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Notice of Last Gazette mailing

This issue is the last issue that will be published as a pdf and mailed to specific AMC members. One reason is the number of copies I must personally print and mail, but more importantly, trip material is outdated rapidly.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 limited 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

Volunteers Needed

The chapter needs the position of vice Chair to be filled for next year. This position has the possibility of being a two year position. Information on the duties are available on the website. If any member wishes to volunteer for this important leadership position, or need information on the position, please contact our Chair Bob Tessitore.

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

Narragansett Chapter Annual Meeting

Our Annual meeting was held on Saturday November 8th at the Save the Bay facility. The Chapter's major awards, as described below, were 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 **Scott Disnard**, our Young Members subchair.

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. This years award went to **Sid Wax**.

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 was presented to **Jack Schempp**.

ACTIVITIES

Wed., Dec. 3. Hike/social Newport: Cliff Walk in the moonlight. 2 1/2-3 mile hike and we will go to dinner. Get off the couch and join us. Meet at CVS on Bellevue, to leave at 6:00. Not exactly a full moon, but it rises early, so if the sky is clear we will have a moon-lit water view. L Sidney Wax (401-849-2595, sid_w@yahoo.com)

Wed., Dec. 3. Mashamoquet Brook St. Park Hike, Pomfret, CT. 6+ mile brisk paced hike in this very interesting state park includes a few nice climbs, and a historic wolf den. After Mashamoquet hike we will drive 10 minutes to hike another 3 miles in Old Furnace State Park in Killingly. Sturdy hiking boots, please. Bring water, snacks and lunch. MUST wear at least 200 sq. in of ORANGE. 9:30 start. call/email for location start. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (mpkayak@cox.net)

Sat., Dec. 6. Dog hike - Rome Point. A 4 mile walk through woods to open beach areas, parts are rocky underfoot. Registration required. Hike specifics provided at time of registration. L Lesli Kelleter (ldkelleter@gmail.com), reg/w Lesli Kelleter (ldkelleter@gmail.com)

Tue., Dec. 9. Maxwell Mays Refuge/Parker Woodlands Hike, Coventry. First hike 3.5 miles in Maxwell Mays Refuge, then drive 10 minutes to Audubon's Parker Woodlands for another 7 mile hike. Two unique properties with enough ups and downs to satisfy everyone. 10:00 am start in Maxwell. L Marcie Madsen (marciem18@verizon.net) L Margie Parsons (mpkayak@cox.net)

Wed., Dec. 10. Hike and Social, Providence. 2 1/2 - 3 mile hike and we go to dinner. Get off the couch and join us. Meet at 6 pm at the Gazebo on South Water Street. Wear visible clothing and bring a flashlight. L Janet Harris (401-272-6772, harris.janet90@gmail.com)

Wed., Dec. 17. Hike & social, East

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Greenwich. East Greenwich lights up big for holiday display come see & Join us for 1.25 hr. hike through town, then go for dinner. Directions-- from 95 N. or S. take Rt. 4 to Rt. 401 east to Main St., make a left turn on Main ST. drive over to King St. make a right turn. Staying to your right turn into Water St. and park in a parking lot on your right. Bring flash light. Start 6:00 PM. L Herrick Spencer (401-723-1974 anytime, spencer295@cox.net)

Sat., Dec. 27. Introduction to Cross Country Skiing. Day trip to Great Brook Farm nordic ski center, about 1 hour northeast of Providence. Good for beginner to intermediate level skiers. Instruction provided by leaders if needed by any participants; will divide group according to ability, if necessary. Day pass obtained at center and ski rentals available on site. Dress in layers and bring water, snacks, and lunch. Meet in morning for carpooling at Triboro Plaza entrance parking area in Attleboro Falls (take RT. 152 exit (exit 5) off I-95 north and proceed right off exit for short distance to plaza, on right, at 125 Robert Toner Blvd.). Contact leaders for meeting time and confirmation of trip (snow dependent). L Christopher Shafer (401-789-8331 7 PM - 9 PM, christopher.shafer@dem.ri.gov) L Mark Dennen (401-354-9377, zenmartialartist@yahoo.com)

Mon., Dec. 29. Cliff Walk in Newport. Walk off the holidays calories at the Cliff Walk in Newport. Enjoy the recent repaired walk as well as the rugged rocks constantly bathed by the waves, we'll have sights of a few mansions. The plan is to carpool from N. K. parking ride. Water, lunch or snacks, and dress accordingly. Rain will cancel the walk. L Maria Earley (401-789-8331, xswampy50@gmail.com) CL Carol Baldwin (ctbaldwin36@yahoo.com)

Thu., Jan. 1. Newport Polar Bear Hike. Take the Polar Bear Plunge, a bracing way to start the year (or watch with the rest of us, it's quite a sight!). Join the festivities at the beach, followed by a 4-mile 'Cliff Walk' hike and potluck social. Please register with leader. L Sidney Wax (401-849-2595, sid_w@yahoo.com)

Sat., Jan. 10. Step-by-Step Winter Day Trip to North Pack-Monadnock, NH.

