



# Appalachian Mountain Club Delaware Valley Chapter Annual Report for 2013

## Overview

Welcome to AMC Delaware Valley Chapter members and friends. I am pleased to report another successful year for the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC). Our committed volunteers are providing a variety of safe and fun activities throughout the Delaware Valley, and beyond.

There are many exciting things going on across the Delaware Valley Chapter. Through the publication of Susan Charkes book, *Outdoors with Kids Philadelphia*, and Cindy Friel's monthly family activities, we are reaching young families with activities specifically geared to their interests and capabilities.

Our weekly e-mail communication, produced by Communication Chair, Rich Wells is reaching out to more than 900 members with up-to-the-date information on events and news.

Eric Pavlak, our Newsletter Editor, has produced a video on AMC and our chapter that has been viewed by many and applauded by our fellow Chapters. Our participation in the Meet-Up program is bringing news of our activities to 2,900 people in our area.

Our Trails Committee, under Phil Mulligan's leadership, is actively maintaining both Appalachian Trail sections and trails in the local area. Our vibrant hiking program under Hiking Chair Rick Hudson is offering more hiking opportunities to more people than ever before.

Our Chapter is financially sound with successful investment of Chapter funds and an emerging program to assure adequate reserves while putting unneeded funds to work furthering the AMC mission in our area.

Leader recruitment and development, under Lennie Steinmetz's stewardship, is reaching out for increased leader contact through Spring and Fall meetings along with interactions with Leadership resources across the AMC organization.

Read more about these exciting accomplishments and more in the reports that follow, discuss them with Executive Committee members or contact us through our website. We thank you all for your support and encourage even greater participation in our program of recreation, education, and conservation.

— Allen Male, Chapter Chair

## 2013 AMC Fall Gathering

This year our chapter was privileged to host the 2013 AMC Fall Gathering. This event was organized by a committee of eleven very dedicated volunteers. Working as an extraordinary team were: Eric Pavlak, Lennie Steinmetz, Don Garrido, Allen Male, Allison Hudson, Rick Hudson, Denice Bohl, Geri Chmiel, Rich Einstein, Cindy Crosser and Joan Aichele, Chair.

Assisting these committee members with leading activities and volunteering wherever needed were many, many wonderful DV Chapter leaders and members who we cannot thank enough for their help.

The Fall Gathering was held at Camp Speers-Eljabar YMCA in Dingmans Ferry, PA. This lovely camp offered beautiful cabins, many on-campus activities such as horseback riding, mountain biking, paddling and ropes course with zip-line. We offered several levels of hikes from easy half day to strenuous all day, all within a short driving distance of the camp. Most of these hikes included spectacular waterfalls and amazing views of the fall foliage in the DWGNRA. The two tours to Gifford Pinchot's Grey Towers Mansion in Milford, PA were very popular and enjoyed by well over 50 people. It was definitely a highlight of the weekend.

Saturday evening, after the rain cut short the hayrides, members ventured out under a moonlit sky for the campfires with smore's. Or joined in the fun of an old fashioned barn

dance in the Dining Hall with Caller Dave Colestock and the ContraRebels providing live music.

## 2014 Executive Committee Nominees

Chair	Joan Aichele
Vice-Chair	Don Garrido
Secretary	Allison Hudson
Treasurer	Rich Einstein
Membership	John Garner
Backpacking	Cindy Crosser
Bicycling	Tammy Brandon
Communications	Rich Wells
Conservation	Susan Charkes
Family Activities	Cindy Friel
Hiking	Rick Hudson
Leadership	Lennie Steinmetz
Paddling	Eric Pavlak
Social	Geri Chmiel
Trails	Phil Mulligan
Young Members	Morgan Masterson



Overall it was a very enjoyable weekend with lots of fun and fond memories for the 197 people in attendance. We can't wait to host it again in another eleven years.

