A message from Chapter Chair, Louise Desrochers

On November 1, 1997 at the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter Annual Meeting, a new Executive Board was elected by the members of the club. As the new Chapter Chair I would like to welcome all of those new members and wish them a good year on the Board.

I would also like to thank those Board members who agreed to serve a second or third year, and those who have "retired" from the Board but will still remain active leaders in our Chapter.

The year 1998 will bring many activities and events to those who participate! There will be the regular assortment of hikes, bike rides, canoe and kayak trips, ski trips, and trailwork events led by our capable and enthusiastic leaders. This year we also hope to do a few more family activities for those who would like to share the outdoors with children. Our conservation committee chair will keep us informed on the important topics of the times. Our education chair is actively involved in the AMC Diversity Project which our chapter will probably become involved with in the near future.

There will also be our four annual social/learning/fun events: The Winter Festival on Feb. 7, The Spring Fling on May 16, The Summer Picnic in August, and the Annual Meeting on November 7.

I strongly encourage new members to call and sign up for as many activities as you can! I myself joined AMC in 1984 to get in shape for a bike trip. Since then I have done countless canoe trips, hikes, ski trips and social events, met many wonderful people, learned new skills and sharpened old ones and tried new things! There is a place for everyone in AMC so get off the couch and come out and relax in a more healthy way!

Finally, I would like to publicly thank Bruce Dunham, our Chapter Chair for the past three years. Bruce is one of the most dedicated AMCers I have ever met and the amount of time and effort he has given to our Chapter is commendable. Bruce will continue to serve as the editor of this newsletter for which I am very grateful!

Make it your New Year's Resolution to get involved!!!
Louise Desrochers

Chapter Notices

Bike Committee Meeting

There will be a bike planning meeting on Friday, January 30, 1998 at 6 PM at Carol Julien's home in Halifax. It will be a Potluck and planning meeting for 1998. Please call Carol at 781-293-1100 if you would like to attend.

Hike Leaders:

We need you! Interested in qualifying or co-leading? Come to our next hike planning meeting. Even if you are not interested in leading, we would welcome your input to our hiking schedule. Our meetings are open to all. We meet in the basement of the Middleboro Unitarian Universalist Church four times per year (Jan., Apr., Jul., Oct.), usually the second Wednesday of the month. Call Dexter Robinson for more information/directions. Next hike planning meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 7 p.m. Middleboro UU Church

Local Weekday Ski Trips

Bob Kalezhalter is looking for companions to x-country ski or snowshoe during the week at local areas. Bob lives at 3 King Phillip Rd., Lakeville, MA 02347, and can be reached at 508 947-4924.

Advanced Notice

The Spring Trail Work on Lonesome Lake Trail will take place May 30th & 31st. The Volunteers stay at Lonesome Lake Hut.
Hiking

Chair, Dexter Robinson (781) 294-8840
Vice-Chair Walter Wells 586-3777

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

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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. 10. Blue Hills - Ponkapoag Pond (B3D). Hike around the pond; flat and easy. Bring your snowshoes if there is snow. L. Linda Wells (586-3777, 7-9 p.m., email: wells105@aol.com), CL. Walter Wells (586-3777, 7-9P.M.


Sat. Jan. 24. Mt. Cabot (B3C) Intermediate day trip to northern 4000 footer, the second event of the winter hiking series. Snowshoes will be provided if needed. Sign up early; group size limited to 10. CL. Dexter Robinson (781-294-8840, 7-9 p.m. email: ndr@idx.com, CL. Walter Wells (508-586-3777 7-9 p.m. email: wells105@aol.com)


Sat. Feb. 21. Mt. Lafayette, Lincoln, and Little Haystack (B3B). Day trip loop over three summits and the ridge between them. Depending on conditions, up the Falling Waters trail and down the Old Bridal Path. Full winter gear required. CL. Dexter Robinson (781-294-8840, 7-9 p.m., email: ndr@idx.com CL. Walter Wells (508-586-3777)


Sat. Sun. Mar 14, 15. (B3C) Introductory winter backpack to Sawyer Pond, NH. The final event in the winter hiking series. CL. Dexter Robinson (781-294-8840, 7-9p.m., email: ndr@idx.com, CL. Walter Wells 586-3777, email: wells105@aol.com).


