Leadership Training Day - April 1, 2000

On April 1st at Borderland State Park in Easton, MA, the chapter will conduct a workshop for all chapter members who wish to lead, or co-lead, activities for the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter. This training will be for all chapter activities such as local walks, hikes in the White Mountains, Winter Hikes, Skiing, Canoeing, and Biking.

To Register call:
Bob Vogel (508) 238-7732  Email: (rvogel@mediaone.net)

This Workshop is FREE.

Among the topics will be: Trip Planning; Leadership Styles; Liability.

The goals of the Leadership Training Work shop are:
- To provide information to the leaders to assist them in leading safe and enjoyable AMC trips.
- To raise each leader’s level of outdoor leadership awareness.
- To help leaders become aware of the skills they need to develop.
- To build confidence and enthusiasm about leading AMC trips.
- To teach leaders how to plan, organize and lead AMC trips.

Lunch will be provided FREE for participants

Required before leading some activities, this training is also an excellent introduction for all potential leaders and those who wish to co-lead AMC trips.

Instruction will be provided by AMC staff and leaders.
Winter Festival
January 22, 2000
Cost: $5.00 per person
Register by January 21

Whether you are new to winter sports or have enjoyed them for years, please join us!

Schedule
9:00-9:30 A.M. ...............Registration and coffee, tea, cocoa
9:30-11:00 A.M. ...............Introduction to Winter Hiking, snowshoeing, camping. Indoor instruction in equipment selection and use, clothing and nutritional needs, hiking and snowshoeing skills. A limited number of snowshoes will be available. Snowshoes can be rented at places like Eastern Mountain Sports.
11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. ........Introduction to Cross-Country Skiing with AMC Major Excursions Leader Bob Bentley. Indoor instruction in Skiing Technique, clothing and equipment selection. Possible Outdoor instruction. Bring your own equipment if you have some or rent from Eastern Mountain Sports.
12:30 - 1:30 P.M. ........Lunch - Hardy Soup and Bread will be provided. Bring your own extras.
1:30-2:00 P.M. ........Snowshoeing Video
2:00-3:30 P.M. ........Outdoor Skiing, Snowshoeing or Hiking. Lessons for beginners as well as skiing, snowshoeing or if insufficient snow, Hiking throughout the Park for the Novice and experienced alike.

Storm Date of January 22. Schedule may vary on Sunday

To Register: Please use the form below. QUESTIONS? Call (Off-Cape) Bruce Dunham 508 587-0679 or (On-Cape) Linda Church 508 495-1308
If the Winter Festival is cancelled due to severe weather. Checks will be returned

Directions: Take EXIT 9 off Route 495 (Bay Road) and head EAST. After four-tenths of a mile, you will pass Anne's Restaurant on the left which is located next to a small lake. After 7-10 minutes you will reach the junction of Route 123 & 106 (Shaw's Plaza and a Burger King) in Easton. Turn left onto Rte. 106 West (Foundry Street) Go one-half mile and turn RIGHT onto Poquanticut Street. Go 1.3 miles passing a Farm. Turn left after one-tenth pass the farm onto MASSAPOAG Ave. Go 2.2 miles to entrance on the right. After turning into entrance, take first left through a gate and follow sign to VISITOR CENTER where the workshops will take place.

SEM/AMC REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE 2000 WINTER FESTIVAL

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City/State/Zip ________________________________
Tel: __________________ No. Attending ________ Amt. enclosed ________
☐ I am interested in Skiing  ☐ I am interested in Winter Hiking and Snowshoeing

Mail check payable to SEM/AMC to: Linda Church
86 Riddle Hill Road # G
Falmouth, MA 02540
Cross-Country Skiing

Skiing Chair..... Mary DuBois-Leeson 997-4489
Skiing Vice-Chair....Bob Kalchthaler 947-4924

Fri.-Mon. Jan. 14-17. Martin Luther King weekend at Applebrook, Jefferson, N.H. The tradition continues! All Chapters welcome to join us for a long weekend of cross-country skiing, hearty meals and great company. Ski possibilities include Bretton Woods, Great Glen, Balsams. Down-hill, snowshoeing possible. $125-18.00 per person includes 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 1 full dinner and 1 supper all at cozy Applebrook Inn. Don't forget the famous "Hot tub under the stars!" Call Sarah Beard at 758-2613 or CL Diane Wright at (860) 429-9239 before 9 PM.

