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From the (Past) Chair

Our Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 10th was a terrific evening!

The event began with a lively "Lightweight Gear Clinic" given to a standing room only crowd, by our evening's presenter, Andrew Skurka. Our social hour was a great time to visit with friends, and meet new members.

After a brief business meeting, we all applauded our major award winners for 2012: John Clark Award winners Robin Kuznitz and Sarah Rich, and our Appie of the Year Award winner Mike Krabach, our chapter's webmaster and kayak subchair. It is always a very satisfying part of our Annual Meeting to recognize those volunteers who do so much for the AMC and for our chapter, so a huge thanks is in order for all our award winners. The entire Annual Report will be posted on line so you can read ALL the accomplishments of our chapter leaders and members.

The wonderful evening was capped by an "amazing and inspiring" presentation given by Andrew Skurka on his 4,700 mile solo journey across Alaska and the Yukon. Thanks to Jack Schempp and Debbie Mitchell for recommending that we engage Andrew as our presenter this year - his slides, videos and remarks were riveting. The Annual Meeting Planning Committee is heartily thanked for providing such a well-organized, interesting and fun evening.

It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve our Chapter in a leadership role these past three years, one as Vice Chair and the past two years as Chair. I have so appreciated the support of the AMC "Club" Staff and Board Members, along with our Narragansett Chapter Board and Leadership, and the many members who volunteer so readily and give a hand wherever it is needed. As so many of us did, I first joined the AMC many years ago when I did my first hut to hut journey in the Whites. Serving in a leadership role for our chapter has been a meaningful and rewarding way to "give back" for the years and miles of hiking on such beautiful trails. Please consider volunteering for our chapter's Board in the future, as your way also to give back.

My warmest thanks to everyone and my heartiest congratulations to the new 2012-2013 Board and Leadership!

Bonnie

Cardigan Fall Harvest Weekend

Starting with rain on Friday evening and night, Saturday turned into an incredible 70 deg day with calm winds. Sunday started out crisp in the 40's and rose to the 50's with strong wind, a typical Fall day. We almost filled the Lodge with members and guests. The meals were up to the Hut standards, with more than you could eat, and the evening activities kept everyone jumping. I'm sure next year will be on everyone's to-do calendar. We say "Thank you" to everyone who made the weekend possible.

An article about the weekend is on the website, with more photos and videos of the weekend in the Photo Album under "Multi Event Trips".

Executive Board Changes

Effective this month our new Chair Debbie Mitchell and vice Chair Bob Tessitore take control (figuratively) of the Chapter executive committee. Mike Krabach has assumed (literally) the Communication Chair position. Other positions remain the same as the past year. We thank current chairs and subchairs, and other volunteers for their help in making the chapter work.

Annual Meeting Awards

Appie of the Year – This award is presented annually to that person who, in an outstanding manner, exemplifies the mission of the Appalachian Mountain Club. Awarded to Mike Krabach for work on the chapter website.

John Clark Award - This award is given to the "unsung hero" of our chapter - someone who quietly goes about their business of contributing to the chapter. The award was given to two members this year. Awarded to Robin Kuznitz for her work as the Membership Chair for the past 5 years. Awarded to Sarah Rich for her contributions to the Technical Climbing committee over many years.

AMC's 137th Annual Summit

The Appalachian Mountain Club's 137th Annual Summit (formerly known as Annual Meeting) will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at the Four Points by Sheraton, Norwood Hotel & Conference Center, Norwood, MA. <http://www.outdoors.org/about/annualsummit/index.cfm>

The day's activities, which begin at 8:00 a.m., will include:
- AMC's 137th Annual Business Meeting

- Celebrating the 45th anniversary of AMC's Youth Opportunities Program (YOP)
- Club-wide committee meetings
- Club-wide volunteer awards
- Engaging professional development workshops
- AMC Showcase

At night, join us at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and a presentation by our keynote speaker, Audrey Peterman, president and co-founder of Earthwise Productions. Registration is required.

If you plan to attend the full days events including dinner, contact Tom Eagan. Additional Information or Questions: Contact Cindy Martell at 617-391-6603 AMCAnnualSummit@outdoors.org.