— Joan Aichele, 2013 Fall Gathering Chair

## Backpacking

Another great year of backpacking. Barb Blyth and Carl Rush have successfully completed their co-leads as backpacking leaders. A beginner backpacking course was offered, but we were unable to reach the requisite number of participants. In general, 2013 was a good year for total number of backpacks including beginner level and extended trips. A strong candidate for succession to the position of backpacking chair was identified, and has accepted the nomination.



— Peter Fox, Backpacking Chair

## Bicycling

During the 2013 season biking continued to be a popular activity within the chapter. As has been the case in previous years, most rides are along rail-trails. Despite some early summer wet weather, so far this season, there have been 24 trips with over 200 participants.

Thanks to all of the leaders who have organized these rides. Those leaders include Terry Berntsen, Tammy Brandon, Steve Leibrock, Rich Einstein, Ian Kindle, Chris Rapacki and George Gorman.

Of special note are the two multi-day biking & camping trips organized and lead by Terry Berntsen to the C&O Canal along the Potomac River during the Memorial Day Weekend and to Rhode Island in August.

As always the Chapter encourages members to support the expansion of our regional trail network. With 250 miles of biking trails currently in use, 50 miles under construction and another 300 miles in planning or design stage in the greater Delaware Valley there will be many opportunities for new rides. See <http://connectthecircuit.org/> for the status of trails in your area. Consequently we encourage any interested members to consider becoming Chapter biking leaders.

— George Gorman, Bicycling Chair



## Communications

The Communications Committee manages the Chapter website, three E-mail lists, the newsletter and Meetup, the Chapter's initial venture into social media and AMC-based E-mail system. The Committee also serves as the Chapter interface with the On-Line Trip Listing (OLTL) system, the AMC-wide trip listing and entry system. It takes the knowledge, skill and dedication of many Chapter volunteers to make sure everything works smoothly. We acknowledge the contributions from Joan Aichele, e-mail list membership manager; Jim Catozzi, OLTL management; Kevin Perry, Chapter website support; Eric Pavlak, *Footnotes* editor and publisher, and Bill Steinmetz, communications advisor. Craig Smith, Donna Morgan and Rich Pace are invaluable contributors with their on-going support of the Chapter Meetup site which has grown to nearly 2,900 members.

This year had its ups and downs. On the upside, the Meetup site continues to grow and receive rave reviews which demonstrate the quality and dedication from our Chapter activity leaders. Meetup has given us the ability to reach a different and more diverse audience, including younger family centered people. Reaching families, especially those with young children is a key AMC goal.

An upgrade to the OLTL added several new features, including the ability to post directions to the trailhead, activity descriptive pictures and leader profile information. The photo and direction capabilities have received wide support from our leaders.

Work is underway to define an event management module that is expected to be introduced sometime next year. The registration module is expected to include many highly desired features such as ability to register for trips directly on-line through the OLTL, create event-specific e-mail lists, generate Chapter statistics and support an event specific bulletin board capability.

On the downside there have been ongoing problems with the Chapter website and Yahoo Groups. The loss of the activity calendar problem is the most visible website problem but there are several more that continue to frustrate us and the membership. The problems revolve around a communications issue between the AMC website and ADDR, our current hosting provider. There's agreement we need to change hosting services but there are some technical changes that delay us in making the change. There's further agreement that we need to update the website to give it a more contemporary look and to allow us to introduce new capabilities. There is a consensus that we should not rush into a design project without taking the time to develop a solid plan that includes input from our members, a features specification with additional documentation takes in each stage of any new design. This work is a key 2014 goal.

The Yahoo problems are associated with a major change Yahoo made in the service. Following rollout of the change performance was extremely rocky, to put it mildly. The change also forced us to introduce a new process for use in generating the weekly message. While it is working now, it's not the ideal solution for the long term. Again, we've investigated alternatives although the Yahoo issue at the moment is not as critical as the website.