Fri.-Mon. Jan 14-17. Martin Luther King weekend in the White Mountains of N.H. Located in the heart of Ski country, choose your favorite winter sport and adventure from a cozy ski house in Crawford Notch. Ski at Attitash, Bretton Woods, Wildcat, Great Glen and Jackson Ski Touring. Backcountry excursions will be led on ski or snowshoe on the beautiful trails in the Notch. All levels are Welcome; backcountry outings geared for intermediates in good physical condition. Cross-country rentals and lessons available. Cost of $185 includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts and 1 candlelight dinner with Happy Hour. Call Mary Dubois-Leeson at 997-4489 before 9 PM. For more information or to register. CL Wayne Taylor.

Fri.-Mon. Jan. 14-17. Martin Luther King weekend at Wonalancet Cabin. Ski out back door of cabin 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 optional 3 hour hike on Monday. $40i includes lodging, meals. Bring trail lunches. Register with non-refundable $20 deposit L's Marilyn Dunn and Tom Waddell (781) 837-5537 before 8 PM. Please. Email: keene_nh@hotmail.com

Sun. Jan 23. Enjoy an afternoon of cross-country skiing at lovely (and close!) Borderland State Park. We'll hike it if there no snow. Complete the day with a Pot-Luck supper at the home of Karen Reamsnyder at 823-4424 for time, directions and a food item.

Fri.-Sun. Feb. 4-6 Snowshoe Instruction, Part 1. Always wanted to go snowshoeing, but never had anyone to go with? Here's your opportunity! Find out why so many people are falling in love with snowshoeing! Known for it's abundance of snow, Crawford Notch is the perfect place to take to the trails with an experienced AMC/Sherpa Snowshoe Leader. Bring your own snowshoes or rent them in the Notch. Previous snowshoeing experience is not required but participants need to be in good physical condition with the proper clothing, as a full day of snowshoeing is planned. Cost of $100.00 for weekend includes 2 nights lodging, 2 hearty breakfasts and Instruction. Call Mary Dubois-Leeson at 997-4489 before 9 PM. for information or to sign up.

Interested in Weekday Trips close to Home?

Bob Kalchthaler is looking for companions to cross-country ski or snowshoe with him during the week at local areas. Bob lives at 3 King Philip Road, Lakeville, MA 02347 and can be reached at 947-4924.

All Area Codes are 508 unless Noted
Hiking Chair....Walter Wells 279-1963
Vice-Chair....Charlie Farrell 822-2123

Hike Rating: First character indicates distance in miles. Second character indicates leader’s pace (average terrain). Third character indicates terrain.

# Miles Pace mph Terrain
AA=13+ 1=v. fast/2.5 A= v. 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 from the Trip Leader. Individuals under 18 must obtain prior consent from the Trip Leader.

Sat Jan. 1 Borderland State Park (C3C) Pleasant short hike, around ponds and through woods L Ray Butts 880-8597 CL. Bob Vogel 238-7732 rvogel@mediaone.net

7-9 PM. CL. Steve Tulip
Sun. Jan. 9 Gilbert Hills State Park, (B3C) Local winter training hike. 6 mile loop through woods and around pond w/ a side order of winter hiking information. L Bob Vogel 238-7732 6-9 PM. rvogel@mediaone.net CL. Richard Jussaume 285-8940 after 8 PM. richjuss@icloud.com Please register w/ Co-leader

Wed. Jan. 12 Hike planning meeting for April — June 2000. All members are invited to attend the meeting. New hiking leaders are needed. Contact Walter Wells for information/directions 279-1963 6-9 PM. wwells50@aol.com

Sun. Jan 16 Ponkapoag Pond (B3C) A nice hike around the pond with a side trip on the Boardwalk. Bring your snowshoes if there is snow. L Linda & Walt Wells 279-1963 6-9 pm. wwells50@aol.com

Sat. Jan 29 Blue Hills Sky Line Trail (B3B) Pray for snow. Bring your snowshoes.
Distance depends on conditions. L Walt Wells 279-1963 7-9 PM. wwells50@aol.com CL. Richard Jussaume 285-8940 after 8 PM. richjuss@icloud.com Please register w/ Co-leader

Sun. Jan. 30 Blue Hills (B3B) Super Bowl Appetizer. Burn off those calories with a vigorous hilly hike—Not the Skyline Trail. L Bob Vogel 238-7732 6-9 PM. rvogel@mediaone.net

Sat Feb. 5 Mt. Waumbek (B3C) Third hike in the Winter hiking series. Our first mtn. above 4000 ft. Full winter gear required. L Walt Wells (508-279-1963 7-9 PM. wwells50@aol.com CL. Charlie Farrell 822-2123 7-9 PM. Linda Church.

