



# The Gansett Gazette

## Newsletter of the Narragansett Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club

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### Winter?

Winter seems to have come and gone several times so far this season. Entertainment seems to have been diverted to the news industry “trending” reports on the (newly minted) “Polar Vortex”. I am keenly waiting for the summer “Equatorial Vortex” to arrive. Hopefully in the meantime snowfall will still become a reality and XC skiing will return to RI and nearby areas. In the meantime make sure that you have proper gear to take advantage of our winter season. Dressing warmly and use the proper gear for the conditions. Our website Snow Resources page has good information on traction devices and clothing.

### New Social Event Category

Social Events has been added to the Activities Committee to allow members to become contributors for social events without going through formal qualifications. Of course we assume that you know what you are doing when you enter a social event. The Reviewer for social events will be Chris Shafer, our Activities Committee Chair. Events of this nature could include ice skating, roller blading, slide shows, picnics, or any other social event that does not require a formally qualified leader as for biking, paddling, etc. If you wish to be included with a database account, contact Chris Shafer.

### Leader Profiles Wanted

Our leaders and committee members are volunteers who enjoy donating their time and expertise for the benefit of the AMC, so that our members can enjoy the outdoor opportunities we offer. The Narragansett Chapter has a trip leader and committee member profile page to credit and introduce our leaders and committee members to the membership. If you are a trip leader, a committee member, serve in some other capacity for the club, or served as an active past leader, and have not submitted a profile, we encourage you to share a profile with the chapter. Submitting information for the profile page is strictly voluntary, but in the spirit of the AMC, I hope most of you will contribute.

### General Site Password

The general site password has previously been published in the mailed Gazette. The new password will not be published in the future. If you want the username/password combination you should contact the webmaster. It still will

be changed on a yearly basis.

### Communications Committee

In the coming year we hope to revise our website to make it more useful and distribute the editorial load from a single person (the webmaster) to the leadership members. We need volunteers to assist in the preliminary design and feature selections. Currently there are pages on our website that get no use, some that get heavy use, and those in between. The committee would be the body to determine what to keep and what to drop. In the past there has been minimal, and I mean minimal, input to the form and design of the current website. We need volunteers who would not only give their personal input but would look at the other AMC chapter websites to see what they are doing, how they are doing it, and is it effective? This will not be a cursory gloss over other sites, but a careful examination from the users standpoint. Any new website for our chapter will also have its limitations based on our method of coding and designing the site. These limitations will need to be examined by the more tech savvy members of the committee. The new website will not only need to be function on the popular full size browsers but also on mobile versions. These are the challenges that we need to address. Interested, or have questions or input? Use the Suggestion Box to contact the webmaster, or contact him directly. Let's not let the future website be as bland, but maintainance free, as our backup site. <http://www.amcnarragansett.org/v/>

### Our Meetup Site

Currently we have 768 Meetup members that have signed up to our Meetup group. This is a pool of like minded outdoors people that hopefully will think enough of the AMC to join the AMC,. If you as an AMC member are on any event or trip that has included Meetup members as guests, make them welcome and comfortable with our organization. Hopefully some will join and eventually become involved enough in the AMC to be our new leaders. Our Meetup group is our largest Social window to the Internet, other than our website.

### Volunteer Positions Still Open

Volunteer positions are becoming vacant. We need members to fill important chapter executive board positions for **Secretary**, and **Membership**. If you have interest in any of

these positions, or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact any of our Board members. Contacts are listed on this page. More information on the duties of these positions are listed on our volunteer web page.

### Emergency Listing from Boston

There is a big **Boston Chapter cross country ski and snowshoe trip** that was **unfortunately left out** of the Boston Chapter newsletter and the magazine. The leader, Marjorie Jordan, asked that I please bring the trip to your attention so that you could pass the message on to your skiing/snowshoeing members if they would be interested. Trip information is below. **Feb 16 – 21, 2014, Sun – Fri X-C SKI AND SNOWSHOE WEEK**, VAL DAVID, QUEBEC, (Forty Plus) 19th Annual X-C Ski and Snowshoe trip to Auberge du Vieux Foyer, Val David, Quebec. Accommodations include a double room with a private bath, five nights lodging, five full breakfasts, five gourmet dinners. Includes free access to over 100 km of groomed trails for all abilities, including those at Far Hills. Indoor Sauna and large outdoor hot tub on premises. Rate \$620/per person, double occ. \$795/person single occ. (applicable taxes not included) \$125.00 deposit required with registration. To register, call Marjorie Jordan (617 969 6863) between 7:00-9:00 PM or email [magjor@verizon.net](mailto:magjor@verizon.net).