The Internet is complex and is constantly evolving. In addition, it's constantly under attack from hackers, identity thieves and others who are mostly up to no-good. Measures to counteract these attacks often snare the innocent which makes the task of maintaining a viable website all the more difficult and challenging.

We look forward to serving the Chapter in 2014. As always we're looking for volunteers to assist with the chores and possible expansion into additional social media.

— Rich Wells, Communications Chair



## Family Activities

This is a new area of concentration within the executive committee to support Vision 2020. The main focus is to increase the number of activities geared towards families and younger children throughout the Delaware Valley. Many members began their lifelong appreciation of the natural world when they were children themselves. We want to encourage future generations to appreciate the world around them, so they will continue to care for and preserve our natural treasures.

With the release of the book *Outdoors with Kids-Philadelphia* written by Susan Charkes, we now have an invaluable resource guide listing 100 family friendly places to visit within our region. Any leaders that are interested in organizing family



friendly activities are encouraged to consult this book for suggestions and further information. We are always looking for more leaders to help with this mission.

Many events listed on the activities calendar already do welcome children when appropriate. However, it can be intimidating for some families or newer members to bring their children along. The goal of family activities is to make families and children feel comfortable participating in a group activity where everyone is welcome to get outdoors and play.

Upcoming family activities include: December, Hike the D&L canal in Bethlehem, PA, during Christkindlmarkt with optional shopping on your own. January, Explore Ringing Rocks park in Upper Black Eddy, PA, to ring in the New Year. (Page 93 of *Outdoors with Kids*.) — *Cindy Friel, Family Activities Chair*

## Hiking

As most of us have discovered over the years AMC Delaware Valley Chapter hiking activities are numerous and were extremely active in 2013 with many diverse and successful hiking and winter sports events. Weather in the winter was mild again this year similar to last year and the summer was pretty hot again.

As in previous years, our chapter is host to many weekly hikes for the enjoyment of all ability level of hikers. Routine hikes again were run on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, the weekly Wednesday day hike in the Philadelphia region and now we have been seeing an interest in the Lehigh Valley area for mid-week day hikes run by newly OLT graduate Barbara Wiemann. Special thanks to the leaders who get out there and do these week after week.

In 2013, we again saw many of our more adventurous leaders take hikers to the Catskills, White Mountains in New Hampshire, AT in Virginia, the C&O Canal National Recreation Area.

As we move toward 2014, we expect more quality multi-day trips will be happening. Our AT expert, John Rowen, completed his AT series hikes this year, ending at the PA – MD border so there are now a number of DV members who can state that they now have hiked all of PA. Weekends continue to be very busy with a number of new destinations. As I've mentioned almost every year, we are fortunate to have hikes scheduled in two to three different geographical destinations per week, thus allowing persons from our entire area to participate without driving too far to join in. Beach walks, rock scrambles, off trail bushwhacking, slow paced birder walks, geocache hikes and urban hikes in Philadelphia, Wilmington and New York City were very successful this year. The New Jersey Highland region, as mentioned last year, has also gained in popularity. One new activity source this year has come from the two members of the Pa Department of Conservation. Ian Kindle and Sara Berg have scheduled numerous hikes and informative walks along the Delaware Canal in conjunction with the state environmental and conservation program. Keep your eye out for these as they are highly informative.

At the Activity Social in April, we honored a number of members for their miles and trip leads. As we continue to record miles hiked and activities lead, it is always fun to honor the folks who are most active. This year we gave some really nifty AMC hats to the 100-milers and a terrific long sleeve AMC-DV Leader Shirt to our busiest activity leaders. Joan Aichele (867 miles), Bijal Shah (783 miles) and Russ Moyer (575 miles) were our top 3 for miles hiked. The top 3 for leads were Bijal (77), Dave Stein (59) and Joan Aichele (46).

