



**MAINE CHAPTER
APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB**



2008 Annual Report

The Maine Chapter has much to be proud of from its 2008 activities. Overall, we continue to increase outreach to our membership and gain new members to our chapter. This is a direct result of partnered chapter efforts as well as AMC's Maine Woods Initiative.

For a relatively small Executive Committee in such a large geographic state, we continue to have meaningful and far-reaching interactions with our membership. This is largely due to cooperation amongst the different committees to sponsor events, publicizing our events through diverse media types including our paper newsletter and website, and enthusiastic and dedicated executive committee members.

Although each committee submitted a report, here are some of the highlights.

Our At-Large Member Joleen Rice helped with many different tasks throughout the course of the year. As a previous Outings Chair, her contributions to the Leadership Training and organizing the Wilderness First Aid class were invaluable. In addition, Joleen took the lead in revising the Maine Chapter by-laws. Joleen was a recipient of a "Lifetime Achievement Award" for "her outstanding contributions to the growth and success of the Maine Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club, and for her tireless outings leadership efforts in the Appalachian region." Joleen is stepping off of the Executive Committee, and we will miss her tremendously.

The Conservation Committee was led by Frank Robey and Jane Danielson. Frank started a weekly internal conservation e-newsletter that provided links to conservation related articles with a brief description. Frank is stepping off of the committee and his conservation links will be missed. Jane helped to organize a wind power forum that involved AMC staff scientist Dave Publicover.

Greg Hansel and Wyman Briggs led successful family outings to Little Lyford Pond Camps and other family hikes.

Meetings and Education Chair Jeff Aceto organized several successful potluck and presentation evenings on topics ranging from search and rescue dogs to rafting in the Grand Canyon. Jeff also partnered with other executive committees, such as the conservation committee, for many activities. Jeff now has quite a following for these events!

Janet Roderick was a first-year Membership Chair and had a successful year. Membership levels continue to hold steady and the chapter received a \$2,000 membership conversion bonus from AMC.

The Outings Committee continues to be strong and active in a diversity of pursuits. In addition to the abundance of trip offerings, the committee also sponsored a weekend-long Leader training, Wilderness First Aid through SOLO, and a "Winter Series" that took 3-season hikers through a suite of progressively more difficult winter outings. Peter Broderick and Spencer Meyer were the Co-Chairs of this committee and both are stepping down. Their hard work and team efforts will be missed, and they were the dual recipients of the Maine Chapter "Appie of the Year" Award for "outstanding contributions to the growth, success and leadership of the chapter and the Executive Committee."

The family-duo Newsletter Committee Co-Chairs, Bob and Brenda Cummings, continued to provide diverse content in our popular tabloid style newsletter to our membership. As we consider transitioning to an electronic newsletter format to save paper, postage, and provide a potentially more convenient media, we also are weighing many members preference to receive a tangible product.

The Trails Committee was ably led by Peter Roderick and Keith Chapman. Their tireless efforts were shared from Pleasant Mountain in Bridgeton to Quoddy Head in far eastern Maine, to shelter building in the Maine Woods Initiative parcel. Matt Collelo was a valuable, contributing member of this committee.

Denise Courtemanche is our Treasurer and also led an astonishing 14 biking trips this past season. We are making the transition to QuickBooks as we pedal our way into 2009.

Carrie Walia was a first-year Executive Committee member and took the position of Vice Chair. She was on the ground running from day 1 and organized the Maine Chapter's weekend-long annual meeting and has also restarted a Young Members committee for the chapter.

Our Webmaster Tim Flight provided unending technical support for our website. He wrote xml formats to link the Chapter calendar page with the on-line trip listing system; now these formats are being used by 4 other chapters!

The Maine Chapter Executive Committee was also involved with several other events and issues during 2008 including SnoFest in Greenville, the Common Ground Country Fair, trail work and conservation efforts on Mt. Cutler in Hiram, we had an intern from Colby College, submitted written comments for the Land Use Regulation Commission's Comprehensive Land Use Plan updates, kept abreast on MWI and Plum Creek on-goings, and much more.

We are looking forward to 2009 with such upcoming events as a BPA Nalgene conservation event, a Young Members event for the Telluride MountainFilm Festival, and consideration of transitioning to electronic newsletter formats.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura E. Flight
Maine Chapter Chair

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At-Large Member

This was my second year in this position. During this year, I assisted the Outings Committee, in a general capacity, and specifically as registrar of the Chapter's weekend Wilderness First Aid workshop and as registrar of the Outings Committee's Leadership Development weekend at Carrabassett Valley. As needed, I assisted with the organization and other aspects of these two significant endeavors. Thirty-one people attended the Wilderness First Aid workshop and ten participants and ten instructors attended the Leadership Development weekend. Both events were highly successful in terms of attendance and enthusiasm by the participants for the programs. These two programs furthered the chapter's long-standing commitment to provide Wilderness First Aid training to its members at a bargain price and to provide leadership opportunities to foster good, safe outdoor experiences to its members.