The online trip listing can be found here: <http://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/70412>

*Susannah Hatch*

*Volunteer Relations Coordinator  
Appalachian Mountain Club*

### August Camp

#### Mount Rainier National Park Hike in the shadows of majestic Mount Rainier

In 2014 August Camp experiences the incredible beauty of Mount Rainier National Park. Marvel at spectacular scenery while walking among towering hemlocks, relive the drama of Mt. St. Helens, and hike on the shoulder of one of the tallest peaks in the lower 48. Camp will be set up in the small former lumbering town of Packwood adjacent to the park.

After a day of the activity of your choice relax around the nightly campfire. This will be the time to listen to ranger talks, hear reports from the day's hikes, learn about the next day's activities, and enjoy singing and conversation.

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This full service tent village for 64 campers each week offers home-cooked meals, daily hikes at all levels, nightly campfires and wonderful camaraderie.

The designated airport is Seattle-Tacoma International, and the camp fleet of vans provides transport between camp and SeaTac each Saturday.

The Application and Camper information forms, as well as detailed Camp information can found on the August Camp website at <http://www.augustcamp.org/>. Plan your one or two week adventure now and be part of one of the AMC's oldest traditions. Applications will be accepted after Jan 1, 2014.

Week 1: July 19 - July 26

Week 2: July 26 - Aug 2

Week 3: Aug 2- Aug. 9

Week 4: Aug. 9 - Aug. 16

Questions about August Camp? Contact DV Chapter member and August Camp leader Lennie Steinmetz at

steinmetz.lennie@gmail.com or by phone at 610-694-8677.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Fri., Jan. 31-Feb. 2. Webster Jackson Intro to Winter Hiking.** Moderate day hike to the summits of Mt Jackson and Webster for new winter hikers and other winter hikers looking for a moderate winter hike. 6.5 mile hike at a moderate pace, with time allowed for new winter hikers to learn and practice winter skills and learn how to enjoy the winter. Sunday, Leader's choice. Some rental gear available. Fee \$120 includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. L Charles Killam (Charlie.Killam@gmail.com) CL Bob Janus (janus68@cox.net), reg/w Bob Janus (janus68@cox.net)

**Sat., Feb. 1. Dog Hike at Weetamoo Woods, Tiverton. Dog hike at Weetamoo Woods, Tiverton.** L Judy Van Wyk (peacefulpeople@yahoo.com) CL Paul Wynn CL Russ Miller, reg/w Judy Van Wyk (peacefulpeople@yahoo.com)

**Tue., Feb. 4. Weetamoo Woods/Ft. Barton Redoubt Hike.** Hike 6 miles of woodland trails in Weetamoo Woods & Pardon Gray Preserve then a short drive to Historic Ft.

Barton Woods & Revolutionary War Redoubt for another 3 miles. 10am start. Bring water, snacks & lunch. L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net) L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net)

**Fri., Feb. 7-9. Hike the Hancocks.** Interesting loop over Hancock North/South Peaks, formerly the most remote, inaccessible mountain in the Whites. 9.8 mi, 2650 ft of elevation gain via Hancock Notch, Cedar Brook, and Hancock Loop Trails. Approximate cost \$140, includes 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner at 4BR house in Lincoln, access to indoor pool, hot tub, sauna. L Bernardo Aumond (bdaumond@yahoo.com) CL Elise Hedglen (ehedglen@yahoo.com), reg/w Bernardo Aumond (bdaumond@yahoo.com)

**Fri., Feb. 7-9. Ski Best of the Whites.** XC or Alpine; stay at Highland Center for 2 nights w/fine dining. \$187.48 incl 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, happy hour. For active intermediates. Sponsored by Naragansett Chapter. L Jack Schempp (401-311-4553 7-9pm, jschempp1@gmail.com)

