



Southeast Breeze

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View from the Chair

by Dexter Robinson

As I sit here relaxing in my Vermont cabin watching early October snow flakes falling amidst a blaze of fall colors, I am reminded that winter is not too far away. No, you don't have to practice Garrison Keillor's winter advice of hibernating in your home close to a fire and concentrating on nothing more than survival and making babies. Instead, winter is really a great time to be outdoors. In addition to our beginner winter hiking series this year, we will be offering an intermediate series that will include winter hikes in New Hampshire and Vermont. Our winter festival is earlier in the month to take advantage of more of the winter season. Join us at Borderland on January 6 for the Winter Festival to learn more about winter hiking and snowshoeing. (See page 8 for details)

Other future activities include Spring Fling in May 2001, with international folk dancing (if I can arrange it), plus the summer picnic

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25th Anniversary set for 2001

Looking for pictures to produce multi-media show

Calling all shutter bugs, videographers and picture collectors ... We need your help to make our Silver Jubilee a resounding success. The SEM Chapter will celebrate its 25th Anniversary in November 2001, and we are hoping to create a multi-media show and video highlighting chapter events, personalities and activities of the past quarter century.

In order to produce this video, we need pictures and lots of them. We need photos of present and past members, chapter activities from all of our major areas of interest, seasonal shots, locations of interest, special spots, and memorable trips or events ... anything that will help us all relive the fun and adventure of the last 25 years.

Please start looking through your photo collections and set aside those you will permit the chapter to borrow. Photos will be returned after use, although we cannot promise to use each and every shot submitted. We need a wide range of pictures to choose from. Please select photos that are in excellent condition, and be sure to mark each one on the back with your name, address and phone number so we can get them back to you. We can't be responsible for anything sent to us that isn't so identified.

We also are interested in any video tape you may have recorded at chapter events or activities, if you will permit us to make a copy of what you have and use it in creating the anniversary video.

Please mail whatever you're willing to lend us to Wayne Taylor, 409 Fairview Avenue, Rehoboth, MA 02769.

Silver Jubilee Volunteers needed ... Anyone interested in helping with the decorations, designing the flyer/invitation, developing the list of 25th Anniversary honorees, or assisting with the video production is welcome and should contact Anne Chace at 824-8871.



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Editor's Notebook

New Publishing Schedule ... Beginning with this issue, the Southeast Breeze is adopting a seasonal publishing schedule. Next will be the Spring 2001 issue, which will cover activities for the months of March, April and May. It should arrive in your mailbox sometime in mid-February. It is our hope that a seasonal quarterly newsletter will do a better job of grouping activities according to the time of year when we offer them most.

Tell us about your last great outdoors adventure ... Your comments and suggestions about this newsletter are always welcome ... as are your contributions of articles, poetry, photographs or anything else related to your membership in AMC. If you're submitting something, please be respectful of our deadline, which is the 22nd of the month, two months prior to the publication date (e.g. January 22 for the March/April/May issue). The newsletter will endeavor to publish submitted articles on a space-available basis. Give us a call at 252-6995 or drop us an e-mail at wjtaylor@mediaone.net if you've got something to submit.

Not getting your copy of the Breeze? If you're not receiving the newsletter, please call Membership Chairperson Jennifer Simmons (761-7888) or drop her an e-mail (jensimmons@massed.net) to be sure you're on the list.

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761-7888**



Photo: Wayne Taylor, March 1997

ON THE COVER ...

Almost looks like the Boot Spur and Hillman's Highway in Tuckerman Ravine, Mt. Washington ... But guess again. The scene on the masthead of the Breeze's winter issue is actually the Continental Divide near Arapahoe Basin, just west of Loveland Pass, Colorado.

