



# Appalachian Mountain Club

## Delaware Valley Chapter

### Annual Report for 2014

#### Overview

Looking back over the past year, we have had many exciting changes in our chapter. The most obvious one is a newly designed website that is easy to navigate. Two Delaware Valley Chapter volunteers designed it, Eric Pavlak doing the design work and John Rowen programming the popular activities calendar. If you have missed any back issues of our chapter newsletter, *Appalachian Footnotes*, you can find them in the newsletter archive section of the website. Also check out the wildflower section organized by the month in which they bloom including invasive species, all of which you could encounter locally on your outdoor adventures. To stay informed with everything that is happening in our chapter, visit our DV Chapter website, [amcdv.org](http://amcdv.org), frequently.

All of our activity chairs did a phenomenal job encouraging their leaders to post trips and as a result we saw increases in the number of trips as well as participants for hiking, biking, backpacking and paddling. Susan Bickford-Martin took the lead spearheading our new cross country skiing group this past winter, which led to a significant increase in the number of ski trips and participants. Our social events were all well attended with increased member participation. We are very grateful to all our volunteers who give freely of their time for the betterment of our Chapter by leading trips and activities for us.

Something new the Executive Committee started working on is “giving back” by focusing on more conservation and trail maintenance work. We currently maintain 15 miles of the Appalachian Trail and various trails in Valley Forge Park. But we would like to do so much more. Our Chapter has joined a few non-profit organizations with similar mission statements of land stewardship and conservation, with which we will partner on various conservation projects. We have already partnered with The Friends of the Delaware Canal on a few projects along the Delaware Canal and towpath. We anticipate doing many more projects going forward with other non-profits. Mike and Kieu Manes are leading another important conservation project. They have been leading trips for our members planting American Chestnut trees and harvesting chestnuts which are sent to the Penn State Department of Agriculture for their breeding program to develop blight resistant trees. In support of their efforts, we have joined the Pennsylvania-New Jersey Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation. You can read more about this project in our fall 2014 issue of *Footnotes*.

This September we saw a return of the popular DV Chapter weekend organized by volunteers Jim Catozzi and Don Garrido at Mohican Outdoor Center. With more than 40 members in

attendance there was lots of laughter and camaraderie during various hikes, paddling on Catfish Pond, folk dancing in the boathouse and socializing over fabulous meals. We are looking forward to another DV Chapter weekend next year.

And finally, another change approved by the Executive Committee and taking effect in 2015 is to the 100-mile hiker recognition awards. AMC is not just a hiking club. It is an outdoor recreation club and so we want to encourage participation in all types of chapter activities: biking, paddling, backpacking, skiing, trail maintenance and conservation in addition to hiking. To encourage our members to participate in various activities, the 100-mile hiker award will now be known as the Activity Recognition Award, which all members will receive if they achieve a combination of 100 miles or more during a calendar year. Volunteers will keep track of all Chapter activity trips in addition to the hiking miles. More details will be provided

about this change on our website in January and in the winter issue of *Footnotes*. Looking forward, 2015 should be an exciting year for all our leaders and members.

— Joan Aichele, Chapter Chair

#### 2015 Executive Committee Nominees

Chair	Joan Aichele
Vice Chair	Lois Rothenberger
Secretary	Kathy Kindness
Treasurer	Rich Einstein
Membership	John Garner
Backpacking	Cindy Crosser
Bicycling	Tammy Brandon
Communications	Rich Wells
Conservation	Susan Charkes
Family Activities	Cindy Friel
Hiking	Malcolm Preece
Leadership	Lennie Steinmetz
Paddling	Eric Pavlak
Social	Geri Chmiel
Trails	Phil Mulligan
Young Members	June Gondi

#### Appie Awards for 2014

Susan Bickford-Martin, Appie of the Year  
Esther Underhill, Golden Appie of the Year

#### Backpacking

This year was a rather interesting year for the backpacking section of our chapter. Following leadership training we had four new leaders come forward to competently complete their two coleads each and take the Wilderness First Aid Course to be qualified to become backpack leaders. We currently have an additional leader in training. Carl Ganong led the week-long backpack in New England this year, with other backpacks spanning from New England

through the Roller Coaster on the AT in Virginia led by Barb Blythe. Peter Fox also assisted by leading his annual beginner backpack in Michaux State Forest.

