



The Breeze

The Newsletter of the Southeastern Massachusetts
Chapter of the AMC

March 2015

View From the Chair



Maureen Kelly, Chapter Chair

Have you been reading *The SEM Breeze* for months but haven't joined us for an activity yet? We have the perfect event for you.

"Take It Outside with AMC" is SEM's Open House,
Saturday, April 18 at [Borderland State Park](#) in Easton from 10:00-4:00.

Join us for a [beginner hike](#), a [beginner bike ride](#), a [family hike](#), a nature walk to a [vernal pool](#) or an [intermediate hike](#). We'll have a **free lunch** for you at the Visitor's Center and interesting talks and presentations.

Sign up with the leader for each activity on the links above. Or contact [Jodi](#) with any questions.

Come with us! We'd like to show you the trails.
SEE YOU IN THE OUTDOORS! chair@amcsem.org

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Contact Chapter Chair at chair@amcsem.org if you are interested in any open position.

Upcoming Executive Board Meetings: March 11, April 8, May 13
Hiking Planning Meeting - March 4
Biking Planning Meeting and Ride- March 28

MARK YOUR CALENDARS— — —SAVE THE DATE AMC Club-wide and SEM Chapter-wide Events

SAVE THE DATE -- 2015 EVENTS

SEM Open House (Apr. 18, [Borderland SP](#))

[National Trails Day](#) (June 6)

AMC [August Camp](#) (Jul 18-Aug15)

SEM [Chapter Hut Weekend](#), (Sep. 17-20, [Cold River Camp](#))

SEM [Annual Meeting & Dinner](#) (Nov 7, [Salernos](#))

SAVE THE DATE -- 2015 TRAINING

AMC OLDC Leadership Gathering (Mar 20-22, Litchfield, CT)

SEM [Leadership Training](#) (Apr 11, Foxboro)

SEM Trailwork Training (Apr 25, Blue Hills)

SEM [Wilderness First Aid](#) Training (May 2-3, Foxboro)

AMC [Mountain Leadership School](#) (Dates in June and August)

AMC Volunteer and Naturalist Training

-April 17-19, [Mohican Center, NJ](#) -May 16-17, [Highland Center, NH](#)

-June 5-7, [Gorman Chairback Lodge, ME](#)

Upcoming Chapter Activities
Click on the links below to see the up-to-date listings for all of our activities.

[Biking](#) | [Cape Hiking](#) | [Hiking](#) | [Paddle](#) | [Skiing](#) | [Trails Conservation](#) | [Volunteering](#)

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NEWS FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Leadership Training Offered Saturday April 11, 2015

- This course prepares trip leaders for managing groups they will be leading on AMC sanctioned trips.
- It is an all day course with a mix of classroom and outdoor exercises. Lunch and refreshments are provided.
- The course is offered at no cost to SEM members.

Wilderness First Aid Training Offered May 2 and 3, 2015

- The course runs 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM both days with an optional CPR course available Saturday at 4:00 PM.
- Instruction is provided by SOLO, experts in providing wilderness medical training.
- Wilderness First Aid is a comprehensive lesson in how to react, respond, and save lives in remote, life-threatening situations.
- This training is required for AMCSEM trip leaders, but is a great experience for any outdoor enthusiast. Any AMC trip participant is encouraged to consider taking this course. You will find it exciting and stimulating.

To register for these courses, please contact AMCSEM Education Chair Doug Griffiths (RedDougG@aol.com) or 508-758-4315 after 6 PM.

“The Young Woman and The Mountain”

Sadly, there was a recent death of a woman attempting to traverse the top four mountains in the Presidential range: Madison, Adams, Jefferson, and Washington. This true story is a reminder of the dangerousness of the mountains. As you read [this account](#) please remember that the mountains will be there on another day when better weather and conditions prevail.



Volunteer of the Month

Each month the SEM will recognize one of our amazing volunteers. We are so fortunate to have people give their time, energy, and resources to make our chapter one of the bests! This month we recognize **Wes Blauss** from the Chapter Youth Program.

Wes has given many hours of dedication and support for the AMC goal of getting children outdoors. While in his capacity as a Chapter Youth Program Leader, he generated an appreciation for nature while on the trail. In addition, he has been instrumental in recruiting agencies for our group.



His White Pine workshop is exciting for youth and adults because he can use a branch from our backyard white pine tree to determine the health of the tree and the quality of the air we all breathe. His ability to share this information has generated excitement, enthusiasm and curiosity about our environment.

