



Appalachian Mountain Club

Delaware Valley Chapter

Annual Report for 2018

Overview

2018 How do I love thee? Let me count the ways!

Active trip leaders
Dedicated trail maintainers
Engaged conservationists
Enthusiastic participants
Hard-working event volunteers

I find it hard to believe that my two years as DV Chapter Chair is ending. It has been a privilege to serve the members of our chapter and work with a steadfast group of volunteers. As I reflect on my second year as DV Chapter Chair, I continue to realize that it is an easier job than anticipated. The support of a huge group of volunteers, some in the forefront but many behind the scenes, keeps the chapter running smoothly. Thanks to all of you for leading activities, assisting at events, maintaining trails, advocating conservation efforts, encouraging new participants and supporting your Executive Committee.

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 and/or service: Leadership, Young Members, Conservation, Trails, Membership, Communications, Family Activities, Lehigh Valley Group, Social, Leroy Smith Shelter, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion 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.

In addition to the ongoing work of the chapter and the annual events (annual dinner, activity social with gear swap, and picnic), the Executive Committee is pleased to report some other successes.

The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) committee, spearheaded by Christine Loch, was formalized by including the Chair as an Executive Committee member. To sensitize the Executive Committee to interactions with marginalized communities, an entire meeting was devoted to DEI training. Role playing to understand DEI issues has continued at some of our other meetings. This is certainly a process and not something to hear about once and then put on the shelf. The future of our club and the health of the outdoors depends on inclusion of all communities in our mission.

Under the leadership of Jeff Fritzinger and Barbara Beatrice, we have extended our educational efforts. They have led beginner and winter hiking events in a variety of venues throughout our geographical area, connecting more people with the outdoors. Their teaching skills and enthusiasm as well as their training as "Train the Trainers", have led them to helping other AMC chapters engage new participants as well.

With encouragement from Lennie Steinmetz, many of our leaders took up the gauntlet to educate our members about

2019 Executive Committee Nominees

Chair – Susan Weida*
Vice Chair – Greg Bernet*
Secretary – Midori Wakabayashi*
Treasurer – Joseph Nanfara
Backpacking – Cindy Crosser
Bicycling – Robert Liston
Communication – Eric Pavlak
Conservation – Adrian Noble
Diversity - Christine Loch
Family Activities – Annette Sheldon
Hiking – John Rogers*
Leadership – Jeff Fritzinger*
Membership – Kathy Kindness*
Paddling – Eric Pavlak
Social – Jeanne Mantell*
Trails – Phil Mulligan
Young Members – Kate Prisby

* new to this position

continuing federal funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). In addition to phone calls and letters, many of our leaders led events in areas that had previously received funding from the LWCF.

As we look toward an exciting 2019, I want to remind you that your Executive Committee is here to serve you, our membership. We welcome any and all feedback!

— Lois Rothenberger, Chapter Chair

Appie Awards for 2018

Jay Gross, Appie of the Year
Phill Hunsberger, Golden Appie of the Year

Backpacking

This year has proven to be another record breaker. We topped all the numbers of the past. We brought out many new faces to the backpacking world and I believe we have a bit of a great thing going thanks to the efforts of many leaders.

Here are the numbers;

We had two workshops with more than 30 participants each.

Two beginner backpacking day hikes for preparation

Plus 29 posted backpacks

And there will most likely be a few more posted for the year.

We also had more leaders in training and leaders complete all requirements than in previous years.

New Backpacking Leaders: Jay Sitkin. Mary Hunsberger, John Dalvet and Dave Mitchell.



Leaders in Training, to be completed by year's end: Raun Kercher and Bill DeStefano

It is also interesting that we are drawing leaders from other chapters and members from other chapters. I am most thankful for the leaders that are working very diligently with me personally to be well-trained and qualified to lead others safely in the outdoors.

Given the time and effort required to put together these overnight trips, I am proud to be part of this dedicated group. Please send more backpackers! We are going strong.

On a negative note, we had three formal complaints within the backpacking group and all have been addressed appropriately.

Next year I clearly expect to see better numbers for sure with more leaders on board. Just a few years ago there was perhaps two backpacks posted per year. My, oh my, how we have grown to help others.