In addition, I led the Executive Committee in its revision and updating of the chapter's bylaws. I took the lead in preparation of significant changes to the bylaw articles involving the Sue Blood Fund and creation of electronic voting and noticing provisions. Chair, Laura Flight, was invaluable in this endeavor with her sharp eye and willingness to review all existing bylaw provisions and proposals.

Although I am stepping aside from the Executive Committee this coming year, I strongly encourage the At-Large directors to lend a hand with the many chores of running the chapter and urge them to choose and complete a project which will provide benefit to the chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
Joleen Rice

Conservation Committee

Conservation and Environmental Speakers: Of the five speakers on conservation and environmental topics, four were scheduled as potluck programs offered by the Meetings and Education (M&E) Committee. The five speakers were:

1. Plum Creek LURC application: Bryan Wentzell, AMC Northern Forest/ Maine Woods Advocate, Brunswick, Curtis Public Library. M&E potluck October 2007.
2. Climate Change: Paul Kando. Mr. Kando is a retired scientist who participated in Al Gore's Train the Trainer series on climate change. Brunswick, Curtis Public Library. M&E potluck December 2007.
3. REGGI multi-state effort: Elizabeth Ehrenfeld, AMC Board Member, and member of the Maine Board of Environmental Protection. Ms. Ehrenfeld spoke on the REGGI multi-state cap-and-trade emissions program. Brunswick, Curtis Public Library. M&E potluck December 2007.
4. Flowers of the Appalachian Trail: Wayne Newton, slide presentation by long-time AMC member. March 2007.
5. Wind Power in Maine: Dave Publicover, Senior Staff Scientist, AMC. Luther Bonney Auditorium, University of Southern Maine. May 2008. Dr. Publicover spoke on the pros and cons of wind power proposals to date and the recommendations of the 2008 Governor's Task Force on wind power. He subsequently wrote an article for "Wilderness Matters."

Conservation Digest. Frank Robey, former Conservation Committee co-chair, continues to publish an on-line digest of conservation and environmental topics culled from newspapers and other sources published in Maine. A recent issue included links to: grants for tidal energy research, a publication on Forest Trees of Maine, a slow-down in bottled water sales, and two articles on wind power.

Summary and Goals: Collaborating with the Meetings and Education committee proves to be a comfortable, sociable venue for participants and speakers on environmental and conservation topics. Plans for 2008- 2009 aim for complex topics that experts can clarify and inform. For example, the December M&E potluck will include a talk by Steve Taylor on plastic bottles #1-#6 and the ubiquitous #7! (*Check out the number on your AMC Leader Nalgene bottle, folks*).

Special Thanks to: Jeff Aceto, M&E chair for his enthusiastic collaboration on programs involving conservation and education; and Frank Robey for his ideas and efforts throughout 2007-2008 as Conservation Co-chair. Without the efforts of these folks, the programs for the reporting period would not have happened.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jane Danielson, Conservation Co-chair

Meetings and Education Committee

The Meetings & Education Committee (M&E) submits the following annual committee report:

- **Activity Period.** This M&E Committee annual report includes an activity period from September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008. The primary function of the M&E Committee is to sponsor indoor events with educational and entertainment benefits to members. For 2007 to 2008, the series of monthly indoor events started in October 2007 and ended in June 2008. Events were not held in July, August, and September due to good weather and to avoid conflict with the Annual Meeting.
- **Numbers Reached.** The M&E Committee held nine potluck presentation events and co-sponsored one presentation event with the Conservation Committee for a total of 10 events. There were a total of approximately 313 attendees for an average of over 31 attendees per event. The most attended events were Carey Kish's presentation on hiking Corsica (48 attendees) and Ray Ronan's presentation on hiking the AT (43 attendees). Please see the attached Meetings and Education Schedule 2007-2008 for additional details per event.
- **Quality Assessment.** The M&E Events were well-received by members based on the following observations:
 - Is there enthusiasm for these types of activities? Are they in demand?
There is significant enthusiasm for M&E events and the demand is increasing. The previous year (2006-2007) events consisted of 5 events with approximately 75 attendees. The significant increase in attendance this year is likely due to several factors: more events, popular topics, improved press and notification coverage, increased interest by non-members, holding events where the majority of the members are (South Portland and Brunswick areas), providing a mix of member and non-member speakers, and providing a mix of education and entertainment in all events. These events are in demand as they provide an alternative to the broad range of outings events. The M&E events are intended to allow a venue for all members to participate including a significant number of members that do not attend outings events. The M&E events also provide weekday events (in lieu of weekends being common for outings events) and are scheduled largely in the winter when outdoor events are limited in attendance and frequency.
 - Do we need to offer more of them? Less of them?
The present frequency of one per month appears to be successful. With additional M&E members, it would be possible to add possibly two more events over the entire series, especially in the case where the event was co-sponsored. From experience, it is beneficial to schedule events no closer than two weeks apart.
 - Any feedback from the general membership to share?

