From the Chapter Chair

"WHALE OF A WEEKEND" LIVES UP TO ITS NAME!

If you were one of the 45 Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter members who joined the festivities or helped to register, host or lead one of the hiking, biking or canoeing trips during the recent AMC Spring Meeting in Sandwich, then you know that it was a whale of a good time for all the representatives from the other ten chapters as well as the staff from Boston. You also know that Stormy Mayo took us all by storm with an impressive show of whales and conservation issues after the Saturday night clambake. You know that the weather was so idyllic that the meetings had to be rescheduled into the open air (The planning team worked really hard on that!).

What you might not know is that there were a record number of attendees. The spring and fall weekends anticipate 100 people; we had 191 who came for at least part of the weekend. The whale watch drew over 20 participants on Sunday.

And you should be proud that your chapter members, according to Samuel Pryor, AMC President, "created a wonderful atmosphere which was very conducive to getting a lot of valuable work done and bonding all of us in a manner that should carry us a long way." He warmly thanks all the members of the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter for hosting the AMC Spring Meeting.

Executive Director Andy Falender knows that "events like this don't happen on their own and a LOT of people went to a LOT of hard work to make this weekend special and successful." His thanks were written to all of us.

As we set goals for the event, the Planning Team frequently spoke of extending the hand of friendship which is characteristic of our chapter. I know Patti Roka, AMC Chapter Relations Director, spoke for many of our weekend guests when she wrote the following in a thank you letter to us;

“When I arrived in Sandwich last Friday night, the accumulated commitment, care, and energy of all the planning time, and of many people, instantly impressed me. Cheerful greetings were followed by ice cream and a ready hand to make sure I made it to my cabin. The mood was infectious. Your team spirit became an important part of the weekend.”

So, from Sam, Andy, Patti and the Whale of a Weekend team, many thanks to all of you who participated and congratulations for sharing in the fun and the effort with a vitality that produced a remarkable and successful Spring Meeting for the whole AMC. I certainly am proud to be a member of this chapter and grateful that we had this opportunity to show what a chapter can do!!!

Suzanne Scolamiero  
Chapter Chair

Part of the Southeastern Mass. Crew at the Spring Meeting, including much of the Organizing Committee: John Abbott, Mary Angulo, Bob Bentley, Ray Butts, Vicki Fitzgerald, and Suzanne Scolamiero, with help from Don Auclair, Bruce Dunham, Paul Murphy, Russ Otley, Lois Rogers and many others.

Editor's note: I am sure that Suzanne wanted the letters from Andy and Patti printed, but space is limited and she summarized them well. Here is a letter from Mary Mady, our representative on the Board of Directors, that came in after Suzanne's article:

To the Southeast Chapter,

A hearty thanks to the Southeast Chapter for putting on the best Clubwide Meeting that we have had in several years. The setting was wonderful, the organization of the schedule and coordination of Southeast Chapter volunteers was outstanding. A special thanks to each of you who volunteered your time. You all helped to set the tone for good interaction. Several AMC members mentioned to me that this weekend was much more like the AMC they always loved...

Thanks for a Whale of a Weekend!
Mary Mady, YOUR Regional Director

Another Editor's note: Volunteer committees also run many of the AMC facilities, and do a very good job of it. We have received more material than we can print from the committees for Cardigan Lodge and Three Mile Island saying that they really need more sign-ups for the summer. These facilities provide super summer vacation places for families, couples or individuals wanting a comfortable outdoor experience. See the descriptions of their weekly programs in the AMC Outdoors Camps Supplement or any issue, or call their registrars: Three Mile Island, Sally Hopkins (207-583-2629); Cardigan, (603-744-8011). They deserve and need our support.

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BIKING
Mark Tisdale, Chair (775-1682)
Nancy Wigley, Vice-Chair, Cape, (548-2382)


Riders are encouraged to have bike in good working order (preferably 10 spd). Riders having any doubts are encouraged to check with trip leader about pace of trip, their ability and equipment, and the weather if doubtful. Helmets are required (HR in the description) on many bike rides and highly recommended on most others (HHR).

Tues., May 31. Mountain Bike Spring Warm Up - Carver, MA. This will be a follow-the-leader ride. We will divide up into groups. Mileage and pace will vary with desire. 10-25 miles. 9:30 a.m. Call (866-4033) to sign up.