Please register w/ Co-leader

Sun Feb. 6 Borderland State Park (B3C) Nice hike through woods and around ponds. Bring your snowshoes if there is snow. Starts 1pm.
L Bruce Dunham 587-0679 6-9 PM.

Sat Feb. 12 Blackstone River and Canal (B3C) An easy 7.5 miles along the river and old canal L Charlie Farrell 822-2123 7-9 PM.
CL. Ray Butts 880-8597

Sat Feb. 12 Blue Hills Skyline Trail (B3B) Excellent conditioning hike. 8.5 miles w/ good views. Not for beginners. Start @ RT 138, end @ skating rink. Winter conditions hike L Steve Tulip 828-2689 7-10 PM. stulip@pius.jnj.com CL. Sue Bastoni 747-7160 7-9 PM. lily2cats@aol.com

Sun. Feb 13 Myles Standish State Park. Winter training hike. 7 mile hike through rolling terrain w/ a side order of winter hiking information. L Linda Church 495-1308 8:30-10 PM.
church@whoi.edu CL. Bob Vogel 238-7732 6-9 pm rvogel@mediaone.net

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Sat. Feb. 26 Mt. Pierce (B3B) Fourth hike in the winter hiking series. Our first 4000 ft. w/above tree-line exposure. Full winter gear required.
L. Jeff Lerman (617) 926-1298 7-9 PM
jeherman@shore.net L. Walt Wells 279-1963 7-9
M. wWells50@aol.com Register w/Walt Wells
Sat. Mar 4 Worlds End Hingham. (B3D) Hills exposed to ocean breezes, great view of Boston, weather. Permitting. Excellent beginner's hike.
Register w/Co-leader L. Steve Tulip 828-2689 7-10 PM
stulip@piusjuj.com
CL. Sue Bastoni 747-7160 7-9 PM
lily2cats@aol.com
Sat/Sun Mar.11 & 12 Sawyer Pond Backpack. The final part of the Winter Hiking Series. An overnight backpack to the beautiful Sawyer Pond area. Limited to 10 hikers. Full winter gear is required. L. Jeff Lerman (617) 926-1298 7-9 P.M.
ejerman@shore.net
CL. Walt Wells (508-279-1963 6-9 PM
wwells50@aol.com L. Charlie Farrell 822-2123
Please register with Jeff Lerman.
Sat Mar 18 Horseneck Beach (B3C) Moderate paced hike on beach, suitable for beginners.
L. Ray Butts 880-8597
CL. Charlie Farrell 822-2123
Sun. Mar. 19 Borderland State Park (B3D) An afternoon hike of about 5 miles, total time of 2.5 hrs. Around ponds and thru woods.
L. Bruce Dunham 5870679 6-9 p.m Register with
CL. Erika Bloom 996-3290 6:30-9:30 PM eloom9239@aol.com