**Wed., Feb. 12. Narragansett Trail, Lantern Hill CT Hike.** 7 mile hike on Narragansett Trail in Pachaug St. forest CT. Starting at Lantern Hill to Wyassup Lake. Must wear 200 sq in of orange. Sturdy hiking boots, water, snacks, lunch and dress warm. May need traction devices or even snowshoes. 9:30 start for short carspot. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

**Fri., Feb. 14-17. Mt. Washington Day Hike on Presidents Weekend.** Enjoy spectacular views from the top of New England. For those in good condition with winter experience and full winter gear. Long day possible. Alternate hikes based on conditions. \$175 for 3 nights, 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners. Lodging at Johnson's Motel in Twin Mountain, NH. L Ed Poyer (EdPoyer@gmail.com) CL Michael McGuigan

**Fri., Feb. 14-17. Presidents' weekend XC ski trip, N. Conway, NH.** Stay in private ski club in N. Conway, 4 cross country ski areas within 25 minute drive, or choose downhill skiing or hiking. Stay in unique 30 room, 150 yr. old former Victorian inn. Lodging 2-4 to a room. 2

nights, 2 bkfasts, dinner \$69, 3 nights \$93. Limited to 12. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net)

**Fri., Feb. 21-23. Owl's Head Weekend.**

Headlamp start and finish, must be ok hiking off trail at times, 16+miles. Sunday L's choice. L Scott Disnard (sdizzy@gmail.com) CL Tammy Daugherty CL John Siriois , reg/w Scott Disnard (sdizzy@gmail.com)

**Sat., Feb. 22-23. Ice Climbing -Smuggler's Notch, VT.**

Designed for experienced ice and 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) CL Kevin Sweeney (sween8704@yahoo.com)

**Wed., Feb. 26. Blue Hills Hike, Canton, Ma.**

7 mile hike in the Blue Hills. Weather will determine which trail. Moderate paced hike. May need traction devices or even snowshoes. Sturdy hiking boots, bring water, snacks & lunch. dress warm! 9:00 meet in Attleboro for carpool to Canton. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

**Sat., Mar. 1. Dog Hike at Tillinghast Land Trust, East Greenwich RI.**

3 to 5 mile hike with option for short or longer hike on Land Trust trails. Easy to moderate, good for active dogs. L Judy Van Wyk (peacefulpeople@yahoo.com) CL Russ Miller CL Bonnie England , reg/w Judy Van Wyk (peacefulpeople@yahoo.com)

**Mon., Mar. 10-11. Windblown XC**

**Overnighter.** Join us on an epic overnighter to XC Windblown's Warming Hut. We plan on Skiing both days with the possibility of a night Ski. Trip is limited to 10 participants plus leaders, and it will fill. Experienced beginners and above skiers preferred. Fee \$20, includes lodging, Monday Dinner, and Tuesday Breakfast. Gear Rentals and Trail pass purchased individually. This trip is sponsored by the XC Ski committee and the Young Members committee. L Chris Turgeon (401-364-8082, turgeon77@ymail.com) CL Karen Rudio

**Fri., Mar. 14-16. Southern Presidential Traverse Day Hike Weekend.**

Enjoy spectacular views from Monroe, Eisenhower and Pierce. 10 miles, 3,800' gain, 9:00 hours. For those in good condition with above tree line winter experience. Full winter gear required. Sunday's hike is leaders' choice. \$120 for 2 nights' lodging, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. Lodging at Johnson's Motel in Twin Mountain,

NH. L Ed Poyer (EdPoyer@gmail.com) CL Scott Disnard

**Fri., Mar. 21-23. Mount Adams Alpine Hiking Weekend.**

Join the leaders as they attempt to summit Mount Adams in the Northern Presidentials. We will have an early start on Saturday and then overnight at one of the RMC high cabins (either Crag Camp or Gray Knob). Possible additional alpine hikes (conditions permitting) and hike down on Sunday. Full winter gear, appropriate fitness level, and significant above-treeline in winter experience required. Limited availability. \$80. L Bernardo Aumond (617-335-7684, bdaumond@yahoo.com) L Scott Sprague (401-934-3103, dadders154@hotmail.com)