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Sat. Mar. 21. Blue Hills (B2B) - 8 mile loop hike, lots of ups and downs, some what strenuous, 9:30 am meet at Houghtons Pond Main lot. From Rt.93/128, exit 3, go north to Hillside St, right 3/10 miles to lot on right. L. Ed Kingman 336-6934 CL Charley Farrell 822-2123.


Local Hikes on Cape Cod

Cape Cod Hikes, Coordinator: Alice Oberdorf (771-8261). Sunday hikes start 11:00 am, last about 4 hrs, 9-11 mi. Bring lunch. Thursday hikes start 9:30 am, last about 2 hrs, 5-7 mi. Moderate pace, heavy rain cancels. No dogs.


Sun. Feb. 1. Wellfleet to S. Pamet. From Rte 6 go 1 mi. past light at Main St. in Wellfleet, R on Gull Pond Rd., 1 mi. go Left at large granite boulder to park at Gull Pond Pkg. Lot. L Dave Ernst (349-3184) CL Alice Oberdorf (771-8261).

Thurs. Feb. 5. Harwich, Headwaters Dr. into Punkhorn. From Rte 6, Exit 10, N on Rte 124, 1st L. on Headwaters Dr. to pkg on L in 0.25 mi. L Al Meade (896-2296).


Thurs. Feb. 19. Mashpee River Woodlands. From Mashpee Rotary go E 0.4 mi. on Rte 28 to R on Quiniusquet Ave., 0.7 mi. to R on Mashpee Neck Rd to pkg area at 1.1 miles on R. L. Al Johnson 775-8959 CL Blanche Greig 771-3696.


Sun. Mar. 1. W. Yarmouth, Inkberry Tr. N from Rte. 28 on Winslow Gray Rd at light, 0.4 mi. to pkg. L. L. Alice Oberdorf (771-8261).

Thurs. Mar. 5. Wellfleet White Crest Beach. From Rte. 6, E on LeComte Hollow Rd to end, L on Ocean View Rd. to pkg. L Larry Coteau 385-2943.


Thurs. Apr. 2. Dennis, Indian Lands Trail. S on Old Bass River Rd. from Rte 6A in Dennis Village. R into pkg. lot in 4.0 mi. at Town Hall after RR crossing. L Mary Gelsthore (888-1481).
Skiing

Skiing Chair: Mary DuBois-Leeson 997-4489. Vice-Chair: Suzanne Scolamiero 781-45-0036

Sat., Jan. 10, X-Country skiing and Pot-Luck Dinner in Marshfield, MA. Enjoy an afternoon of cross-country skiing at a local golf course or a walk on the beach in Marshfield if there is no snow. Complete the day with a pot-luck dinner at the home of Bill Sheehan. Call Bill at 617 837-2106 for time, directions and a food item. New members are particularly welcomed to come to learn about the AMC and to find out what's new on the ski scene! The event promises to be a break from the winter doldrums, so mark your Calendar and plan to be in on the fun!

Fri.-Mon., Jan.16-19, Martin Luther King Weekend Cross-country Skiing at the Applebrook Bed and Breakfast in Jefferson, N.H. Gourmet meals include 3 breakfasts and a Saturday evening feast! We're on our own for Friday and Sunday nights and lunches. Skiing possibilities are warranted by conditions. The options at Bretton Woods include: a. cross-country groomed trails b. riding the Quad chair to wooded 7 K mountain trail. Great Glen Gulf Trails, located at the foot of the Mt. Washington Auto Road is a new full service resort with these options... a. cross-country area, b. take the 12 person snow cat vehicle to a point 4 miles up the Auto road above tree line, off load for photo op and to feel the wind and enjoy the view, then ride or ski down the mountain. We did it twice last year. WOW!!! The Balsams give us the possibility to take a day trip father North to Dixville Notch in the event that snow conditions are marginal. Good friends Plus good snow = Good times! Call Suzanne and Bob Scolamiero before 9 P.M. at 781 545-0036 ASAP to reserve a private, shared bath or dorm room.