All this wonderful success with Ron Phelps as acting chair for a good portion of the year! In addition, two backpacks will be purchased prior to the end of the year to assist newcomers with gear requirements to get out there. Overall, this was a successful year and next year will bring yet greater options for various levels of backpacks in more locations.

— *Cindy Crosser, Backpacking Chair*

## Bicycling

2014 saw an increase in the number of bicycle rides listed, and also an increase in participation by bicycling leaders. Many rides have been held on rail trails and paved multi-use paths, and a few road rides hit the schedule this season. From April through September, 30 rides were listed, and three multi-day bicycling trips were run. Number of participants totaled 332. There are rides listed in October, and bicycling could continue through the end of the year, depending on the weather and the level of interest of the participants.

We welcome three new bicycling leaders this season; Ann Ross, Mark Mazer, and John Garner. Many thanks to all of the leaders that organized and led bicycle rides for the chapter this season: Terry Berntsen, Barb Blythe, Tammy Brandon, Rich Einstein, Rhoda Eisman, Ian Kindle, Steve Leibrock, Jeff Lippincott, Rich Pace, Eric Pavlak, and Rich Wells.

Special recognition goes out to Terry Berntsen for leading two multi-day trips this season; Old Erie Canal/Green Lake State Park, NY in May, and Montauk Point/Shelter Island/Orient Point, NY in September. Special recognition also goes out to Ann Ross for leading a multi-day trip on the Pine Creek Rail Trail in Slate Run, PA as her first bicycling leadership activity in June.

There continues to be much interest within the chapter for multi-day trips, so we encourage bicycling leaders to do their research this winter, and consider adding a few more trips to the schedule next season. As interest in bicycling continues to grow within the chapter, we also urge outdoor activity leaders to think about becoming a bicycling leader.

— *Tammy Brandon, Bicycling Chair*



## Communications

The Communications Committee manages the Chapter website, three E-mail lists, the newsletter and Meetup. 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 and John Garner, e-mail List Membership managers; Jim Catozzi and Bill Steinmetz, OLTL management; Eric Pavlak, *Footnotes* editor and publisher who also took on the role as web keeper.

Support from Rich Pace in keeping Meetup up and running was and continues to be most valuable and much appreciated. Also John Rowen's support in re-coding and moving the activities calendar from the old website to the new website is acknowledged and was a critical step leading up to the move.

Meetup continues to grow. Membership currently is nearing 3500, up 600 members from last year. Meetup presents the Chapter with opportunities and challenges. The service provides great exposure to a wider, mostly younger audience. It allows new leaders and those leaders posting activities outside our main population centers to draw participants to their activities.

Also, it is proving helpful in drawing people to our family activities. The opportunity exists to convert Meetup members to full AMC membership. Just how to accomplish that objective, however, remains a challenge.

The move to a new website





less frustrations. Hopefully the trend will continue, with 2015 being an even better year.

— *Rich Wells, Communications Chair*

## Conservation

In 2014 the Conservation section of the Chapter website was revitalized. We added a collection of resources to inform members about conservation issues that are of high priority for AMC in our region and to encourage member advocacy on legislative, policy or regulatory action. We also added resources for members to become engaged in citizen science. Conservation activities during the year focused on citizen science, including a Bird the Ridge hike on the AT where participants gathered bird data for Pennsylvania Audubon, as well

as several American Chestnut tree identification hikes and a chestnut harvesting activity. Secondly, we focused on stewardship education, featuring a hike at Crow's Nest Preserve in which the group learned about natural resource management at the preserve.

— *Susan Charkes, Conservation Chair*

provides the Chapter with a far more modern look and the reliability issues with the former web host that so frustrated us last year have gone away, much to everyone's relief. Yahoo Groups, the e-mail list service used by the Chapter, is now working well.

There have only been one or two problems this past year in distributing the weekly message. On the downside, the sign-up process used to add members to the lists has become more difficult. The Chapter has given consideration to moving to a commercial e-mail system, but the difficulty in rebuilding the mailing lists and loss of a key feature or two deters us from making the move.