One new wrinkle in our program of calculating statistics this year is that we will be able to list the hike activities by region (such as Lehigh Valley, Poconos, Southern Jersey, etc.) in the Delaware Valley Chapter. We know that statistics don't tell the whole story, but we believe it gives us some bragging rights when compared to other AMC chapters.



Finally, we need to give a huge Thank You to all the leaders and members who have helped us with the Fall Gathering. Without them stepping up to the plate and volunteering, we wouldn't have had as much fun as we did. For 2014, we expect to continue to broaden our hiking schedule. We are constantly looking for new venues to hold our activities and that can only come by our terrific leader group scouting and searching the Delaware Valley region. Happy and safe hiking in 2014!

— *Rick Hudson, Hiking Chair*



## Leadership

The DV Chapter's annual Outdoor Leader Training course took place on the weekend of April 12-14, with a large group of participants gathered for the event. Twenty-six future leaders took part in the weekend, including nine members of a hiking club from the NYC area who were interested in improving their leadership skills for that organization. After taking the course, two members of the group decided that they were so impressed with the training session and their experience with AMC that they would join the DV Chapter and hopefully become DV Chapter leaders. Several active DV Chapter leaders joined the group for the Saturday night dinner and evening discussion session to meet with the future leaders and share ideas and experiences with them.

The DV leaders who served as trainers and organizers for this year's course were: Jeff Alpert, Jim Catozzi, Peter Fox, George Gorman, Rick Hudson, Pete Jarrett, Mark Kern, Christina Krosche, Jeff Lippincott, Donna Morgan, Phil Mulligan, Ron Phelps, Craig Smith, Bill Steinmetz, and Lennie Steinmetz. Aaron Gorban, the AMC's Director of Outdoor Leadership Training, was also on hand to instruct several course segments.

The students in the OLT Class of 2013 were: Judy Arrison, John Azelvandre, Richard Breusch, Eugene Burke, Francine Carlini, Len Cassidy, Eleanor Conwell, Richard Dinnen, Christopher Goeken, Richard Goldberg, Robert Gougher, Steve Hall, Carino Higgins, John Kashwick, Carol Kluchinski, Victoria Lowe, Elayna Moffitt, John Rogers, Carl Rush, Alicia Sprow, Jacob Stevens, Jonathan Wall, Paul Warren, Barb Wiemann, Nathaniel Williams, and Katharine Woodhouse-Beyer.



The DV Leaders Social took place on Saturday, May 11th at Weisel Hostel near Quakertown. In spite of the rainy weather, there were 35 participants in attendance. The trail work scheduled for that day was rescheduled to Saturday, May 18th because of the rain and the bike ride was cancelled, but the other events for the day took place in spite of the weather. These included hikes on the proposed route of the PA Highlands Trail and to Haycock Mountain, a map & compass course, and a tree/plant identification hike.

AMC's Mid-Atlantic Recreation Planner John Brunner (from AMC's Bethlehem office) presented an evening program on the new Highlands Trail – discussing both the construction to date and the future plans.

The first-ever **Outdoor Leadership Development Committee Leadership Gathering** was held at Noble View Outdoor Center in the Berkshires on September 21-22, 2013. Twenty-one participants representing 10 chapters spent the weekend discussing Leadership Training, Leadership Committee Issues, and networking across chapter lines. DV Chapter Leadership Committee members Jeff Lippincott, Ron Phelps and Lennie Steinmetz represented the DV Chapter.

Highlights of the gathering include:

- The group developed a large list of ideas to help build, strengthen, and retain Volunteer Activity Leaders within the club.
- The group focused on ideas to empower and unify our volunteers. Many of the suggestions surrounded communication and keeping leaders continually engaged in club efforts.
- During several sessions, the attendees were able to share their expertise with each other, model specific lesson plans, & discuss different methods of presenting leadership topics.
- The OLDC demonstrated AMC's Sharepoint capabilities: the goal of the site is to gather the best lesson plans and materials for the outdoor skills and leadership trainings used by various club units. The online site will then be a comprehensive resource for AMC Leadership Trainers looking for new materials.
- The group wrapped up the weekend with a discussion regarding AMC's Vision 2020 and the 5th Pillar: Excellence in Outdoor Skills and Leadership Training. Discussions included how the OLDC and the AMC can better support club unit efforts as well as what role technology could play in order to achieve the vision.