Fri.-Mon., Jan 16-19. Martin Luther King Weekend at Wonalancet, N.H. Ski out the back door of cabin onto 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 opened to 16 intermediate to advanced skiers. Bring Snowshoes for optional hike on Monday. Trip fee of $30.00 includes (3 Days) OR $40.00 (4 Days) includes both lodging and meals. Bring trail lunches. Register by Dec.31 with non-refundable $20 deposit. Call L's Marilyn Dunn & Tom Waddell at 781 837-5537 until 8 P.M.

Fri.-Mon., Jan.16-19. Martin Luther King Weekend. Downhill/Cross-country/ Snowshoe/ in the White Mts. of N.H. Choose your favorite sport and hit the trails in beautiful Crawford Notch, N.H. Downhill at well know ski ares. Cross-country at places like Bretton Woods or Great Glen Ski Touring Centers. Snowshoe on the scenic trails in the Notch. All ability levels are invited. Backcountry skiing and snowshoeing will be on the INTERMEDIATE level. Stay at modern Ski Chalet. Cost $165 includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts and 2 candlelight dinners with happy hour. Space is limited so register early by sending a deposit of $70.00 (non-refundable after 1/1). Leader Mary DuBois-Leeson 997-4489.

Fri.-Mon., Feb.13-16, Presidents' Weekend X-Country trip to Wonalancet Cabin, Wonalancet, N.H. Ski out the back door of cabin onto 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 hike on Monday. Trip fee of $30.00 (3days) OR $40.00 (4 days) includes both lodging and meals. Bring Trail lunches. Register by Jan. 31 with non-refundable $20.00 deposit, Call leaders, Marilyn Dunn and Tom Waddell at 781 837-5537 until 8 P.M.

Fri.-Mon., Feb.13-16, 1998, Presidents, Weekend Downhill/X-country/Snowshoe in the White Mts. of N.H. Choose your favorite sport and hit the trails in beautiful Crawford Notch. Downhill at Well know Local Ski areas. X-Country ski at places like Bretton Woods. Back country ski or snowshoe on scenic trails in Crawford Notch. All ability levels are invited. Backcountry skiing & snowshoeing will be on the intermediate level. Stay in Modern Chalet. Cost of $175.00 includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts & 2 candlelight dinners with happy hour. Limited space, so register early with $100 deposit (non-refundable after 2/1). Leader Mary DuBois-Leeson 997-4489


Fri.-Mon., March 6-8, Almost Spring Ski Trip in the White Mountains. Enjoy the warmer days of March for that ski trip you have been dreaming of! Close to major downhill areas (Attitash/Bear Peak, Bretton Woods, Wildcat, Cannon) and cross-country touring centers (Bretton Woods, Jackson, Great Glen Gulf), our lodging will be in a modern and cozy chalet complete with woodstove and views of the Southern Presidentials. Intermediate backcountry skiers and snowshoers can access the bountiful trails of Crawford Notch, Some of which are right out the door. Trip fee of $90.00 includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, and 1 candlelight dinner with happy hour. Reserve by sending a deposit of $45.00 (non-refundable after 2/20). L Mary DuBois-Leeson, 997-4489.

Fri.-Mon. March 13-15. Alpine and X-Country ski weekend at the Mt. Faire Inn in Campton, N.H. Joint trip with the Narra genssett Chapter. Stay at a warm and cozy Inn in the Waterville Valley area. Trip fee of $110.00 (if paid before 1/1/98) includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts and Sat. dinner. To register, please send trip fee to Chris Shafer, 36 Esmond St. Smithfield, R.I. 02917 401 231-1943 or L in Mass. Leader Anne Chace at 508 824-8871.
Bud and Pam Carter

On Monday, December 1, 1997 this Chapter suffered a great loss in the death of Bud Carter. Bud was very active in our Chapter since it’s earliest beginnings in 1976. He lead many activities on the Cape and played a major role in getting the Thursday & Sunday Cape Hikes started. Bud along with his wife Pam were active in Conservation Issues. Bud worked many hours for 7 years getting the Chapter Newsletter distributed to chapter members during the early years of this Chapter existence. Bud also served as Chapter Vice-Chair in the early 1980’s.