This year we conducted a limited trial of a photo sharing service. The service would have allowed leaders to create individual photo albums for the activities they lead and participants would have the ability to upload photos. Chapter members would then have the option to view those photos, either as individual photos or as slide shows. The service would largely mimic the Meetup photo service. During the trial period the team responsible for the development and support of the application we were using disbanded. The application is currently being withdrawn, making it unsuitable for our use. During the coming year, other options will be explored, as this seems to be something many people want.

Work continued on the On Line Trip Listing system (OLTL). A specification outlining a new, trip registration module underwent extensive modification and re-writing. Following the re-write and document acceptance, the development effort was sized. Based on the scope, the work initiative was divided into two phases. The first phase introduced an updated log-in procedure and simplified the administrative process. That work was completed and rolled out in August.

The problems whenever a change takes place are now largely under control. A second phase will introduce the actual activity registration module. Originally scheduled for introduction this year, work has been rolled back because of the rebranding initiative the AMC undertook this year and also due to key staff changes.

We now hope to see the new feature introduced in 2015. When available, this feature will streamline activity registration and provide the tools for better communication between the activity leader and the people signing up for the activity.

All-in-all, 2014 was a much better year than 2013, with far

## Family Activities

We are continuing to expand upon the variety of activities offered to families in the Delaware Valley to support Vision 2020. This is an important mission aimed towards inspiring future generations to care for and preserve our natural treasures. Although many activities posted on the activities calendar do welcome families it can be intimidating for new members and families with young children to participate. If the activity is something new to the child, parents have no way of knowing if the child will enjoy the activity or how they will behave. The goal of family activities is to make families feel welcome to try something new in a noncompetitive, non-judgmental, purely for fun atmosphere.

Some new family activities offered this year were a week-long trip to Cardigan Lodge in New Hampshire and a family kayaking trip on Lake Nockamixon. There has also been talk of organizing a family outings group specifically designed to bring outdoor enthusiast families together for activities such as overnight camping. We are always looking for volunteers who would like to help with this mission.

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.

— *Cindy Friel, Family Activities Chair*

## Hiking

AMC Delaware Valley Chapter hiking activities for 2014 have again proved numerous and were extremely active with many diverse and successful hikes. Weather in the winter was really tough and cancellations were numerous but those who managed to tough it out had a great time trudging through the snow.

We continue to provide hikes for all ability level hikers. We now have routine weekly day hikes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Three new routines have developed



program at their school, and 17-year-old Benton Schwartz who has been doing AMC trail work trips all his life and is hoping to become an AMC leader once he turns 18. The group was pleasantly diverse both in terms of age and ethnicity, and they bonded well with each other during the course of the weekend.

The OLT 2014 participants were: Jill Augustine, John Buzdygon, Bill Claus, Ken Cogan, Chad Crisp, Devin DiFranks, Craig Freden, June Gondi, Eida Green, Paul Jarosz, Marlo Keba, Mike Keglovits, Tom Lawson, Rich Lewis, Mark Lidd, Lisa Lombardo, Denis McCartan, Greg Molyneux, Kat Neal-Macauley, Anthony Palandro, Denise Potkovac, Gerard Prilutski, Kate Prisby, Ann Ross, Benton Schwartz, Noelle Schwartz, Brian Schwarz, Mike Settles, Mike Spielman, Shu Ping Wong and Jin Xu.

Many thanks to the OLT 2014 trainers: Joan Aichele, Jeff Alpert, Tammy Brandon, Jim Catozzi, Cindy Crosser, Cindy Friel, Don Garrido, Aaron

– Wednesday in the Wissahickon, Tuesday daytime hikes in the Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton area, and a new after work hike series in central New Jersey.

This year we have had multiple leaders schedule hikes on the AT in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and the Virginia AT area. Weekends are still popular hike times and as we have observed this year, we are continuing to host hikes in different geographical areas each weekend. The popularity of Meetup has helped us with our attendance at these hikes and now we need to find a way to convince the Meetup people to join the AMC.

At the Activity Social in April, we again honored our 100 milers and top activity leaders. We continue to record miles hiked and activities lead, it is always fun to honor the folks who are most active. The high miler again in 2013 was Joan Aichele with Bijal Shah and Barry Mazer close behind. In 2014 through September we have had over 400 hikes listed on our OLTL system. We estimate another 150 to be entered for the balance of the year. As for hike leaders, we have had 63 individual leaders post hikes during that same time period.