Newsy Bits

Stand-off at Myles Standish ... Trail bikers (the ones who do wheel-stands, not those who pedal) were banished from riding in Myles Standish State Park about five years ago by the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Management. Now, trail bike enthusiasts are trying to regain access to the park. There has been a series of meetings this fall, trying to gather all interested parties (hikers, campers, equestrians, bicyclists and motorized riders) to discuss what kind of usage Myles Standish should be open to in the future. A number of interested SEM/AMC members (representing themselves, not the Club) have attended these sessions. A group of consultants has been engaged by the State and is expected to make recommendations about future park usage sometime soon.

'Tis the season ... Wasn't 2001 supposed to have something to do with a space odyssey? Turns out it's going to be more like a year-long anniversary bash. First, in February, the Mothership (that's AMC) celebrates its 125th. Then, of course, in November, we in SEM will celebrate our Silver Jubilee. It's a fair bet that by the time next December rolls around, some of us will likely be all partied out.

Other upcoming events ... There's a ton of other Club stuff on the horizon as well. In early April, the Chapter will again run its Leadership Training program at Borderland State Park. This education program is intended to bring more leaders into our various outdoors activities — from biking and paddling to hiking and skiing — and also to refresh current leaders in what it takes to run an enjoyable and safe AMC trip. Later that month, as a continuation of AMC's 125th, the Club will be putting on its annual Spring Weekend. Then in early May, of course, we'll have our own rite of Spring with the SEM Spring Fling. Then before you know it, we'll be back into fly season.

Class Ads ... At the suggestion of one of our more thoughtful members, we're going to try out a new classified ad section in this issue of the Breeze. Many of us may have outdoor gear that's not being used, but still has plenty of life left in it for use by others. So why not see if anyone out there is interested in picking up some good, serviceable gear that's pre-owned. Check out what's for sale on page 7.

Hiking and Backpacking

Chair — Walter Wells 279-1963

**Vice Chairs — Charlie Farrell 822-2123
Erika Bloom 996-3290**

Hike Rating: First character indicates distance in miles. Second character indicates leader's pace over average terrain. Third character indicates terrain.

Miles	Pace/ mph	Terrain
AA=13+	1=very fast/2.5	A=very strenuous
A=9-13	2=fast/2	B=strenuous
B=5-8	3=moderate	C=average
C=<5	4=leisurely	D=easy

Hikers unsure of their ability should try only one level higher than previously completed. **Note: NO PETS** without permission of Trip Leader. Individuals under 18 must obtain prior consent from Trip Leader.

Fourth Annual Winter Hiking Series

Again this year, the hiking committee will be offering a series of winter hikes, concluding with an overnight backpack, to acquaint hikers with the pleasures of hiking in winter. These will be non-technical hikes (i.e. no crampons or ice axes required). We will begin with an easy hike, and each hike will be a little more difficult than the last, including a 4000-footer to provide above-treeline experience. The final hike will be an overnighter.

Sat. Dec. 9 "Winter Hiking Series" Greeley Ponds off the Kancamagus Highway in NH. This is the first in the winter hiking series for this season. Join us as we explore this wonderful area in the early part of the winter season. Hopefully, there will be snow to try out your snowshoes. Some winter gear will be required. Register with L Charlie Farrell 822-2123 (6-9 pm) CL Walt Wells 279-1963.

Wed. Dec. 13 Hiking Committee Trip Planning Meeting. 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Middleboro. Call Walt Wells 279-1963 for directions. Anyone is welcome.

Sat. Dec. 16 (B3B) - Mt. Liberty/Mt. Flume. Dust off your winter equipment for this classic 4000 footer. Full winter gear required. Register with L Dexter Robinson 781-294-8840 (7-9 pm) email dexasue@massed.net. CL John Pereira 254-8303 (7-10 pm) iceclimbing@backpacker.com.

Sun. Dec. 31 (C3D) "Exploring Massachusetts Series" Hike # 5 - Whitney and Thayer Woods, Cohasset. Say farewell to

Y2K with this cold weather beginners hike. Some winter day hiking gear may be required. Newcomers and family hikers are welcome. L Steve Tulip 977-9039 (7-10 pm) e-mail:stulip@dpyus.jnj.com. Please register with CL Rick Barnes 830-0479 (7-9 pm) e-mail: RWBarnzee@aol.com.