In Memoriam-Past Members

Joe Kuzneski, a prolific AMC Volunteer for decades, passed away on Sept. 5 after a long fight with cancer. Joe gave thousands of hours to the Club on the trail, in the meeting room and in the background handling administrative responsibilities. He was renowned for his dedication and conscientiousness, his meticulous trip planning, and for always having fully prepared bail out and alternate plan options on his trips. Read more on our website.

Don MacQuattie We regret the passing of Don MacQuattie this past July 18. Many of the long time members will remember him as a quiet, pleasant and most gracious friend. Below are some of the many comments from people who knew him in not only the AMC but in the NBW. Some of the material is from his online obituary at the Smith Mason Funeral Home, some from the Narragansett Bay Wheelmen magazine and some from his friends. Read more on our website.

Winter Hiking Resources

As winter hiking season starts, members are reminded about wearing 200 sq inches of orange when in any of the State Management Areas. Leaders will remind you when you sign up for a trip. Information on specific requirements are on our web site under the "Recreational/Local Hikes" section "Hunting Season and Orange".

Weather in Rhode Island is fickle and the melting and freezing causes a glaze of ice that is often covered by snow. If it would only stay

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cold the problem would be solved but in the meantime, hikers should consider purchasing some type of ice traction device. Advice on different types, costs and availability are on our website on the "Recreational/Local Hikes" page and also under the "Winter Snow Resources". Prepare yourself with the required equipment before you sign up for a winter hike.

For those who wish to take up serious winter hiking, look over the requirements on our "Winter Snow Resources" are reviewed under "Winter Hiking Equipment and Clothing".

For the latest information on the listed hikes and activities always refer to the online Gazette and Calendar. Two months is a long time and changes and additions are bound to occur. All trips are not planned with a long lead time. Weather critical trips like XC skiing may or may not get in the online Gazette, so subscribe to the email list server. Look under "Activity Listings/Join email lists" on the front page of the website. Some notices and changes may also be listed in the "Message Board".

ACTIVITIES

Sat., Dec. 1. Bluff Point State Park, Groton CT. Approx 5 mile, beautiful view of Long Island Sound, if lucky might even see a submarine. Bring water and lunch or snack. If icy, bring stabilicers. Torrential rain or heavy snow cancels. Start 10:00. L Katherine Mears (401-348-9413 7-9 p.m., medtho@cox.net), CL Colleen Quattromani

Wed., Dec. 5. Hike and Social, Fort Adams. Meet at rear entrance road at bathroom on the right, in the small parking lot, 6pm. Bring a flashlight. L Thomas Freeman (hotdealtom50@cox.net)

Sat., Dec. 8. Hike Fisherville Brook Wild Life Refuge. Meet at 9:00 for a 5 miles easy 2 loops trail in the Fisherville Wild Life Refuge. Beautiful time of the year to enjoy the outdoors. Bring water, and snacks. Rain will cancel the hike. L Maria Earley (401-789-8331 07:00PM - 09:00PM, momearley@netzero.com)

Sat., Dec. 8. Hike Narragansett Trail - Segment 1. YOUNG MEMBERS

SPONSORED. Come hike the first of three segments on the Narragansett Trail from Ashville Pond, through scenic Ell and Long Ponds, through Camp Yawgoo, up to Green Falls pond, through the gorge, back down to Sand Hill Road. This will cover 8.5 to 9 miles with some rock scrambles and muddy patches. Hiking shoes and orange required. Bring water and a lunch! We will meet at 9:00am to shuttle cars. L Scott Disnard (sdizzy@gmail.com), CL Corey Mott, reg/w Corey Mott (cwmott08@gmail.com)

Tue., Dec. 11. Arcadia Trail/Arcadia Management Area hike. Beautiful 7 mile hike in the Arcadia Management Area. Previously cancelled because of "Sandy". Please wear at least 500 square inches of orange required. Bring water, lunch, snacks. A short car spot. 9:30 start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marcie18@att.net), L Katherine Mears (medtho@cox.net)

Sat., Dec. 15. Hike with dogs. Hike/walk Browning Farm Woods Trail, Perryville, appx. 3 miles. L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com), CL Russ Miller, CL Lesli Kelleter