The feedback on the M&E event series was generally all positive. There is a significant core group of attendees who are present at many events and also a large range of members and non-members who attend periodically, depending on the topic. The M&E events also receive good attendance by ExCom members if the event avoids the second week of month. Attendance tends to improve for events with remarkable topics (such as thru-hiking the AT or foreign trips) and for visual presentations including graphics and photos.

■ **Partnerships.**

- Maine Chapter committees: An event was co-hosted with the Conservation Committee. The Public Relations Committee was provided assistance with press releases and the Outings Committee provided assistance with suggesting event presenters. The Membership Committee was frequently represented at events and this allowed for increased recruiting opportunities.
- Other Organizations: The Maine Search and Rescue Dogs (MESARD) presentation was made with the intention of developing a relationship with the Maine Chapter to provide live targets for training purposes.

■ **Lessons Learned.** Any valuable information learned that would benefit other committees?

○ Things that worked well

There is apparently a significant interest in indoor events to balance outings events and the indoor events serve the entire member population. It is noted that events which were primarily entertainment were better attended than those primarily education in nature. A goal of one event per month for nine months was achieved, plus two events were held in March 2008. Significant emphasis was placed on publicity for each event and these efforts would likely be the cause of the significant attendances. Press releases, internet posts, AMC calendar postings, and a limited email listserve were all used for publicity. Another positive factor was the great relations and cooperation with staff at the Curtis Memorial Library and South Portland Library. The M&E committee sponsored these events while staying within budget; approximately \$850 out of the \$1,000 budget was used.

○ Things that didn't work as well?

There are limitations to having a single M&E Committee member present at events. There would be a significant benefit to the presence of a second committee member who could address fund raising (i.e. raffles, donations, and t-shirt sales), and increase networking and recruiting efforts. Access should be considered in event planning as attendance at the March 2008 event at USM was likely limited by inconvenient parking. Consider in event planning. The arrival of warmer weather may have been a factor in the low attendance at the June event; it may be practical to end the event series in May.

■ **Thank yous.** Special thanks to Public Relations Chair Jeanne Christie, Outings Co-Chairs Spencer Meyer and Peter Broderick, Membership Chair Janet Roderick, and Conservation Co-Chairs Jane Danielson and Frank Robey.

■ **Goals and Needs.**

○ What are your *goals* for the coming year?

1. Serve the Maine Chapter by sponsoring events with interests and venues intended for all members. Set a goal of a minimum of 30 attendees per event.
2. Provide events with a broad range of topics, mixing education and entertainment. Set a goal of 66% of events being primarily entertainment and 33% primarily education.
3. Provide a habitual schedule to encourage participation and establish member expectations. Set a goal of 11 events in 9 months.
4. Support the goals of other Committees by co-sponsoring mutually beneficial events and partnering with outside organizations. Set a goal of approximately half of the events being co-sponsored with another Committee or outside organization.
5. Raise public awareness of the Maine Chapter through events, with benefits to membership and public relations. Set a goal of every event including a press release and some degree of membership recruiting efforts.
6. Recruit additional M&E Committee members to assist with events. Set a goal of two.

○ What are your *needs* to accomplish these goals?

