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Mailed Gazette to be Discontinued.

The Chapter Board has decided to discontinue mailing the Gazette newsletter. The last mailed issue will be Dec-Jan 2014. This issue will be the last in a 10 year run for this Gazette format. The same (pdf format) Gazette will still be available on the website if members wish to download and print a personal copy. The enhanced online Gazette will not change, and will still include trip changes and additions through the bi-monthly schedules.

For those who absolutely rely on the mailed version, they should contact the webmaster or any of the Board members. Arrangements will be made to get the Gazette to them. The upside is that the Chapter will save over \$6,000 per year, which can be used to enhance activities and benefit our Chapter, members and volunteers. Since our Chapter has, and is, financially stable, various suggestions have been discussed. The Board would appreciate input from members. You may contact any of the Board members with your ideas.

Narragansett Chapter Annual Meeting November 9th

Our Annual meeting will be held on **Saturday November 9th** at the **Save the Bay facility**, and is a nice opportunity to meet other members while enjoying great food and presentations. The Chapter's major awards, as described below, are presented as this time.

1. The **Appie of the Year award** is presented annually to that person who, in an outstanding manner, exemplifies the mission of the Appalachian Mountain Club. The recipient of this award receives an individual engraved plaque as a permanent memento and is also presented with a plaque with their name engraved, along with the names of the previous Appies. This plaque is retained for one year before it is passed on to the next Appie of the Year. The recipient of this award is chosen by the Narragansett Chapter membership and is confirmed by the Chapter Executive Board.

2. The **John Clark Service Award** is the Chapter's second highest honor. This award is given to the "unsung hero" of our chapter - someone who quietly goes about their business of contributing to the chapter.

3. Over the years, some members have given their time and talent to the AMC, and to our Chapter, for such a long time that other yearly

awards do not express the appreciation the Chapter has for these members. To show our appreciation, the Chapter has inaugurated our **Golden Appie Award**. This award is not a yearly award but a lifetime achievement award for service to the Narragansett Chapter. Please contact us if you have nominations for any of these awards. Debbie Mitchell (401)743-4192 dmitchell@thebravergroup.com or Bob Tessitore at bobtess@gmail.com

This years presentation is by by Bill Betty who will talk about "**Mountain Lions in New England**". Bill Betty, a mountain lion lecturer from Rhode Island, will give a presentation that covers all aspects of cougar behavior. Sport hunting, reproduction, pets, predation, and habituation are covered in detail. The various theories why cougars are rapidly reoccupying the Northeast will be discussed. Thank you

The Narragansett Chapter Board

ACTIVITIES

Tue., Oct. 1. Sprague Farm/Steere Hill Farm/Jerimoth Hill Hike. 7-8 mile hike in two charming Gloucester Land Trust properties. Then a short drive to "hike" the high point in Rhode Island. Bring water, snacks, lunch. 9:30 start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

Wed., Oct. 2. Hike/Social, Ten Mile River Greenway. 3 mile hike and we go to dinner. Get off the couch and join us. Meet in parking lot behind Kimberly Ann Rock Memorial Athletic Complex, adjacent to bike path, Ferris Ave, Rumford. Bring insect repellent and a flashlight. We leave at 6:00 pm. L Steven Harrington (401-434-3409, sjhep1@hotmail.com)

Fri., Oct. 4-6. Vermont 4,000'ers. Join us for a weekend of challenging day hikes in scenic Vermont. Saturday we'll hike to summits of Mts. Ellen and Abraham, both 4000'ers. Sunday, probably Camel's Hump. Approximate cost \$60.00, includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner. L Charles Killam (Charlie.Killam@gmail.com) CL Elise Hedglen (ehedglen@yahoo.com), reg/w Elise Hedglen (ehedglen@yahoo.com)

Sat., Oct. 5. Barn Island to Napatree Pt. paddle. Kayaking from Barn Island, Stonington, CT to Napatree Point. Intermediate

paddle about 9 miles. Bring lunch, water. Stop in Westerly for ice cream or snacks. L Michael Krabach (401-333-5350, mkrabach@cox.net) CL Bill Hahn , reg/w Michael Krabach

Sat., Oct. 5. Tillinghast Pond Management Hike (TPMA). Meet at 9:00 am for a 6-7 miles hike to learn and explore this new pristine area with historical and geographical facts of the TPMA provided by preserve volunteer and hike CL Mike Parker. Ideal area to view the Fall tapestry of colors. Moderate hike. Rain will cancel the hike. L Maria Earley (401-789-8331) CL Mike Parker (Mike.Parker@cox.net)