Mon. Jan. 1 (C3C) Borderland State Park. Pleasant short hike around ponds and through woods on this first hike of the New Year. L Bob Vogel 238-7732 (7-9 pm).

Sat. Jan. 6 Winter Festival — Borderland State Park. Contact Dexter Robinson 781- 294-8840 e-mail dexasue@massed.net

Sat. Jan. 13 (B3B) Mt. Pierce - Hike #2 in the Winter Hiking Series. We will climb the Crawford Path to the summit of Mt. Pierce for our first above treeline hike. Some winter gear is required for this hike. Register with CL Bob Vogel 238-7732 (7-9 pm) email:rvogel@mediaone.net L Charlie Farrell 822-2123 (7-9 pm) CL John Pereira e-mail: iceclimbing@backpacker.com

Sun. Jan 14 (C3D) Waumpatuck State Park A nice easy 5-mile hike thru woods. A good beginner trip. Bring your snowshoes if there is snow. Register with L Patrick Holland 781-925-4423 (7-9 pm) email: pat.holland@iittlebrown.com. CL Dick Carnes 781-871-5764.

Fri.-Sun. Jan. 19-21 (B3B) Winter hiking in Vermont. Camel's Hump on Sat.; nearby snowshoeing on Sun. Stay Fri. and Sat. night at trip leader's cozy cabin in Washington, VT. Previous winter hiking experience and full winter gear required. Approx. cost: \$15 covers one dinner and two breakfasts. Group size limited to 6. Register with CL Patrick Holland (7-9 pm) 781-925-4423 e-mail: pat.holland@iittlebrown.com. L Dexter Robinson 781-294-8840 e-mail: dexasue@massed.net. Winter leader in Training: Richard Jussaume.

Sat.-Sun. Jan. 27-28 (A3B) Mt. Madison- Intermediate level backpack to Mt. Madison. Stay Sat. night at the Valley Way Campsite with a possible trip up Mt Adams. Full winter gear is required. Register with L Bob Emory 222-8460 (7-9 pm) e-mail: canoker1@cs.com. L Walt Wells 279-1963 (7-9 pm) wwells50@aol.com. CL John Pereira e-mail: iceclimbing@backpacker.com.

Sat. Feb. 3 (B3B) Mt. Chocora—Hike #3 in the Winter Hiking Series. Climb the Champney Falls Trail with a

Hiking and Backpacking continued

side trip to Pitcher and Champney Falls. Some winter gear is required for this hike. Register with CL Steve Tulip 977-9309 (7-9 pm) stulip@dpyus.com L Walt Wells 279-1963 (7-9 pm) wwells50@aol.com CL Erika Bloom 996-3290 (7-9 pm) ebloom@mediaone.com.

Sun. Feb. 4 (C4D) Lloyd Center for Environmental Studies, South Dartmouth. An easy afternoon walk through the Lloyd Center trails. Afterwards, can see great views of Buzzards Bay from the Center and view their aquaria, touch tank, and displays. Great for families! Register with L Erika Bloom 996-3290 (7-9 pm) e-mail ebloom@mediaone.net

Sat. Feb. 10 (B3B) Mt. Monadnock - Climb the White Dot Trail to the top of this popular peak. Full winter gear required. Register with L Patrick Holland 781-925-4423 (7-9 pm) e-mail pat.holland@littlebrown.com CL Steve Tulip 977-9309 (7-9 pm)

Sat. Feb. 10 (B3B) Blue Hills. "My First Winter Hike" training hike. Come learn the basics of winter hiking. Some winter equipment is required, depending on conditions. Register with L Paul Vermette 603-598-6623 (7-9 pm) Pvermette@aol.com. CL Bob Vogel 238-7732 (7-9 pm) Rvogel@mediaone.net

Sat. Feb. 17 (A3B) Mts. Pierce and Eisenhower. Intermediate day hike to two popular southern Presidential peaks. Full winter gear is required. Register with L Walt Wells 279-1963 (7-9 pm) wwells50@aol.com CL John Pereira iceclimbing@backpacker.com Winter Leader in Training: Rich Jussaume.