Wes will receive a Volunteer of the Month certificate and a \$50 gift card.

Are you interested in volunteering?

We have something for everyone. Contact the chapter chair at chair@amcsem.org to learn more about the opportunities that await you!

Nelson Memorial Forest Hike

By Sally Delisa

(Photos courtesy of Mary Wisbach)

What a great hike! Seventeen hardy hikers joined Co-Leader/Naturalist Lorraine Rubinacci for a wonderful January hike at Nelson Memorial Forest in Marshfield. One section of trail followed along the North River estuary, where we saw a mature bald eagle. First the bird flew toward us, then turned and flew parallel to our group, thus providing an opportunity to view the vivid and beautiful white head and tail feathers.

During the hike, the group learned about the history of the land and many aspects of the flora on this reforested farm. Nearing the end of our hike, we took a trip down a side trail to visit my favorite place on the property, a huge old oak tree. We tried to measure the circumference and to determine the type. Some hikers thought that it was probably a black oak. Three people gathered to put their arms around it, thus guessing the circumference to be approximately fifteen feet. (The largest oaks in Massachusetts measure about 20 feet). An attempt to obtain good measurements with a string was difficult because the grand old tree is growing on a hillside and fingers quickly got cold. Lorraine later calculated that the tree is approximately 214 years of age! I wonder if it was a seedling during the War of 1812?

Back at the trailhead, our group gave Lorraine a round of applause for a great hike which was packed with information. When we hikers left, the temperature had 'warmed up' to 18 degrees and the wind had died down.



SEM Conservation Corner

By Joshua Tefft

What's new in SEM Conservation?

The SEM Conservation Committee wants you to design our Conservation Patch! We are looking for some creative ideas for our patch and would love your support.



The only rules are:

1. Patch must contain, "AMC, SEM, and Conservation"
2. Patch detail must be simple enough to place on a 3"x3" area.
3. All entries must be emailed to conservationvicechair@amcsem.org by May 8, 2015.
4. Name must be on entry (first and last).

The top 3 entries will be determined by the SEM Conservation Committee and/or the SEM Executive Board; finalists will be showcased in the June issue of the Breeze. Members and the public will be able to vote on the final 3 patch ideas (more details to come on where and how to vote).



If you still haven't checked out our [Conservation Patch Program](#), please do. Participating in the program is a great way for families to bond while saving the planet, or for the individual looking to set clear conservation goals. If anyone has any questions about the Conservation Patch Program, or any other SEM Conservation topic please contact me at conservationvicechair@amcsem.org.

Winter Fun Weekend at Noble View

February 6-8, 2015

By Julieanne Capone



(Photo courtesy of Jodi Jensen)

A wonderful weekend of winter activities and socializing was had by twenty-seven members at Noble View Outdoor Center in Russell, Massachusetts. The property, acquired by the AMC in 1931, provided our recreational trails, living space, and a hilltop view of the Pioneer Valley. The time and effort put forth by trip organizer Jodi Jensen to plan such a fun-filled weekend was much appreciated by all. Our gracious volunteer-member hosts, Joyce and Luther Wallis, prepared, cooked, and served a variety of homemade hot meals and baked goods all weekend long that left many of us asking for recipes and seconds, of course! Everyone was very grateful for their hard work and talents! The Wallis' also kept us warm by keeping the cabin's wood stoves freshly stoked. Many thanks to the leaders, Walt Granda, Maureen Kelly, and Cathy MacCurtain, that guided cross country skiing and snowshoeing trips.

The weekend began as participants arrived Friday afternoon and evening, this was an opportunity to settle-in and socialize before dinner was served. Albeit a necessity of communal living, Jodi assigned rotating post-meal dishwashing, wipe-down, and sweep-up duties to the group members. Saturday morning's plentiful breakfast provided everyone with full stomachs for their cross-country skiing and snowshoeing adventures. Both groups embarked with the common goal of not being late for lunch, naturally. Lunch time conversations were in collective agreement that weather and snow conditions were excellent according to skiers and hikers alike. Lightly falling snow, warm beverages, and the coziness of the wood stove provided an iconic winter scene as yet another delicious meal quenched our appetites. In the afternoon, there was more snowshoeing and cross country skiing to be had, while some members chose to spend the afternoon enjoying the comforts of the indoors to relax amongst the many leather sofas. Light snacks and libations preceded another wonderful dinner with accompanying desserts by Joyce and Luther. After dinner, a yoga session, led by volunteer member Jeanine Audet, proved to be a terrific way to stretch after a day full of activity. Yoga enthusiasts were grateful for Jeanine's expertise in the following morning's session as well.