A DV Leaders Meeting will take place again this year one hour prior to the DV Annual Dinner (Saturday, November 9). Topics to be discussed include the new AMC trip release form for non-members, a new Volunteer of the Month program to be introduced by the chapter in 2014, volunteers needed for Executive Committee subcommittees, how to involve more leaders in contributing articles and photos to the newsletter and website, a draft statement of Accepted Peer Practices in regards to large-sized hiking groups, and future proposed OLTL (on-line trip listings) enhancements

The date for the DV Chapter's 2014 **Outdoor Leadership Training** course has been finalized. It will take place on the weekend of April 4-6, 2014 at Nockamixon State Park near Quakertown. Additional information on the course will be available in early December on the DV website and in Footnotes, and by contacting leadership@amcdv.org

— Lennie Steinmetz, Leadership Chair

## Lehigh Valley Group

The Lehigh Valley Group has now completed its twenty-first year of existence. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of every month (except December, July, and August) at the Friends Meeting House on Route 512 in Bethlehem. Programs this year have included presentations on a wide range of travel destinations including: Trekking in Nepal-Mustang, Torngat

N. P. in Canada, Hiking the GR20 in Corsica, Car Camping in Europe and a few other topics. The Lehigh Valley Group Chair Phill Hunsberger has already booked a number of interesting programs for the coming year as well including: Palmerton Zinc Superfund Site, Chamonix-Zermatt Haute Route, Delaware Canal and others.

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

— Lennie Steinmetz

## Membership

2013 was an exciting year for our chapter as the number of members continued to climb to just under 5,000. We have not had this many members since 2008. We get many of our new members as a result of mass mailings four times a year by the AMC Membership Department. Some join at an AMC facility or the huts to take advantage of the member discount. And a small number of active members of our Meetup Group of about 2,900 members have joined AMC after finding us through Meetup.

We continued to offer monthly New Member hikes throughout our region in an effort to personally meet some of our new members as well as prospective members. Seasoned members are always encouraged to join these hikes to help interact with the new and prospective members.

Our New Member Social was held in February where we had a Q & A session with our Activity Leaders after the debut of the new DV Chapter New Member video about AMC and all it has to offer. This video replaced the New Member slideshow we used in the past. Both were produced by our chapter member Eric Pavlak.

Eric also designed a new 8-by-5 inch postcard that we send out to our new and returning members at the beginning of each month. It has several photos on the front which at a quick glance gets the message across as to what type of activities we offer as well as how much fun we have doing it. Many thanks to Eric for producing both the video and postcard for us.

Midori Wakabayashi, Publicity Chair continues doing a fine job representing our chapter and AMC at events such as National Public Lands Days, National Trail Days and others. Thank you Midori for all of your efforts to promote AMC for us at these events.

— Joan Aichele, Membership Chair

## Paddling

**Trips:** Flatwater trips remain popular, and are often filled to capacity. For four years, we have been running numerous flatwater trips using Meetup to successfully fill trips to capacity, and used it to boost training course registration. Whitewater trips increased slightly over the previous year, with 20 trips run, which is still way below what we have done in the past.

We will have run trips on about 45 paddling days this year, down slightly last year. We also added two new flatwater leaders: Tammy Brandon and Francine Carlini.

**Training:** We safely and successfully completed almost all



scheduled training sessions scheduled for the year, including the basic and river canoeing, and solo open canoe. The swiftwater safety and rescue course was canceled due to lack of registration.