1. Request the same budget as last year; \$1,000.
2. Request that special funds be identified for the purchase of a Chapter digital projector to allow unlimited access for events and use by all Committees. The M&E Committee is presently borrowing a projector from cooperative employer.
3. Develop continued cooperation and coordination with other Committees including Public Relations, Outings, Conservation, Membership, and (possibly) Young Members.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jeff Aceto
Meetings & Education Chair
AMC Maine Chapter**

Membership Committee

Between September 1st, 2007 and August 31, 2008 the Maine Chapter AMC membership has held fairly steady. While we've added almost 1,000 new members, we've also had many lapsed members. We have 3,854 members as of August 31st. The membership breakdown is as follows:

- 2250 Family members
 - 20 Family life members
- 1371 Individual members
 - 36 Junior members
 - 74 Lifetime members
 - 100 Senior members
 - 3 Youth Leader members

It was recently reported by AMC that the Maine Chapter has the best Conversion rate of any AMC chapter. Conversion rate is AMC's term for first year renewals. In recognition of our conversion rate, AMC is awarding us \$2,000. \$1,000 is for increasing our rate from under 40% to over 40%, and another \$1,000 is for the significant increase we made. I believe our conversion rate is a result of our excellent newsletter, Wilderness Matters and the good work done by the Outings, Meetings and Education, Conservation and Executive Committees. Thank you all for providing a valuable experience to our members.

In the coming year the membership committee would like to find a way to improve our membership retention rate. I welcome comments and suggestions from all members.

Submitted by: Janet Roderick, Membership Chair

Newsletter Committee

We managed to publish six issues during the past year, as we have for a quarter century or more. Each issue went to about 2,800 Maine member families.

The quality of most AMC newsletters strikes me as having improved dramatically in the years since I have been editor of *Wilderness Matters*. But I think we have managed to stay among the best. And at odd moments I like to think we may have inspired some of the general AMC newsletter improvements.

The credit, however, goes to the members who regularly submit articles and stories. Without those regular contributions, the newsletter would be boring indeed. And special thanks to those members who organize and participate in the many chapter activities that provide the basis for most newsletter reports.

For instance, the first newsletter of the year last fall was full of stories and photos about the 2007 annual meeting.

Also in that issue was one of a series of fine nature essays by Peg Nation, and a remembrance for the late Bud Stratton, who had died at age 82. Bud had been a trail worker, and a hike leader for many, many years, as well as a life member of AMC. Highlights of the January issue was a fine account by Chapter Chair Laura Flight about a work day at Little Lyford Pond Camps, and a thoughtful letter by Jim Tierney on off shore wind turbines.

Two months later, Bryan Courtois lead the issue with an article on the importance of knowing how to use a map and compass. And Peg inspired us with a look at the animal tracks likely to be found in the early spring mud and snows.

Probably the most valuable article of the past year, however, was the lengthy piece in the May-June edition in which AMC staff scientist, Dave Publicover, answered wind power questions posed by Chapter Conservation co-chair, Jane Danielson. Also in that issue was Dan Hester's report on his plans to protect Mt. Cutler in Hiram, one of Maine's nicest small mountains, and an announcement by Peter Roderick of plans to build an AMC lean-to in the 37,000 acres of Maine's 100-mile-wilderness owned by AMC.

And the issue also contained a lengthy plug for participation in the Mountain Leadership School by Bryan Courtois. In fact, so much good stuff was submitted by chapter members that we had to go to 12 pages in order to fit it all in.

By July we had begun to promote participation in this annual meeting in another fine report by Vice Chair Carrie Walia. Peg Nation also reported on some of the hiking trails offered by Maine's many land trusts, and Peter reported on his shelter building efforts.

And in the September issue we returned to Mt. Cutler with Dan Hester's report on a dramatic rescue of a woman injured on his mountain.

Others who contributed during the year also deserve special mention. The Meetings and Education Committee Chair Jeff Aceto's fine reports stimulated great participation in the monthly get togethers of members and friends of the Chapter. The Outings Committee, headed by Peter Broderick and Spencer Meyer, always turned in nicely

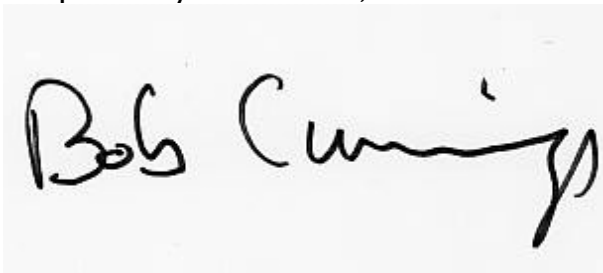
edited lists with just enough detail to entice participation. Both are stepping down. Their contributions will be greatly missed by your editors.

Brenda Cummings and I, as co-editors, write very little for the newsletter. Our role is to remind folks of the deadlines and the need for contributions. And to arrange whatever is submitted as attractively as possible.

Essentially I do a rough layout on my computer, and produce camera-ready pages for the commercial printer, Brunswick Publishing, publishers of the Times-Record newspaper. Brenda then devotes several hours polishing the issue and produces a computer disk to aid in the printing.