Sunday morning began with a hot breakfast and coffee, and culminated with tidying up the cabin and packing up belongings. Some took advantage of a mid-morning snowshoe hike, while others headed home in anticipation of a winter storm warning and accompanying traffic. As "good-bye's" were said, it was obvious the weekend was a fantastic way to embrace winter's offerings. 'Winter Fun Weekend' would not have been possible without the work and efforts of our volunteer members! Thank you again to those who dedicated themselves to making the time spectacular!



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Draft Resource Management Plan for DCR Properties on Cape Cod and the Islands: Comments accepted until March 2, 2015!

The full draft plan is available for viewing on the DCR website at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/>, and in print form at public libraries in Brewster, Edgartown, Harwich, Nantucket, Sandwich, and West Tisbury. The draft plan is also available for review at the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve headquarters, 131 Waquoit Highway (Route 28), during business hours.

Written comments on the draft plan may be submitted to DCR until March 2, 2015, either via email to DCR.Updates@state.ma.us, noting "Cape Cod and the Islands" in the subject line, or by mail to the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Public Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114.



**Gina and Mark Hurley
enjoying a snowshoe
hike up Mt. Willard.
Photo courtesy of
Gina Hurley**

Biking

By Cheryl Washwell, Biking Chair



Happy Winter! Well as you can imagine, biking is not the way to get around these days. However, Paul Currier paulbcurrier@comcast.net will continue attempting to do his monthly road cycling rides - a full moon ride and a mid-month weekday ride. Check our [website](#) for scheduled time and location.

BIG NEWS: We have a scheduled ride with a planning meeting on March 28thrain date is the 29th. If you are a leader or interested in finding out about leading or co-leading rides please consider this great kick start to our riding season. If you have lead rides in the past and want to get more involved please come.

We will be riding about 20+ miles out of Rochester (beautiful area) and will also have a shorter and easier pace ride for variety. We will enjoy some pizza after the ride and do some planning for our riding season. Our goal is to offer more rides in different areas (SEM covers some great picturesque territory), different distances, different paces, different goals!

Check out the [website](#) for this listing – It will be posted soon!

Be Safe – Stay Warm cawashwell@gmail.com

Sign up to get all the latest AMC Club and Chapter wide news at the [AMC Member Center](#)! Don't miss out on all the outdoor fun!

SEM-TRAIL MAINTENANCE

One Day – That’s all we ask!

Are you using the Southeastern Massachusetts trails for recreation (hiking, biking, skiing)? If so, you should also contribute to their maintenance. Where do you recreate? Who maintains those trails? If you don’t know, ask the trailschair@amcsem.org

We do everything from digging in the dirt, clipping branches, painting blazes, moving rocks, building steps, changing and building trails. Every trail project is unique and we have work for volunteers of all abilities and experiences (including none). We teach you everything you need to know and why.

One day a year is all that is necessary if everyone pitches in. Don’t be surprised if you find trail work fun, creative, interesting and compelled to return for more projects. The trail work is fun, otherwise none of us would do it.

Check the SEM Trail schedule for upcoming projects.

SEM TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

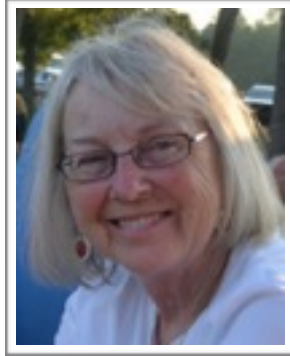
GET OUT, GIVE BACK, GET DIRTY...AND GET TO KNOW THE BLUE HILLS!

We are looking for volunteers for our “Trail Maintenance Workshop” which will be held on **Saturday April 25, 2015** at the Blue Hills. We have a leader from the AMC North Country coming to show us the basics of trail maintenance including use of tools, tool safety and practical application on the trails of the Blue Hills

RAIN OR SHINE! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED, JUST ENTHUSIASM!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Contact Cathy MacCurtain with any questions at trailschair@amcsem.org

Thank YOU for Volunteering!



