating.

Chapter-wide Messaging

We continue to use this facility with good results. This allows the chapters access to send emails to all chapter members with valid email addresses. This allows us to reach many members who are otherwise inactive within the chapter.

Chapter Newsletter Electronic Distribution

Chapter newsletters will no longer be distributed by postal mail. Starting in January, the newsletter will be available on the chapter website and announced by email.

Chapter Phone Line

This resource continues to serve the chapter well. The number is 866-576-6994. The phone line continues to provide easy “no computer” access to descriptions of the East of the River hikes and to the Northwest Camp registrar. In addition, the phone line offers basic chapter, Membership, and Conservation Committee information. The chapter phone number can be used in publicity wherever appropriate.

- The Federal Government shutdown in early October prevented the Committee from doing any volunteer related functions on the AT. It also put the popular annual “Connecticut AT Day” in jeopardy. Luckily, the NPS managed portions of the AT reopened after 16 days, which allowed our original AT Day plans to be instituted.

The Committee is grateful to our dedicated Section Maintainers, Boundary Monitors, Trail Patrollers, Natural Heritage Monitors, and all Chapter members who participate on our work parties. Projects to improve the Trail go out nearly every weekend. Please consider coming with us soon.

TRAILS COMMITTEE:

<i>Lana Bluege</i>	<i>Hugh Broughel</i>	<i>Hugh Cobrain</i>
<i>Ted Cowles</i>	<i>Walt Daniels</i>	<i>Henry Edmonds</i>
<i>Mary Kaley</i>	<i>Gene Grayson</i>	<i>Alan Spier</i>
<i>Harlan Jessup</i>	<i>Jim Liptack</i>	<i>Elaine LaBella</i>
<i>Paul Palmer</i>	<i>Bob Poitras</i>	<i>Walt Rinehart</i>
<i>Brian Sears</i>	<i>Norm Sills</i>	<i>Sue Spring</i>
<i>Ann Sherwood</i>	<i>Russ Waldie</i>	

Alice Webber, AMC Regional Trails Coordinator

Adam Brown, ATC Stewardship Conservation Manager

Dave Boone, Chair



At approximately 7:35 pm, Janet called to order the business portion of the 91nd Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Janet called for a motion to accept the Secretary’s Report as presented in the 2012 Annual Report, which motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed. Janet then called for a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented in the 2012 Annual Report, which motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Janet then called forward Bruce LaRoche of the Nominating Committee to present the slate of nominees for 2013. The nominees were called forward, and their names and the position for which they were nominated were read:

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Young Members Co-Chair	<i>Mark Lufkin</i>
Young Members Co-Chair	<i>Michael Wert</i>

Janet then called for a motion for the Chapter Secretary to cast one vote for the slate as approved, which motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed. The Chapter Secretary John Grasso then cast one vote for the slate as proposed.

Janet then asked those past Chapter Chairs in attendance to join her at the podium wearing their traditional red hat. The following past Chairs joined Janet, to sustained applause: Anne Bailey, Judith Besancon, David Cullen, Mary Dorpalen, Dale Geslien, Leo Kelly, and Tim Linehan. Janet then asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting, which motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed. The business meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Janet then called Program Chair Stacey Hoffman forward to introduce Pete McBride, program speaker, a noted photographer, writer and most recently filmmaker whose assignments for the National Geographic Society, Smithsonian, and Outside, among other publications, have taken him to outdoor destinations throughout the world. Pete's most recent work concentrates on the threat to the planet's freshwater resources. His presentation was titled "The Colorado River- Flowing Through Conflict".