— Eric Pavlak, Paddling Chair

## Social

There are three prominent Chapter social events organized for member participation: the Activities Social, the Chapter Picnic and the Annual Meeting & Dinner. Below is a brief overview of each of these events.

The first social event of the year is the **Annual Activities Social**, held in the Spring. This year's Social was held on April 6 at the Ottsville Fire House, Ottsville, PA. Again this year, activities were scheduled prior to the social - hikes were led by Joan Aichele at Ralph Stover State Park and Phil Mulligan at Nockamixon State Park. All pre-social activities were attended by many members and enjoyed by all.

The addition of outdoor activities prior to the Activities Social continues to receive positive feedback from members, and we work to identify several options that can serve a variety of interests. Based on this information, the Social Committee expects to offer these options and perhaps others to our members at future Activities Socials. We continued the tradition of showing an entertaining slide-show of the year's activities while awards and recognition were given for total miles hiked during the year along and Trail Stewardship awards to chapter leaders. The presentation was a team effort, coordinated by Rich Wells in partnership with Rick Hudson and Phil Mulligan. Congratulations to all the hikers and trail maintenance crew, and thanks to everyone for sharing their best stories among the attendees!

As the hungry hikers returned from their activities they were joined by other members and treated to pre-dinner snacks and beverages, followed by a great selection of hot food for dinner. As we have done in previous years, we continued to charge a nominal fee for snacks and dinner. This approach was well received in years past and so the tradition continued in 2013. The catering was terrific as expected and no one went home hungry! Special thanks to the Social Committee Members for their support on delivering this great event for the chapter.

The next social event of the year is the **Annual Picnic**, typically held in early summer. This year the event was held at a



new location, the Lower Perkiomen Valley Park in Montgomery County, PA. This park is a great venue, offering a regionally central location, a covered pavilion and picnic area with several grills. There were lots of additional activities for the picnic guests like volleyball, horseshoes, etc. The chapter provided hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and drinks, and guests were asked to bring a side dish salad or dessert to share with fellow members.

Prior to firing up the barbecue grill, a well attended hike on a nearby trail was led by Joan Aichele in the nearby area - George Gorman also led a 23 mile bike ride on the Perkiomen and Schuylkill River Trails, Chapter members volunteered to set up the barbecue and arrange for other activities at the park like horseshoes, quoits and of course our annual chapter volleyball game. The weather was picture perfect bringing in warm and hungry hikers and other chapter members for the BBQ. The volleyball games were a continued tradition from the past picnics and while mud was not an issue, members had a great time dealing with the afternoon heat. Picnickers had a great time and we have the pictures to prove it. Be sure to join us next year, and be part of the fun!

The final big social event is the Annual Dinner held in Autumn. The Annual Dinner combines a social event, a business meeting and a special guest speaker or activity. This year we have the great pleasure of having John Judge, the President of AMC as our guest speaker. It is a great opportunity to network with new and existing chapter members, enjoy a nice dinner together, to learn a little bit about some of the business aspects of operating the chapter and wrap up with a great story or activities about fun and adventure in the outdoors. This is an excellent event for new members to attend – the networking tends to open up discussion around experiences over the past year, great stories and suggestions for participation in the year ahead. Every year this chapter event becomes more successful.

