



Appalachian Mountain Club

Delaware Valley Chapter

Annual Report for 2017

Overview

As I reflect on my first year as DV Chapter Chair, my initial thought is that it is an easier job than anticipated. You know the old adage that “the buck stops here.” Well, I feel the support of a huge group of dedicated volunteers, some in the forefront but many behind the scenes. I never feel “stuck with the buck” but have a cadre of AMC members I know will lend a hand or offer sound advice. Thanks to all of you for leading activities, helping out at events, maintaining trails, advocating conservation efforts, encouraging new participants and supporting your Executive Committee.

One of the first challenges of this year was the death of Rich Wells, our Communications Chair at the time. Not only do we miss his presence at meetings and participation in activities, but a hole in our ability to communicate with members and maintain certain IT functions was immediately created. What a groundswell of help! We had members step forward to make sure the weekly bulletin could continue, Facebook would be kept updated, new leaders would be entered into the activity posting system, trips would be approved, PayPal could operate, etc.

You will find detailed reports of our many committees as part of this annual report. I encourage you to read them thoroughly and learn more about the successes of our activity committees: Hiking, Paddling, Backpacking, Cross-country Skiing and Cycling. I’m certain you will also appreciate the accomplishments of committees that keep the Chapter running smoothly and provide activities of special interest or service: Leadership, Young Members, Conservation, Trails, Membership, Communications, Family Activities, Lehigh Valley Group, Social, Leroy Smith Shelter and Treasurer. Dig in and find out what the DV Chapter is doing ... and don’t forget to thank the chairs and committee members for their hard work.

I would like to now focus my reflections on some new initiatives of our chapter.

A Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee was formed and is spearheaded by Christine Loch. They are developing a working plan to increase participation of populations not found in great numbers in our club. Our chapter goal of “Connecting People to the Outdoors” is met when folks not familiar with outdoor activities become participants. This not only helps us and them but it helps the environment when a passion for nature is fostered in more of the population.

Along those lines, we have broadened our educational offerings for beginners. Previously, we had a beginner winter hiking and a beginner backpacking event each year. We are adding

2018 Executive Committee Nominees

Chair	Lois Rothenberger
Vice Chair	Susan Weida
Secretary	Kathy Kindness
Treasurer	Joe Nanfara
Membership	Denis McCartan
Backpacking	Cindy Crosser
Bicycling	Robert Liston
Communications	Eric Pavlak
Conservation	Adrian Noble
Family Activities	Annette Sheldon
Hiking	Jeffrey Fritzingler
Leadership	Lennie Steinmetz
Paddling	Eric Pavlak
Social	Mary Jane Martin
Trails	Phil Mulligan
Young Members	Kate Prisby

a course in beginner hiking and increasing the number of trainings for winter hiking and backpacking. With more confidence, I’m sure participation will continue to increase and there will be more diversity in the group.

Years ago we produced a printed quarterly newsletter. When we were able to communicate electronically, much less of our income was needed for the newsletter and we were able to successfully add many programs and initiatives. Until these were underway, however, a reserve was formed giving us the opportunity to select special projects to fund. In 2017 we decided to commit funds to two projects. The first is a grant to support the construction of a handicapped accessible boat launch at Nockamixon. The second is assistance toward legal costs to fight a variance at Blue Mt. Ski area.

Your Executive Committee is here to serve you, our membership. We welcome any and all feedback!

— Lois Rothenberger, Chapter Chair

Appie Awards for 2017

John Rogers, Appie of the Year
 Jim Catozzi, Golden Appie of the Year

Backpacking

This has proven to be yet another great year for the backpacking section of our chapter with growth and engagement in all areas.

We had a total of 26 events posted, two of these being workshops. This surpasses our numbers from last year.

The two workshops this year required payment, which based on number of registrations, was clearly not a deterrent to participation. The workshop led by Carl Ganong and myself in March had 24 participants. There was a request to do a second workshop which was held on August 20 for 32 participants. I would say that the interest is there! Each of these classes was part one and the backpack itself was part two of the learning process.

We had several new leaders in 2016 who actually led trips this year. They are Steve Campanelli, Anthony Palandro, Adrian Noble, and Christina Pisel. Thank you to them for following through.