Sun. Feb. 18 (C3D) World's End Reservation. An easy 4-mile hike thru woods at this popular park. Register with L Patrick Holland 781-925-4423 (7-9 pm) pat.holland@littlebrown.com CL Dick Carnes 781-871-5764 (7-9 pm)

Mon. Feb 19 Upton State Forest. Join us for a nice easy Presidents Day hike. Approx. 3 miles on either the Whistling Cave or the Dean Pond loops. Register with L Richard Jussaume 508-930-2445 (cell phone) richjuss@ici.net.

Sat. Feb 24 (B3A) Mt. Lafayette. Challenging 8-mile winter hike to this popular summit via the Old Bridle Path. Previous above-treeline winter experience and full winter gear are required. Moderate to fast moderate pace. May return via Mt. Lincoln, Haystack and Falling Waters Trail. Register with L Dexter Robinson 781-294-8840 (7-9 pm) dexsue@massed.net CL John Pereira 254-8303 (7-9 pm) iceclimbing@backpacker.com

Sun. Feb. 25 (C4D) West Island Beach and State Reservation, Fairhaven. Leisurely walk along the beach and estuary and

through woods. May involve short walk through residential area connecting two parts of hike. Register with L Erika Bloom 996-3290 (7-9 pm) ebloom@mediaone.net

Sat-Sun Mar. 3-4 (B3B) Ethan Pond. This is the final hike of the Winter Hiking Series. Backpack to this beautiful mountain pond and stay at Ethan Pond Campsite. Learn the fundamentals of backpacking in the winter. Register with L Charlie Farrell 822-2123 (7-9 pm) L Walt Wells 279-1963 (7-9 pm) wwells50@aol.com.

Local Hikes on Cape Cod

Thursday & Sunday Hikes - Dec to March.

Cape Hikes Committee Chair: Janet Kaiser 375-0574
Co-Chair: Janet DiMattia 394-9064.

Thursday Hikes start 9:30 am, last about 2 hrs, 5-7 miles.
Sunday hikes start 1:00 pm, last 2-2 1/2 hrs, 6-8 mi.
Moderate pace. NO DOGS.

Sun. Dec. 3 Wellfleet, White Crest Beach. From Rte 6, E on LeComte Hollow Rd. to end, L on Ocean View Rd. to beach prkg. lot. L Frank Handlen 349-7396

Thurs. Dec. 7 Dennis, Indian Lands, S on Old Bass River Rd from Rte. 6A in Dennis Village. R into prkg lot in 4.0 mi. at Town Hall. L Barbara Hollis 240-1973

Sun. Dec. 10 Harwich, Herring River. Exit 9 S off Rte 6 onto Rte 134. Turn L at 3rd traffic light on Upper County Rd. then L onto Great Western Rd. Follow approx. 2.2 mi. Park inside fence on L at Sand Pond. L Peter Selig 432-7656 CL Janet DiMattia 394-9064

Thurs. Dec. 14 Truro, Paradise Hollow. Park on Geo. Nelson Rd. on W side of Rte. 6, 1/2 mi N of "Entering Truro" sign. L Patrick Kimball 255-3717

Sun. Dec. 17 Dennis. Run Pond. From intersection of Old Bass River Rd. go W on Setucket Rd. approx. 1.0 mi and park in small lot on N side (bike path) of road. E of junction with Mayfair Rd. L Richard Kaiser 375-0574

Thurs. Dec. 21 Yarmouth. Chase Garden Creek. From Getty Station at flashing light, go E on Rte 6A 0.5 mi. Turn L at Rod & Gun Club sign and park in prkg area. L Janet Kaiser 375-0574

Sun. Dec. 24 NO HIKE



Local Cape Hikes continued

Thurs. Dec. 28 Wellfleet. Marconi area. Follow signs from Rte. 6 (Marconi Beach Rd L to HQ prkg) Go past HQ bldg. take 1st R park on road. L Barbara Hollis 240-1973

Sun. Dec. 31 Brewster. Nickerson State Park. Park at Flax Pond parking area. L Jack Handlen 255 5292.