— Cindy Crosser, Backpacking Chair

Bicycling

So far this year we have had 62 bike rides, three of which were multi-day trips. This compares to 50 rides last year (report submitted in 2017 on October 18th.). We may have about 70 rides by the end of bike season. This equates to an increase in the number of rides by 40 percent over last year. This year we added Thursday road rides with Noelle Schwartz. This means that our riders can count on weekly rides on both Thursdays and Fridays, weather permitting. Noelle also leads bike rides professionally for Genesis Bicycles; she has her own following. We have more road rides than before; most of our rides are on trails. It seems that we are also getting higher attendance on rides than last year.

We have added four leaders: Raun Kercher, Lois Rothenberger, Steve Campanelli, and Jay Sitkin. We have a deep bench of leaders; on most of our rides we have several leaders riding. This allows us to accommodate riders of varying abilities, since we can enlist leaders to assist by leading sub-groups at slower or faster paces and shorter and longer distances as needed. This allows us to meet our DEI objectives and to encourage new riders to continue to ride with AMC. Our leaders are the key to our success!

Rides led by our bicycling leaders to date this year:

16 rides – Noelle Schwartz (huge contribution to AMC!)

9 rides – Bob Liston

7 rides – Tammy Brandon

5 rides – Rich Einstein (includes a multi-day trip), Joan Aichele, and Dan Loughner

4 rides – Reed Goosen

3 rides – Raun Kercher and Terry Berntsen (includes a multi-day trip)

2 rides – Jeff Lippincott and Susan Weida

1 ride – Eric Pavlak, Cindy Crosser (multiday), Barb Blythe

There have been no serious injuries or incidents requiring incident reports on our rides so far this year.

Upcoming Events:

9 rides are scheduled. This includes 2 multiday trips.

— Robert Liston, Bicycling Chair

Communication

Bulletins: We now have more than 1,015 subscribers to our Weekly Bulletin, including 30 non-members. It provides a list with full description and contact information of all chapter activities for the next two weeks. They also get the Advanced Notices Bulletin, which provides the same information for all chapter multi-day activities that are currently posted to the database.

Web sites and web services: On February 28, we moved our web hosting from a shared server with a shared IP (Internet Protocol) address to a Virtual Private Server with our own unique IP address. This was done to solve problems with the trip reposting system's automatically generated e-mails being blacklisted or otherwise interfered with. The migration was done without any noticeable interruption of service.

Additional benefits to this include improved e-mail service, a much faster web server and improved service reliability. The additional cost was approved at the last EC meeting, and was \$336. We may be able to reduce this annual fee by \$150 for next year when I purge unneeded files and reduce our storage requirements.

Technical: The new server gives us 60 Gb of solid state storage and 4 Gb RAM and our own IP address. We were repeatedly hit with IP address blacklisting, particularly by Verizon, which affected our e-mail and trip report system. We have more than 150 e-mail addresses and forwarders in our system. Having our own server also protects us from something that happened once before when we had a shared server: a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack on one of our server mates shut our site down for about six hours.

Since moving to a VPS, there have been no problems with e-mails sent from the online trip report submission system. All indications are that the original diagnosis of a shared server "neighbor" causing sporadic blacklisting was correct.

In addition to myself, who handles web design and content, there is John Rowan, who does the behind the scenes coding necessary for our web calendar and electronic trip reporting system, and Mike Ahern, who helps with the Weekly Bulletin.

— Eric Pavlak, Communication Chair

Conservation

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

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

Clean-ups and other Earth Day events at Nockamixon State



Park, Mercer County Park and Monocacy Creek, and attendance at the March for Science in Trenton.

Clean-ups on the Delaware Canal and other places.

Tree plantings at various Natural Lands Preserves and on the Monocacy Creek.

Invasive species removal at Mariton and other preserves.

Leaders were encouraged to not only lead “Leave No Trace” hikes, but also to “Erase The Trace” by cleaning up other trail user’s traces, and a number of hikes were held with this theme.

Several hikes were also held to specifically publicize the expiration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, a critical funding program for protecting our nation’s most special places

— *Adrian Noble, Conservation Chair*

Family Activities

A family hike December 28, 2017 at Plainsboro Audubon Preserve, Plainsboro, NJ drew only two families, with children ages 1, 3, 3 and their grandmothers plus hike leaders. Two other registrants withdrew due to the bitterly cold weather (15 degrees F); however, all involved enjoyed the woods and the interactive exhibits and live animals in the Nature House afterwards.