We have several new leaders in training this year as well: Justin Fried and David Mitchell. It is my expectation that they also will be active leaders.

All in all, this was another outstanding year for backpacking in the Delaware Valley Chapter with a greater number of trips listed, virtually all trips wait listed, new leaders guiding trips, and exceptional numbers interested in becoming backpackers!

— *Cindy Crosser, Backpacking Chair*

Bicycling

So far this year we have had 50 bike rides, 2 of which were multi-day trips. This is possible thanks to four new leaders: Mike Ahern, Dan Loughner, Susan Weida, and Barbara Wiemann. Following is a list of those who led bike rides so far this



year, and the number of rides each. Thanks so much for your contributions to the bicycling program.

6 rides – Joan Aichele

4 rides – Tammy Brandon, Bob Liston, and Rich Einstein

3 rides – Terry Berntsen (two were multi-day)

2 rides – Reed Goosen, Susan Weida, Dan Loughner, and Mike Ahern

1 ride – Christine Loch, Barb Blythe, Brian Horowitz (multi-day), and Sue Bickford-Martin

In February we participated in Basic Bicycle Maintenance 101 at Genesis Bicycles. We may try this again in 2018. From May to September we scheduled rides each Friday. This seems to have been successful, and will likely be repeated next year. There have been no serious injuries or incidents requiring incident reports on our rides so far this year.

Upcoming rides have been scheduled by Joan Aichele, Rich Einstein, and Tammy Brandon.

— *Robert Liston, Bicycling Chair*

Communication

After the death of Rich Wells this May, several Executive Committee members and other leaders met to recover and reorganize. We managed to work around passwords passwords not known to a back-up EC member.

The activities database (ActDB) and Meetup groups now come under the leadership committee. Rich Pace is the lead administrator for Meetup. Joan Aichele has been added as a top level ActDB approver and administration

The Yahoo e-mail group for the executive committee has been replaced with a forwarder, excom@amcdv.org, that, with a few exceptions, forwards to the job title rather than a person. When the EC membership changes, we just change the name and address associated with the title.

The Weekly Bulletin, as it is now called, was moved to Mail Chimp. I exported the list from Yahoo Groups and imported it into Mail Chimp. Members can now subscribe, unsubscribe, and change their e-mail addresses by going to <http://amcdv.org/mail.html> (there is a link under the calendar) or the links at the bottom of each week's bulletin. All changes are verified by sending the user an e-mail. We can also add addresses without sending invitations. Dead e-mail addresses are automatically purged. We had 53 dead addresses on our old list.

John Rowen has written a program that generates the activity lists on demand by an administrator, with the ability to add messages at the top. The list now covers two full weeks, so leaders with trips on the Monday of a three-day weekend won't be slighted. The bulletin has been reformatted to work with phones and mobile devices, and to be easier to read. It is now administered by Chandler Hart-McGonigle.

The cost to us is \$0, as long as we keep under 2,000 subscribers. The fee would be nominal if we go above that. We have grown from 749 subscribers in May, and currently have 988.

The leaders' hotline remains the same. We need to purge that list of people who are no longer AMC members. Joan Aichele is currently in the process of doing this

Since launching the new the chapter web site in late winter of 2014, web traffic has more than quadrupled, with the number of unique visitors per month growing from less than 2,000 to above 8,000.

The most popular pages are the activities calendar and the wildflower pages. The web site now has 78 pages, and has an easily accessible *Footnotes* archive with all issues of our newsletter going back to 2008.

The redesigned web site was developed and is maintained by me, with John Rowen doing the server side coding that makes possible the activities calendar, the electronic trip reporting system, plus the weekly and advanced notice bulletins. I set up and maintain an e-mail system for the chapter. I also continue to maintain the chapter paddlers' web site, paddlenow.com, which includes a 14 year photo album of chapter trips.

Barbara Beatrice assumed day-to-day maintenance of our Facebook page, which will be take over by Gail Chambers, as Barbara takes on the duties of assistant hiking chair.

I have assumed responsibility for AMC e-mail blasts to all chapter members.

All log-in credentials are now shared with chapter leadership. There are now at least two people capable of doing each function.