The overall Hike Activity for 2014 was successful as you can see by the statistics above, but this could be enhanced in 2015 by our inactive leaders listing just one hike per month in locations that we have ignored over the last few years. For 2015, we want to continue to expand our hiking schedule. Besides resurrecting former hike trails, we hope to find new trails for day hikes and that can happen if our inactive and newly certified leaders help us take that step.

— Rick Hudson, Hiking Chair

## Leadership

The DV Chapter's annual Outdoor Leadership Training Course took place on the weekend of April 4-6. There was a large group in attendance, with a total of 32 graduates. It was an interesting and diverse group, including four guests from the DC Chapter, several people who had become acquainted with the chapter through Meetup, two students from West Chester University who were interested in improving the Outing Club

Gorban, Pete Jarrett, Mark Kern, Christina Krosche, Morgan Masterson, Donna Morgan, Phil Mulligan, Ron Phelps, Bill Steinmetz, Lennie Steinmetz, and Rich Wells.

The DV Leaders Social held on July 12 at Tohickon Valley County Park was a great success, with many leaders in attendance. This year we tried a new format for the event including an option for an overnight campout, which about half the leaders chose to do. AMC staff members Faith Salter and Maddy Carr came from Boston to take part in the social and to do a brief presentation on the new AMC logo and rebranding. Chef Jim Catozzi prepared a delicious dinner of burgers, grilled veggies and homemade strawberry pies for dinner, then blueberry pancakes and sausage for breakfast. A good time was had by all, and plans are in the works to do a similar event in 2015.

The date has been set for next year's Outdoor Leadership Training Course: April 10-12, 2015. DV Chapter members interested in becoming an activity leader for the chapter are encouraged to contact leadership@amcdv.org for additional information.

— Lennie Steinmetz, Leadership Chair

## Lehigh Valley Group

The Lehigh Valley Group has now completed its twenty-second 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 topics including: the Palmerton Zinc Superfund Site, Hiking the Chamonix-Zermatt Haute Route in Switzerland, the Delaware Canal State Park, the FracTracker Alliance, the Big Trees of Lehigh County, and Hiking in Morocco. AMC Bethlehem staff member Cathy Reuscher frequently shares information on conservation efforts and concerns, and Chapter Chair Joan Aichele 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 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

The number of members in our chapter continues to hover around 5,000. The AMC Membership Department in Boston provides invaluable support by sending mass mailings four times a year. We also attract new members via our Meetup page, although the degree to which that occurs has not yet been determined. We have developed a Meetup message that will be sent to all members of our Meetup page. Eric Pavlak drafted the final version of this message, which includes the wonderful tagline, “You are missing so much!” along with a photo suggesting that the reader is missing out on the fun and excitement of an AMC activity that is not posted on Meetup.

Our New Member Social was done a little differently this year. It was held in early March, a little later than usual, and was held on a Saturday afternoon rather than a weeknight. We did this in order to hold a hike which would give prospective members a taste of what we do. This Social was very successful with 53 attendees, more than any in recent memory, and we did pick up many new members as a result. The key to its success was the presence, assistance, and cooperation of many AMC leaders. We planned a second Welcome Social in the fall at Valley Forge, which would have been targeted to both new and inactive members, but circumstances prevented adequate time to prepare for it. We intend to use the Valley Forge location for our Welcome Social in the spring of 2015.

We have not held monthly New Member hikes since we found that the attendance was primarily made up of existing members. We should all remember a quote from baseball great Joe DiMaggio. When asked why he hustled on plays that had little effect on a game’s outcome or on his team’s standing, Joe replied, “Because there’s always some kid who may be seeing me for the first time. I owe him my best.”

In our context, everyone who shows up on an AMC event for the first time is that kid, and every AMC event is a New Member event.

We also have ceased sending out the 5-by-8 inch postcard to our new and returning members at the beginning of each month. Eric Pavlak did a terrific job developing it, but monthly mailings are costly. What’s more, the information provided by the AMC Membership Department is sometimes incomplete, which could backfire in our efforts to make a personal connection.

We did try to connect with various local Meetup groups which reflect the demographic makeup of our Chapter and partner with them by offering outdoor activities for their members. This initiative was not fruitful, but we do have plans for other ways to connect with sources of potential new members.

Going forward, after one year in this position in which I have learned so much, I plan to focus more on retention of existing members. I will work with the Chapter and with the Boston AMC personnel to ascertain what policies and procedures are applicable to our efforts.