Finally, my wife, Mary Ellen, spends a final hour proof-reading it all. The Appalachian Mountain Club has launched an electronic newsletter initiative this fall, so in the next year or so you will likely see the Maine Chapter beginning to explore greater integration of our newsletter and our web pages. If you are interested in helping to convert the print newsletter to an electronic format for those who might prefer this to a paper newsletter, please contact us and join in the work of the Newsletter committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature reads "Bob Cummings" in a cursive, flowing script. The "B" is large and loops back, and the "Cummings" is written in a similar cursive style.

Bob Cummings, newsletter co-chair.

Outing Committee

During 2008 our Committee worked as a team to share the work involved putting together a full schedule of events and workshops to help the general membership. The Chapter led 84 trips ranging from a winter ascent of Mt. Washington to bike rides along the Maine coast (Table 1). This year 42 of our leaders brought hundreds of member and non-members into the out-of-doors (Table 2).

In December we produced a Winter Hiking series that had been discussed during last few years and we were pleased to get it off the ground. The series consisted of a workshop at S. Portland Liberty followed by six hiking events. Due to bad weather three of these had to be canceled. We were very pleased with the response to this series. We learned that we had two distinct groups of people interested in this series and had many discussions throughout the season that next year should have a introductory series for beginners and a separate series focusing on more advanced winter travel and mountaineering.

In May 2008, the committee produced another SOLO Wilderness First Aid Workshop, held at Pine Point Fire Station in Scarborough, Me. This basic workshop was full with 31 attending. We had 3 ME chapter leaders, 23 chapter member, 3 AMC members and 3 other in attendance. Peter Broderick coordinated this workshop with the help from registrar Joleen Rice. The Outings Committee subsidized all Maine Chapter leaders who wanted to attend the course.

In June 2008, we ran a two-day Leadership Development Workshop event. This was held at the Carrabasset Municipal Building and attended by 10 students. Participants included one current chapter leader, three co-leaders, and six potential leaders. This course was coordinated by committee members Peter Broderick and Joleen Rice, with assistance from Spencer Meyer, Jeff Aceto, Jeanne Christie, Larry DeHof, Mike D'Orio, Wayne Newton, George Brown and Sonny Martineau. Lodging was provided by Jeff Aceto. This course was offered and made possible by utilizing the Sue Blood Leadership Scholarship Fund. Three hundred dollars (\$300.) was granted by the Executive Committee to be used for this training but only sixty-four dollars (\$64.) was needed so the remaining two hundred thirty six (\$236.) will be returned to the Sue Blood Fund. The Sue Blood Fund is to be used for chapter leadership development but has not been drawn from in the last several years. We would like to bolster our efforts in this area in the future. Our next major leadership-training event is tentatively scheduled for November 2009. We will seek input from many leaders and members throughout the chapter. Volunteers wanted!

In the spring there was a Into to Hiking workshop held at the S. Portland Library. This course was coordinated by Joleen Rice. There was also a hut trip to an AMC facility, an into to backpacking trip, and regular weekday biking trips throughout the summer.

We plan to offer basic WFA every year, with advanced courses subject to funding and interest level. On this note, Spencer Meyer and Peter Broderick spearheaded a rewriting of the Chapter Leadership Guidelines to better reflect the Chapter structure of

various committees. The new guidelines, available on the Maine AMC website on the Outings page require Wilderness First Aid/CPR for all leaders. Given that almost all of our current leaders already have the designation, the fact that the chapter subsidizes leaders to take the course and we even offer the course (taught by SOLO) each year, we don't expect this requirement to be too difficult. In addition, all committees are now required to follow the basic chapter-level leadership guidelines, which allow committees to have their own more specific requirements, as needed. We hope these guidelines are a good model for the chapter to develop more in the future.

Financially, the Outings Committee took a budget cut during the beginning of the year. We agreed to pare our budget down significantly. At the end of the year, there was a bit more money than anticipated and the Executive Committee reinstated \$500 to Outings for leader recognition which had been taken out. Between that and the Sue Blood money referred to earlier, and lower costs than anticipated, the Outings Committee completed the year with a substantial surplus (Table 3). We'll revisit this year's expenses when it's time to budget in future years.

We would like to thank Joleen Rice for her efforts in helping to coordinate our two major events this year. Joleen got both of us interested in this position and she has continued to help out and be an inspiration to us. After two years as Outings Co-Chairs, we have both decided to step down to make room for the next generation of Outings leadership. We will both continue to be active by leading trips and organizing workshops and we wish the next Chair(s) the best of luck carrying on. We know you will have a great team of leaders, friends and hiking buddies to work with!