— *Eric Pavlak, Communication Chair*

Conservation

We continued to publicize current local and nationally important conservation issues on the web page to encourage and easily allow members to comment to the appropriate authority. This was done for:

Trump Administration's review of possible repeal or modification of EPA regulations.

The DCNR PA State Parks usage survey.

The Interior Department's review of National Monuments.

A license for public display of the movie *Chasing Ice* was purchased and three showings were given to different AMC audiences. The showings were all very well attended and generated much discussion.

The number of conservation specific events increased substantially from last year, and included:

Planting American chestnuts in the spring and harvesting them in the autumn.

Clean-up's and other Earth Day events at Nockamixon State Park, Mercer County Park and Monocacy Creek, and attendance at the March for Science in Philadelphia.

Clean-up's on the Delaware Canal and at Cadwalader Park.

Tree planting at Paunacussing Preserve.

Shorebird tagging.

— *Adrian Noble, Conservation Chair*

Family Activities

AMC strives to provide family friendly activities to entice families with young children to participate in outdoor activities. Effective targeted publicity using a variety of child-engaging activities is an ongoing challenge, as families are understandably reluctant to travel long distances to seek quality recreation.

Midweek Family Getaways at MOC continue to be popular, drawing families from NY, NJ, CT, PA and MA. This year's June weekend getaway was filled to capacity at 10 children in five families, including one returning family. The midweek getaway in July was unfilled, with only one (returning) family attending, perhaps due to unfortunate juxtaposition to the July 4 week; we will schedule it to coincide with the July 4 holiday next year. Another MOC event, a Work-and-Play weekend in April, drew (in addition to adults) three teens and one pre-teen, who all earned community work time credits, and participated in hikes.

Also in April, a mixed-age-group Earth Day cleanup at Mercer County Park (sponsored by the Sierra Club) drew at least three AMCDV members who performed trash removal around the park.

A Voorhees State Park family camping weekend including a NJ Astronomical Society open house, drew only one interested family, who withdrew at the lack of other families. If we reschedule this, it might draw better at a site offering swimming (Voorhees - Spruce Run reservoir swimming is shut down due to long-term drought).

Two other offered hikes – at Baldpate Mountain and Howell Farm, and at Plainsboro Preserve, were canceled due to a lack of respondents, and a family bicycling event on the D&R Canal State Park was scheduled and canceled twice by bad weather. So far, AMC has not offered family events on the NJ-locally

popular D&R Canal itself, nor on Crosswicks Creek (a paddle friendly open marsh on the Delaware below Trenton); these both remain goals.

In winter, one short nature-study hike at Giving Pond (PA) was well-attended.

In general, we note that events at already-popular destinations – Mohican Outdoor Center and large state parks in NJ and PA – are most attractive to families.

— *Annette Sheldon, Family Activities Chair*



Hiking

For the period January 1 to September 30, 2017 DV Chapter completed 636 activities (same period 2016 =551 activities) of which 502 were hikes or 78.9% (same period 2016= 427). The breakdown of hikes is:

Hikes Completed	502
Unique leaders	107
Unique hikers	1,526
Total miles hiked	38,987

125 DV Chapter Leaders have led hikes during the period, thank you all for your fine efforts, our members truly appreciate what you do.

62 of these leaders led four or more hikes, five of this group have averaged over one hike per week

A special thanks to the leaders who repeat hikes each week thereby allowing members to plan ahead. Repeat hikes occurred on:

Monday and Tuesday-David Stein and Pat Naismith, Wissahickon Gorge

Monday- Jay Gross, Phoenixville Canal and Schuylkill River Trails

Wednesday-Elizabeth Fox, Wissahickon Gorge.

Wednesday-Christine Loch, during summer months

Wednesday a rotation of several leaders who lead hikes in and around the Delaware River Valley from the Water Gap to Lower Bucks County, Mercer County and Hunterdon County.

