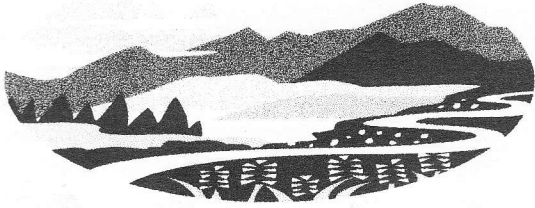


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Annual Report

November 1, 1997



Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter

From the Chapter Chair

The Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter had a good year in 1997. At the 1996 Annual Meeting, a full slate of Executive members was elected for the first time in 3 years. The 96-97 Executive Board has worked very hard to run the Chapter. Many long hours have been put in by a talented and dedicated group of people.

Financially, the Chapter is at its strongest point in its entire history. In October, \$5000.00 was invested in a certificate of Deposit. (see the treasurer's report on page 4). This is in sharp contrast from 3 years ago when we ended the month of November, 1994 with a balance of \$805.13. In addition, the Chapter has \$14,000 in a special account at the AMC Office in Boston.

Our Quarterly Social Events are been well attended this year and have made a nominal profit. many new members have attended this events and had an opportunity to learn new outdoor skills such as cross-country skiing and winter hiking. These events also provide members with a chance to learn about the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter.

The Chapter has continued to experience a steady Membership growth in 1997. We are projected to end 1997 with a 9 per growth rate and a total of 2557 members. Currently, we are about 1300 individual members and 538 Family Memberships representing approximately 2,400 members.

Our Chapter leaders have provided an excellent selection of activities and I'd like to thank all our leaders for all their hard work and outstanding efforts.

Finally, I would like to say I have enjoyed being Chapter Chair these past 3 years. It has been rewarding for me personally to work with Executive Board Members and all the Chapter Leaders. I encourage any member to get involved. It's well worth the effort!

Bruce Dunham
Chapter Chairperson.

Hiking/Backpacking

1997 has been a great year for hiking! the Southeastern Massachusetts offered 145 hikes, 84 on Cape Cod and 61 local and Northern New England trips. The local and Northern New England trips attracted over 400 participants including 96 non-members.

I would like to thank the following individuals who volunteered to lead or co-lead hikes: Walter and Linda Wells, Dexter Robinson, Janet Richardson, Karen Reamsynder, John Poirier, Elsie Laverty, Keith Jacobson, Vicki Fitzgerald, and Charley Farrell, Bob Emery, Bruce Dunham, Louise Desrochers, Pam Crowell, Anne Chace, Ray Butts, and Richard Brech.

I would especially like to thank Alice Oberdorf, who is doing such a great job as Coordinator of Cape Cod Hiking; Bruce Dunham, the retiring Chapter Chairperson who offered to lead/co-lead 10 hikes this year; and Ray Butts, Charley Farrell, Dexter Robinson, and Walter Wells for offering more than 5 hikes each.

In addition to organizing and leading hikes, Dexter Robinson has devoted long hours as Chapter Webmaster, creating and maintaining our home page: <http://www.cris.com/~Ndrma>.

Special thanks are due to Dexter and Susan Robinson, Louise Desrochers, John Poirier, Walter and Linda Wells, and Bob Emery for helping to make Chapter Hut Nights in both 1996 and 1997 so successful. Their contributions (preparing and transporting food and supplies and leading hikes) are greatly appreciated.

Best wishes to Dexter Robinson, the incoming Chair of the Hiking Committee. The Chapter is extremely fortunate to have a person who is so dedicated to the Chapter, enthusiastic about hiking, organized, personable, and computer literate.

David Bennett
Hiking Chair

Canoe & Kayak

The 1997 Flatwater paddling began on March 27. After a scheduled hike at John's Pond in the Fal-mouth Region. Hardy Canoeists and Kayakers put to the water.

On May 18 the traditional spring lunch, with hikers meeting paddlers took place on Walkers Pond. The Canoeists and Kayakers provided a gourmet lunch.

Approximately 511 members and guest registrations were recorded for 45 of the 50 scheduled trips, encompassing 61 days, on 42 different bodies of water. Five (5) trips were cancelled due to inclement weather or lack of registration.

The 61 days included: 3 day trips, 1 now-week trip, 5 pot-luck and 1 Moonlite Paddle Pot-luck and 1 two-day Trip.

The last scheduled paddle is October 18 followed with a Pot-luck.

This past season has seen more interest in Kayaking by present members and prospective members. AMC remains on the internet with Canoe/Kayak trips listed.

Thanks to all that led trips and those of you who helped with the paper work and phone networking.

Carrie P. Dobson, Canoe/Kayak Chair
Dave Williams, Canoe/Kayak Vice-Chair

Biking Committee Report

John Smart opened the season on April 5th with a traditional Cape Cod Canal ride. Throughout the Spring and Summer, 3-4 rides were offered on weekends off-Cape. Leaders include Elsie Laverty, Rich Iovanni, John Poirier, Louise Desrochers, and Tom Waddell.

Alice Oberdorf, our tireless and cheerful leader on Cape Cod, organized rides on Tuesday Evenings and Sunday mornings from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

Tom Waddell and Rich Iovanni lead a 2 day trip to Provincetown and a Labor Day weekend trip up North. Tom also gave a wonderful Workshop at the Spring Fling.

Carol Julien will lead a ride on November 1, before the Chapter Annual Meeting.

Carol Julien, Biking Chair

Trails Committee Report

This year was again a very busy year for the chapter Trail Crew. The participation on away trips was up only slightly over last year while local trips improved a little on our three local trails that we take care of. Our goal from last year was to bring up the local participation to a higher level than previous years. That was accomplished only on one trip on national trails day we had 26 participants do work on the Bentley Loop that was with a little help from Eastern Mountain Sports who donated \$1,000 to our trail crew to purchase new tools many thanks to them.