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

**Sat., Apr. 12. Beginner Rock Climbing**

**Course, April 12 & 19.** Course consists of two progressive classes of instruction and is intended for beginning climbers and gym climbers who want to make the transition to the outdoors. Classes are held at nearby CT crags. Course participants must be 18-years old or 15-years old if accompanied by a parent/guardian. Fee for 2-day course: AMC Member \$60, Nonmember \$100. Student Discount, AMC Member \$40, Non Member \$80. Register early as these classes fill quickly. L Peter Barlow (860-675-3772, freeclimb@aol.com)

**Sun., Apr. 27. Dog Hike at Ben Utter Trail, Arcadia Management Area.**

Dog hike at Ben Utter Trail, Arcadia Management Area. Moderate hike is for active dogs and people. L Judy Van Wyk (peacefulpeople@yahoo.com) CL Paul Wynn , reg/w Judy Van Wyk (peacefulpeople@yahoo.com)

**Sat., May. 3. Intermediate Rock Climbing Course, May 3 & May 10.**

Course consists of two progressive classes of instruction and is intended for intermediate climbers or those who took the beginner class. Classes are held at nearby CT crags. Course participants must be 18-years old or 15-years old if accompanied by a parent/guardian. Fee for 3-day course: AMC Member \$60, Nonmember \$100. College Student Discount, AMC Member \$40, Non Member \$80. Register early as these classes fill quickly. L Peter Barlow (860-675-3772, freeclimb@aol.com)

**Sun., May. 4. Dog Hike at Hudson/Breakheart Trail, Arcadia Management Area.**

Dog Hike at Hudson and Breakheart Trails, Arcadia Management Area. L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com) CL Paul Wynn CL Mercedes Rivero , reg/w Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com)

**Fri., Jun. 6-8. Alpine Flowers hike weekend.**

Enjoy the miniature beauty of alpine blossoms and spectacular views along the Presidential Range. One night at the Highland Center, one night at the Lakes of the Clouds Hut. For the experienced mountain hiker with proper equipment. Twelve miles reg/w.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. \$260 includes bed and breakfast at the Highland Center (\$110 optional) and dinner + bed and breakfast at Lakes of the Clouds (\$150). L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net), reg/w Bernardo Aumond (464 Hanover Street, #6, Boston, MA 02113, 617-335-7684, bdaumond@yahoo.com)

**Sat., Jun. 7-8. Rock Climbing - Gunks.**

Climbers capable of 5.6 routes or better. Trip size may be limited due to leader to second ratio. L Steven Prouty (sprouty115@gmail.com) CL Jeannine Peterson (surnurse@yahoo.com)

**Sat., Jun. 21. Dog Hike at Sprague Farm, Gloucester RI.**

3 to 4 mile easy hike on Land Trust property in Chepachet RI. L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com) CL Judy Van Wyk CL Russ Miller , reg/w Russ Miller (grmiller01@msn.com)

**Sat., Jul. 12. Dog Hike at Caroline North Trail, Carolina Management Area.**

4 to 5 mile hike in Carolina Management Area, Richmond RI. L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com) CL Russ Miller CL Judy Van Wyk , reg/w Russ Miller (grmiller01@msn.com)

**Sat., Jul. 12-13. Rock Climbing, Cathedral and Whitehorse Ledges, NH.**

Climbers comfortable on 5.7 routes or better. Participation determined by the number of leaders to seconds, stay at ski club, dinner Saturday cost-share pizza. Reg/w leader to get specific trip information. L Peter Barlow (860-675-3772, freeclimb@aol.com) CL Seth Yuridin (sywg12@gmail.com)

**Sat., Aug. 2-3. Rock Climbing - Rumney.**

Climbers comfortable on 5.8 routes or better, camp at local campground. Dinner at an après climb restaurant or cost share BBQ. L Jeannine Peterson (surnurse@yahoo.com) CL Bill Baxter (mitziakramer@yahoo.com)

**Sat., Sep. 6-7. Rock Climbing - Cannon.**

Climbers comfortable on 5.8 routes or better, camping is at a private campground we have arranged. Dinner is catered. L David Curry (dmc Curry13@yahoo.com) CL Mary Stevenson (mesbbkc@verizon.net)

**Sat., Oct. 11-12. Rock Climbing - Gunks.**  
Climbers capable of 5.6 routes or better. Trip size may be limited due to leader to second ratio. L Sarah Rich (saeandpetzl@gmail.com)  
CL Ken Hamel (kenskibike@cox.net)

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