Thursday-Denis McCartan, George Rockett and Phil



Kofman, Andrea Kornbluh, Dan Loughner, Luke Maybury, Sarah Maybury, Tricia McCloskey, Brian Miller, Leah Breisch, Rebekah Sheeler, Dawson Smith, Jason Zarnowski, and Ashley Zywasco. The instructors for the course included Joan Aichele, Terry Berntsen, Cindy Crosser, Kristi Edmonston (AMC staff), Pete Jarrett, Mark Kern, Bob Liston, Phil Mulligan, Eric Pavlak, Ron Phelps, Malcolm Preece, Sarah Richardsen, John Rogers, Bill Steinmetz, Lennie Steinmetz, and Susan Weida.

Leaders Dinner

As part of the Leadership Training weekend,

Mulligan.

Thursday-a rotation of several leaders in the Lehigh Valley region who led evening hikes during summer months.

The Stephen and Betsy Corman AMC Harriman Outdoor Center became operational for a full season in 2017. Many leaders have joined forces to offer seven events at the center for DV Chapter members during 2017. These trips have occurred mid-week and over weekends and have been a great success. Eyes open for 2018 listings.

In addition to the Harriman facility offering opportunities for multi day hikes, a total of 33 leaders planned and led multi-day hikes from New Hampshire to the southern range of the AT. A big thank you to those leaders for such dedication.

There are currently 111 participants-members who have accumulated 100 + activity miles. There are seven members who have achieved 500+ activity miles, Jane Richter leads the pack with 1,072 miles to her credit.

The on-line reporting system for Trip Reports and Releases continues to be an attractive alternative to handling and mailing paper. Of the 636 activities completed 88.5% were recorded using this system up from 79% for the same period in 2016. Nice work everyone.

— Malcolm Preece, Hiking Chair

Leadership

Outdoor Leadership Training Course

The DV Chapter's annual Outdoor Leadership Training course took place this year on the weekend of March 31-April 2. There were 22 students who were part of the Class of 2017, including five who took advantage of the chapter's Young Member Scholarship offer. Three of the graduates were from the Delaware Highlands Conservancy, an organization based in the northern Poconos, and are interested in partnering with AMC-DV for some future events.

This year's graduates included: Linda Ahern, Michael Ahern, Andrew Artz, Linda Cooper, John Dalvet, Kerry Engelhardt, Justin Fried, Jay Gross, Jose Ibarra, Ivy Koberlein, Olga

a Leaders Dinner was held again this year at the Pennridge Community Center in Silverdale. DV Leaders were invited to attend, free of charge, to thank them for their efforts throughout the year, and to allow them an opportunity to interact with the new trainees. A total of 85 DV leaders and guests turned out for the event, in addition to the 18 trainees who attended. The Dinner Planning Committee, chaired by Barbara Beatrice and Jeff Fritzinger, included Joan Aichele, Denis McCartan, Margaret McDonald, Joanie Schulz, and Lennie Steinmetz. The evening's activities included tutoring sessions on the use of the AMC Activity Database system, introductions of the Class of 2017 members, presentations by DV leaders Joanie Schulz, Cindy Crosser and Phill Hunsberger (both serious and humorous) on why they like being AMC leaders, and roundtable discussions on six different topics led by DV leaders.

Other Leadership Training Opportunities

Several DV Chapter members took part in the Inter-Chapter Young Members (20s & 30s) Leadership Training weekend at AMC's Cardigan Lodge in New Hampshire on September 15-17. Several others are planning to attend the Connecticut Chapter leader training course that will take place in Litchfield, CT on the weekend of November 17-19.

The AMC Center for Outdoor Learning & Leadership (COLL) for the first time offered several "Train the Trainer" courses this year. Jeff Fritzinger and Barbara Beatrice attended the September training at Harriman for those interested in leading Leadership Training or Hiking Skills programs, as well as the Leadership Track held in Charlton, MA in October. They are making plans to offer several hiking skills courses for the chapter and community in the coming months, including an "Intro to Winter Hiking" workshop to take place at Illicks Mill in Bethlehem (AMC office) at 7:30 PM on December 4.

— Lennie Steinmetz, Leadership Chair

Lehigh Valley Group

The Lehigh Valley Group has now completed its twenty-fifth year of existence. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of every month (except December, July, and August). These

meetings now take place at Illick's Mill in Bethlehem, the home of the AMC's Mid-Atlantic Region office.