Thurs. Jan. 4 Yarmouth. Inkberry Tr. N from Rte 28 on Winslow Gray Rd. at light, 0.4 mi to prkg on L. L Frank Handlen 349-7396

Sun. Jan. 7 Mashpee. So. Cape Beach. From Mashpee Rotary take Great Neck Rd. S for approx. 2.5 mi. Turn L on Great Oak Rd. and follow to end to town beach prkg lot, approx. 3 mi. L. Gary Miller 540-1857

Thurs. Jan. 11 Truro. Paradise Valley, Park on George Nelson Rd. on W side of Rte 6, 1/2 mi. N of "entering Truro" sign. L Jack Handlen 255-5292

Sun. Jan. 14 Wellfleet. Marconi Area. Follow signs from Rt 6 (Marconi Beach Rd. L to HQ prkg) Turn R after HQ and park at end of road. L Barbara Hollis 240-1973

Thurs. Jan. 18 Yarmouth. Grays Beach. Exit 8 N from Rte. 6 to Rte 6A. Go N on Old Church St. at playground to Center St. to pkg. lot at beach at end of road. L Janet Kaiser 375-0574

Sun. Jan. 21 Bourne. Four Ponds Conservation. From Rte. 28 between Otis Rotary & Bourne Bridge, turn W on Barlows Landing Rd. Go 0.7 to prkg. lot on R. L Gary Miller 540-1857

Thurs. Jan 25 Mashpee. Mashpee River Woodlands. Exit 5 S from Rte. 6 to Rte. 149 to N toward Falmouth on Rte. 28. At 2.6 mi past Botello Home Center, turn L on Orchard Rd. (the next major crossroad). At end of road, turn R then immediately L on Mashpee Neck Rd. At 1.0 mi park on R, off rd. L Al Johnson 775-8959

Sun. Jan. 28 Eastham. Salt Pond Visitors Center. From Rte. 6 at traffic light turn R on Nauset Rd. and park in Visitor Center prk. lot on R. L Frank Handlen 349-7396

Thurs. Feb. 1 Yarmouth. Buck Island. Exit 7S from Rte. 6 to L on Higgins Crowell Rd. Turn R at lights onto Buck Island Rd. and park at Sandy Pond Recreation Area on R opposite Buck Island Village. L Al Johnson 775-8959

Sun. Feb. 4 Harwich, Hawks Nest. Rte 6 to Exit 11, S on Rte. 137, first R on Spruce Rd. At 0.5 mi park on side of road. L Janet DiMattia 394-9064

Thurs. Feb. 8 Dennis. Indian Lands. S on Old Bass River Rd. from Rte. 6A in Dennis Village, R into pkg lot in 4.0 mi at Town Hall. L Janet DiMattia 394-9064

Sun. Feb. 11 Wellfleet. Griffin Island. Turn N off Rte 6 at Wellfleet Center sign onto Main St. Turn L on Chequessett Neck Rd. "at the dory." Park in Great Island pkg lot on L at end of Chequessett Neck Rd. L Frank Handlen 349-7396

Thurs. Feb.15 Sandwich. Ryder Conservation. Exit 2 S from Rte. 6 onto Rte 130. Turn L onto Cotuit Rd. After traffic lights go approx. 1.0 mi to Ryder Conservation Land sign and pkg lot on R. L Barbara Hollis 240-1973

Sun. Feb. 18 Yarmouth. Dennis Pond. On Summer St. off Rte 6A at Old Yarmouth Inn. Park in Dennis Pond pkg lot. L Richard Kaiser 375-0574