Peter Broderick and Spencer Meyer
Co-Chairs, Outing Committee

Table 1 Complete list of trips led between September 1, 2007 and August 31, 2008.

Year end trip report Query				
Date	# of Days	Trip Type	Trip Location	# of People
9/1/2007	1	Day Hike	Red Rock Ridge	4
9/8/2007	1	Day Hike	Mts. Pierce and Jackson	6
9/22/2007	1	Day hike	Mt. Osceola and E. Osceola	5
9/24/2007	1	Day hike	Stonington	8
9/29/2007	1	Day hike	Cadillac Mtn.	10
9/29/2007	1	Day hike	Somes Sound to Frenchman's Bay	5
9/29/2007	1	Paddling, flatwater canoe	Branch Lake	2
9/30/2007	1	Day hike	Cadillac Mtn.	5
9/30/2007	1	Day hike	Hancocks, North, South and Middle	2
10/6/2007	1	Day hike	Old Speck	6

Year end trip report Query

Date	# of Days	Trip Type	Trip Location	# of People
10/6/2007	1	Day hike	Whiteface	3
10/6/2007	3	Trailwork	Little Lyford Pond	10
10/14/2007	1	Day hike	Mt. Pierce	6
10/17/2007	1	Day hike	Pemigewasset Indian Head	10
10/26/2007	1	Bike, off road	Bar Harbor	11
10/26/2007	3	Day hike	Wonalancet Cabin	10
11/10/2007	1	Day hike	Mt. Moriah	8
11/11/2007	1	Day hike	Camden Hills	8
11/16/2007	3	Day hike	Wonalancet Cabin	12
11/25/2007	1	Day hike	Pleasant Mtn. Bridgeton, ME	7
12/14/2007	3	Workshop	Grafton Notch	11
12/15/2007	1	Day hike	Downes Brook Trail	4
1/5/2008	1	Day hike	Mt. Agamenticus	10
1/12/2008	1	Day hike	Mt. Potash	5
1/19/2008	3	Hut trips	Zealand Hut	9
1/25/2008	1	Day hike	Acadia	11
1/26/2008	1	Other	Wildcat Ski Area	10
2/1/2008	3	X-C ski	Acadia	5
2/2/2008	1	Day hike	Osceola	8
2/3/2008	1	Day hike	Mt. Madison	6
2/10/2008	1	X-C ski	Dayton, ME	2
2/23/2008	1	Day hike	Hancocks, North and South	4
2/23/2008	1	Day hike	Old Speck	7
3/22/2008	1	Day hike	Baldpate	5
4/19/2008	1	Day hike	Tuckerman Ravine	7
4/20/2008	1	Day hike	Hedgehog, NH	4
4/20/2008	1	Easy walks	Cape Elizabeth	3
4/30/2008	1	Day hike	Pleasant Mtn. Bridgeton, ME	11
5/6/2008	1	Bike, road	Old Orchard Beach	12
5/11/2008	1	Easy walks	Conton Pond Preserve	4
5/13/2008	1	Bike, road	Scarborough-Prouts Neck	10
5/15/2008	4	Day hike	Acadia	14
5/22/2008	1	Day hike	Peaks Island	2
5/24/2008	1	Day hike	Mt. Isolation	5
5/24/2008	3	Trailwork	Little Lyford Pond	10
5/27/2008	1	Bike, road	Maine	7
6/1/2008	1	Day hike	Sugarloaf Touring Center Trails	9