Local Hikes on Cape Cod
Thursday & Sunday Hikes—September to May.
Coordinators: Janet Kaiser 375-3574 Harry Dombrsk 385-9502 & Barbara Hazs 242-1973
Thursday hikes start 9:30 a.m., last about 2 hr. 5-7 mi. Sunday hikes start 1:00 p.m., last 2-2 1/2 hr. 6-8 mi. Moderate pace, heavy rain cancels. No dogs. Area codes are 508 unless noted.
Sun. Jan. 2. Bourne, Canalside. Park in main visitor pkg. lot at traffic lights on Rte. 6 on northside of canal for hike along canal.
L. Al Johnson 775-8959
Sun. Jan. 6. Wellfleet, White Crest Beach. From Rte. 6, East on LeCount Hollow Rd. to end, left on Ocean View Drive to public beach parking lot on R.
L. Larry Coutreau 385-2943
Sun. Jan. 9. Sandwich, Maple Swamp. Exit 4 South, off Rte. 6 on Chase Road. Turn Right, (West), immediately onto Service Rd. At approx. 1.0 mile, park in lot on Left.
L. Janet Kaiser 375-0574
L. Jack Handlen 255-5292
Sun. Jan. 20. 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 rd. L. Al Johnson 775-8959
Sun. Jan. 23. Mashpee, South Cape Beach. From Mashpee Rotary take Great Neck Rd. S. for approx. 3.0 mi. Turn L. on Great Oak Rd. and follow to end to town beach pkg. lot. L. Gary Miller 540-1857
Sun. Jan. 30. Yarmouth, Inkberry Trail. From Rte. 6, Exit 7 South. Turn L. on Higgins Crowell Rd then L. at lights on Buck Island Rd. Turn R. at end on Winslow Gray Rd. Go 0.5 mi. park on Right at Raymond J. Syrjala Conserv. Area
L. Ruth Handlen 349-7396
Thurs. Feb. 3. Wellfleet, Marconi Area. From Rte. 6, Wellfleet, turn R. (East) at lights following signs to Marconi Beach, then L. going past Marconi Head-Quarters bldg., take next R., and park at end of road. L. Larry Coutreau 385-2943
L. Richard Kaiser 375-0574
Thurs. Feb. 10. Mashpee, Johns Pond. N. on Currier Rd. off Rte. 151 and quick R. on Hoopole Rd. Follow signs to Town Landing through trailer park.
L. Harry Dombrsk 385-9502
L. Janet Kaiser 375-0574
Sun. Feb. 20. Sandwich, Scorton Creek/Talbot Conservation. Exit 5 N from Rte. 6 to L. on 6A. At 3.6 mi. cross concrete bridge, take next L to Scorton Creek pkg. lot. L. George Bowman 362-0163
Thurs. Feb. 24. Brewster, Parsons Perch. From intersection of Rtes. 6A & 134, take 6A East 0.8 mi. Turn R. on Airline Rd. At 1.3 mi. continue across to Slough Rd. and park on L. at 0.8 mi. at Walker Pond pkg. area. L. Harry Dombrsk (385-9502
Sun. Feb. 27. Truro, paradise Valley. Approx. 0.25 mi. past "Entering Truro" sign on Rte. 6 turn L. to George Nelson Rd. Park on side of rd.
L. Jack Handlen 255-5292
Thurs. Mar. 2. Wellfleet, Great Pond. From Rte. 6, Turn R. on Cahoon Hollow Rd. (opposite Sunoco Sta.), just before cemetery. Go approx. 1 mi. to Great Pond Pkg. lot on Left.
L. L. BrightalFalzone.

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Sun. Mar. 5. Brewster, Nickerson State Park. Park in main pkg. lot at entrance on Rte. 6A. L. Don Costa 760-5478

Thurs. Mar. 9. Eastham, Tilcon Gravel -formerly Roaches). Turn R(East) on Railroad Avenue off Route 6, then R. at stop sign, or Nauset Rd. Pass Tilcon Gravel and park on L. on Oak Leaf Rd. L. Janet Kaiser 375-0574


Thurs. Mar. 16. Barnstable, Deacons Farm. Exit 5 N. off Rte. 6 on Rte. 149. Park at grass triangle just beyond church on L. and walk S. to trail head behind fire station. L. Harry Dombrosk 385-9502


Thurs. Mar. 23. 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. Barbara Hollis 240-1973


Thurs. Mar. 30. Mashpee, South Cape Beach. From Mashpee Rotary take Great Neck Rd. S. for approx. 3.0 mi. Turn L. on Great Oak Rd. and follow to end to beach pkg. lot. L. Gary Miller 540-1857

Sat. April 1. Leadership Training At Borderland State Park in Easton. For Information and details Cal Bruce Dunham 587-0679

This training is useful information for local hikes on Cape Cod as well as hikes in Plymouth and Bristol Counties and the White Mountains.

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Unless Noted

Message from SEM
Chapter Chair Dexter Robinson

A new Executive Board was elected by chapter members at our Annual Meeting on November 13, 1999. As the newly elected chapter chair, I would like to welcome our new board members as well as thank those who are serving a second and, in some cases, a third year. I would also like to thank those who have completed their terms and hope they will remain active leaders in our chapter.

A very special thanks goes to Louise Desrochers, our chapter chair for the past two years. Louise has been very dedicated to the chapter serving in the role of treasurer, conservation chair, vice-chair, and finally chair. She has been great to work with, and I look forward to her involvement in future activities.