Wed., Oct. 9. Beach Pond South/Arcadia Management Area Hike. Arcadia Mgmt area 8 mile hike using Tippecansett, Dye Hill, Brushy Brook & Hemlock Ledges trails. Sturdy hiking shoes. Long day. Bring water, snacks & lunch. Possible stop at Middle of Nowhere Diner after. 9:30 start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

Wed., Oct. 9. Hike and Social - Colt State Park, Bristol. Meet at the Chaffee statue in the park. Leave 6 pm. 3 mile hike and we go to dinner. Get off the couch and join us. Flashlights. L N Gregg O'Brien (401-245-0677, goh243@aol.com)

Sat., Oct. 12-13. Rock Climbing - Gunks. 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 (saehandpetzl@gmail.com)

Wed., Oct. 16. Long/Ell/Blue/Ashville Ponds hike. 6 mile hike to 4 ponds, Long, Ell, Ashville & Blue. Nice hike w/some steep sections, great overlooks, and a little bushwacking as well. Please bring sturdy boots, lots of water, snacks and lunch. 9:30 start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

Wed., Oct. 16. Hike and Social - Wickford. 2-3 mile hike and we go out to eat. Get off the couch and join us. Meet at the municipal lot behind Rite Aid. 6 pm. Bring flashlight. L Richard Sullivan (401-338-2880, grampydick2001@yahoo.com)

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Sat., Oct. 19. Foliage Conservation Walk, Swan Point Cemetery. Swan Point will have remarkable varieties of trees and shrubs in autumn colors. Patty D'Ambra, noted expert and master gardener, explains unique characteristics, answers questions and will tell a story or two as you enjoy this morning stroll. L Patricia D'Ambra (401-949-3374)

Sat., Oct. 19. Bridge Rehab and trail erosion. 6-8 strong volunteers needed to assist in bridge rehabilitation, Burlingame Management area, and other individuals to work on repairing and preventing trail erosion. Meet, 8:30 am in Burlingame camp entrance parking lot. L Christopher Shafer (401-789-8331 7pm to 9pm, Christopher.Shafer@dem.ri.gov) CL David Cranmer (401-447-9848 before 9pm, dcranmer@neit.edu)

Tue., Oct. 22. Norman Bird Sanctuary/Sachuest Pt. Refuge Hike. 7 miles in two distinctly different locations a short drive apart. See great wildlife, ocean views, craggy ridges, and woodlands. Then we'll visit Newport's own Purgatory Chasm. We'll do a potluck lunch to share. 10am start in Norman. L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net) L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net)

Wed., Oct. 23. Hike and Social, Lincoln Woods. 3 mile hike and we go to dinner. Get off the couch and join us. Leave 6pm from beach parking lot. It's a treat to see the evening sunset reflecting off the pond. Bring flashlights. L Herrick Spencer (401-723-1974, spencer295@cox.net)

Fri., Oct. 25. Trails Committee Meeting. The Trails Committee will meet Friday, October 26, at 6:30 pm at the home of Henry and Martha Cruciani, 81 Edmond Dr, Warwick (off Cowesett Ave). Contact Dav Cranmer if planning to attend. L David Cranmer (401-447-9848 before 9pm, dcranmer@NEIT.EDU)

Sat., Oct. 26. Corn Maze Social. Join us for our first corn maize adventure. Come get lost at one of the biggest Corn Mazes in RI. The plan is to meet 3Pm at 255 Middle Rd. Portsmouth RI. Possible dinner after in the surrounding area. L Chris Turgeon (turgeon77@ymail.com)

Tue., Oct. 29. Narragansett Trail, Bullet/Hi Ledges CT Hike. 9 mile hike of Narragansett Trail in Eastern CT. includes Bullet and High Ledges. A long tough day of hiking. Sturdy boots/hiking shoes required, bring lots of water, lunch and snacks. MUST wear orange! 9:30 start for short carspot. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

Wed., Oct. 30. Hike/social - Newport. 2-3 mile hike and we go out to eat. Get off the couch and join us. Meet at Newport Beach, in the lot on the right. We may walk on the Cliff Walk or take an alternate scenic route. Flashlights. Leave at 6 pm. L Sidney Wax (401-849-2595, sid_w@yahoo.com)

Sat., Nov. 2. Blackstone Park trails improvement event. Join with AMC members and Friends of Blackstone Park in efforts to prevent and control trail erosion. No prior experience needed. Start 9 AM. Bring water, lunch, work gloves (or we loan gloves, if needed) and wear hiking boots or similar with a good tread. All tools provided. Raindate, Nov. 3 at same starting time. Directions provided, upon registering for event. L Christopher Shafer (401-789-8331 7 PM - 9 PM, Christopher.Shafer@dem.ri.gov)