Programs this year have included presentations on a wide range of topics including: *Exploring Egypt* by Linda Watsula, the *Chasing Ice* documentary with discussion by DV Conservation Chair Adrian Noble, *Exploring Norway's Outdoors and Culture* by Terry Berntsen, *Tour du Mont Blanc* by Jim Borowski,

Lehigh River Watershed Plan by Kate Ebel of Wildlands Conservancy, *Hiking and Kayaking the Greek Islands* by Paula Uhrin, *Southern Utah and Western Colorado* by Mark Zakutansky, AMC Mid-Atlantic staff, *The Appalachian Trail* by Karen Lutz, ATC Regional Director and *Nova Scotia – So Much to Offer* by Margaret McDonald. AMC Bethlehem staff members Mark Zakutansky, Tricia McCloskey and Will Callaway frequently share information on conservation efforts and concerns, and Chapter Vice Chair Susan Weida provides information on upcoming AMC-DV events.

The LVG monthly meetings also include a short discussion on upcoming outdoor activities and a social time with refreshments. Meeting attendance ranges from 30 to 50 people, including long-time AMC members as well as potential members who have read about the meeting in local newspapers or on Meetup. The group looks forward to continuing these monthly get-togethers for years to come.

— *Phill Hunsberger, Lehigh Valley Group Chair*

Membership

Role of the Membership Committee is to:

- Administrate member data as members notify of changes
- Engage existing member and promote club awareness amongst prospective new members
- Administrate member data:

We did not experience high demand from members notifying us of changes that needed to be made over the course of the year. Perhaps maybe a dozen or so instances of address or e-mail changes along with one or two chapter affiliation changes because members had moved into or out of the area.

Member Engagement

The second annual Gear Swap and Sale prior to the Activity Social was successful for attracting participants who remained for the Activity Social, as well as casual visitors and browsers. This is something we would seek to repeat on an annual basis preferably in connection with the activity social but potentially independent of other events depending on availability of facilities.

Membership Committee hosted one new member weekend in 2017, organized in conjunction with the New York and North Jersey

Chapter and was held at the Harriman Outdoors Center. Activities included two days of organized hiking, social hours, paddling, free time and a movie night. The Membership Committee will seek to add similar events contingent on recruitment of leaders willing to organize them

In September the Membership Chair organized and hosted a car camping weekend at Ohiopyle State Park which was well attended by new as well as existing members. The weekend involved two days of organized hiking as well as white water rafting with an outfitter and an organized visit to Falling Water. A similar event is being considered for 2019 to West Virginia as well as a Finger Lakes wine country tour in 2019.

The Membership Chair organized an interpretive hike over the Fourth of July weekend at Gettysburg National Military Park. The



hike was well attended by new members,

The Membership Committee hosted five new member hikes for 2017 including the reserves in Chester County, French Creek, Valley Forge and Ricketts Glen.

Expenses for the Membership Committee for 2017 are estimated at approximately \$85. Reimbursement requests have not yet been submitted as of the time of this report.

— *Denis McCartan, Membership Chair*

Paddling

Flat water trips remain popular, and are often filled to capacity. For seven years, we have been running numerous flat water trips using Meetup to successfully fill trips to capacity, and used it to boost training course registration. We ran a total of 25 trips this year, two more than last year.

This year's training program included a two-day basic canoeing course, held on the weekend of June 3-4, with 12 participants. The two-day solo open canoe course which also introduces paddlers to white water, was canceled because only one student registered.

The one-day swiftwater safety course was held on July 22 on the Delaware River at the Lambertville wing dam with 14 student participants and two instructors.

A full list of the year's trips and pages of photographs are available at paddlenow.com.

— *Eric Pavlak, Paddling Chair*

Shelter: Leroy Smith shelter on the AT

The volunteer Shelter watch care-taking program is on-going since the Leroy Smith Shelter's dedication in 1974.

Summer Watch covers from mid-April through October with a volunteer visiting the shelter once a week. Winter Watch follows with a volunteer visiting the shelter every two weeks.

The watchers check the shelter, composting privy, the adjacent camp site, three lower springs, remove debris from the Katelen trail, and post their findings to the Shelter Chair.

This year total Shelter Watch volunteer hours were 250.