I would also like to recognize Bruce Dunham who is stepping down as editor of the Breeze. Bruce has contributed greatly and has worked tirelessly in many roles, not the least of which has been the monumental task of editing and producing the Breeze.

We have lots in store for the year 2000. In addition to our assortment of hikes, bike rides, canoe and kayak trips, ski excursions, trail-work and conservation, we hope to do more leader training this year. Our leadership training program will kick off with a one-day course on April 1 that will be mostly, if not completely, staffed by SEM leaders.

There will also be our four annual social/learning/fun events: the Winter Festival on Jan. 22; Spring Fling on April 22; Summer Picnic in August; and the Annual Meeting in November. And I must not forget Chapter Hut Weekend in either October or November. We have even begun to think about 2001, the 25th anniversary year of the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter. More on that later.

It has been interesting for me to look back and see how I got involved with the AMC. Relatively speaking, I am a new-comer. I joined the chapter in 1993 after a thrilling day-climb of Mt. Washington with some friends. My first hike with the chapter was in the Blue Hills with Bruce Dunham, doing the famous end-to-end season “warm-up” hike. By then, I was “hooked on hiking” and decided to work on the NH 4000 footer list by leading hikes for the chapter. I thought winter hiking might be fun and attended the chapter winter hiking program. That led to courses with International Mountain Climbing School (IMCS) in North Conway with several winter ascents of Mt. Washington and other 4000 footers, plus a 14,000 footer in California.

Many of these outdoor experiences can only be described as magical. I have learned many new things, developed new skills, and met many wonderful people. I have gotten out of my association with AMC much more than I have given. Seven years ago, there is no way you could have convinced me that I would be doing the kinds of outdoor activities I am enjoying today.

So what better way to start the new millennium than by coming out and getting involved in all that the chapter has to offer – developing new skills and meeting new people. We have a very capable set of leaders who are more than willing to help you get started. Please join us!

Dexter Robinson

SEM Web Site Assistant needed
Chapter Chair Dexter Robinson is looking for one or more persons interested in assisting with the chapter web site. If interested, please call him at: 781-294-8840, 7-9 p.m. Or Email: dersue@massed.net
Canoe & Kayak

Muriel Thomas, Chair 428-3593.
Dave Williams, Vice-Chair 238-3638.

SEMass Canoe Info:
Nancy Wigley 548-2362 Upper Cape
Al Johnson 775-8959 Mid-Cape
Larry Cotreau 385-2943 Lower Cape

All phone nos. are Area Code 508, unless noted

For trips that list a Leader with phone no., call and sign up with that Leader for time, and directions to the Put-In.

Wed. and Thur. trips leave from Put-In at 10:30 sharp.
PFD’s must be worn from Sept. 15 until May 15, and must be in canoe the rest of the year.
Paddlers participate at their own risk.
Bring lunch on all trips.

Canoes for rent:
Sandwich: Carolyn 888-4923
Harwich: Carrie 430-9892
Easton: Dave 238-3638
Kayak for rent:
Harwich: Carrie 430-9892

 Experienced Paddlers only.
Ed York edyork@capecod.net 385-6118.

Sat. Apr 1. Herring River from Hinkley Pond if adequate water. L. Al Johnson 775-8959
email: ajjohnson2@capecod.net

TRIP PLANNING MEETINGS
 (please call, we would like you to attend!)

Are you hoping to paddle with us in the upcoming season? NOW is the time to participate in the planning. Perhaps you know of an interesting river or lake which you are pretty sure would be a fun day’s outing. Come with details to one of our meetings and experienced folks can provide input or help with the details and perhaps even share the leadership with you! Off Cape trips are of interest to many of the group.

Muriel Thomas -- Centerville on Saturday, January 22 at 3:00 with snow date on January 23. Telephone 428-3593 or E-Mail: mmctrv@aol.com

Art and Peg Hart -- February 26, Saturday 3:00 888-2847 or (781) 762-5251
Email: ajhart@webtv.net
Nancy Wigley March 25, Saturday 3:00 548-2362 or nwigley@cape.com

Spring Fling
At the
Bourne Community Building
April 22, 2000

- Catered dinner
- Dancing with Live Music
- Activities during the day

To Register or for more information:
Call Dexter Robinson (781) 294-8840
Email: dексue@massed.net

SEM Member Bulletin Board
Member notices on space availability basis

Advance
August Camp Notice
Experience the majestic views and the adventure of hiking with fellow AMC members in Mt. Ranier National Park at AMC’s 2000 AUGUST CAMP. Choose Session One - July 15-29 or Session Two - July 29- August 5. Watch for details and application in the “Camps” insert of the March Issue of AMC Outdoors.