John Grasso, Secretary



- A controversy has arisen involving which trail maintaining club should be responsible for the maintenance of the 1.5 mile piece of the AT on the west side of Schaghticoke Mountain. This section, geographically located in New York State, has historically been maintained by AMC-CT. The Dutchess-Putnam AT Committee is seeking total responsibility for the section. AMC-CT and the ATC New England Region Partnership Committee are opposed.
- The proposed Undermountain Trail relocation was reevaluated by a group of knowledgeable trail construction experts. Based on their recommendations, the Committee decided not to build the relocation, but rather do major improvements and reconstruction of the existing trail.
- The Bulls Bridge Task Force successfully regained control over the overwhelming non-hiker use at Bulls Bridge, in cooperation with the Town of Kent resident Trooper, and NPS rangers from Roosevelt National Historic Park. A very successful volunteer training was held for the Bulls Bridge Team, involving NPS rangers, CT DEEP staff, AMC and ATC volunteers and staff, and the Town of Kent. The dedication of the Bulls Bridge Task Force volunteers cannot be overstated.
- Lana Bluege of Branford, CT accepted the position of Outreach Coordinator with the Committee. Lana will be responsible for Committee educational efforts, especially as related to interested groups.
- Summer crews completed several large projects. The "GreenAgers" did substantial improvements on 10 Mile Hill, including stone steps and cribbing. The AMC Berkshire Teen Crew did stone steps and cribbing on the Paradise Lane access trail. In addition to their usual tasks, the Summer Ridgerunners made improvements to the Trail in the area of Roger's Ramp.
- After a decade of privy conversion, our first composting privy was emptied. The composting method has indeed been successful, and the composted material was returned to the forest floor.
- Long time Committee members Hugh Cobrain and Ted Cowles resigned from active participation with us. Thank you both for your combined service of over 50 years!
- The Committee was represented at the ATC Biennial Meeting held in Cullowhee, North Carolina.
- Star maintainer and Overseer of Camps/Shelters Russ Waldie was recognized by the American Trails Federation as Connecticut's "Trail Maintainer of the Year".



Trails Committee

The Chapter Trails Committee is responsible for the maintenance and management of the Appalachian Trail and its side trails in Connecticut, including the adjoining public lands, in partnership with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, the Connecticut DEEP, and the National Park Service. Our accomplishments this year included:

- 104 individual members of the Chapter contributed 4,120 total hours to Trails activities.
- Our corridor management and maintenance activities were bolstered with the addition of several new corridor maintainers. A special introductory boundary monitoring course and an advanced level boundary management course were offered, with the strong support of the ATC Corridor Protection staff.
- Alice Webber began as the AMC Southern New England Trails Supervisor. Additionally, the ATC hired Silvia Casano as a seasonal Field Technician. Caleb Jackson returned as Ridgerunner Coordinator. Caleb, Alice and Silvia operate from the ATC Kellogg Conservation Center.
- New benches were built and installed along the Accessible Trail section in Falls Village.
- Momentum behind our Natural Heritage program continues, with several of our Natural Heritage Monitors completing training provided by the New England Wildflower Society and being certified as Plant Conservation Volunteers.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2012

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Cash at January 1	\$99,520	\$107,282
Revenue Collected:		
Joy Street dues allocation	28,782	28,261
Program activities	17,191	16,586
Contributions	1,400	2,000
Reserve funds- sources (1)	2,741	1,700
Local sale of memberships	2,186	2,250
Leadership training	7,105	7,345
Merchandise sales	120	1,560
Interest and investment income (loss)	6,683	7,458
Total revenue collected	\$66,208	\$67,160
Expenditures:		
Cost of program activities	18,217	19,159
Cost of Merchandise	2,200	5
Reserve funds- uses (1)	5,375	2,906
Committee operating expenses:		
Bicycling	894	659
Conservation	413	800
East of the River	201	0
Education	6,189	7,498
Excursions	50	7
Executive	7,349	9,521
Fairfield County	0	0
Flatwater	27	0
Membership	944	156
Mountaineering	74	588
Newsletter	6,968	6,683
Trails	7,064	9,692
Whitewater	2,481	3,298
Young Members		
Total expenditures	\$58,446	\$60,972
Cash at December 31	<u>\$107,282</u>	<u>\$113,470</u>

**TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2012 AND 2013**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash at January 1	\$107,282	\$113,470
Revenue Collected:		
Joy Street dues allocation	19,006	17,989
Program activities	9,447	8,080
Reserve funds- sources (1)	1,200	1,320
Local sale of memberships	1,650	2,040
Leadership training	6,790	6,950
Subscriptions and Advertising	0	100
Contributions	2,000	1,100
Merchandise sales	1,555	376
Interest and investment income (loss)	6,856	8,586
Total revenue collected	\$48,504	\$46,541
Expenditures:		
Cost of program activities	9,994	8,165
Cost of merchandise	5	0
Reserve funds- uses (1)	2,300	3,925
Committee operating expenses:		
Bicycling	250	214
Conservation	759	313
East of the River	0	0
Education	5,629	4,977
Excursions	7	0
Executive	3,711	4,292
Fairfield County	0	0
Flatwater	0	0
Flatwater	0	30
Membership	156	230
Mountaineering	0	0
Newsletter	5,454	6,283
Northwest Camp	0	0
Programs	0	0
Trails	6,233	3,446
Whitewater	596	1,587
Young Members	0	0
Total expenditures	\$35,094	\$33,462
Cash at September 30	<u>\$120,692</u>	<u>\$126,549</u>

NORTHWEST CAMP COMMITTEE:

Tom McGrath (Co-Chair, Moldering Privy Chair) *
Rod Parlee (Co-Chair, Conservation Director) *
Merri Fox (Secretary/Volunteer Hours Coordinator)
Donald Klein (Caretaker) *
Craig Kennedy (Registrar)*
Al Puches (Treasurer)*
Paul Thoma (Financial Liaison)*
John Hicks (Past Chair/Caretaker – Trails Committee Chair)*
Carol Langley (Green Mt Club, CT Rep)
John Rek (Past Chair/Caretaker)
Steve Troop
Ron Zlotoff
Marge Hicks

* denotes 30 volunteer hours plus



**TREASURER'S REPORT
RESERVE FUNDS**

The Northwest Camp committee donated \$200 to the Ridgerunner program, led an AT Day hike and organized a Winter Snowshoe weekend. The highlight of the year was when the Committee hosted its annual Perseids meteor shower weekend in August. After a delicious cookout, Felicia Ortner, a Connecticut Master Wildlife Conservationist and a bear enthusiast, presented her PPT "The Bear Reality" which provided education about bears and helped dispel common misunderstandings. The Committee then presented the Canadian film "Being Caribou" about a husband and wife team Karsten Heuer [wildlife biologist] and Leanne Allison [media environmentalist] who follow a herd of 120,000 caribou on foot across 1,500 km of Arctic tundra. Both presentations were projected from the tent platform which served as a stage. Then it was off to the crystal clear and cool summit of Mount Riga where eleven stargazers saw 59 streaking meteors on Saturday night and 38 on Sunday night between midnight and 1 AM.

The cabin, constructed of American chestnut, continues to stand tall on the Taconic plateau tucked away in an old-growth Eastern hemlock forest. The sparkling pristine stream adjacent to the cabin drains to Sages ravine and is part of the Schenob brook watershed drainage basin. This rare watershed has been the target of protection for many years by numerous local, state and national environmental organizations and public agencies.

The hope is that this well-managed and treasured piece of property will continue to attract cooperative support within the AMC to ensure and sustain its long-term health and viability for future generations to enjoy.

⁽¹⁾ Reserve funds are cash set aside by the Chapter for a specific future use or spending objective. Sources of such funds are often grants, gifts, or contributions, but can also include funds set aside from the Chapter's operating budget. A summary of the Chapter's reserve funds is as follows:

	<u>12/31/2011</u>	<u>12/31/2012</u>	<u>9/30/2013</u>
Reserve funds:			
AT Handicap Accessible Project	\$9,688	\$9,207	\$7,422
Duren and Simons Memorial Scholarships	3,264	3,014	1,895
Jim Wright Memorial	264	264	264
Stanley Grant reserve	66	66	66
Stephen Meyers Memorial	782	782	782
Whitewater reserve	6,322	5,048	4,954
Durr Donation	11,230	11,230	11,230
General fund	75,666	83,859	99,936
Total cash	<u>\$107,282</u>	<u>\$113,470</u>	<u>\$126,549</u>

Al Puches – Treasurer

Bicycling Committee

NEWSLETTER: The Bike newsletter this year was published and was sent by e-mail only and is available on our website. Terry Pappagello did a great job once again.