This summer, two major events occurred around the shelter site:

In late April, vandals built a giant teepee with a frame 25 feet tall, constructed from more than 30 freshly-cut saplings about five inches in diameter on the DVAMC's group tenting site to the right of the Katelen Trail. Following e-mail messages to PA Game and Forestry Commissions and DVAMC shelter and maintenance people, Dan Schwartz's work crew removed the teepee and restored the tenting site. No attempt was made to identify the builders.

In July a seasoned hiker who day hikes trails in the Blue Mountain area was injured by a bullet close to the shelter. He limped to an area adjacent to the fire pit and was sighted by a shelter watcher who contacted the police. He was carried downhill to Bath for treatment. Recovery took a few weeks. The rifleman, hunting out of season, was not identified.

Shelter Watchers, November 2016 to October 2017, were: Nick Franco, Jim Bloom and Lynn Fraser, Jane Cook, Ben Giralico, Nancy Greene, Bob Huey, Phillip and Marty Hunsberger, Ed Johns, Russell and Sabrina Keim, Steve Kraft and Margot Hillman, Dave McGrath, Charles Ogle, George Omick, Richard Puglisi, Ken and Pat Sacks, Dan and Dimitri Schwartz, Mike Sinclair, Don Stewart, Jessica Talero, and Barbara Wiemann.

— *Patricia Sacks, Shelter Chair*

Social

The Delaware Valley Chapter is a friendly, welcoming group of folks who enjoy the opportunity to socialize and meet new people. The chapter provides opportunities throughout the year for members to get together and connect with one another.

The Activity Social was a festive evening with almost 90 people in attendance on March 12 at the spacious, New Hope Eagle Fire Company. For the second year, a very successful gear swap was held prior to the social. Members swapped and sold all types of gear from tents to backpacks and even the occasional boat. We were fortunate to have the swap inside given the cold March weather. A great meal, chapter awards and a trivia game made the evening fly by.

Next up was the chapter picnic, a fun afternoon held on June 3 at beautiful Deer Path Park in Readington, NJ. Despite morning rain, two hikes and a bike ride were held prior to the picnic. The sun came out in time for everyone to enjoy games as well as the hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers and beverages provided by the chapter. It was a great afternoon.

The year will be capped off by a fun evening at the chapter's Annual Dinner and Meeting on November 4 at the Pennridge Community Center in Perkasio, PA. The 2017 Executive Committee will be elected, dedicated volunteers acknowledged and various chapter honors awarded. We are fortunate to have a fascinating program planned by AMC Archivist, Becky Fullerton. Happy hour, a wonderful meal and laughter will round out the night. We hope you will be part of it!

— *Mary Jane Martin, Social Chair*

Trails

During FY 2017, the Trails Committee continued to perform trail maintenance at Valley Forge, on the Appalachian Trail, and in constructing sections of the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail.

In doing so, we continue to cooperate with other organizations, notably the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the NY-NJ Trail Conference.

We are also working with other AMC Chapters on trail maintenance issues including chain saw safety and trail leader training.

— *Phil Mulligan, Trails Chair*

Young Members

This year the Delaware Valley's Young Members (also known as "20s and 30s") leaders focused on getting clarity about what this age demographic is looking for through their involvement with the Delaware Valley Chapter. Most participants stated that they attend Young Member events seeking to build bonds with those in their age bracket who also share a love for the outdoors.

For Young Member trip leaders, the main draws of being a part of the Delaware Valley Chapter include: a way to get to know people who recently moved to the area, shared interest in the outdoors, long hikes with a variety of age groups, outdoor events with people in a similar age category, and a chance to blend cultural events with outdoor hobbies. Feedback was solicited through various technological means as well as at a summer camping social.

A total of about a dozen young member events were scheduled this year covering most of the interest points noted by Young Member participants and leaders. An increase in event offerings is one goal for next year.

In the spring, an inter-chapter Young Members leaders retreat took place at Mohican. Two attended from Delaware Valley. During the retreat, a Young Members skill sharing weekend was discussed and has since been set for May 2018.

The event will offer Young Members from all chapters a chance to learn new skills from each other including: trip planning, kinds of trip offerings, and skill-based knowledge.