Sat., Dec. 15. Step by Step Mt Wachusett. Learn the basics of winter hiking. Short hike with much time given to information and demonstration. Check out leaders winter gear and why they carry it. L Stephen Harrison (401-270-3363 7-9 pm, hikersteve@cox.net), CL Mike McQuinn, reg/w Steve Harrison (401-270-3363 7-9 pm, hikersteve@cox.net)

Sun., Dec. 16. North South Trail segment #2. Hike the second section of the NST from Buck Hill Rd. to George Washington Management Area around 7 miles. We will meet at GWMA at 10 am to spot a few cars to Buck Hill to start our hike south. Orange vest required. Bring water, snacks, lunch and wear hiking boots. Rain cancels. L Carol Baldwin (ctbaldwin36@yahoo.com), CL Pam Hill

Sun., Dec. 23. Rome Point. This is a 3-4 miles hike at Rome Point in North Kingstown with a chance to share eggnog and cookies along the way. L Richard Sullivan (grampydick2001@yahoo.com)

Sat., Dec. 29. Family Hike John F Chafee

Preserve/Rome Point. Bring family and friends for a short hike (~2 miles RT) at Chafee Nature Preserve/Rome Point, North Kingstown. Marine biologist Dr. Kathy Vigness-Raposa will provide binoculars and a spotting scope for a close-up view of harbor seals, if we are lucky, along with family-friendly fun facts about seals in RI and the history behind Rome Point. L Debbie Mitchell (401-743-4192, dmitchell@thebravergroup.com), CL Kathy Raposa (kvigness@aol.com)

Sun., Dec. 30. Walk off Christmas in Uxbridge. Scenic hike along the Blackstone River from the Visitors Center to historic Plummer's Landing and Lookout Rock. Depending on conditions traction devices needed. Hiking boots, lunch/snacks/drinks. L Linda Pease (401-351-2234, linda.pease@cox.net), CL Barbara Flagg (bakayaker51@verizon.net)

Sat., Jan. 5. Step by Step Pack Monadnock. Hopefully snow so we can try our winter gear and learn to do it safely. Instruction on nutrition, hydration and heat regulation. Winter gear required contact leader with questions. L Stephen Harrison (401-270-3363 7-9 pm, hikersteve@cox.net), CL Bob Janus, reg/w Steve Harrison (401-270-3363 7-9 pm, hikersteve@cox.net)

Fri., Jan. 11-13. Mt. Whiteface hiking weekend, N. Conway. VIEWS! for experienced winter hikers with full gear. Very steep in sections, exposed summit. 7.8 mi with 2850 ft elev gain. 2 nights lodging at ski lodge in N. Conway, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. Sunday hike is leaders choice. Fee \$110. L Stephen Harrison (401-270-3363 7-9 pm, hikersteve@cox.net), CL Elise Hedglen, reg/w Steve Harrison (401-270-3363 7-9 pm, hikersteve@cox.net)

Fri., Jan. 11-13. Mt. Monroe and Mt. Washington Day Hiking Weekend. Join the leaders as they attempt to summit Mounts Monroe and Washington via the Ammonoosuc Ravine and Crawford Path trails. Full winter gear, appropriate fitness level, and significant winter above-treeline experience required. Cost of \$125 covers 2 nights of lodging, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. L Ed Poyer (401-212-9201, EdPoyer@gmail.com), CL Bernardo Aumond, reg/w Bernardo Aumond (464 Hanover Street, #6, Boston, MA 02113, 617-335-7684, bdaumond@yahoo.com)

Sat., Jan. 12. Annual Technical Climbing Party. Come catch up with friends old and new. Slide shows of trips. Gear swap. Pot Luck - Last name: A-L - entrees, M-R - appetizers;

S-Z- main course. L Sarah Rich (saeandpetzl@gmail.com), R Brian Phillips

Tue., Jan. 15. Hike with dogs. Hike/walk Weetamoo Woods, Tiverton with dogs, appx. 5 miles. (L) Judy Van Wyk & Bonnie England, (CL) Russ Miller & Lesli Kelleter. L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com), L Judy Van Wyk (peacefulpeople@yahoo.com), CL Lesli Kelleter, CL Russ Miller