RIDE COORDINATOR: Joann Hewitt, our bike rider coordinator, has done a wonderful job again this year keeping all rides for our newsletter, AMC Outdoors and our web-site as well as keeping the ride leader list up to date.

QUICK NOTICE: Tom Ebersold did an outstanding job sending all rides to our quick notice Yahoo e-mail group list of close to 400 names and also posting to our web-site so bike leaders can send out last minute rides.

MONDAY DAY RIDES: Judy Kunkel had a very successful year with a ride every Monday from April first through the end of October with the ride coordinator of each month responsible for leading rides.

TUESDAY NIGHT RIDES: These continued to attract a large number of participants with bike leaders Ray Taksar, David Waldburger, Rick Merritt, Wayne Tursi and Judy Borrmann. Other leaders assisting were Bruce Ebbets, Barry O'Grady, Jim and MaryAnn Gleba.

THURSDAY NIGHT RIDES: These were very successful again this year with two rides each week averaging 10 to 20 riders and many going to dinner after the ride. Leaders included: Finlay and Mary Ferguson; Beverly Medlin, Mark Henebry, Dan Johnson and Wayne Chapman.

WEEKEND BIKE TRIPS: We ran 4 successful weekend trips this year. The first was to Hampton Beach, NH, with leaders, Sue Grant, Rick Merritt and MaryAnn Gleba. The second was to Cape Cod, MA, with leaders Terry Bludeau and Susan Whalen. The third was to White Mt., VT, with leaders Rami Haddad and Ben Klass. And the last trip was to Fairlee, VT, with leaders Finlay and Mary Ferguson and Mark and Leslie Henebry.

WEEKEND DAY BIKE RIDES: These did well this year with a ride most Saturdays and Sundays, many of which consisted of more than one ride. We continue to look for new ride leaders.

Susan Grant, Co-Chairs
Rick Merritt, Co-Chair



Northwest Camp Committee

Members of the Northwest Camp committee had an outstanding year working cohesively as a team managing Northwest Camp for its 62nd year of lodging. The Committee held five well-attended meetings throughout the year, attended two AMC Volunteer Managed Facilities meetings, and attended/ tabled at two Annual meetings. Both spring and fall work-parties were very productive with former Caretaker/Chairman, Roy Hoffman, serving his signature gourmet breakfast sandwiches prior to a day of completing many tasks. Caretaker, Don Klein, continued to take pride in organizing the work-parties and managing the cabin and 125 acres and responding expediently to minor fix-it issues on a regular basis. Registrar, Craig Kennedy took the time to answer the myriad of questions associated with even just one reservation; tracked bed-nights efficiently and even initiated an e-mail database of camp users. Financial Liaison, Paul Thoma, submitted financial reports prior to every meeting. With the report, he furnished the committee detailed records of every dollar coming in and going out, projected the budget for the next year and informed the committee when grants were available. Trails Chair John Hicks organized boundary work-parties for the Committee and the National Park Service, donated loads of cordwood and attended both work-parties.

Newsletter

The AMC in Connecticut, our CT-AMC newsletter, reaches more than 8,000 chapter members through online distribution and to anyone worldwide through the Internet. AMC in Connecticut is also distributed to numerous advocates and supporters who subscribe via e-mail or who download the newsletter from the chapter Web site. This electric distribution allows readers an easy way to reduce their carbon footprint while helping to defray printing and mailing costs for the chapter. The newsletter showcases CT-AMC member information, such as an update from your chapter chair, information about upcoming events, and many other stories/articles of interest to our constituents submitted by committee chairs and participating members.

Each newsletter is always a group effort, so all submissions and comments are greatly appreciated. The goal of the newsletter is to foster greater CT-AMC membership and to recruit participants for upcoming events. The publication also works to persuade members to try new activities and encourage more members to volunteer, recruit, and give of their time.