**Remembering an SEM
Executive Board Member:
Betty Hinkley 1941-2015**

It is with a heavy heart we report the sudden passing of Betty Hinkley on February 17, 2015. She was the quintessential volunteer, mother, grandmother and friend. Among her passions and beneficiaries of her unfailing willingness to pitch in, were the hiking and paddling programs of AMCSEM. She most recently served as Vice Chair and Chair of the Paddling Committee and channeled her energy and talent to support several other nonprofit organizations in both hands-on and leadership roles. These organizations included the Alumnae Associations of both her alma maters, Northfield Mount Hermon School and Tufts University; the Business and Professional Women's Foundation of Lower Cape Cod, the Orleans Council on Aging and the Independence House. In spite of a full calendar, nothing was more important than family and she always had time for friends. Betty leaves a son Steve and a daughter Sara, three grandchildren and countless friends in her generation, as well as her children's - and she never turned down an opportunity to travel to Texas and California to visit her family. Betty will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by the many who were privileged to share a day with her on the water, a hike along a Cape Cod cranberry bog, or a job on a program committee. On the very day she was stricken, Betty posted an email response to a fellow paddler who had proposed a Spring Celebration Potluck, saying "Great idea...what day would it be?...I'd be happy to help." That was so "very" Betty. A memorial service is being planned for this summer on a date to be announced later.



Submitted by Louise Riemenschneider Foster
(Photos courtesy of the Hinkley family).

Sara Hinkley and her mother, former Chair of the
Paddling Committee, Betty Hinkley.

Breeze Information

Pictures and Article Submissions

We encourage SEM members to submit articles and photos for both the Breeze and our website. Materials will be edited at the editor's discretion. Submissions must be copy ready. Title and credit for all photos must be included. Send to breeze.editor@amcsem.org

Breeze Deadline

On the 15th of the preceding month.

Sign-up to receive the Breeze via email

Call 800-372-1758 or email amcinformation@outdoors.org

Where to find [Breeze newsletters](#) (current and past).

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

AMC SEM is always looking for volunteers to volunteer a little or a lot. Contact the chapter chair at chair@amcsem.org if you'd like to volunteer. We have outdoorsy opportunities (e.g., leading a hike); we also have indoorsy opportunities (e.g., web work, arranging events). Something for everyone!

Activities

HIKING KEY

Rating codes (e.g. C4D): first letter indicates distance in mi (AA=13+, A=9-13, B=5-8, C=less than 5 mi), middle number indicates pace (1=very fast, 2=fast, 3=moderate, 4=leisurely), second letter indicates terrain (A=very stren., B=stren., C=average, D=easy). FT=First Timer; NM = New Member; AN = Advance Notice; C = Conservation

(FT) (NM) Wed., Mar. 4. SEM Hike Planning Meeting, 122 Dean St. (Rte. 44 West), Taunton, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. Quarterly Hike Planning Meeting for AMC Southeastern Mass. Chapter Hiking Committee. We'll plan out additional hikes for the spring and look ahead toward summer. Pizza at 6:00 pm, meeting starts at 6:30 pm. L Paul Miller (508-369-4151 before 9:00 PM, paulallenmiller@verizon.net) L Leslie Carson (lrc929@comcast.net), R Paul Miller (paulallenmiller@verizon.net)

(NM) Thu., Mar. 5. Hike-Barnstable-Crooked Cartway (C3C), Massachusetts, Cape Cod, MA. Wooded walk to The Deck. Take Rte. 149 to Rotary at Cape Cod Airport, Marstons Mills. West on Race Lane for 1.1 miles. Right onto Crooked Cartway to end. Meet 9:45AM. 2 hours. L Farley Lewis (508-775-9168, farlewis@comcast.net)

(FT) (NM) Thu., Mar. 5. Thursday Morning Hike/Snowshoe at F. Gilbert Hills State Forest, F. Gilbert Hills State Forest, Foxboro, MA., Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Gilbert Hills State Forest for 4-5 mile hike or snowshoe depending on conditions. Wear layers and bring water, lunch/snacks. Microspikes or other light traction required if icy. Snow storm or rain cancels. L Joanne Staniscia (508-528-6799 7-9 p.m., jstaniscia@comcast.net)

(FT) (NM) Thu., Mar. 5. Borderland State Park Full Moon Hike - Thur March 5th, Borderland State Park, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. Join us for an easy, under 5 mile hike on relatively flat trails in the moonlight. L Patricia McNally (508-212-0330, pmcnallyma@comcast.net) CL Nancy Coote (508-596-8222, cranstonstreet22@gmail.com), R Patti McNally (pmcnallyma@comcast.net)