Wed., Nov. 6. Hike and Social - Narragansett. Meet at the courtyard by the Narragansett Towers by the Coast Guard House. 2-3 mile hike and we go to dinner. Get off the couch and join us. Bring flashlight. L Susan Boland (401-556-3926, sboland2@cox.net)

Wed., Nov. 6. Tillinghast/Wickaboxet/Pratt Hike. 8+ mile hike on the Tillinghast Pond Management area and new connecting trails to Wickaboxet and Pratt Conservation areas. Must wear legal orange. Bring water, snacks, lunch. 10:00 am start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

AMC NARRAGANSETT CHAPTER
2013 ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

Date: Saturday, November 9

Location: Save The Bay Center - 100 Save The Bay Drive, Providence

Agenda:

Social time 5:30-6:30

6:30-7:45 business meeting, awards and dinner

7:45-9:15 presentation and dessert

Cost: \$25 per person (includes appetizers, buffet dinner and soft drinks)

Don't miss this exciting presentation by Bill Betty
"Mountain Lions in New England"

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Registration Form

Please return with check payable to: "Narragansett Chapter AMC" by **October 31st**.

Registrations **after this date** will be \$30/person.

Mail to:

Bob Tessitore

20 Barnes St.

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Questions – contact Bob at bobtess@gmail.com

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL _____
NUMBER OF PERSONS: _____ @ \$25 EACH = TOTAL \$ _____
GUEST NAME/S: _____

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Wed., Nov. 13. Hike and Social, Providence.

3 mile hike and we go to dinner. Get off the couch and join us. A brisk walk through the hills of the East Side and downtown. Meet at 6 pm at the Gazebo on South Water Street, by the river. Flashlights. L Janet Harris (401-272-6772, harris.janet90@gmail.com)

Thu., Nov. 14. Frances Carter Preserve Hike.

(401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net) 6 mile easy hike on woodland trails. This is the

Nature Conservancy's 2nd largest nature preserve in Rhode Island. Bring water, snacks. Lunch/late breakfast at local diner afterward. Additional hike in Ninigret and Kettle Pond a possibility. 10am start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (mpkayak@cox.net)

Wed., Nov. 20. Green Falls Pond Hike.

7 mile hike starting in Yawgoog, circle around the pond in Pachus State Forest through a really cool gorge and back. Moderate to strenuous sections. Must wear legal orange! Bring water, snacks, lunch and STURDY boots. 9:30 sharp start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons

Wed., Nov. 20. Hike and Social, Warwick

City Park. 2-3 mile hike and we go to dinner. A walk in the park. Get off the couch and join us 6 p.m. Warwick City Park on Asylum Rd, off Buttonwoods. Flashlights. Contact CL for info. L Sidney Wax (401-849-2595, sid_w@yahoo.com) CL Ginny Calabrese (401-782-6518)

Tue., Nov. 26. Blue Hills Skyline Hike.

7+ mile hike on Skyline Trail. Tough hike w/lots of ups and downs. Sturdy boots, water snacks, lunch. Early departure from RI. Call for meet time and location. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (401-743-3405, mpkayak@cox.net)

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ADVANCE NOTICES**Sun., Dec. 1. Walk off the turkey at**

Caratunk in Seekonk. Explore the trails on this Audubon property looking for signs of winter wildlife. 9 to noon. Hiking boots req'd. New members and families welcome. L Linda Pease (401-351-2234, linda.pease@cox.net) CL Karen Rudio (508-397-2316 7-9, karenrudio@comcast.net)

Mon. We will be carrying winter sleeping bags, full winter gear and group meals provided by leaders. Potential peaks include Zealand Mountain, Hale Mountain or Mount Tom. Winter hiking experience required. Fee \$100. L Denise Poyer (denisepoyer@gmail.com) CL Edward Poyer, reg/w Denise Poyer (Denisepoyer@gmail.com)

Wed., Dec. 4. Hike and Social, East

Greenwich. 2-3 mile hike & a light supper out. Get off the couch. 6 pm start from Harborside parking lot. Bring flashlights. L Sidney Wax (401-849-2595, sid_w@yahoo.com)

Sat., Jan. 11-13. Winter Weekend at Zealand

Falls Hut. Spend two nights at cozy Zealand Hut in the winter on a care taker basis. Hike in Sat; hike to a peak on Sunday; and hike out