Darcy Witham is co-editor of the publication. As a volunteer, she manages all aspects of production, including preparing initial content outlines/editorial calendars and providing her highly reactive, colorful design and layout skills. Co-editor Maggie Grayson provides her writing, editing and proofreading services. Darcy and Maggie also work on a number of additional CT-AMC associated promotions including but not limited to flyers, announcements, brochures, posters and advertising.

This past autumn we sent out our last newsletter to the printer and direct mail house. We will be distributing our news solely online from now on. This may open up the possibility of distributing our news more often, 4-6 times a year perhaps, and also gives last minute news and changes a better chance of getting to our members. The newsletter will continue to be available online as a downloadable, printable pdf document.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE:

Darcy Witham & Maggie Grayson

Conservation Committee

AMC's Mission Statement reads, "Promoting the protection, enjoyment, and understanding of the mountains, forests, rivers, waters and trails of the Appalachian Region". The Connecticut Conservation Committee tried to further this mission in a myriad of ways this past year.

Working with our forever partners at Connecticut Forest & Park Association (CFPA), we partnered with students from Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) to sponsor an "alternative Spring Break". The students hiked the AT, worked on the Blue-Blazed trails, learned about AMC recreational and educational opportunities. For his efforts this year and previous years Conservation Volunteer Bob Andrews was given an award from ECSU.

Also, partnering with CFPA, we initiated a series of lectures, movies, and general conversation that we called, "Channeling Pinchot". This effort represented an attempt to insure that the long charismatic shadow of John Muir and Theodore Roosevelt does not completely block the work and legacy of Gifford Pinchot. We will continue this series this year.

As usual we tabled at several events this year promoting AMC and conservation. These events included: Hamden Earth Day, Beardsley Zoo's Party for the Planet, Naugatuck Earth Day, and New Haven Folk Festival. We also tabled at both the Connecticut Chapter's Annual Meeting and the AMC's Annual Meeting. As usual, the main attraction at these events is the Energy Conservation Savings Board constructed by our stalwart volunteer Russ Charest.

We also worked with AMC's great staff – Susan Arnold, Vice President of Conservation; Heather Clish, Deputy Conservation Director; Mark Zakutansky, Mid-Atlantic Policy Director; and Faith Salter, Director of Volunteer Relations – to advocate for public policy positions that advance AMC's aforementioned mission. For example, members of our committee submitted testimony against the expansion of Large Hydropower as a source of Connecticut's Renewable Portfolio Standard.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:

*Jamie Lee, Co-Chair
Andrew May, Co-Chair
Bob Andrews
Russ Charest*

East-of-the-River Committee

East-of-the-River remains a very active mature group of hikers. Tuesday and Thursday hikes are varied and found in all directions in Connecticut. The dedicated hike leaders vary the terrain from urban hikes, beach hikes, art hikes, to many of the higher points in the hills of our state.

There are two levels of hikes: one is a more challenging hike and the other is a more moderate hike of about five miles. Attendance for hikes varies and sometimes consists of small intimate groups but can sometimes be a larger group of as many as 30.

Hikes to Boston and New York City will continue for the future as well as hikes in our city parks which include exploration of the Lincoln Culinary Institute buffet. After the hikes, small groups often go for ice cream or coffee at nearby establishments. Our learning on each hike includes identification of tree species, wildflowers, and historical buildings and landmarks.

Come join this friendly group for one or more fun filled hike.

Alexis Kuchel, Chair



2014 Objectives:

First, attract new climbers to our group through introductory courses, publicizing our climbing events beyond AMC publications, and participating in Chapter initiatives such as New Member Day and AT Day.

Second, maintain the large calendar of climbing events. Developing additional new leaders will help distribute the effort of organizing and conducting courses and multi-day climbing trips.

Third, encourage and support members as they progress into more advanced climbing by providing a more defined continuum of training and activity.

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE:

*Mike Adelson
Ron Curtis
Dominick Galletti
Art Morenz
Gustavo Nava
Audrey Suseno
Gary Zempel*

*Sandy Bartell
John DeAngelis
Bob Lener
Carol Morenz
Gini Kramer
Steve Wall
Paula Zimbreaan*

*Chuck Boyd
Skip Frey
Tim Linehan
Jesse Morenz
Mark Sondeen
James Wolff*

*Pete Gajdosik, Co-Chair
Kurt Zoner, Co-Chair*



Mountaineering Committee

Recreation: This year, Mountaineering increased its calendar to over 80 climbing events.