A family hike March 4 at Washington Crossing State Park drew 14 participants, including five children from three families. Participants enjoyed trees and birds of late winter, as well as some samples of dried fruits from New Jersey. Many participants stayed for a maple syrup demonstration by a park naturalist, which included hiking to a sugar maple grove, identifying and tapping a suitable tree, and sampling authentic syrup from an active demonstration evaporator.

A family hike May 26 at Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve drew five participants, including two children. Participants

enjoyed a warm day, with a couple of toads hopping near the trail.

A Family Weekend getaway at Mohican June 15-17, had 16 participants, including nine children. A Family Midweek Getaway was canceled due to low registration. .

— *Annette Sheldon, Family Activities Chair*

Hiking

Similar to previous years, hiking represented over 78 percent of all chapter activities. In the first nine months of 2018, there were 596 hikes offered by 93 different leaders. 1,167 DV Chapter participants enjoyed hiking over 31,000 miles that spanned every season from Winter through Summer, with many hikes already scheduled for the Fall.

This level of activity would not be possible without the dedication of our skilled leaders. So far this year, there were 63 leaders that led four or more hikes and included several new leaders from our OLT class of 2018. Many leaders have led multi-day hikes within and outside of our chapter footprint; from the White Mountains in New Hampshire as far south as the Virginia’s. Thank you to all our leaders for your unwavering dedication and being ambassadors for the AMC. A special thanks to the leaders who offer weekly repeat hikes; David Stein, Elizabeth Fox, Pat Naismith, Jay Gross, George Rockett, Denis McCartan, Phil Mulligan and Larry Priori.

We also want to thank the membership for your support, as offering activities for your outdoor enjoyment is part of our mission. As of September 2018, 102 members have exceeded 100 miles of hiking, with eight members that have completed more than 400 miles. Jane Richter, last year’s highest mileage award

winner, is leading the pack once again with just over 1,000 miles. The Fall of 2018, promises to offer many more hikes including many to capture the colors of the season.

In 2018, hiking activities expanded into new member initiatives such as offering beginner workshops; both for three-season hikers and a Winter series. As of September, seven workshops have reached nearly 70 participants, many of whom were non-members but aspired to get outdoors by hiking. There are several more workshops scheduled for this Fall.

In addition, in support of AMC's conservation mission, our chapter has adopted participant limits to minimize our impact on certain trails. And our chapter had a great turnout on Earth Day for the first annual DV Chapter "Erase the Trace" hike along the Appalachian Trail at Lehigh Gap. All hikers brought trash bags and carried out what others had previously left behind.

Looking forward to continuing the momentum in 2019.

— Jeff Fritzinger, Hiking Chair

Leadership



Outdoor Leadership Training Course

The DV Chapter's annual Outdoor Leadership Training course took place this year on the weekend of April 6-8. There were 20 graduates who were part of the Class of 2018, including a number who took advantage of the chapter's Young Member Scholarship offer.

This year's graduates included: Jennesys Aviles, Lauren Bailes, Mia Campanelli, Kyle Cybrowski, Michel Daage, Ann Marie Drosnock, Karla Geissler, Mary Hunsberger, Joshua Jayasinghe, Raun Kercher, Kathy Kindness, Jim Klissel, Karen Patton-Kissel, Leigh Ann Peterson, Izzy Reginato, Samir Tandon, Valerie Turner, Diane Ullmer, Amy Williams, and Emily Zislis. As of September 1, seven of the trainees have completed both required co-leads and become DV leaders. Five additional grads have completed their first co-lead and will hopefully be doing their second one this fall.

The instructors for the course this year included Barbara Beatrice, Terry Berntsen, Cindy Crosser, Stan DeRiel, Kristi Edmonston, Jeff Fritzinger, Pete Jarrett, Mark Kern, Bob Liston, Phil Mulligan, Adrian Noble, Rich Pace, Ron Phelps, Kate Prisby, John Rogers, John Rowen, Annette Sheldon, Bill Steinmetz, and Lennie Steinmetz. Their presentations were highly rated by the course participants, who enjoyed having input from

such a diverse and experienced group.

Leaders' Dinner

As part of the Leadership Training weekend, a leaders' dinner was held again this year, this time at the Upper Bucks Activity Center in Quakertown. 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. More than 55 DV leader-guests turned out for the event, in addition to the 18 trainees who attended. The dinner planning committee, chaired by Margaret McDonald, included Barbara Beatrice, Jeff Fritzinger, Mary Jane Martin, Denis McCartan, Lois Rothenberger, Lennie Steinmetz, and Susan Weida.