Year end trip report Query

Date	# of Days	Trip Type	Trip Location	# of People
6/3/2008	1	Bike, road	Biddeford Pool	9
6/8/2008	1	Trailwork	Tumbledown	2
6/14/2008	1	Day hike	Caribou Mtn, WMNF	9
6/15/2008	1	Day hike	Alpine Garden	6
6/15/2008	1	Day hike	Mt. Moosilauke	9
6/20/2008	3	Trailwork	Trout Pond	13
6/21/2008	1	Trailwork	Bald-Speckled	2
6/22/2008	1	Day hike	Scarborough Marsh Nature Center	3
6/28/2008	1	Trailwork	Pembroke	9
7/1/2008	1	Bike, road	Brunswick to Wolf Neck	7
7/4/2008	1	Bike, road	Kennebunk	6
7/4/2008	3	Backpack	WMNF Backpack	7
7/4/2008	3	Trailwork	Chairback Mtn.	9
7/5/2008	1	Day hike	Elephant Mtn.	12
7/5/2008	1	Trailwork	Burnt Meadow Mtn.	4
7/6/2008	1	Bike, road	Scarborough-Prouts Neck	7
7/8/2008	1	Bike, road	Yarmouth	7
7/12/2008	1	Day hike	Pleasant Mtn. Bridgeton, ME	10
7/15/2008	1	Bike, road	Brunswick	7
7/19/2008	1	Day hike	Mt. Carrigain	7
7/19/2008	1	Day hike	Mt. Meader	5
7/19/2008	1	Trailwork	Bigelows	5
7/22/2008	1	Bike, road	Saco	8
7/26/2008	1	Day hike	Mt. Success	6
7/29/2008	1	Bike, road	Yarmouth	9
8/5/2008	1	Bike, road	Topsham	6
8/9/2008	1	Day hike	Redington	9
8/14/2008	1	Bike, road	Scarborough	7
8/16/2008	1	Day hike	Monhegan Island Hike	11
8/16/2008	1	Trailwork	Rumford Whitecap	9
8/16/2008	2	Backpack	Wildcat River	5
8/19/2008	1	Bike, road	Scarborough-Prouts Neck	9
8/23/2008	1	Day hike	Goose Eye	4
8/26/2008	1	Bike, road	Freeport	5
8/30/2008	1	Day hike	Mt. Shaw, Tuffonboro, NH	8
8/30/2008	2	Backpack	Gale River	8
8/30/2008	3	Backpack	Bigelows	9

Table 2 Total trips led by each leader between September 1, 2007 and August 21, 2008. Data is based on trip waivers submitted to Outings Committee.

Trips Led by Leader			
Last Name	First Name	# of Trips	Leader Status
Courtemanche	Denise	14	Leader
Brown	George	11	Leader
Beaudoin	Ginette	8	Leader
Roderick	Peter	8	Leader
Chabot	Andy	8	Leader
Flight	Laura	7	Co-leader
Parker	Don	7	Leader
Kantor	Debby	6	Leader
Meyer	Spencer	5	Leader
Newton	Wayne	5	Leader
McCool	Maureen	4	Leader
Martineau	Sonny	4	Leader
Hussey	Lorraine	4	Leader
Donald	Joyce	4	Leader
Broderick	Peter	4	Leader
Gibbons	Jane	4	Leader
Nation	Peg	4	Leader
Diller	Jo Anne	3	Leader
Perkins	Larry	3	Co-leader
Pettingill	Tom	3	Leader

Trips Led by Leader			
Last Name	First Name	# of Trips	Leader Status
Pratt	Alix	3	Leader
Chapman	Keith	3	Leader
Tierney	Jim	2	Leader
Burnell	Jim	2	Co-leader
Roderick	Janet	2	Co-leader
Courtois	Bryan	2	Leader
Crispo	Dennis	2	Leader
Hobgood	Darcy	2	Leader
Aceto	Jeff	2	Co-leader
Rice	Joleen	2	Leader
Jansson	Lars	1	Co-leader
Pratt	Bob	1	Leader
Rice	Wanda	1	Leader
Christie	Jeanne	1	Leader
Reindeau	Mary	1	Co-leader
Dow	Lewis	1	Leader
Cummings	Bob	1	Leader
Sanders	Kim	1	Co-leader
Sharkey	Susan	1	Leader
Pfeiffer	Kit	1	Co-leader
Baum	Bob	1	Leader
Barnicle	Gerry	1	Leader
Walia	Carrie	1	Co-leader

Table 3 Year-end budget for Outings Committee as of 9/24/08. Note that some expenses may be pending.

Category	Proposed	Approved	Actual	Balances
Administrative	\$ 125	\$ 50		\$ 50
mailings				
leader handbooks				
Workshops	\$ 125	\$ 100	30	
facility rentals (\$30 ea)				
snacks				
Leadership training			\$100	30.00
Wilderness First Aid	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,600	\$1,707.10	
leader subsidies				
snacks				892.90
Winter Skills Series	\$ 300	\$ 100	0	
facility rentals				
snacks				\$ 100
Scholarships	\$ 1,775	\$ 250		
2 MLS scholarships (\$250 ea)				
1 Leave No Trace scholarship (\$625)				
leadership training (Sue Blood)			\$64	\$ 186
Leader Recognition	\$ 675	\$ 150		
6 WMNF parking passes (\$25/2)			75	
leader recognition gifts (\$500) EX added		\$ 500	500	
leader social (\$100)				75.00
SnoFest (Moosehead Historical Society)	\$ 750	\$ 750	125	\$ 625
lodging				
activities				
Total	\$ 6,350	\$ 4,500	\$ 2,601	\$ 1,899
Outings allocation of \$500 that the board "returned" to our budget for leader recognition				
board agreed to let Outings use the 300 from the Sue Blood fund		300		
		\$ 4,800		
	Balance			\$ 2,199

Public Relations Committee

During 2008 the Maine Chapter of AMC had a booth set up and staffed at the annual Common Ground Fair in Unity during the fall. Volunteers from AMC staffing the booth spoke about the club, hiking, and opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities in Maine at the events.