Midori Wakabayashi, Publicity Chair, continues to do a fine job for us. Her advice and assistance in putting on the New

Members Social were instrumental in its success, and besides helping with monthly trail work, she also steps up to represent our Chapter and AMC at public events. Midori is truly one of the unsung heroes of the AMC.

— John E. Garner, Membership Chair

## Paddling

**Trips:** Flatwater trips remain popular, and are often filled to capacity. For five 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 decreased over the previous year, with just 10 trips run, although we did run trips to West Virginia and Tennessee. This was in part due to low water, plus the dam valve failure and bridge construction on the Tohickon also had an effect.

We will have run trips on about 35 paddling days this year, about 25 percent from last year. Late summer and fall were wet last year, while this year they have been dry, resulting in low river levels. We added Ian Kindle as a flatwater leader this year.

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



## Shelter: Leroy Smith shelter on the AT

Volunteers in the shelter program, in place since the shelter was dedicated in 1974, keep it in excellent condition. Summer watch extends from mid-April through October and a volunteer visits the shelter each week. Winter watch follows with a volunteer visiting the shelter every two weeks from November to mid-April with a Sunday-only volunteer during firearms deer hunting season two weeks in December.

In Spring 2014 the DV-AMC Board recognized the Shelter caretakers with caps and volunteer patch awards for their years of service.

Leroy’s Log. The Shelter Chair compiles an occasional column in selected issues of Appalachian Footnotes from the entries in the Log Book. The objectives are to inform DV members of our responsibilities for the shelter and to recruit Shelter Watch volunteers.

We continue to observe the Pennsylvania Game Commission's regulation requiring that all users (hunters, hikers, etc.) comply with the requirement that every person wears fluorescent orange-colored materials. The game lands parking lot and the Katellen trail, used by most shelter watchers, are on State Game Lands. Our winter watchers are provided with orange caps at the chapter's expense.

**Shelter Watch Hours:** An average of 5 hours x 45 volunteer trips = 225 plus 30 hours shelter chair: Total = 255 hours.

**Maintenance Hours** = 124.5 hours

**Shelter watchers**, November 2013 to October 2014: Jim Bloom, Jane Cope, Kevin Dealy, Nick & Karen Franco, Lynn Frazer, Ben Giralico, Nancy & Jackson Greene, Philip & Marty Hunsberger, Bob Huey, Ed Johns, Russell & Sabrina Keim, Philip & Margot Kraft, Dave McGrath, Louis Miller, Ken & Phyllis Niewoehner, Charles Ogle, George Omick, Ken & Pat Sacks, Dan Schwartz, Donald Stewart, Ruth & Aaron & Benjamin Yeiser

— *Patricia Sacks, Shelter Chair*

## Social

All AMC activities involve socializing, but the three Chapter Social Events provide a great opportunity to gather, share fun stories and celebrate personal accomplishments with other Delaware Valley Chapter members

The Spring Activity Social was held on Saturday, April 12 at the Ottsville Firehouse. Several pre-social events were attended as well as an OLTL Tutorial, held by Rich Wells at the firehouse.



The night began with a happy hour, followed by a wonderful buffet dinner complete with delicious desserts. John Rowen had a great slide show of various AMC activities that continued during the night. Activity, Stewardship and Leadership Awards were given. Special drawings were held throughout the night. Allison and Rick Hudson were able to share the food leftovers with Food to Aid for Friends and a Senior Citizen low-income housing group in the Hatboro, Pennsylvania area.

The Chapter Picnic was held on Saturday, June 28 at Fort Washington State Park, PA. Pre-picnic activities were well attended and the weather was perfect! One hundred and ten people registered, including a few kids and one, well-behaved dog. Jody Inglis, AMC's Southern Regional Director, shared in the picnic fun! The chapter funded the feast of hamburgers,