Membership Chair
For membership information Contact Jennifer Simmons in Seekonk at 508 669-5350

Breeze Volunteers
Thanks to the following volunteers for putting labels on the October/November/December Breeze: Joanne Staniscia, Claire Braye, Barbara-Hathaway, Ray Butts, Elsie Laverty, Linda Church.

Change of Address
Contact 5 joy Street at (617) 523-0655 Extension 308 Email: hdrisco@amcinfo.org

Questions about the Chapter
Contact Past Chapter Chair Bruce Dunham at 508 587-0679 or Email: ncrma@concentric.net

AMC Activities Risk Statement: The activities listed in the Southeastern Breeze involve varying degrees of danger. When you participate in one of these activities, you should be both physically and mentally prepared and equipped with the appropriate gear. You should be aware of the risks involved and conduct yourself accordingly. The Volunteer trip leader is not responsible for your safety; you are. Prior to registering for any activity, you are encouraged to discuss your capabilities with the trip leader. In order to participate in Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter activities, individuals under 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.
History of Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter

The development of the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter stemmed directly from the formation of the Boston Chapter. The formation of the Boston Chapter was initiated by the members of the Club living in the Boston area in conjunction with the Club's membership Committee. In the process of forming the Boston Chapter, it was not known at the outset whether the geographic area should include all or only a portion of eastern Massachusetts. The Southeastern Massachusetts area became a focal point for further consideration. In the process of discussing this question with Club members who resided in the latter area, it came to light that there was a significant feeling that a chapter or chapters should cover all Boston and Southeastern Massachusetts areas, that is, those parts of Massachusetts not already included in chapter areas. It was also noted that the formation of a chapter or chapters would have an enormous impact on the Club. All persons involved were concerned with the potential impact of the new chapter(s) on the Club and other chapters already existent.

In August 1974, a questionnaire was sent to all members residing in eastern Massachusetts areas not already covered by a chapter requesting a statement of interest in the formation of a chapter in the area. A notice was printed in the Bulletin (now called AMC Outdoors) informing members of this upcoming questionnaire. This poll proved useful in determining that not one chapter but two chapters might be preferable. Four-out-seven expressed preference for the formation of two chapters, one centering around greater Boston and the second in Southeastern Massachusetts. Two-out-seven expressed preference to have one large eastern Massachusetts chapter and one-out-seven felt no new chapter(s) should be formed.

From this poll, it was evident that a second poll to only those members residing in Southeastern Massachusetts should be made. In January 1975, D. Bruce Langmuir, Chairman of the recently formed Boston Chapter of the AMC, sent a questionnaire to the 720 members in the Southeastern Massachusetts area comprising the counties of Plymouth, Bristol, Barnstable, Nantucket, and Dukes. He asked for a response to such questions as: "Do you favor a Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter?": "Will you serve as an officer or on a committee?" and "Suggestion?"

A sufficient number of members responded to prompt Bruce to organize an Ad Hoc Start-up Committee. He did this by personally telephoning to a number of responders to ask their assistance.

On October 8, Charlie Culver, Paul Brodeur, Sam Raymond, D. Arthur Robinson, Lee Rogers, and Howard Shearer met at Jim Fox's home in Halifax to discuss organization procedures. Bruce Langmuir and Doug Prescott, Chairman, Club Membership Committee, also attended. Bruce and Doug outlined some suggestions for the formation of a chapter. They alerted the committee to its responsibilities and how to establish a list of priorities. Without their assistance it is doubtful whether sufficient progress could have been made in a little over three months to have assured an election of officers in January, 1976.

Culver was elected coordinator and Fox secretary for the Ad Hoc Committee.

During the next three months, seven more meetings were held without choice of such possibilities as "Sachem Chapter" or "Pilgrim Chapter". The AMC members than voted for a second slate of officers for a one-year period. The Chapter formation petition was presented to the AMC Council (now AMC Board of Directors) where it was warmly received and approved in February 1976.