The evening's activities included tutoring sessions on the use of the AMC Activity Database system, introductions of the Class of 2018 members, presentations by AMC staff members Kristi Edmonston and Patricia McCloskey, a presentation *Photographing Your Event* by Rich Pace, and roundtable discussions on Gear (Jeff Fritzinger and John Rogers), *Go-lite Hiking and Backpacking* (Cindy Crosser & Anthony Palandro), *Trail Food* (Barb Blythe & Sue Bickford-Martin), and *The Well-Dressed First Aid Kit* (Larry Priori).

Mary Jane Martin and Jeanne Mantell coordinated the food preparation, serving, and clean-up efforts, with assistance from Ellen Berry and Linda Watsula.

Other Leadership Training Opportunities

The NY-No Jersey Chapter offered a leadership training course at AMC's Harriman Outdoor Center on May 18-20 that was attended by one DV Chapter member. The Inter-Chapter Young Members (20s & 30s) leadership training took place on September 21-23, also at the Harriman Center.

The Potomac Chapter has planned a Leadership Training course on October 20-21 in northern Virginia, with DV Chapter members Jeff Fritzinger and Barbara Beatrice assisting as trainers. Once again this year, several DV Chapter members are planning to attend the Connecticut Chapter leader training course, which we have advertised as an option to our chapter members for many years now. That course will take place in Litchfield, Connecticut on the weekend of November 16-18.

The AMC Center for Outdoor Learning & Leadership (COLL) offered several *Train the Trainer* courses this year. Jeff Fritzinger and Barbara Beatrice have been actively involved in attending and instructing at these courses. We look forward to their guidance of the DV Chapter's Leadership Committee in the future (if elected), since Jeff is the nominee for DV Chapter Leadership Chair for 2019.

— Lennie Steinmetz, Leadership Chair

Lehigh Valley Group

The Lehigh Valley Group has now completed its twenty-sixth year of existence. Meetings take place on the third Wednesday of every month (except December, July, and August) 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: *Alaska's Chilkoot Trail* by Holly Adams, *Antarctica – Land of Ice and Snow* by Rick Hudson, *Pennsylvania's State Parks* by Jim Catozzi, *Galapagos & the Upper Amazon* by Paul Wulfinf & Priscilla Estes, *Classic Haute Route Trek* by John Rogers, *Minsi Lake Rehabilitation Project* by John Mauser, *Alaska, Land of the Midnight Sun* by Mark Zakutansky and *Ladakh and Zanskar, India* by Margaret Moore.



AMC Bethlehem staff members Mark Zakutansky, Tricia McCloskey and Margaret Wilson 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 longtime 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

Activity Update

Membership outreach activities for 2018 included:

June “First Friday” Social outing in Philadelphia

March “Gear Swap” in conjunction with the Activity Social

“Challenge” hike on Mason Dixon and Conestoga Trails

Challenge “Hike Across Maryland” (HAM)

Administrative

2018 saw a slight increase in administrative requests (change of address, name change, etc.) For the most part AMC headquarters has been responsive and has processed requests in a timely manner.

— *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.

Heavy rains and rivers running high caused the cancellation, relocation or postponement of many trips. Despite this, we ran a total of 29 trips this year, three more than last year. Whitewater, which once dominated our paddling schedule, is now completely absent.

We welcome Mike Ahern as a new paddling leader.

The one-day swiftwater safety course was held on July 22 on the Delaware River at the Lambertville wing dam with 13 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 Shelter Watch caretaking program is on-going since the Leroy Smith Shelter’s dedication in 1974. Summer Watch is scheduled from April 15 to November 1 with a volunteer visiting the Shelter once a week. Winter Watch follows November 1 to April 1 with a volunteer visiting the Shelter once every two weeks, weather permitting.

The Watchers check the condition of the shelter, composting privy, the adjacent camping site, three lower springs and the Katellen trail, remove debris and report their findings on postcards pre-addressed to the Shelter chair.

As always, the shelter receives special attention from Charlie Ogles and Dan Schwartz who paint, replace damaged parts, weed-whack, and saw/carry out broken trees limbs.