Introductory hike to learn how to hike safely in winter. Great views from a smaller peak using a lesser used trail . Moderate paced 5.0 mi. hike . Snowshoes and micro-spikes available for rent. Early carpool from reg/w.I. with probable eat out after. L Denise Poyer (denisepoyer@gmail.com) CL Deb Huntington , reg/w Denise Poyer

Fri., Jan. 16-19. Alpine Day Hikes on Martin Luther King Weekend. Enjoy spectacular views from Mt. Adams. Second hike to be determined. For those in good condition with winter experience prepared to hike above treeline. Full winter gear required. L Ed Poyer (EdPoyer@gmail.com) CL Tom Grasso

Fri., Jan. 16-19. MLK w/e XC ski trip, N. Conway, NH. Stay in private ski club in North Conway. Close access to town. 4 cross country areas within a 10 to 25 minute drive or choose downhill skiing (3 areas within a 20 minute drive, one a mile away). Hiking is also an option! Pinkham Notch, and Crawford Notch and all they offer are within a 25 minute drive as well. Stay in a unique 30 room, 140 year old Victorian, which was an Inn for 100 years. Lodging 2-4 to a room, bunk bed style. 2 nights, 2 bkfst, dinner \$75. 3 nights \$105. Limited to 12. L Marcie Madsen (401-364-6538, marciem18@verizon.net) CL Christine Satterwhite

Tue., Jan. 20. Winter Gear Workshop. This workshop is for three season hikers who are interested in getting into winter hiking. You will have the opportunity to learn about and discuss the clothing and gear you will need to stay warm and safe on winter hiking outings. Clothing, footwear, snowshoes, crampons, and other equipment will be demonstrated and discussed. Co-hosted with REI Cranston. Register at www.rei.com/cranston. L Charles Killam (Charlie.Killam@gmail.com)

Fri., Jan. 23-25. Willey Range Traverse. Join us traversing the Willey Range, Mt's Willey, Field and Tom. 8.5 miles with up to 3,450 ft of elevation gain. Challenging, all day hike for experienced, well-conditioned winter hikers. Sunday, leaders' choice. Stay at local motel Friday and Saturday nights. Approximate cost \$120.00, includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. L Charles Killam

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Sat., Jan. 24. Dog hike - Tillinghast. A 3 to 4 mile hike with many ups and downs through Land Trust property. Wet areas. Registration required. Hike specifics provided at time of registration. L G. Russell Miller (grmiller01@msn.com), reg/w Russ Miller (grmiller01@msn.com)

Sat., Jan. 24. AMC Annual Summit – Norwood, MA. The AMC Annual Summit is a fun day of exciting trainings, meaningful meetings, and fun conversations with volunteers and staff from every level and area of the club. There will be a great selection of useful and interesting courses this year. See <www.outdoors.org/about/annualsummit/index.cfm> this link for more information and for registration.

Fri., Jan. 30-31. Step-by-Step Winter Day Hike to Mts. Piper, Belknap and Gunstock, NH. Introductory hike to learn how to hike safely in winter. 6.0 mi. hike using winter gear. Snowshoes and micro-spikes available for rent. Drive up Friday night, drive home Saturday after hike. L Denise Poyer (denisepoyer@gmail.com) CL Steve Harrison , reg/w Denise Poyer

ADVANCE NOTICES

Fri., Feb. 6-8. Mt Madison - Intro to treeline hiking. Challenging day hike for winter hikers with some experience looking for an introduction to above treeline hiking. Hike to the summit of Mt Madison by the Valley Way Tr. 8.4 miles, 4,100 ft of elevation gain. Sunday, leaders' choice. Approximate cost \$120.00, includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner. L Charles Killam (Charlie.Killam@gmail.com) CL Debra Huntington (ddhuntington@gmail.com), reg/w Debra Huntington (ddhuntington@gmail.com)

Fri., Feb. 27-Mar. 1. Step-by-Step Winter Dayhiking Weekend. Enjoy excellent views of the Presidential Range from a modest peak. For those in good condition wishing to gain winter below tree line experience. Limited supply of snowshoes, crampons and micro-spikes available for rent. Share lodging and meals with Mt. Washington hikers. L Denise Poyer (denisepoyer@gmail.com) CL Margie Parsons , reg/w Denise Poyer

Fri., Feb. 27-Mar. 1. Mt. Washington Dayhiking 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. Share lodging and meals with moderate day hikers. L Ed Poyer (401-783-6623 before 9 PM, edpoyer@gmail.com) CL Mike McGuigan

Sat., Feb. 28. Dog hike - Browning. A 3 mile easy walk through the woods on Land Trust property in South Kingstown. Registration required. Hike specifics provided at time of registration. L Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com), reg/w Bonnie England (bonniedune@aol.com)

Fri., Mar. 6-8. Mt Passaconaway Weekend. Day hike to Mt Passaconaway by the Oliverian Brook Trail. 10.2 miles with 2,800 ft of elevation gain. Challenging, all day hike for experienced, well-conditioned winter hikers. Sunday, leaders' choice. Approximate cost \$90.00, includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. L Charles Killam (Charlie.Killam@gmail.com) CL Elise Hedglen (ehedglen@yahoo.com), reg/w Elise Hedglen (ehedglen@yahoo.com)

Fri., Mar. 20-22. East Osceola Weekend. Moderate day hike to the summit of East Osceola (and maybe Osceola) for new winter hikers and other winter hikers looking for a moderate winter hike. 6 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. Approximate cost \$120.00, 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)

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