Thurs. Feb. 22 Brewster. Parsons Perch. Exit 9 N off Rte. 6 onto Rte 134 and turn R at 2nd traffic light onto Setucket Rd. At 1.0 mi turn R onto Slough Rd and at 0.8 mi park on L at Walker Pond prk area. L Harry Dombrosk 385-9502

Sun. Feb 25 Sandwich. Scorton Creek/Talbot Conserv. From Rte. 6 Exit 5 N onto Rte 149, turn L on 6A. At 3.6 mi cross concrete bridge, take next L to Scorton Creek pkg lot. L George Bowman 362-0163

Thurs. Mar 1 Wellfleet. Duck Harbor. Turn N off Rte 6 at "Wellfleet Center" sign. Turn L on Chequessett Neck Rd. "at the dory", follow to end, turn R opposite Great Island pkg lot. Park in lot at end of road. L Janet Kaiser 375-0574

Sun. Mar. 4 Truro. The Pamets. From Rte. 6 Truro, turn E at " Pamets Road" sign. Meet at end of So. Pamet Rd. L Ron VanderWiel 255-3361

LONGER CAPE HIKES

Saturdays and Sundays
BRING LUNCH

Sat. Dec. 9 Wellfleet. Great Island to Jeremy Point. Turn N off Rte 6 at "Wellfleet Center" sign onto Main St. Turn L. on Chequessett Neck Rd. "at the dory" Park in Great Island Prk lot on L. L Brigitte Falzone 394-6393

Sat. Jan. 20 Truro. The Pamets. From Rte 6 Truro, turn E at "Pamets Road " sign. Meet at end of So. Pamet Rd. L. Ron VanderWiel 255-3361



Longer Cape Hikes continued

Sat. Jan. 27 So. Orleans. Meet at Chas. Moore Ice Arena. 10 am Call L for directions. L Patrick Kimball 255-3717

Sun Feb. 4 Barnstable. Sandy Neck Beach. Hike to lighthouse! Rte. 6A to Sandy Neck Beach prk lot at end of Sandy Neck Rd. 10 a.m. L Peter Selig 432-7656

Sat. Feb 17 Orleans. Freemans Way. Park in rear of So. Orleans shopping Center on Rte 28 just N of Rte 39. 10 a.m. L Patrick Kimball 255-3717

Sat. Feb. 24 Brewster. Nickerson State Park. Meet in main parking lot at entrance on Rte 6A. L Jack Handlen 255-5292

Sat. Mar. 10 Brewster. Brewster Ponds. Fishermans Landing Rd. off Rte 124 to lot at pond. L Patrick Kimball 255-3717

View from the Chair

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in August. The Chapter's 25th Anniversary Annual Meeting will be held on November 3, 2001, at the BR Monposett Inn in Halifax and will include special entertainment.

In August, the SEM Executive Board sent a letter (with AMC endorsement) to Bluewater Network adding our chapter to the list of more than 60 other organizations that want a complete prohibition of PWCs (personal watercraft) from the Cape Cod National Seashore. In turn Bluewater Network sent a letter with the list of supporting organizations to Superintendent Maria Burks of the National Seashore. The letter stated that "we support the protection of the Cape Cod National Seashore from the irreparable damage wrought by PWCs by foregoing the creation of PWC special regulations and enforcing a complete prohibition of these destructive machines. PWCs, widely known by the trade name Jet Skis, are high-speed thrill-craft, commonly used for no purpose other than to provide the operator with a high-impact thrill-ride. Unfortunately, these thrills come at an extraordinarily high price for national parks in the form of degraded air and water quality, threatened public safety, endangered wildlife, shattered natural quiet and diminished visitor enjoyment." Several weeks ago the Boston Globe reported that the National Park Service did advocate such a prohibition.

In September the Board heard an excellent presentation by Outdoor Exploration, a non-profit organization that fosters community integration and skill development for people with and without disabilities. We hope to work with them next year.