Fri., Jan. 18-21. Alpine Hikes on Martin Luther King Weekend. Enjoy spectacular views in an alpine setting. For those in good condition with winter experience, prepared to hike above treeline. Full winter gear required. Sunday's hike is leaders' choice. \$185 for 3 nights' lodging, 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners. L Ed Poyer (EdPoyer@gmail.com), CL Peter Broderick

Sat., Jan. 19-20. Ice Climbing NH, White Mountains Region. Designed for experienced ice climbers and rock climbers who have attended the rock courses or have equivalent experience. Must have, or rent, boots and crampons but can share ice tools. Cost share lodging. Register with Leader. L Brian Phillips (bphillips38@cox.net)

Sun., Jan. 20. Winter Hike in Arcadia. We may need snowshoes or Micro-Spikes; or like last January the ground was bare but the temperature was around 12-14 degrees. Please check the AMC Web-Site because Trail conditions will determine location. Orange required, 10:30 start. L David Natale (401-739-9606 anytime, igb@att.net)

Fri., Jan. 25-27. Ski Bretton Woods in the White Mts. Most reliable snow in the Whites, varied terrain, discounted tickets, 2 breakfasts, dinners, happy hours, 2/room, bunks. Possible visit to famous Mt Washington Hotel, fireplace lounge.. Fee \$187. L Jack Schempp (401-331-4553 7-9, jschempp1@gmail.com), reg/w Jack Schempp (47 Arbor Drive, Providence, RI 02908, 401-331-4553 7-9, jschempp1@gmail.com)

Sat., Jan. 26. Hike with dogs. Hike/walk with dogs to Rome Point, North Kingstown, appx. 4 miles. (L) Mercedes Rivero, (CL) Russ Miller & Lesli Kelleter. L Mercedes Rivero Hudec (marh08@gmail.com), CL Russ Miller, CL Lesli Kelleter

Sat., Jan. 26. Step by Step Mt Greylock hike. Highest peak in mass. Very exposed at summit with great views. Hike is 8 mi RT with 2000 ft elev gain. Preference given to previous Step by Step with full winter gear. Carpool from Ri with eat out after. L Stephen Harrison

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ADVANCE NOTICES

Fri., Feb. 1-3. Intermediate X-C Skiing, N. Conway. 2-nights lodging, two breakfasts, one dinner at warm and friendly ski club lodge. North Conway region. Limit 10 participants. Fee \$100. L Susan Rollins (401-521-7188 6:00 - 8:00 PM), L Larry Rollins (401-521-7188 6:00 - 8:00 PM)

Fri., Feb. 1-3. Cross-Country Skiing Beginner/Intermediate Instructional Weekend. \$160 fee includes Fri & Sat lodging at Sargent Center, 3 Sat meals and 2 Sun meals, happy hour, and ski instruction at Sargent Center in small groups. Ski rentals available. Possible additional day ticket fee for any skiing off-site. Leader has option to move event to Feb 22-24 weekend, by Jan 28 postponement deadline, if adequate snow is in question. Non-refundable \$60 deposit due by December 21, payable to Chris Shafer. Full payment due in early January. Check with registrar first before sending payment. L Christopher Shafer (401-789-8331 7 PM - 9 PM, Christopher.Shafer@dem.ri.gov), reg/w Christopher Shafer (PO Box 103, Wakefield, RI 02880, 401-789-8331 7 PM - 9 PM, christopher.shafer@dem.ri.gov)

Fri., Feb. 8-10. Wildcat Ridge Traverse. Day hike the length of the Wildcat Ridge by the Wildcat Ridge and 19 Mile Brook Trails. 9.4 miles with 3,250 ft of elevation gain. Challenging, all day hike, early start, late finish, for experienced, well-conditioned winter hikers. Sunday, leaders' choice. Stay at Pinkham Friday and Saturday nights. Approximate cost \$160.00, includes 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. Closing date for signup is Jan 20. L Charles Killam (Charlie.Killam@gmail.com), CL Elise Hedglen, reg/w Elise Hedglen (ehedglen@yahoo.com)