— Stephanie Wall, Social Chair

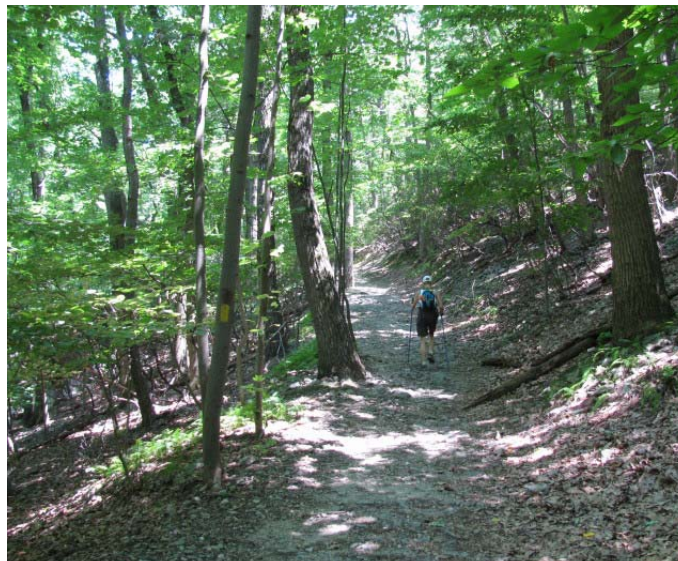
## Trails

During 2013, the Delaware Valley Chapter has continued to work on trails in three significant areas of our jurisdiction.

First, we are maintaining our segment of the Appalachian Trail in partnership with the National Park service, Keystone Trails Association and Appalachian Trail Conservancy. Mike Manes, Dan Schwartz, Bill Steinmetz and a host of others lead and perform work there. This year's Ridgerunner program, where we work with ATC to provide someone to patrol the AT during the Summer, as well as to meet and greet the hikers, was a huge success.

This entails patrolling for encroachments, unauthorized structures, and damage to the trail, both natural and man-made. Our volunteers are also assisting in defining the boundaries of the ATC corridor.

Also, we are continuing to maintain the trails on Mt. Misery at Valley Forge National Park. We are continuing to keep the trails in their current state of good repair. For National Public Lands Day in September we had a crew of 25 park visitors who worked on the drainage features. Thank you to Bill Lotz for helping to lead the Park volunteers.



We are continuing to keep the trails at Nockamixon State Park in good repair. Pete Jarrett leads the work there in conjunction with the Friends group at that Park. In addition AMC-DV members continue to volunteer at other parks in the area, under the leadership of other clubs.

We have enquiries from several parks for trailwork projects. We can use volunteer leaders to come forward to help lead projects there, and trail workers as well. Interested members, please contact me. — Phil Mulligan, Trails Chair

## Treasurer's Report

### Overall Financial Assessment

The Delaware Valley Chapter continues to have a positive cash flow primarily due to the substantial savings realized in using the internet for publication of Footnotes rather than printing and mailing.

### 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 more than 80% of the chapter 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 October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. Comparisons are provided with the preceding 12 month period.

— Richard Einstein, Treasurer

**Financial statement follows:**

**Operational Income vs. Expense for the 12 month period from 10/1/2012 thru 9/30/2013  
compared to prior 12 month period**

	<b>Current Period</b>	<b>Prior Period</b>	
Allocation from AMC Dues	16,777.00	17,236.25	
Membership sales	1,380.00	1,690.00	
Reimbursement from ATC	5,163.60		Note 1
Other Income	4,078.95	3,588.57	
Interest from Bank Accounts	10.74	13.31	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>27,410.29</b>	<b>22,528.13</b>	
Communication	905.31	1,151.75	
Attendance at Club Wide	1,583.95	2,007.74	
Trails & Shelter Maintenance	592.51	7,293.60	Note 3
Recognition	3,315.69	2,012.70	
Chapter Social Events	2,822.69	1,038.70	
Committee Expenses	1,060.21	2,069.53	
Membership Activities	678.08	840.04	
Canoeing Program			
Leadership and Outdoor Skills	1,286.29	986.02	
Liability Insurance	165.00	160.00	
Other Expenses	2,958.83	1,354.07	Note 3
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>15,368.56</b>	<b>18,914.15</b>	
<b>Surplus - income less expenses</b>	<b>12,041.73</b>	<b>3,613.98</b>	

Note 1 – The 2012 invoice for the Ridgerunner was reimbursed in November 2013. Had the invoice been reimbursed in October, the income in the current period would have been reduced by \$5, 163,60 and the prior period would have increased by that amount.