In other activities the Public Relations committee assisted with updating the press contacts directory available for AMC members organizing events for the Maine Chapter. The public relations committee assisted in developing press releases and promoting Chapter activities such as meetings, instructional classes and evening talks.

Trails Committee

The Trails Committee has a few work trips remaining for the year and a successful year it has been. Despite fluctuations in the numbers of participants attending work trips over the entire schedule, trips have been generally well attended – we thank all trail volunteers for their support

We worked with many volunteers and groups including the Mahoosuc Land Trust, Loon Echo Land Trust, Quoddy Regional Land Trust and the Maine Island Trail Association.

Thanks to leaders Laura Flight and Keith Chapman for their outstanding efforts on behalf of the Trails Committee. Thanks also to all our great volunteer trail workers. You are the key to our success.

We led trips to Pleasant Mountain, The Maine Conservation School, Burnt Meadow Mountain, Rumford Whitecap, Little Lyford Pond Camps (3 trips), Bald Mountain, Speckled Mountain, Bald Mountain near Weld, Burnt Island near Port Clyde, Reversing Falls Conservation Area and the Appalachian Trail near Stratton.

The trips to Little Lyford Pond Camps continue to be one of our most popular events with many volunteers returning for additional trips once they have been there with us. We are planning three volunteer weekends there for next year as well as a possible volunteer mid-week trip.

One of our most exciting trips of the year involved a work weekend based at Gorman Chairback Camps working with members of the Worcester AMC Chapter, Ken King of Meadow Mountain Shelters and the AMC Pro Trails Crew under the direction of Mike Cooper on a new shelter being built at Trout Pond. This is the first of several shelters to be built in the MWI tract which will eventually provide a multi-day backpacking backcountry venue. The shelter was completed recently.

Our thanks to the Worcester Chapter for not only providing volunteer to help with the shelter construction but also a very generous donation to the MWI which was used to underwrite the cost of the shelter.

Our plans for the off-season include a continuation of efforts to recruit a corps of volunteers through contact with college and high school organizations starting with outing clubs and other outdoor-based groups including more cooperative events with land trusts. Our goal is to have a stand-by group of workers who we can rely on to supplement the present volunteer group so that we can take on additional trail work and also improve our effectiveness as we maintain those trails already in our inventory.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Roderick
Co-chair Trails Committee
AMC, Maine Chapter

Keith Chapman
Co-chair Trails Committee
AMC, Maine Chapter

Website Committee

Over the past 12 months the website has received just over 30,000 visits, resulting in approximately 86,000 page views. This represents about a 75% increase over the past year for both page views and visitors. The average visitor views about 3 pages on the site per visit.

What shouldn't be a surprise is that the homepage represented the most page views on the site, followed by the calendar.

Our calendar application which pulls data live from the trips.outdoors.org site, has made a guest appearance at the site of a few other chapters as well. It is currently running on the website of the NH AMC Paddlers, as well as the Worcester chapter site.

Currently 131 "articles" are published on the website, with another 11 in the queue. Most of the articles have been written by Laura (63) and Jeff (58). Other board members can have access to the site to write small articles as well, and this is encouraged. The interface is fairly simple-- similar to a word processing program.

Young Members Committee

During the month of January, the chapter welcomed intern Emma Gildesgame, a sophomore at Colby College. Emma's internship involved gathering information from surveys and focus groups to develop a young member outreach plan for the chapter to better appeal to and involve the young people of Maine in the AMC's mission.

In July, Carrie Walia and Kim Sanders held a young member barbeque kickoff to discuss how the program should continue. Those present suggested the young members have a quarterly social, day hikes, camping, swimming, paddling, and snowshoeing on the 2008-2009 calendar.

During the month of October, the young members will host a mountain biking trip at Bradbury State Park and a gathering at the Telluride Mountainfilm Film Festival will be at the University of Southern Maine.

To have a vibrant young members program, the chapter is in need of outdoor and social leaders in their 20's to 30's. Fun and informative leadership trainings and wilderness first aid clinics are offered to all leaders. Please contact Carrie Walia at carrie.amcme@yahoo.com or 207-928-2277 to learn more about becoming an active young member.