In the last newsletter I reported on the public meeting in Boston to provide the Forest Service with comments related to the update of the White Mountain National Forest management plan. They have been busy completing a summary document of all public comments received. However, the summary which was due out in September was delayed due to wild fires in the West. Monthly meetings resumed in October. Your voice and comments do make a difference. Contact Amy McNamara, AMC Land Conservation Advocate at 617-523-0655 x385 for more information.

Finally I would like to thank all Board members and all of you who have helped make our activities a success this year. Without your support we would be unable to serve our members. A special thanks to retiring Board members: Joey Gallus, treasurer, Muriel Thomas, canoe chair and Mary Dubois Leeson, ski chair. Incidentally, we are still looking for someone to chair our ski committee

In reality the 21st century officially begins in 2001. So why not start out the new millennium by coming out and getting involved in our activities. I can promise you that you will get more out of it than you put in.



Skiing

Fri - Mon, Jan. 12-15, 2001. Martin Luther King Weekend at Applebrook. Please join us for the SE Mass. annual long weekend of x-country skiing, hearty meals and great company (and the "hot tub under the stars"!). Ski possibilities include Bretton Woods, Great Glen, or The Balsams. Downhill, snow shoeing and ice skating also possible. \$135-\$200 for 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 full dinner and 1 supper, all at cozy Applebrook Inn in Jefferson, N.H. Reserve early as the news of the fun is spreading! Call L. Sarah Beard 758-2613 or CL. Bob Kalchthaler 947-4924.



AMC Activities Risk Statement: Activities listed here involve varying degrees of danger. When you participate in these activities, you should be prepared physically and mentally, and equipped with appropriate gear. You should be aware of the risks and conduct yourself accordingly. Volunteer trip leaders are not responsible for your safety; you are. Before registering for any activity, you should discuss your capabilities with the trip leader. In order to participate in chapter activities, individuals under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, or obtain prior consent from the trip leader. Those accompanied by a minor are responsible for the minor's actions.

SKIING continued

Fri - Mon, Jan. 12-15. MLK Weekend at Wonalancet Cabin, NH. Ski out the back door into miles of ungroomed backwoods trails in the Mt. Chocorua area. Rustic heated cabin has cold running water, full kitchen, large bunkroom and outdoor facilities. Trip open to 16 intermediate to advanced skiers. Bring snowshoes for opt. 3-hour hike on Monday. \$45 includes lodging and meals. Bring trail lunches. \$20 non-refundable deposit required. Ls Marilyn Dunn and Tom Waddell, 781-837-5537, (before 8 pm) e-mail: keene_nh@hotmail.com.

Sat - Sun, Feb. 3-4. Intermediate Backcountry Ski / Snowshoe, Crawford Notch, NH. Carrying snowshoes, we'll ski up Sawyer River Rd., a gradual incline of 4 mi. Donning snowshoes, we'll hike 1.25 mi. into lovely Sawyer Pond Scenic Area. 10+ mi. RT. Backcountry skis not required, but participants should be in good physical condition. Previous snowshoe experience not required. Snowshoe rentals available near trailhead. Sunday we'll ski in the Mt. Washington area. Lodging at local inns or AMC Hostel. Please call L Mary DuBois Leeson, 997-4489, or CL Wayne Taylor, 252-6995, (before 9 pm) to register.

Trails

Chair — Lou Sikorsky 678-3984
Vice Chair — Pat Holland 781-925-4423

Welcome to another new year on the trails. We are planning three trailwork trips to Lonesome Lake in 2001—one each in May, August and September. And if we have enough interest, we may add a fourth trip to our adopted trail area.

Locally, we'll run trips to the Warner Trail in May, to the Bentley Loop in Myles Standish State Park on National Trails Day in June, and possibly to do some trail work in the New Bedford area (if I can get participants). Please call me at 678-3984 or e-mail me at hikinglou@cs.com if you are interested in helping out. This will give Pat and me a better idea of how to plan our trips for the year. Trailwork is a constant process, and there is always something that needs to be done — from picking up trash, to removing blowdowns, to building bog bridges.