Sat., June 4, Marconic Century. L Mark Tisdale (775-1692) HHR.

Sat. - Sun., June 4 - 5. Plymouth to Provintown. Fourth annual Bike Ride. 65 mi on first day; 35 on second. Stay at Eastham Youth Hostel on Sat. Bring or buy lunches; Sat. dinner and Sun. bkfst provided. Boat ride back to Plymouth on Sun. Riders should be self-sufficient, its a go-at-your-own-pace ride. Cost $40. For details contact L Tom Waddell (617-837-5537). CL Rich Iovanni.


*Fri. - Sun., June 17 to 19. Instruction in bike mechanics and tripping plus beginning and Intermediate level trips. Tent or tent with us for the Chapter Outdoor Weekend. Use the registration form on p. 3.

L Bill Rehill.

Tues., June 21. Ride Til Dark, Mountain Bike - Hingham, MA. Nice trails including singletrack. Moderate pace. Join us on the longest evening ride of the year. 6:00 p.m. Call Bill Boles at (583-0067).

Sat. July 2 9:00 a.m. Thirty mi bike trip. Meet at Head of Cape Cod Rail Trail. Dennis (heading East on Rt 6, take Exit 9. Turn Right on Rt 134 and go through two sets of lights. Watch for sign "Cape Cod Rail Trail" on left). Bring lunch. Trip includes stop at Star Spangle Spectacular event at Rock Harbor. L Al Johnson (775-8959).


Tuesday Evening Cape Bicycle Rides
All rides start at 6:00 p.m. The rides are easy 10-12 and 20 miles. Coordinators, Alice Oberdon (771-8261) and Nancy Wigley (542-2382).

Tues., May 31. Meet at Dennis Town Hall parking lot for ride to Mill Pond and Scargo Tower.

Tues., June 7. Meet at North Falmouth Library for County Road to drawbridge on the Canal.

Tues., June 14. Meet at Rock Harbor Parking Lot which is right off Orleans Rotary for ride to Velliot's Center, Eastham.

Tues., June 21. Meet at Shining Sea Bike Park parking lot, Falmouth, for ride to woods Hole, Quisset Harbor and Oyster Pond Road.


CANOEING

NOTE: Boats are available for rent on SEM-AMC trips and for longer terms to members.
Contact trip leader or Canoe Chair. We will try to match you up with a partner, too. Call matchmaker Ruth Shephard (548-8717)

Flatwater
Lois Rogers, Chair (477-8557)

Whitewater
Paul Farrington, Chair (285-7041).
Sat. - Mon. July 2 - 4, To be Determined, L Dave Lundquist (674-8830), CL Paul Farrington (285-7041).

Cape Cod Thursday Canoe Trips
Thurs. Easy 3 to 5 hour paddling for beginners. All trips start at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted. PFD's required for all participants. Bring lunch. Co-leaders Ralph Upton (398-9880) and Nancy Wigley (548-2362).
Thurs. May 26. Mashpee River. From Mashpee Rotary, take Rt 28 East. 5 mi. to first right on Quinaquisett Ave. Go .7 mi to R on Mashpee Neck Rd., to launch ramp.
Thurs. June 2. Swan Pond/River in Dennisport. From Rt 6, Exit 9, go south on Rt 134 to third set of lights. Take L on Upper County Road; go 1.8 mi. to Clipper Lane on left, bear left to pkg. lot.
Thurs. June 16, Mashpee-Wakeby Pond, Mashpee. From Rt 28, take Rt 130 N 2 mi. to R at "State Landing" sign just before Great Neck Rd.
Thurs. June 23, Ryders Cove, Pleasant Bay in Chatham Port. From Rt 28 take Ryders Cove Rd. to Town Landing.
Thurs. June 30, Pamet River in Truro. From Rt 6 take exit at Pamet Rd. (First R north of Town Line). Park at end of exit ramp on right. Pot Luck at Tom & Jody's in Orleans. Call 240-0614 to register and for directions, and don't forget to attend!
Thurs. July 7, Herring River in Wellfleet. From Rt 6, first left past Herring River sign (and just before Truro line) onto Pamet Point Rd., to left on Bound Brook Rd., to bridge over Herring River.