This year volunteer watches total 275 hours.

In late May a shelter watcher reported a thicket of rose-colored flowers along the Katellen trail. A species search identified it as *Rosa multiflora*, an invasive plant from eastern Asia, impacting the woodland and forests of several states, including

Pennsylvania, from 2011 to date. The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources responded to our report: We have confirmed your identification and have initiated activities to control and perhaps eliminate the invasion which is migrating across the state.

Shelter Watchers November 2017-October 2018

Jim Bloom and Lynn Fraser, Jane and Greg Cook, Dave Ferguson, Nick Franco Ben Giralico, Nancy Greene, Sandra Guillory, Bob Huey, Phillip and Marty Hunsberger, Ed Johns, Russell and Sabrina Keim, Steve Kraft and Margot Hillman, Lisa Macknik, Dave McGrath Charles Ogle, George Omick, Richard Puglisi, Jeff Read, Ken and Pat Sacks, Dan Schwartz Don Stewart, Jessica Talero, Barbara Wiemann, Ruth and Benjamin Yeiser. — *Patricia Sacks, Shelter Chair*

Social

Our chapter is a fun group who enjoys welcoming new and old friends at social occasions. The Delaware Valley Chapter provides opportunities throughout the year for members to get together and connect with one another.

The Activity Social on March 11 was a festive evening with nearly 80 attendees. A very successful gear swap was again held prior to the social. Members swapped and sold all types of gear from tents to backpacks and even the occasional boat. Good company, a nice meal, a trivia quiz and chapter awards rounded out the fun evening.

Next up was our Annual Picnic on June 9. The rainy weather held off and about 50 people enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers under the large pavilion at the Upper Gwynedd Township Park, North Wales, PA. Members brought a wide variety of delicious side dishes and desserts, which rounded out the menu. Afternoon fun included croquet, ladder golf and Frisbee, and of course, catching up with friends. It was a great afternoon.

The year will be capped off by a lovely evening at the chapter's Annual Dinner and Meeting on November 3 at the Penridge Community Center in Perkasio, PA. The 2018 Executive Committee will be elected, dedicated volunteers acknowledged and various chapter honors awarded. We are welcoming Jeff Mitchell, author of numerous books on hiking and paddling, as our speaker this year. Happy hour, a wonderful meal and laughter will round out the night.

— *Mary Jane Martin, Social Chair*

Trails

The Trails Committee is active at many sites: At Valley Forge NHP: we continue with monthly trailwork on Mts. Joy and Misery, and meet with VAFO staff to plan future work. During 2018 we had one of the wettest seasons in years. Nevertheless, we did some trail work in the rain, and had to do a great deal of remedial work to address washouts.

On the Appalachian Trail Dan Schwartz and company continue to work on the trails and attend countless meetings. Mike Manes is working to reestablish the American Chestnut Tree (this is a Conservation activity but Trails is part of Conservation at the Boston level)

Greg Bernet continues to work on the PA Highland Trail and other trails in the Northern NJ area.

— *Phil Mulligan, Trails Chair*



Young Members

Over the course of 2018 a handful of young member events were hosted by Delaware Valley young member trip leaders and about an additional dozen were posted to the young members' Meetup site (the second group were not trips targeting a specific age group).

Outside of the designated Delaware Valley region, three Young Member trip leaders partook in leadership trainings or joined other chapters to lead events. One Delaware Valley AMC Young Member trip leader attended the April Inter-chapter Young Member Retreat; diversity, equity, and inclusion was the bulk of this gathering.

Two young members joined the New York/North Jersey Chapter at their Young Members Inter-chapter Harriman Takeover event in July and one young member trip leader led a workshop at the event. Closer to home, about ten young members participated in the Delaware Valley's Outdoor Leadership Training in April. Some have completed their co-leads, while others are still in the process.

— *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, 2018.

Financial Details

The Delaware Valley Chapter operates as a branch of the Appalachian Mountain Club, a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. 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 October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

— *Joe Nanfara, Treasurer*

Financial statement follows.