Ice Climbing:

Ice climbers enjoyed excellent conditions in Connecticut this year. We climbed regularly in Canaan and also in Beacon Falls. As usual, the group also travelled north to climb in the White Mountains and the Adirondacks. The Beginners Ice Climbing course in North Conway in January was particularly well-attended. The class attracted 23 climbers!

Rock Climbing:

Indoors, our weekly gym climbing evenings at Prime Climb in Wallingford were usually attended by 8-12 climbers. We established a relationship and AMC discount at the new Central Rock climbing gym in Glastonbury.

In April, we moved our Thursday night climbs out of doors and, through September, we rotated through eight Connecticut crags. The outdoor climbs, when not rained out, were well-attended. We also held numerous weekend trips for multi-pitch rock climbing to the Shawangunks, the Adirondacks, and the White Mountains.

This year, committee members were involved in several rescues of other climbers. There were no serious injuries of AMC climbers.

Education: This year we sponsored 7 training sessions that introduced club members to our activities or enhanced the climbing and safety skills of our members. Winter season programs included: Introduction to Ice Climbing, Coping with the Cold (how to dress for winter climbing), and Avalanche Beacon Training. We also held classes for Beginners Rock Climbing, Top Rope Set-up, Anchor Building, and Self-Rescue.

Organization: We attracted about 6 new, regular climbers to the group, mostly as a result of their attendance of our training classes. We updated and expanded the Mountaineering website and conducted an online survey of members' interests and goals. Club gear was inventoried, maintained and, when necessary, retired. We purchased new gear with the goal of being able to provide potential new climbers of any size with loaner gear. We expect to end the year with a balanced budget.

Education Committee

In the past year the CT Chapter Education Committee held our three signature events. Prior to our fall excursions leadership training, Co-Chairs Jennifer Wood Heslin and John Crist updated the Leadership Training folders with new and refreshed materials. In addition, our teaching aids were thoroughly reviewed and enhanced with additional tools for current and future trainers.

In November 2012 we held our 2 day Leadership Training Session at White Memorial in Litchfield where we trained a small group of excited individuals in the core OLDC (outdoor leadership development committee) curriculum. Most have since gone on to become Class One Hike Leaders.

In April, John Ivanisin organized the Annual Wilderness First Aid class taught by SOLO. This is our most popular event and is attended by many club leaders from all activity committees. In 2014 the cost of the class for AMC members was reduced and the cost for non-members was increased in an attempt to encourage joining the club.

In May, the committee ordered hard copy OLDC guides to use as textbooks for future Leadership Training Sessions.

In June, we held our one-day Leadership Training School at Sleeping Giant State Park in Hamden. 24 people joined the class the morning after a torrential storm. The class utilized the shelter in the park to provide a dry area for learning. In the 3 months following this session, 17 of those trained completed their co-lead and were certified as Class 1 Hike Leaders.

Members of the committee held a social and strategy session later in the summer where it was decided to document the various tasks needed to successfully implement the core trainings and overlay them on a 12 month calendar. This has been completed and will be added to committee archives.

Volunteers Dale Geslien, Keith Spaar, Merri Fox, David Roberts, John Ivanisin, Robin Pleshaw, Jennifer Wood Heslin and John Crist all contributed to the successful delivery of these popular classes.

*John Crist, Co-Chair
Jennifer Wood Heslin, Co-Chair*

Excursions Committee

In the twelve months to the end of September 2013, Connecticut Chapter Hike Leaders posted approximately 500 hikes and quite a number of weekend and other multi-day trips.

In recent years Excursions has seen a significant change in the pattern of hikes being submitted for listing. Leaders used to submit hikes well in advance of the hike day but most hikes are now submitted only a few days before the hike date. Many Leaders like to watch weather forecasts and if forecasts are bad they no longer submit hikes for those days. While this is more efficient than posting hikes and then cancelling them due to bad weather it does reduce the number of hikes posted. On the other hand it also reduces the number of cancelations...