Fri., Feb. 8-10. Ski Best Snow in White Mts, Bretton Woods. Best reliable, well-groomed snow. Stay at AMC Highland Center, Crawford Notch, 2 happy hours, breakfasts, dinners, 2 nights lodging, 2/rm, bunks. Possible visit to Mt Washington Hotel, fun, good company! Fee \$187. L Jack Schempp (401-331-4553 7-9, jschempp1@gmail.com), reg/w Jack Schempp (47 Arbor Drive, Providence, RI 02908, 401-331-4553 7-9, jschempp1@gmail.com)

Fri., Feb. 8-10. Wildcat Ridge Traverse. Hike the length of the Wildcat Ridge with spectacular views of the Presidential Range and Mt. Washington. Challenging all day hike,

9.4 miles with 3,250 ft of elevation gain for experienced, well-conditioned winter hikers. Sunday, leaders' choice. Stay at Joe Dodge Lodge, approximate cost \$157.00, includes 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. Register by Jan 25. L Charles Killam (Charlie.Killam@gmail.com), CL Elise Hedglen , reg/w Elise Hedglen (ehedglen@yahoo.com)

Fri., Feb. 15-18. Challenging Day Hikes on Presidents Day Weekend. Enjoy spectacular views from a remote 4,000 foot peak. For those in good condition with winter experience. Long day possible. Proper winter gear required. Sunday's hike is leaders' choice. \$185 for 3 nights' lodging, 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners. L Ed Poyer (EdPoyer@gmail.com), CL Mike McGuigan

Fri., Mar. 15-17. Carrigain Weekned. Join us for our attempt at Carrigain by the Signal Ridge Trail. Challenging, 14 mile/3,250ft hike for intermediate to experienced, well-conditioned winter hikers. Long day, possible return in the dark. Sunday, leaders choice. Stay at Shapliegh Bunkhouse Friday and Saturday nights. Approximate cost \$110.00, includes 2 nights lodging and 2 breakfasts. Must Reg by Feb 27. L Charles Killam (Charlie.Killam@gmail.com), CL Scott Disnard (sdizzy@gmail.com), reg/w Scott Disnard (sdizzy@gmail.com)

Fri., Mar. 15-17. Mt. Waumbek/Tecumseh Step-by-Step. Sat, moderate climb to a Presidential view, a winter wonderland ridge, and a 4,000 ft peak. 7.8 mi with 2850 ft elevation gain. Sun, hike to Waterville Valley ski summit. Full winter gear required. \$125 for 2 nights' motel, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. L Ed Poyer (EdPoyer@gmail.com), CL Elise Hedglen , reg/w Elise Hedglen (96 Spencer Ct, Wakefield, RI 02879, ehedglen@yahoo.com)

Fri., Mar. 22-24. Northern Peaks of the Presidentials Hiking Weekend. Join the leaders as they attempt to summit Mount Adams via the Randolph Path and Spur trails. Group will overnight at one of the RMC high cabins on Saturday (either Crag Camp or Gray Knob). Possible Madison summit attempt on Sunday, conditions permitting. Full winter gear, appropriate fitness level, and significant above-treeline in winter experience required. Limited availability. Cost of \$70 covers one night of lodging and breakfast at the Shapleigh Bunk House and one overnight at the cabin. L Bernardo Aumond (617-335-7684, bdaumond@yahoo.com), CL Scott Sprague (401-934-3103, dadders1954@hotmail.com), reg/w Bernardo Aumond (464 Hanover Street, #6, Boston, MA 02113, 617-335-7684, bdaumond@yahoo.com)

Sat., Feb. 23-24. Ice Climbing -- Smuggler's Notch, VT. Designed for experienced rock climbers who have attended the rock courses or have equivalent experience. Must have, or rent, own gear. Cost share lodging. Must register with leader. L Peter Barlow (860-675-3772, freeclimb@aol.com)

Fri., Jun. 7-9. Alpine Flowers hike weekend. Enjoy the miniature beauty of alpine blossoms and spectacular views along the Presidential Range. One night at the Shapleigh bunk house, one night at the Lakes of the Clouds Hut. For the experienced mountain hiker with proper equipment. Twelve miles r.t., 6-7 hours per day, 2800 feet of elevation gain at a moderate steady pace. Should be comfortable scrambling rocks with a full pack. \$200 includes 2 nights of lodging and 2 breakfasts. L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net), CL Bernardo Aumond , reg/w Bernardo Aumond

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