We had 2 trips to Lonesome Lake where our gourmet chefs prepared 5 excellent meals on each trip. We cleaned a total of 128 water Bars 2 times during the year, Rebuilt 3 scree walls, Cleaned the colverts at the lower end plus repaired and reset numerous bog bridges. We did have 2 additional trips planned but due to a lack of interest we had to cancel both. Our total hrs spent doing work were still up around 1500. Again a thank you to Paul Chartier who once again put in over 200 hrs on his own there should be a lot more like him. I would also like to thank Steve Oulett, John Poirer, Louise Desrochers, Walter Wells, Linda Wells, Gardner Lewis, Rich McNally & Dave Lundquest for making both trips to Lonesome Lake. We could sure use a lot more dedicated people like these to help out.

So in closing I would once again like to thank all of you who made this 3 years as Trails Chair Both exiting And fun.

I appeal to all who have not been out with us yet to give us a try you will still see me on trips as a participant and I hope to meet more of you.

Thank You

Lou Sikorsky, Outgoing Trails Chair

Conservation Committee

The Conservation Committee plans and carry out a program of information and education on timely matters in the field of conservation and may work with other organizations with similar conservation objectives.

Education Committee

The educational Committee organizes educational workshops for the Chapter Membership and the general public in conjunction with other Standing Committees. The Chairperson enlist the aid of other Educational Committee Members, as well as individuals from other committees for assistance on specific projects. In 1998, a Wilderness First-aid Workshop and Training for Activity Leaders are being planned.

Ski Committee

The Ski Committee provides a program of day and weekend ski trips and offer instruction where appropriate. The 1997-1998 Ski Leaders have planned an excellent season including a Winter Festival on February 7, 1998. Many Thanks to all the Ski leaders.

Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance - January 1, 1997.....	\$9,761.74
Income.....	\$9,779.63
Expenses.....	\$15,521.13

Balance as of 10/20/97.....	\$4,020.24
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Checking Balance.....	\$4,020.24
91 Day Certificate of Deposit.....	\$5,000.00
Total.....	\$9,020.24

Income	
AMC Joy Street Allocations.....	\$6,048.75
Breeze Subscriptions.....	\$ 15.00
Winter Festival.....	\$ 317.00
Spring Fling.....	\$1004.00
Summer Picnic.....	\$ 264.00
Membership in a Bottle.....	\$ 720.00
Interest.....	\$ 142.88
T-Shirts.....	\$ 168.00
EMS Trails Donation.....	\$ 1,000.00
Boston Univerdary Donation.....	\$ 100.00
Total.....	\$9,779.63

Membership Committee Report

This year the Membership Committee took part in the Membership in a Bottle Promotion. The cost for (for new members only) was \$40.00 per year and included a one year membership to the AMC, subscriptions to Outdoors and the Breeze, a water bottle, and a \$10.00 gift certificate to AMC services and products. From the \$40, \$20 remained with the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter, while \$20.00 was paid to AMC Headquarters. As of this date 22 bottles were sold, resulting in a profit of \$440 for the Chapter. Another order for 24 bottles has been placed.

The Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter Homepage generated a great deal of interest in our chapter as well as the AMC in general. I received an average of 20 to 30 phone calls and E-mails per month requesting information about the Club as well as about the Membership on a Bottle offer.

Each Month the AMC sent mailing labels for new members who would then receive the latest copy of The Breeze, our chapter newsletter.

The following chart shows the member tally by month for

Southeastern Mass. Chapter AMC - Membership Tallies 1997

Month	New Member	Totals as of:	Contributing	Employee	Family	Family Life	Individual	Junior	Life	Senior	Sustaining	Total
Dec 96	56	1/1/97	3	3	542	1	1161	22	38	67	1	1838
Jan 97	24	2/1/97	3	3	535	1	1149	20	38	68	1	1818
Feb 97	47	3/1/97	3	3	538	1	1154	24	40	69	1	1833
Mar 97	61	4/1/97										
Apr 97	37	5/1/97	3	3	520	1	1148	29	40	72	1	1817
May 97	49	6/1/97	3	4	532	1	1138	26	42	70	1	1817
Jun 97	68	7/1/97	3	7	541	1	1151	26	43	70	1	1843
Jul 97	59	8/1/97	3	7	557	1	1167	26	42	68	1	1872
Aug 97	45	9/1/97	3	7	561	1	1162	26	42	70	1	1873
Sep 97	32	10/1/97	3	7	550	1	1171	23	41	73	1	1870

Past Chapter Chairpersons of Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter

1	1976-1977	Ralph Poole
2	1977-1981	Robert Bentley
3	1981-1983	Vicki Fitzgerald
4	1983-1985	Russ Ottey
5	1986-1987	Linda Thomas
6	1988	Paul Murphy
7	1989-1990	Walter Morin
8	1991-1992	John Abbott
9	1993-1994	Suzanne Scolamiero
10	1995-1997	Bruce Dunham

Nominations for 1997-1998 Executive Board

Chapter Chair.....	Louise Desrochers
Chapter Vice-Chair.....	Lou Sikorsky
Treasurer.....	Charlie Farrell
Secretary.....	Linda Wells
Biking Chair.....	Carol Julien
Canoe Chair.....	Carrie Dobson
Communications Chair.....	Mary Calhoun
Conservation Chair.....	Luke Leonard
Education Chair.....	Connie Peterson
Hiking Chair.....	Dexter Robinson
Membership Chair.....	Mary Gravel
Skiing Chair.....	Mary DuBois- Leeson
Trails Committee Chair.....	John Poirier