veggie burgers, hot dogs and turkey dogs. Attendees also brought delicious side dishes and desserts, more than we could eat!! It was a great day with lots of laughter and socializing among the members, family and friends. Folks engaged themselves in games and activities, elbow scrapping pickleball was competitive and fun for all that took part! A tour of the historic Clifton House was arranged and hosted by their volunteers. Those that attended gave rave reviews. Linda Watsula was able to share the leftover food and desserts with the Victory House Veterans Shelter in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Our Annual Dinner Meeting was held on Saturday, November 8 at the Upper Gwynedd Firehouse Banquet Hall. It was a night full of socializing, recognition, great food and desserts. During the annual business meeting the outgoing Executive Committee members, 25 and 50 year members were recognized. Chapter Awards: Appie and Golden Appie Awards and the grand prize drawing for Volunteers of the Month were also given out, concluding with the introduction and election of the 2015 Executive Committee. Kevin Breunig, AMC's Vice President of Communications and Marketing was there to share AMC's many accomplishments for 2014. Our featured speaker was Cindy Ross, a well renowned writer, photographer and speaker, who spoke on her completing the hiking "Triple Crown:" the Pacific Coast, Continental Divide and Appalachian Trails.

— *Geri Chmiel, Social Chair*

## Trails

During 2014, 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 the 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 again 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 AT corridor. The Chapter Vice Chair and Trails Chair attended a seminar in August sponsored by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy.

Second, 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 15 park volunteers who worked on the drainage features.

Third, 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 at valleyforgetrails@amcdv.org.

— *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 percent 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, 2013 through September 30, 2014. 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 10/1/2013 thru 9/30/2014 compared to prior 12 month period

	Current Period	Prior Period	
Allocation from AMC Dues	16,792.75	16,777.00	
Membership sales	1,330.00	1,380.00	
Reimbursement from ATC	7,486.00	5,163.60	
Other Income	4,944.33	4,078.95	
Interest from Bank Accounts	12.97	10.74	
Total Income	30,566.05	27,410.29	
Communication	1,004.32	905.31	
Attendance at Club Wide Mtgs	2,005.73	1,583.95	
Trails & Shelter Maintenance	8,258.42	592.51	Note 1
Recognition	2,947.00	3,315.69	
Chapter Social Events	3,013.43	2,822.69	
Committee Expenses	936.21	1,060.21	
Membership Activities	481.20	678.08	
Leadership and Outdoor Skills	2,164.43	1,286.29	
Other Expenses	2,840.49	3,123.83	
Total Expenses	23,651.23	15,368.56	
Surplus - income less expenses	6,914.82	12,041.73	

Note 1 – The current period includes \$7,100 for the payroll cost of the Ridge Runner for the summer of 2013. In the prior period the Ridge Runner cost for the summer of 2012 was paid in September 2012. Therefore no payment was made for payroll in the period from 10/1/2012 to 9/30/2013.

### Cash Assets on 9/30/2014 compared to 9/30/2013

	9/30/14	9/30/13	Increase (Decrease)
Checking Account	4,920.11	2,545.48	2,374.63
Money Market Account (savings)	26,640.04	22,099.85	4,540.19
Operating Cash Assets	31,560.15	24,645.33	6,914.82
AMC Investment Account*	57,017.89	49,097.50	7,920.39

\* 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	30,757.43	23,842.61
Reserve Funds	57,017.89	49,097.50
Henry Wu Scholarship Fund	802.72	802.72
	88,578.04	73,742.83

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:

2013 Terry Berntsen	
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 Smith	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:

2013 Nancy and Cliff Hence	
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 Nominating Committee members.

### Past Chapter Chairs

Allen Male, 2012-13	Kent Johnson, 1987-89
Craig Smith, 2010-11	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

Don Garrido, Vice Chair  
Allison Hudson, Secretary  
Rick Hudson, Hiking Chair  
Morgan Masterson, Young Members Chair  
Allen Male, ex-officio, past Chapter Chair 2012-13

Many thanks to the members of the 2014 Nominating Committee: Susan Charkes (Chair), Ron Phelps and John Rogers 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:** These members joined AMC in 1964 and have faithfully continued their membership for the past 50 years:

Richard B. Anderson  
Charles A. Glanville  
E. Downs Longaker  
Joseph W. Seidle  
Carolyn K. Staley

**Twenty-five years:** These members joined AMC in 1989 and have continued their membership for the past 25 years:

Frances Harvey  
Cliff Hence  
Nancy Hence  
John W. Hoopes  
Kathy Kelly-Borowski  
Donald H. Kirkland  
Barbara Matlaga  
Anne Pavelka  
Diane M. Pearson  
Denise Scotland

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