Operational Income vs. Expense for the 12 month period from 10/1/2017 thru 9/30/2018 compared to prior 12 month period

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	Current Period	Prior Period		
Allocation from AMC Dues	\$ 16,495.25	\$ 16,504.00		
Membership sales	\$ 503.00	\$ 1,565.00		
Reimbursement from ATC	\$ 7,432.80	\$ 7,010.56		
Other Income	\$ 11,043.01	\$ 8,317.08		
Interest from Bank Accounts	\$ 5.72	\$ 6.09		
Activities-Trips	\$ 24,885.72	\$ 25,601.28		
Total Income	\$ 60,365.50	\$ 59,004.01		
Communication	\$ 1,598.39	\$ 1,089.10		
Attendance at Club Wide Mtgs	\$ 2,898.60	\$ 2,156.26		
Trails & Shelter Maintenance	\$ 9,629.73	\$ 8,010.56		
Recognition	\$ 1,793.64	\$ 1,756.10		
Chapter Social Events	\$ 4,744.33	\$ 4,314.29		
Committee Expenses	\$ 1,550.28	\$ 1,238.17		
Membership Activities	\$ 25,165.74	\$ 25,878.44		
Leadership and Outdoor Skills	\$ 4,064.16	\$ 4,785.91		
Other Expenses	\$ 1,031.78	\$ 2,165.35		
Donations	\$ 5,148.85			
Total Expenses	\$ 57,625.50	\$ 51,394.18		
Surplus/Loss - income less expenses	\$ 2,740.00	\$ 7,609.83		

Cash Assets on 9/30/2018 compared to 9/30/2017

	9/30/2018	9/30/17	Increase (Decrease)
Checking Account	4,248.89	4,474.75	(225.86)
Money Market Account (savings)	24,248.14	31,373.28	(7,125.14)
Operating Cash Assets	28,497.03	35,848.03	(7,351.00)
AMC Investment Account*	71,176.00	61,085.00	10,091.00

** 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 between two categories as:

	Current Period	Prior Period
Operating Funds	28,497.03	35,848.03
Reserve Funds	71,176.00	61,085.00
	99,673.03	96,933.03

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

Reserve Funds are set aside for long-term growth

Donations in this years 2018 P&L Statement reflects two non-recurring gifts:

1. \$2000 to The Friends of Nockamixon State Park to help in construction of a Safe Dock
2. \$2000 to ATC for ligation costs regarding a zoning issue with Blue Mountain Resort

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:

2017 John Rogers	2004 Jennifer Decker
2016 Greg Bernet	2003 Kevin Perry
2015 Denis McCartan	2002 Chris Cayer
2014 Sue Bickford-Martin	2001 Andrea Deaton
2013 Terry Berntsen	2000 Paul Davis
2012 Rich Pace	1999 Bill McCaughey
2011 Midori Wakabayashi	1998 Kevin Burkman
2010 Rhoda Eisman	1997 Kevin Kramer
2009 Anne Murphy	1996 Rajat Tandon
2008 Joan Aichele	1995 Rich Kajander
2007 Rich Wells	1994 Marty Seibert
2006 Craig Smith	1993 Kathy Kelly-Borowski
2005 Jim Catozzi	

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

2017 Jim Catozzi	2007 Eric Pavlak
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

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

Lois Rothenberger 2017-18	Alan Kahn, 1990-91
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

Outgoing Executive Committee Member

Lennie Steinmetz, Leadership; Mary Jane Martin, Social; Denis McCartan, Membership

Many thanks to the members of the 2017 Nominating Committee: Th Bob Liston, Chair, Joanie Schultz, Sue Bickford-Martin, Noelle Schwartz, Sarah Richardsen and Marcia Telthorster.

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 1967 and have faithfully continued their membership for the past 50 years:

Edith E. Bishop
Ralph B. Blumenthal
Paul E. Luce
Mary P. Packwood

Twenty-five years: These members joined AMC in 1992 and have continued their membership for the past 25 years:

Leonard R. Adam	Jocelyn M. McWhirter
Seth D. Bergmann	James Michaels
Barbara Berko	Alice U. Motten
Thomas Boghosian	Phil Mulligan
Carol P. Bradley	William J. Murray
Daniel J. Campbell	Laura T. Nesbitt
Janet Dreher	Marv Resnick
Elizabeth Horn	Raymond L. Roese
Robert Huey	Martin Rudolph
Peter J. Jarrett	Valerie Sarris
Rich Kajander	Catherine Sklarow
Howard Kellogg	Leslie A. Stengel
Steve Lehman	Teresa Stimpfel
Paula W. Lightcap	Stephen Urbanik
Victoria L. Mark	Scott Wheeler

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