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Newsletter of the Narragansett Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club

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Notice of Gazette mailings

This issue is the second to last issue that will be published as a pdf and mailed. The last issue will be the Dec-Jan-2015 issue. One reason is the number of copies I must personally print and mail, but more importantly, trip material is outdated rapidly. Trips and events are added throughout the bi-monthly schedule of the Gazette and a single printing at the first becomes irrelevant as time passes.

Users are encouraged to gain access to the Internet so as to keep up to date on the trips and events. Based on emails, it seems that the main difficulty is members not having a computer or have a non-working computers, or difficulty in using a computer. The other difficulty is no access to the Internet.

I suggest that the non-working computers get fixed, or most likely they are old and a new computer would be appropriate. Computers are relatively cheap now. Base models can be had from less than \$400 and even as low as \$300 on sale. Used computers or refurbished are even cheaper.

Another cheap way is to purchase an Android Tablet for which really cheap models go for less than \$100. While the screen may not rival the latest iPad, they are certainly readable enough to read the Gazette online. Tablets in this price range usually have 7 inch screens. This option does require access to the Internet.

If a member does not have Internet access, which ranges from about \$30/month up, the local libraries do have computers and Internet access where members can check the Gazette or calendar. There are many "hot spots" available, including places like McDonalds, Pannera, and Starbucks which also have free access to the Internet. It is reasonable to assume that friends (your friends) have access to the Internet and would allow you to check our website for trips. That is what friends are for.

If a computer is not available and you are not tied into the Internet, a smart phone may be the answer. If you already have one you do have access to our website with an excellent mobile version. Our mobile version has been designed to work on all iPhones and Android phones. It also works as a mobile version on the smaller Android tablets. On a budget? There are non-contract mobile smart phones

that are less than \$100 and about \$100 for a years subscription. (The webmaster uses an \$89 LG smartphone with Tracfone at \$99/yr.)

If you still find you have questions or need help on getting access to our online Gazette and Calendar, please feel free to contact me. For those without a friends email or access to the Internet, my phone is 401-333-5350.

Mike Krabach
webmaster
Cumberland,RI

Volunteers Needed

The chapter has several positions open for volunteers. A most immediate position to be filled is the Treasurer. Our current treasurer is moving to another volunteer position in the AMC and we need a replacement as soon as possible. If you have, or know of anyone who has, financial skills in book keeping, please contact Tom Eagan.

The webmaster has for several years been looking for a assistant. Several potential volunteers have stepped forward but other commitments have taken priority. If any member has, even limited technical skills, and wants to help please contact the webmaster.

We also have other volunteer positions open. Check out our volunteer page for something you might consider.

Narragansett Chapter Cardigan Weekend Friday Oct 3 – Sunday Oct 5

A weekend of activities and fun for members, family, and guests. Hikes & walks (all levels), paddling, local tours, lawn games, and some unannounced activities too. Enjoy crisp autumn air and breathtaking mountain & lake views, all in the beautiful New Hampshire forest. Factor in the first-class full service accommodations of the renovated AMC Cardigan Lodge and you can easily see why this is THE must-attend chapter event of the year. Booking instructions are through the AMC on the website.

Registration Open for Fall Gathering 2014 in Maine October 17-19

Gear up for some great AMC fun this October when AMCsers from all Chapters will gather for three days of exciting outdoor activities and socializing along the Maine coast! The Maine

Chapter has been working hard to organize this year's Fall Gathering, which will be held in Jefferson, Maine October 17-19. Registration is now open—make sure you reserve a spot before it fills up! For more information or to register, visit www.outdoors.org/fallgathering.