It is possible we may be able to set up local trailwork training with the Education Chair this year, but we really need your input before going forward with any planning. Last year, we planned and published trips, but it turned out there was not enough interest from chapter members to accomplish all that we scheduled. Hopefully this year we'll have a lot more participation on our trips than we had last year.

New !!!!

Classified Ads

We'll be running this new feature as a courtesy to members of the SEM/AMC chapter. There is NO CHARGE, and ads will appear on a space-available basis. This space is strictly for offering outdoor gear; it's not the place to try to sell your car or off-load that piece of exercise equipment you never use. The newsletter editor reserves the right to decide what is and is not appropriate use of this space.

Outdoor Clothing

- *Outdoor Research* winter gaitors, XL, \$10.00
- *Lowe Alpine* winter climbing gloves, L, \$10.00
- *Columbia* nylon winter shell pants, minimal wear, mens L, \$10.00
- *CB* shell winter shell parka, minimal wear, mens L, \$15.00
- *REI* Peruvian fleece hat, one size fits all, black \$5.00
- *EMS* supplex nylon hiking pants, worn once, mens L, \$10.00

Call Dexter, 781- 294-8840 (7-9 pm)

To submit your ad, please send it to Wayne Taylor, 409 Fairview Avenue, Rehoboth, MA 02769, or e-mail: wjtaylor@mediaone.net. Don't forget to include your name, address, phone and e-mail address. Submissions must be received by the 22nd of January (Spring issue), April (Summer), July (Fall) and October (Winter).

Make a gift that keeps on giving

You can share your passion for outdoor recreation and conservation with future generations of hikers, paddlers and other outdoor enthusiasts through a bequest to the Appalachian Mountain Club.

If you already have named AMC in your will, please notify us so we can thank you and welcome you to the Summit Society.

For information on how to include AMC in your will or to learn about charitable gifts that earn income, contact the Planned Giving Office at 617-523-0655, ext. 309, or e-mail: summitsociety@amcinfo.org.



Whether you're new to winter sports,
an old pro, or somewhere in between...
Please come out and join us.

Winter Festival

January 6, 2001
Cost: \$5.00 per person
Register by Jan. 5
Borderland State Park



Schedule

- 9:00—9:30 am **Registration** and hot drinks
- 9:30—10:30 am **Introduction to Winter Hiking:** Indoor instruction in equipment use and selection, clothing and nutritional needs, and hiking skills.
- 10:45-12:00 pm **Introduction to Showshoeing:** Possible outdoor instruction if there is snow cover. (A limited number of snowshoes will be available). Bring your own equipment or rent from EMS or REI.
- 12:00-1:00 pm **Lunch:** Hearty soup and Bread will be provided. Bring your own extras.
- 1:00-2:00 pm **Winter Photography Workshop**
- 1:00-3:30 pm **Outdoor Skiing, Snowshoeing or Hiking:** Lessons for beginners, as well as an afternoon of gamboling about the Park for novices and veterans alike.

Storm date: Jan. 7. Schedule may vary on Sunday.
If event is cancelled due to severe weather, checks will be returned

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call Dexter Robinson, 718-294-8840 or Walt Wells, 508-279-1963

Directions to Borderland State Park, Easton: Take Exit 9 off I-495 (Bay Road) and head east. After 0.4 mi. you will pass Anne's Restaurant on left. After 7-10 mins you will reach the junction of Rte 123 and 106 (Shaws Plaza and Burger King). Turn left on Rte 106 West and go 0.5 mi. Turn right on Poquanticut Street and follow signs for 3.5 mi to Park entrance on right. Follow signs Visitor Center.

Registration Form for 2000 Winter Festival

Cost is \$5 for members
Registration Deadline: Jan. 5, 2001
Make check payable to: **SEM / AMC**
Mail completed form and check to:
Pauline Jordan
32 Hirst Street
Fall River, MA 02723

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Tel. _____ Number attending _____ Amt. Enclosed _____

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