FAMILY OUTINGS
Jeff Hogan, Chair (823-9762).
We are planning a variety of activities this season. We are going to integrate different outdoor activities including hiking, canoeing and biking into our family outings program.
Fri. - Sun. June 17 - 19. Spring Outdoor Weekend. A family outing weekend. We will camp as a group with plans for numerous activities including hiking, canoeing and outdoor workshops. Kids of all ages welcome with their parents. We'll join with other SEM chapter members for meals and other planned activities. Limit 40. Use registration form below. L. Jeff Hogan call for details (823-9762, 7 to 9 p.m. only).

CONSERVATION
John Pribilla, Chair (457-5231)
Laura Judd, Co-Chair (617-878-7395)
TRAILS
Chair: Stephen Ouellette (617-696-6484)
Information: Jennifer Hogan (823-9762)
June 17 to 19 Chapter outdoor weekend will have conservation and trails activities for you.

SOCIAL EVENTS
Vickie Fitzgerald, Chair (617-585-3424)
At least daytrip to the chapter Spring Outdoor Weekend. June 17 to 19
EDUCATION
Ray Butts, Chair (636-8992)
Instruction in the chapter's activities is the main theme for the Chapter Outdoor Weekend, June 17 to 19.

Spring Outdoor Weekend Registration Form
(Must be returned with full fee by June 3 to assure a place.)

Name: ________________________________ number of adults/kids attending
Instructional/activities group to register us with; ☐ Canoeing, ☐ Biking ☐ Family Outings, ☐ Hiking/Backpacking ☐ other (We are amenable to proposals.)
☐ daytrip or ☐ overnight, which days and nights

Mailing Address ________________________________ Phone ________________________________

Fee Structure: Bikers/Canoeists, full weekend including 2 breakfasts and Sat. dinner: in bunkhouse, $30, in tents $20. Family Outings and Hiking/Backpacking groups, $10 for the weekend. Other groups and a la Carte: tenting, $5 per site (individual or family) per night, $3 to reserve a slot in instructional program for day trippers. A limited number of people helping in instruction or organization etc. may register for space in the bunkhouse at $10 per night and meals at $3 for each breakfast and $7 for Saturday dinner (community cooking, remember!). For general information call: Bob Millburn (587-9743) or Dave Shephard (548-8717).

Send form and full fee to appropriate registrar by June 3:
Biking; Bill Rehill, P.O. Box 471, Foxboro, MA 02035, (543-6879)
Canoeing & General; David Shephard, P.O. Box 44, Woods Hole, MA 02543, (548-8717).
Family Outings; Jeff Hogan, 53 Sunset Dr., Raynham, MA 02322, (823-9762, 7 to 9 p.m. only).
Hiking/Backpacking; Don Auclair, 220 Pleasont St., Millis, MA 02054, (376-4911).

Fee enclosed $ __________ checks payable to registrar
Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter’s
Spring Outdoor Weekend, June 17 to 19
at Camp Nan-Ke-Rafe, accessible from Nickerson State Park on Cape Cod

Fun Skills Development All Levels All Ages Everyone Should Come

Tailor it to suit your needs: Day-trip/Picnic to Full Weekend

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- The weekend is organized by and around the Activities Committees: Biking, Canoeing, Hiking/Backpacking and Family Outings. Participants should register with one of these groups, each of which will have somewhat different arrangements and fees (see application form on page 3). A confirmation-map-instruction sheet will be mailed to you.
- Children participate only under the supervision of their parents.
- Day-trippers/picnickers need not register unless you wish to participate in instructional sessions.
- Those wishing only to tent and be social or join the trips register as “General”. Large charcoal grills available to all.
- Pets are strongly discouraged, if you bring one, it must be leashed and attended at all times and some leaders may not permit it on their trips.
- Registration to participate must be received with full fees by June 3 to assure a space.
- Use the registration form on page 3 and send to the appropriate registrar (General, to Dave Shephard).

More Information? Off Cape, call Bob Millburn (587-9743); on Cape, Dave Shephard (548-8717) or activities leader.

Minimal driving instructions: Proceed on main park road about 3 miles after gate. 4/10 mile after sign for areas 6 and 6X (some groups and tenters may be at area 6X) and immediately after bike path crosses from right to left side of road, turn right on dirt road at rock with “Nan-Ke-Rafe” on it and proceed carefully 4/10 mile to parking area on left (sign). Camp is just below parking area.