Note 2 – The September 2011 invoice from AMC for the Ridge Runner payroll of \$6,899 was not paid until October 2011. Had the invoice been paid in September the prior period would have increased by this amount.

Note 3 – The Current Period amount includes \$1,297 paid for the Fall Gathering. This amount is expected to be recouped when from revenue of the participants is known.

## Cash Assets on 9/30/2013 compared to 9/30/2012

	9/30/13	9/30/12	Increase (Decrease)
Checking Account	2,545.48	5,592.74	(3,047.26)
Money Market Account (savings)	22,099.85	27,011.26	(4,911.41)
Operating Cash Assets	24,645.33	32,604.00	(7,958.67)
AMC Investment Account*	49,097.50	26,028.74	23,068.76

*\* The AMC Investment Account is managed b6 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 tree categories as:

	Current Period	Prior Period
Operating Funds	23,842.61	31,801.28
Reserve Funds	49,097.50	26,028.74
Henry Wu Scholarship Fund	802.72	802.72
	<b>73,742.83</b>	<b>58,632.74</b>

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](mailto:treasurer@amcdv.org) - Richard Einstein 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:

2012 Rich Pace	2002 Chris Cayer
2011 Midori Wakabayashi	2001 Andrea Deaton
2010 Rhoda Eisman	2000 Paul Davis
2009 Anne Murphy	1999 Bill McCaughey
2008 Joan Aichele	1998 Kevin Burkman
2007 Rich Wells	1997 Kevin Krame
2006 Craig Smithr	1996 Rajat Tandon
2005 Jim Catozzi	1995 Rich Kajander
2004 Jennifer Decker	1994 Marty Seibert
2003 Kevin Perry	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:

2012 John Rowen	2005 Walt Underhill
2011 Mark Kern	2004 Dan Schwartz, Lois Nichols
2010 Allen Male	2003 Gary Leander
2009 Peter Jarrett	2001 Bill Steinmetz
2008 Joseph Bell	2000 Helmut Gude
2007 Eric Pavlak	1999 Malcolm White
2006 Lennie Steinmetz	1998 Jane Shepard

(None for 2002)

**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 as well as the 2011 Nominating Committee members.

### Past Chapter Chairs

Allen Male, 2011-2013	Kent Johnson, 1987-89
Craig Smith, 2010-2011	George Heckler, 1985-86
Jim Catozzi, 2009	Kay Cox, 1982-84
Paul Davis, 2007-08	Jane Shepard, 1980-81
Andrea Deaton, 2005-06	Malcolm White, 1978-79
Chris Rapacki, 2003-04	Win Howe, 1976-77
Peter Jason, 2001-02	Fred Cox, 1973-75
Priscilla Estes, 2000	Gardner Dean, 1971-72
Lennie Steinmetz, 1997-99	Ruby Horwood, 1969-70
Bill Steinmetz 1994-96	Martin Davenport, 1967-68
Tom Stress, 1993	Ted Talbot, 1965-66
Alan Kahn, 1990-91	Dr. Robert Tyson 1962-64

### Outgoing Executive Committee Members

Peter Fox, Backpacking Chair  
George Gorman, Biking Chair  
Jeff Lippincott, Vice Chair  
Al Schwartz, Conservation Chair  
Stephanie Wall, Social Chair

Many thanks to the members of the 2013 Nominating Committee: Lennie Steinmetz (Chair), Sue Bickford-Martin and John Garner for completing this often difficult task.

## 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:** R. Bruce Archibald, Catharine Maxey, Ranney Ward, Martina Schmid and Joan Wiltshire.

**Twenty-five years:** Sylvia Decker, Warren Dougherty, William Gifford, Mary Ledwith, Robert Lubberman, Philip McLaughlin, Mary Miller, Billy Neuman, Charles Rebick, James Samuels, Jr., Carolyn Scott, Robert Seagraves, John Sheehy, James Snyder and Penny Willing.

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