Bud was a warm, friendly person who contributed much to sustaining this Chapter. He will be greatly missed. Burial will be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Pam Carter will have a Memorial Service in the Spring. Her address is 16 Driftwood Lane, South Yarmouth, MA. 02664
Telephone 508 398-2605.
The Department of Environmental Management will be awarding cities, towns and statewide non-profit groups up to 5,000 per application for new proposals for Public access to the seacoast, bays and rivers including plans for the restoration of former access routes. The project will continue through 1998 but proposals must be submitted by January 5, 1998. Details are available from Conservation.

The 1997 “Bottle Bill” failed in the last legislative session but is still alive. MASSPIRG will continue their activities in this direction because of so much early support and the continued need to recycle materials.

The electric Power Deregulation Bill was recently passed by the Massachusetts legislature, but the debate continues. A savings of 10% to 15% on individuals power bill can’t be denied in the short run. Others argue that paying off the 12 Billion dollar “Stranded Costs” over the next 30 years will more than offset the savings realized and may create the re-use of coal burning as a power generating factor. The issue may recover for a second round of hearings.

Air Quality in the Northeast continues to be of mounting concern. Particles of unburned material leads to haze and haze leads to limiting the health of most living things. The Natural Resource Defense Council has produced a personal “Post Card” addressed to the E.P.A Administrator Carol Brown, where in any interested party can sign the card, stamp it, mail it and do their part to reduce haze and polluted air.

Cards are available by contacting your Conservation Chair or contacting the Appalachian Mountain Club, 5 Joy Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

TO REGISTER: Call Bruce Dunham at 508 587-0679 6-9 P.M.
The 1998 Winter Festival will be a mixture of Social Time, Instruction in Winter Hiking, Cross-Country Skiing, and time to enjoy winter activities at a Park that is ideal for Beginners and experienced Three-season Hikers to learn from S.E.M. Winter Skiing and Hiking Leaders.

REGISTRATION: Use the Registration form below.

In case of cancellation due to severe weather, your Check will be returned. Storm Date is 2/8/98.

There will be a limited number of snowshoes available. Snowshoes can be rented at places like Eastern Mountain Sports in Taunton...

Register by January 27
Questions? Call Bruce Dunham 508 587-0679

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Borderland State Park - Easton
February 7, 1998
Cost: $5.00 per person

Winter Festival Schedule

9:00-10:00 A.M.................Registration and Coffee

10:00-Noon........INDOOR Cross-Country Ski Instruction
L's Suzanne & Bob Scolamiero
781-545-0036 before 9 P.M.

10:00-Noon........OUTDOOR Instruction in Winter Hiking
L. Dexter Robinson 781-294-8840
L. Walter Wells 586-3777

12:00 Noon - Lunch... Bring your Own Lunch.
The Chapter Will Supply Coffee, Hot Chocolate & Handy Hot Soup.

1:00-3:30 P.M........OUTDOOR Instruction in Cross-Country Skiing
1:00-3:30 P.M........INDOOR Instruction in Winter Hiking

Space is Limited so sign up early

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Registration Form for the 1998 Winter Festival

Name____________________________________Tel_____________________

City or Town______________________________State__________Zip Code

Number of People Attending_________Amount Enclosed_________

Are you interested in: Winter Hiking Cross-Country Skiing Carpooling to Winter Festival

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Directions

Take Exit 9 off Route 495 (Bay Road) and head east. You will pass Anne's Place Restaurant which is a short distance from end of exit ramp and after 7-10 minutes you will reach the Ict. of Rte 123 & 106. From Ict. of Rtes. 123 & 106 (Shaw's Plaza) in Easton. Go one-half mile on 106 West and turn right onto Poquanticut St. Go 1.3 Ml. passing a farm. Turn left after 1mile pass Farm onto Massapoag Ave. Go 2.2 Ml. to entrance on right. Take first left after turning into entrance and follow Visitor Center Sign to parking area. Don't go Straight!

Register early by mailing this form and a check for $5.00 payable to SEM/AMC to:
Bruce Dunham
29 Rockford St.
Brockton, MA 02401

Register by January 27
Trails Committee Chair
John Poirier 822-1372 or
by Email at trail_worker@msn.com.

I would like to take this opportunity to
thank Lou for all his hard work as trails
chair. He was responsible for many suc-
cessful trips and was instrumental in pro-
uring equipment for the chapter. He
will be a hard act to follow.

Over the next few months I would like
to organize a trails committee.

Mountain biking is becoming a major
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