As usual hikes and other Excursions' Committee events accounted for around 60% of all activities run by the CT Chapter during the year. Almost 100 different Hike Leaders led at least one hike during the year demonstrating the depth of our group of Hike Leaders. Also, over 50 of our Hike Leaders and volunteers qualified for Chapter "recognition" awards as a result of leading 5 or more hikes or contributing 30 or more hours to support our efforts. All of our Leaders deserve our thanks and appreciation for their efforts.

In addition to hikes led by Hike Leaders who are not part of a sponsoring group, hikes sponsored by EOR, the Thursday Western CT Group, Young Members and Family Activities again made a major contribution. EOR Midweek Hiking continued to sponsor four well attended hikes each week, the Western CT Thursday Group sponsored at least one hike each week, and our Young Members group sponsored a number of hikes during the year. The Family Hikes program has continued to be active, averaging one or two family hikes a month this year. Sponsoring groups make a major contribution to the success of our hiking program and Excursions values highly the work not only of the Hike Leaders who lead hikes sponsored by these groups but also the work done by the group coordinators.

Several of our Hike Leaders in addition to leading local hikes led backpacking and ski trips both inside and beyond the state and led Adventure Travel trips. Hike Leaders also strongly supported chapter-wide events such as National Trails Day, Give a Day to the AT, and AT Day, which was again run by Excursions. Since it was started only a few years ago, AT Day has grown to be the chapter's biggest outdoor event each year.

Flatwater/Coastal Paddling Committee

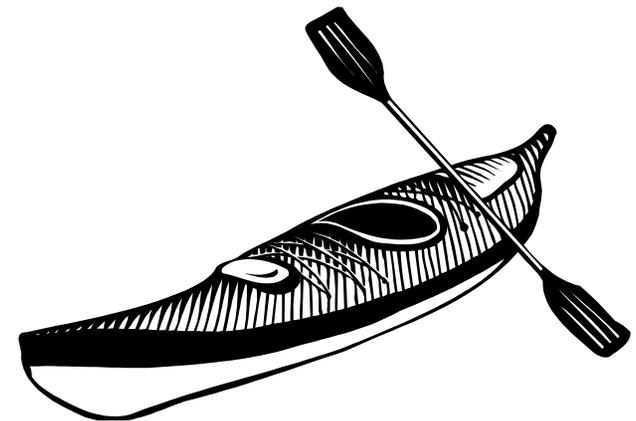
Thanks to committed leaders, we offered 22 events this year: 11 flatwater, 2 sea kayak and 2 skills sessions. We are growing incrementally, while competing with a proliferation of paddling groups on meet-up sites. What we have to offer are safe, consistent and enjoyable trips led by well trained and knowledgeable leaders. Our focus remains on providing our members as many opportunities as possible to paddle.

We have begun our series of paddles along the Connecticut shoreline, dubbed the "Tour de Shore". We will make our way down the coast over the next few years. It is a wonderful way to learn about our state. I want to thank all our leaders for all their hard work.

FLATWATER/COASTAL PADDLING COMMITTEE:

Tom Ebersold
Debbie Tedford
Robert White

Barry Gorfain, Chair





Family Activities Committee

The two regular leaders of the Family Activities Committee continue to offer one or two hikes per month, except in winter. This year, like last, we offered National Trails Day hikes in June, a hike celebrating the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Family Hiking Day in September and the Connecticut Chapter's AT Day in October. In 2013, for the first time, we offered a First Day hike in a state park on New Year's Day. We continue to hope that we can enlist a few more leaders. Alternatively, we would like regular activity leaders to consider leading the occasional family friendly offering.

Janet Ainsworth, Chair

Once again the Excursions Committee sponsored the AMC's Fall Hiking Week as well as August Camp. We thank everyone who organized and led hikes at these great events.