(AN) Fri., Mar. 6-8. XC Ski White Mountains, Intervale, NH, New Hampshire, White Mountains, NH. Can you think of a better way to begin the month of March than XC- skiing in the White Mountains? Join the SEM and Forty Plus chapters on Mar. 6 for 2 nights lodging at the Old Field House in Intervale, NH. Room rates are from \$120 to \$135 per night plus tax and include a hearty breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Visit their website www.oldfieldhouse.com for a complete description of their rooms and amenities. After registering by

phone with the AMC Leader, call the Old Field House at 800-444-9245 to reserve your room. If you don't have a roommate, leader or innkeeper will try to match you up with one or you have the option of paying for a single supplement. We'll ski at Jackson, Great Glen, or Bear Notch - or right out the door on the Intervale trails. Bring your snowshoes, too. The weekend begins with pizza, salad and socializing on Friday night (nominal charge) around 6:30. Bring a snack to share at Happy Hours and your favorite beverage. Space is limited, so reserve a spot soon. L Barbara Hathaway (508-880-7266 before 9pm, barb224@tmlp.net) CL Wayne Cardoza (), R Barbara Hathaway (508-880-7266 before 9 pm, barb224@tmlp.net)

Sat., Mar. 7. Purgatory Brook Trail Hike, Milford, NH, Milford, NH, New Hampshire, Monadnock Region, NH. 6-mile along anlong the with views of 3 waterfalls. L Anne Duggan (508-789-5538 before 9 pm, abduggan12@gmail.com) CL Peggy Qvicklund (508-883-1623 before 9 pm, qvickan@comcast.net), R Peggy Qvicklund (508-883-1623 before 9 pm, qvickan@comcast.net)

(FT) (NM) Thu., Mar. 12. Thursday Morning Hike Allens Pond, Westport, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. Meet at 10:00am, Stone Barn Farm, Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary, Westport, MA. Hiking boots, rain gear, water, and snacks/lunch required. Heavy rain will cancel. Snow or ice will require Yaktrax or stabilicers. This is a 6.5 mile hike at a slightly faster pace exploring forested wetlands, salt marshes and shorelines. GPS units will not give accurate directions so use the printed directions. This is a different meeting place so we will not be meeting at the main Field Station house across from the the Bayside Restaurant. Cell 508-971-6444. L Walt Granda (508-999-6038 before 9:00 pm, wlgranda@aol.com)

Thu., Mar. 12. Wellfleet, Whitecrest Beach (C3C), Massachusetts, Cape Cod, MA. Wooded walk to Marconi White Cedar Swamp. Flat or rolling terrain except for one large sand hill. Rte 6 to R on Lecount Hollow Rd to beach gatehouse. L on Ocean View Rd for 0.9 mi to beach pkg lot on R. Meet 9:45, start 10:00. 2 hrs. L Pat Sarantis (508-430-9965, patsarantis@gmail.com)

Fri., Mar. 13-15. SEM Winter Hike Series #4 Overnight, White Mountains, NH, New Hampshire, White Mountains, NH. Join us for an overnight at Zealand hut. !-2 nights stay with group meals. Winter experience and gear required. L Leslie Carson (lrc929@comcast.net) L Wayne Anderson (wanderson@mxcsi.com) L Maureen Kelly (moke1773@aol.com) L Mike Woessner (stridermw@hotmail.com) CL Paul Miller , R Leslie Carson (508-833-8237, lrc929@comcast.net)

(FT) (NM) Thu., Mar. 19. Thursday Morning Blue Hills Hike, Milton, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. Blue Hills Hike. L Sue Chiavaroli (508-496-6452, brillo6452@yahoo.com)

(NM) Thu., Apr. 2. Hike-Barnstable-Bridge Creek Conservation (C3D), Cape Cod, Massachusetts, Cape Cod, MA. Flat terrain, cedar upland, maple swamp and salt marsh, bogs, stone walls. Meet at 9:45AM. 2 hrs. From exit 5 off Rte 6 North on Rt 149. Park along grass triangle on immediate left beside church. L Farley Lewis (508-775-9168, farlewis@comcast.net)