The Boston Chapter is spearheading the event with content input from other chapters, Delaware Valley included. The event was promoted at the second annual inter-chapter Young Member Leadership Training held at Cardigan Lodge, NH in September.

— *Kate Prisby, Young Member Chair*

Treasurer's Report

Overall Financial Assessment

The activities of the Delaware Valley Chapter resulted in a surplus for the 12 months ending on September 30, 2017.

Financial Details

The Delaware Valley Chapter operates as a branch of the Appalachian Mountain Club, a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Boston, Ma. Chapter financial activities comply with rules established by the AMC, including the AMC fiscal year from January 1 through December 31. The chapter's books are maintained on a cash basis in a computerized accounting system and the chapter provides an annual financial report for AMC audit and review within a month after completing the fiscal year.

Chapter income comes primarily as an allocation of a portion of the AMC dues paid by members who reside in the Delaware Valley area. In the 12 months covered by this report, the dues allocation provided most of the chapter's income similar to previous years. Because this report occurs before the end of the official fiscal year, it follows the format from recent years and covers a 12-month accounting period from September 30, 2016 through October 1, 2017.

— Joe Nanfara, Treasurer

Financial statement follows below.

Operational Income vs. Expense for the 12 month period from 10/1/2016 thru 9/30/2017 compared to prior 12 month period			
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	Current Period	Prior Period	
Allocation from AMC Dues	16,504.00	\$ 16,720.25	
Membership sales	1,565.00	\$ 1,100.00	
Reimbursement from ATC	7,010.56	\$ 8,138.16	
Other Income	8,317.08	\$ 5,103.16	
Interest from Bank Accounts	6.09	\$ 6.17	
Activities-Trips	25,601.28	\$ 6,372.43	
Total Income	59,004.01	\$ 37,440.67	
Communication	1,089.10	\$ 1,458.17	
Attendance at Club Wide Mtgs	2,156.26	\$ 2,457.15	
Trails & Shelter Maintenance	8,010.56	\$ 8,958.59	
Recognition	1,756.10	\$ 2,393.00	
Chapter Social Events	4,314.29	\$ 6,401.80	
Committee Expenses	1,238.17	\$ 2,475.28	
Membership Activities	25,878.44	\$ 6,166.99	
Leadership and Outdoor Skills	4,785.91	\$ 5,337.42	
Other Expenses	2,165.35	\$ 1,285.00	
Total Expenses	51,394.18	\$ 36,933.40	
Surplus/Loss - income less expenses	7,609.83	\$ (2,176.37)	

Cash Assets on 9/30/2017 compared to 9/30/2016

	9/30/17	9/30/16	Increase (Decrease)
Checking Account	4,474.75	2,605.47	1,869.28
Money Market Account (savings)	31,373.28	29,115.73	2,257.55
Operating Cash Assets	<u>35,848.03</u>	<u>31,721.20</u>	<u>4,126.83</u>
AMC Investment Account*	<u>61,085.00</u>	<u>57,352.00</u>	<u>3,733.00</u>

** The AMC Investment Account is managed by AMC and is available to Chapters to provide long term growth opportunities for funds not needed for current operations. Deposits and withdrawals of these funds are restricted to specific periods of each calendar quarter.*

Checking and money market funds are in FDIC insured bank accounts

Cash assets are divided among the three categories as:

	Current Period	Prior Period
Operating Funds	35,848.03	30,918.48
Reserve Funds	61,085.00	57,352.00
Henry Wu Scholarship Funds		802.72
	<u>96,933.03</u>	<u>89,073.20</u>

Operating Funds are the funds and reserves for day-to-day operations of the Chapter

Reserve Funds are set aside for long-term growth

The Henry Wu Scholarship Funds are allocated for financial support to youth and student programs in fields appropriate to the AMC's mission of conservation, education and recreation.,

Questions or comments on this report are welcome and can be addressed to the Treasurer at the Annual Dinner or by e-mail to treasurer@amcdv.org - Joe Nanfara, Treasurer

Recognition of Past Service and Awards

Appie of the Year is awarded to a newer chapter member who has provided extraordinary service to the chapter. Past winners:

2016 Greg Bernet	2004 Jennifer Decker
2015 Denis McCartan	2003 Kevin Perry
2014 Sue Bickford-Martin	2002 Chris Cayer
2013 Terry Berntsen	2001 Andrea Deaton
2012 Rich Pace	2000 Paul Davis
2011 Midori Wakabayashi	1999 Bill McCaughey
2010 Rhoda Eisman	1998 Kevin Burkman
2009 Anne Murphy	1997 Kevin Kramer
2008 Joan Aichele	1996 Rajat Tandon
2007 Rich Wells	1995 Rich Kajander
2006 Craig Smith	1994 Marty Seibert
2005 Jim Catozzi	1993 Kathy Kelly-Borowski

Golden Appie of the Year is awarded to a chapter member who has provided extraordinary service to the chapter over many years. Past winners:

2016 Pat and Ken Sacks	2006 Lennie Steinmetz
2015 Rich Wells	2005 Walt Underhill
2014 Esther Underhill	2004 Dan Schwartz, Lois Nichols
2013 Nancy & Cliff Hence	2003 Gary Leander
2012 John Rowen	(None for 2002)
2011 Mark Kern	2001 Bill Steinmetz
2010 Allen Male	2000 Helmut Gude
2009 Peter Jarrett	1999 Malcolm White
2008 Joseph Bell	1998 Jane Shepard
2007 Eric Pavlak	

Chapter Committee Recognitions. The Appalachian Mountain Club and the Delaware Valley Chapter gratefully acknowledge the volunteer hours and many contributions of all outgoing and continuing Chapter Executive Committee members as well as the Nominating Committee members.

Past Chapter Chairs

Joan Aichele 2014-16	Kent Johnson, 1987-89
Allen Male, 2012-13	George Heckler, 1985-86
Craig Smith, 2010-11	Kay Cox, 1982-84
Jim Catozzi, 2009	Jane Shepard, 1980-81
Paul Davis, 2007-08	Malcolm White, 1978-79
Andrea Deaton, 2005-06	Win Howe, 1976-77
Chris Rapacki, 2003-04	Fred Cox, 1973-75
Peter Jason, 2001-02	Gardner Dean, 1971-72
Priscilla Estes, 2000	Ruby Horwood, 1969-70
Lennie Steinmetz, 1997-99	Martin Davenport, 1967-68
Bill Steinmetz 1994-96	Ted Talbot, 1965-66
Tom Stress, 1993	Dr. Robert Tyson 1962-64
Alan Kahn, 1990-91	

Outgoing Executive Committee Member

Maclolm Preese, Hiking

Many thanks to the members of the 2017 Nominating Committee: Joanie Schultz, John Garner, Ira Rubinstein, Tom Sherwood, Geri Chmiel, with Susan Weida as chair.

Member Anniversary Recognitions

The Delaware Valley Chapter is proud to recognize the following for their many years of membership with AMC. We thank each of them for their commitment and continued support of AMC. If you have reached either the 25 or 50 year milestone and are not on this list, please contact the membership chair so you can be included at next year's annual dinner.

Fifty years: These members joined AMC in 1966 and have faithfully continued their membership for the past 50 years:

Barbara Love
Sarah Wheeler
Stephen Cutcliffe
John Chin
Richard Stevens

Twenty-five years: These members joined AMC in 1991 and have continued their membership for the past 25 years:

Terry Heiser	Stephen Boyack
Merritt Rhoad	Robert Pritchett
James Barnshaw	Brice Wachterhauser
John Dalzell	Chuck Yeiser
Jennifer Percival	Ruth Yeiser
Guy Percival	Ted Rodman
Randall Leisure	William Whitney
Arlen Marks	Bob Nordmann
David Smith	Paul Lownes
Kevin Psarianos	Louis Miller
Carolyn Psarianos	Marie Helmond
Carl Roberts	John Bergamo
Susan Roberts	Shivkumar Hatti
Richard Benningfield	Vrinda Hatti
John Dalton	Pat Prunty
Rick Volpe	Allen Bartlett
Roger Barnsby	Gregory Burnham
Darlene Palumbo	Cliff Hence
Carol Weisl	Nancy Hence
Peter Silvester	

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