We also thank the Education Committee, comprised mainly of Hike Leaders, for organizing the weekend-long Annual Leadership Training School in Litchfield and a one-day Leadership Training Session, both of which were very well attended and which are extremely important in providing potential Hike Leaders with high quality training. With their help we added 20 new Hike Leaders during the year, the highest number for many years.

Jim Scheef, did a great job as our Webmaster and we thank Jim for all of the work he does for the Excursions Committee.

The Excursions Committee is essentially all electronic, has eliminated paper from its operations, and as a result operates at almost zero cost. Our principal hike email list now includes over 1,400 names and in total our hike notices go out to over 3,000 names. Our Weekly Upcoming Hikes List is well established not only for advertising our hikes but as a key element in promoting the chapter's events and events run by other committees. Behind the scenes, several volunteers spend countless hours maintaining our lists, approving hikes, distributing emails and responding to many emails from hikers and potential hikers. Their contributions are very much appreciated.

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE:

Dave Roberts, Chair

Dave Cronin

Carol Hassett

Don Button

Eric Stones

Fiona Nicholson

Phil Wilsey



Fairfield County Group

Fairfield County Group (FCG) had another successful year. In the twelve months to the end of September 2013, FCG organized a total of ten events. This program consisted of five speaker meetings in Westport and four speaker meetings and a December Holiday Bash in Bethel.

In Westport, FCG's 2012/ 2013 season of five speaker meetings attracted a total audience of around 400 people or about 80 people per meeting. FCG continued to hold its Westport meetings in the Unitarian Church, to which it moved early in 2012 following a major fire at its previous location. To offset rising costs, FCG raised the entrance fee for its Westport speaker dinners in September 2013 to \$10 for members having held them at \$8 for members for eight years. Despite the increase, FCG's Westport meetings continue to offer great value and are well established with attendees enjoying excellent presentations, a hot pasta dinner, dessert, wine, coffee and a great atmosphere.

In Bethel, FCG's meetings there also feature appetizers, entrees, wine, desserts and coffee, as well as great speakers and interesting movies. The four speaker meetings in Bethel during the 2012 / 2013 season attracted crowds averaging about 40 people per meeting and the Bethel meetings continue to become better established with a growing crowd of regulars.

FCG's speaker meetings feature a wide range of topics, mainly in the armchair travel category, which in the 2012 / 2013 season included international locations as varied as Turkey, Mongolia, Myanmar, Spain, and several African safari locations as well as a presentation on Oregon and America's amazing national parks. A new feature was a meeting with a panel of world travelers and photographers who shared experiences and images from their travels. AMC Hike Leaders Frank Keen, Dave Cronin and David Roberts were among the speakers.

FCG organized an Annual Picnic at Putnam Park for a number of years with a BBQ and hikes in the nearby area. However, attendance has been modest in recent years and the format has largely been adopted by AT Day, only a few weeks later than the FCG Picnic. As a result FCG has decided to discontinue this event.

FCG's Annual Holiday Bash in Bethel has also been running for a number of years but despite a trying a number of formats, attendance has always been modest. FCG, therefore, is considering changing its December Bethel event to a regular speaker or movie night format.

FCG's events not only help to retain members within the club but have also directly resulted in a significant number of people joining the AMC at FCG meetings.

FCG has continued its communications efforts with posters and press releases for all its events and has enjoyed good local media support. All FCG events are listed in *Outdoors*, on the chapter web-site and have featured regularly in the chapter newsletters. FCG email lists now have about 700 names and FCG continues to collect names for these lists.

While FCG's main aim is to promote the AMC in southwestern Connecticut, FCG has also worked to do this in a cost effective way. Almost all of our speakers now present for no fee, and we have controlled our other costs carefully.

In addition to having a wonderful committee, FCG enjoys the support of many other volunteers who are always willing to help out in many ways. FCG Co-Chairs David Roberts and Tom Carruthers wish to thank all of them for their contribution to FCG's success.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY GROUP COMMITTEE:

Darcy Batzarian
Fiona Nicholson

Lorraine Cronson
Al Puches

Paul Garborino
Eleanor Sasso

Tom Carruthers, Co-Chair
David Roberts, Co-Chair