(AN) Sat., Apr. 11. Leadership Training AMC Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter, Foxboro, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. This one day training session is required for SEM trip leaders. Training is focused on improving group management skills and understanding AMC leadership practices. Training is optional yet encouraged for group participants who wish to become familiar with trip group management. This training is free to AMC members. L Douglas Griffiths (508-758-4315 after 6 PM, RedDougG@aol.com), R Doug Griffiths (508-758-4315 after 6pm, RedDougG@aol.com)

(AN) (SN) Sat., Apr. 11. SEM Leader Training, 56 Mill Street, Foxboro, MA 02035, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. The SEM Leadership Training course prepares hiking and other trip leaders for managing groups they will be leading on AMC sanctioned trips. The course covers leadership styles, trip planning considerations, screening criteria to ensure similar group member skills, risk mitigation, and qualifications to become a leader. Non-trip leader candidates are also welcome. It is an all day course with a mix of classroom and outdoor exercises. Lunch and refreshment breaks are provided. This course is offered at no cost to AMC members. Non-AMC cost \$25. L Paul Miller

(paulallenmiller@verizon.net), R Doug Griffiths (508-758-4315 after 6:00 pm, RedDougG@aol.com)

(FT) (NM) Thu., Apr. 16. Thurs. Morning Hike - Oldham Trail & Harold Clark Forest, Foxboro, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. Hike the Oldham Trail & Harold Clark Forest. Meet 10:00 am at parking lot on Rt. 140 Foxboro across from Sunoco Station. Bring lunch or snack and water and wear appropriate footwear. L Muriel Guenther (508-699-7461 Before 9:00PM, murielguenther@comcast.net)

(C) (FT) (NM) (AN) Sat., Apr. 18. Take it Outside with AMC - SEM's Open House, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. Join us for "Take it Outside with the AMC" the Open House for SEM on April 18 at Borderland State Park. L Jodi Jensen (781-249-8346, jodiajensen@gmail.com)

(FT) (NM) (AN) Sat., Apr. 18. "Take it Outside with AMC" Beginners Hike @ 1:00PM, Easton, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. A leisurely 3-mile hike around the pond areas at Borderland State Park. L Sue Chiavaroli (508-496-6452, brillo6452@yahoo.com) CL Hadley Donaldson

(FT) (NM) Thu., Apr. 23. Blue Hills Thursday Morning Hike - Chickatawbut Hill Area, Blue Hills Reservation, Milton, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. Join us for a leisurely hike through the Blue Hills. 10:00 am start. L Sue Chiavaroli (508-496-6452, brillo6452@yahoo.com)

Sat., Apr. 25. Grand Monadnock via Monte Rosa Hike, Monadnock State Park, Jaffrey, NH, New Hampshire, Monadnock Region, NH. Nice 6-mile loop hike with 2,500-foot elevation gain that will take us to the little-visited summit of Monte Rosa on the way to Grand Monadnock and then back via some of the more popular trails. While not a 4,000 footer, this is a relatively challenging hike. Experienced hikers only please. L Paul Miller (paulallenmiller@verizon.net) L Walt Granda (wlgranda@aol.com) CL Barry Young (508-386-6041 before 9:00 pm, barry.young@comcast.net), R Barry Young (508-386-6041 before 9:00 pm, barry.young@comcast.net)

Sat., Apr. 25. Trail Maintenance Workshop, Blue Hills, Canton, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. SEM TRAIL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP GET OUT, GIVE BACK, GET DIRTY April 25, 2015 REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Contact Cathy MacCurtain trailschair@amcsem.org. L Catherine MacCurtain (781-848-9506 Before 9:00 p.m.), R Cathy MacCurtain (781-848-9506 Before 9:00 p.m.)

(AN) Sat., May 2-3. Wilderness First Aid AMC Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter, Foxboro, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. Two day SOLO Wilderness First Aid/CPR training for AMC leaders and all outdoor enthusiasts to be held in Foxboro, MA. L Douglas Griffiths (508-758-4315 after 6 PM, RedDougG@aol.com), R Doug Griffiths (508-758-4315 after 6 pm, RedDougG@aol.com)

(C) (FT) (NM) (AN) Sat., May 2-3. Wilderness First Aid (WFA) AMC SEM Chapter, Foxboro, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA, Massachusetts, Southeast, MA. The WFA course runs 8:30 am -4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday in Foxboro, MA. Optional CPR is available. L Cheryl Washwell (774-259-4535 8a-8p, cawashwell@gmail.com), R Doug Griffiths (508-758-4315 best time to call: after 6 PM), RedDougG@aol.com)