Narragansett Chapter Annual Meeting Save November 8th

Our Annual meeting will be held on Saturday November 8th 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, Debra.Mitchell@marcumllp.com or Bob Tessitore at bobtess@gmail.com

ACTIVITIES

Wed., Oct. 1. Hike and Social - Newport. 2-3 mile hike and then we go out to eat. Get off the

**Narragansett Chapter AMC
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couch and join us. Walk thru Newport's
colonial Point section, and along the shore.
Meet at Van Zandt pier at Washington St., 6
pm. L Thomas Freeman (401-338-2250,
hotdealtom50@cox.net)

**Wed., Oct. 8. Hike and Social, Barrington
Town Beach.** 2-3 mile hike on the beach and
we go to dinner. Get off the couch and join us.
Catch both the sunset and the full moon! Dress
for the conditions. Thunder and lightning
cancels. Meet at beach parking lot, intersection
of Bay Rd and Chachapacasset Rd. 6pm. L
Jean Josephson (401-245-5523,
kayakjmj@yahoo.com)

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)

**Sat., Oct. 11. 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. Ideal area to view the Fall
tapestry of colors. Moderate hike. Rain will
cancel the hike. L Maria Earley (401-789-8331
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM, xswampy50@gmail.com)
CL Mike Parker (Mike.Parker11@verizon.net)

**Mon., Oct. 13. 10 mile hike in Burlingame
State Park.** 10 miles hike to explore new trails
combined with old trail. Very nice trails with
rocks to hike over and around it, ups and
downs, and roots. Not a beginner's hike.
Hiking or good walking shoes recommended,
lunch, snacks, water, and dress accordingly.
Moderate pace app. 2 miles per hour. Hike
limited to a small group. Rain will cancel the
hike. L Maria Earley
(xswampy50@gmail.com) CL Carol Baldwin
(ctbaldwin36@yahoo.com)

**Mon., Oct. 20. Burlingame State Park hike,
Charlestown.** 10 miles hike of a new Sam C.
trail and Vin Gormley trail. Sam C. is
somewhat of a challenge hike with many rocks
to hike over and around, many ups and downs,
and exposed roots. This is not a beginner's
hike, and it is limited to a small group.
Moderate pace app. 2 miles per hour. Need
good hiking boots or hiking shoes, lunch,

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cancel the hike. L Maria Earley
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**Wed., Oct. 22. Hike and Social,
Narragansett.** 2-3 mile hike and we go to
dinner. Get off the couch and join us. Meet at
the courtyard by the Narragansett Towers by
the Coast Guard House. Leave at 6:00 pm. L
Susan Boland (401-556-3926,
sboland2@cox.net)

**Sun., Oct. 26. Fall Foliage Paddle -
Pawtuxet River.** Escape civilization on
Pawtuxet River. From Howard Launch (built
in 2008) to Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. Ice cream
or coffee/soup afterward. L Linda Pease (401-
351-2234, linda.pease@cox.net) L William
Luther (508-761-7961, prijon@juno.com)

**Sat., Nov. 1. Pratt Preserve, Wickaboxet,
Tillinghast Hike.** 10 miles hike in this
beautiful area of W. G. RI. Moderate pace for
active hikers, not a beginner hike. We'll hike
through Pratt Preserve, Wickaboxet Man., and
loop around Tillinghast Pond with many great
views, and some ups and downs.
Recommended hiking boots, or good hiking
shoes, lunch, water, snacks, and dress
accordingly. Hike limited to a small group.
Legal orange required. Rain will cancel the
hike. L Maria Earley
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**Wed., Nov. 5. Hike and Social - Wickford -
Full moon hike.** 2-3 mile hike and we go out
to eat. Get off the couch and join us as we
enjoy the full moon of November. Meet at the
North Kingstown Senior Center, 44 Beach St,
Wickford. 6 pm. Bring flashlight. L Richard
Sullivan (401-338-2880,
grampydick2001@yahoo.com)

**Wed., Nov. 12. Hike and Social - East Bay
Bike Path.** 2 1/2-3 mile hike and we get
together for dinner. Park 230 Washington Rd,
corner of Bradford St, by the church. Nice
water views as we walk on the bike path. Dress
accordingly. Reflective vests advised.
Flashlights optional. Weather permitting. L
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