

Appalachian Mountain Club Berkshire Chapter



ANNUAL REPORT
2019

Report of the Chapter Chair

The Berkshire Chapter had a very successful 2019. Based on analysis of trips posted to the club's Activities Database (the official record of all trips, events, and volunteer opportunities), the chapter ran over 250 activities in 2019. The Appalachian Trail Committee was the most active, organizing 66 activities. The full list, ordered from most activities to fewest, is shown below:

1. Appalachian Trail Committee - 66
2. Outings - 62
3. Mountaineering - 48
4. Young Members - 31
5. Paddling - 15
6. Bicycling - 10
7. Executive Committee - 6
8. Noble View - 5
9. Family - 3
10. Trails - 2
11. Education - 1
12. Membership - 1

Seventy-four individuals were active trip leaders in 2019. Ten "superstar" trip leaders were collectively responsible for organizing 168 activities. The median number of trips per leader in 2019 was 2. This demonstrates a healthy level of leader engagement in chapter activities during the year. In addition to trail work, the Outings, Mountaineering, and 20s/30s committees were notably active in 2019. Several committees were successful in recruiting and training new trip leaders. These are all positive trends.

The chapter's Executive Committee (EC) met nine times in 2019. All meetings were held in person, and most took place in the basement activity room of the Rockridge Retirement Community in Northampton MA. The EC discussed but did not implement a plan to hold EC meetings via a club-supported web conferencing platform. This will be revisited in 2020.

The chapter organized two member events in 2019. A potluck dinner was held in Westfield MA in May, and was well attended. Jim Pelletier (of the AT Committee) provided an engaging presentation on area wildlife, including images and videos he captured using an array of motion-sensitive wildlife camera traps.

The chapter abandoned its plan to organize an Outdoor Festival in September. This event had been held at the Noble View Outdoor Center (NVOC) in each of the last three years. In 2019, however, NVOC began transitioning from an entirely volunteer-operated facility to a staff-managed facility. The chapter

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decided to wait until the NVOC transition completes (expected in 2020) and then re-evaluate NVOC as a destination for such a major event.

The Berkshire Bash, the chapter's annual dinner/business meeting, was very successful. The event was held at Hadley Farms Meeting House (Hadley MA) and attended by 113 chapter members. Jennifer Norris, AMC's Chief Development Officer, provided an AMC update including a summary of the club's new Vision 2020. Our invited speaker, Anne O'Regan, gave a multimedia presentation on her thru-hike on the Pacific Coast trail.

The chapter presented its "Appie of the Year" award to Jan Alicia Nettler. The Appie of the Year award recognizes outstanding sustained commitment in service and leadership in the Berkshire Chapter of the AMC. The citation read as follows:

"Jan has been a hiking trip leader in the Berkshire Chapter for more than a decade. In 2014, the Chapter was struggling and on the verge of dissolving due to a lack of qualified Executive Committee leadership. Jan volunteered to take over as Chapter Chair, and steadily rebuilt the organization over the next two years. She recruited new committee leaders and mentored them. The Chapter increased its member outreach and launched new programs, including the Outdoor Festival. After her term ended in 2017, she continued to serve on the Executive Committee as past chair, providing advice and an invaluable measure of continuity. During this time she continued to lead hikes and help train new hiking trip leaders. In 2018, Jan received the AMC's Volunteer Award in recognition of her sustained contributions in a volunteer capacity. Later that same year, Jan led a challenging hike on the Holyoke Range for hikers over the age of 70. Her article on the trip was published in area newspapers, testifying to the fact that "older people still can do more than people expect." In her personal life, Jan is a dancer, master bridge player, and private pilot. She lives in Northampton."

We also presented awards to several trip leaders nominated as "Most Valuable Players" by EC members:

- 20's-30's
 - Nicole Dewberry
- Appalachian Trail
 - Mike Brick
- Bicycling
 - Liz Budd
 - Sean Condon
- Family Programs
 - Catherine "Burchie" Green
- Mountaineering
 - Jim Van Natta

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- Outings
 - Diane Jones
 - Al Shane
- Paddling
 - Dee Dice
 - Mary Therese Durr
- New England Scenic Trail
 - Harry Sharbaugh

Martin Mahoney completed his two-year term as Chapter Chair. In 2020 he will be succeeded by Brant Cheikes. Heather Wyman will serve as Chapter Vice-Chair, Tricia O'Neil Hanrahan will continue as Chapter Treasurer, and Roger Beer will continue as Chapter Secretary.

Brant Cheikes, Chair-Elect 2020

On behalf of Martin Mahoney, Chair 2019

AT Committee

To date, the Chapter's Appalachian Trail (AT) committee leaders and volunteers provided over 7500 hours of AT volunteer administrative and field hours by trail volunteers (including 2500 hours by the AMC Teen Trail Crew) between Oct 2018 and Oct 2019. AT Committee members led over 70 projects in this time period. An additional 10 days of trail work was completed by a Greenagers contract crew near South Wilcox Shelter. Funding for this crew was through the Appalachian Trail Park Office as part of their capital project planning process.

Some leadership changes in the Committee this past year:

- Jim Pelletier moved from AT Committee Chair to Natural Heritage Coordinator;
- Cosmo Catalano will serve as AT Committee Chair through January 2021;
- Deb Weisenstein, currently serving as Vice-Chair will become Chair in January 2021;
- Julie Pelletier will be stepping down as Committee Treasurer in February 2020, and will be succeeded by Grace Ferrante.

The update of the *Local Management Plan for the Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts* (LMP) is essentially complete, after a long, detailed and more-than-occasionally heroic effort from recent AT Committee Chair, Jim Pelletier. This 130-plus page document describes in detail how the AT Committee and its management partners collaborate on managing and maintaining the AT and its

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related lands and facilities in Mass. The Committee will be updating Upper Goose Pond Cabin Operations Procedures over this winter.

Managing use by organized or sponsored groups is becoming an increasing challenge. Groups registered at one of our 14 campsites for over 170 nights between April 15 and Oct 15. The maximum in a given week was 24. We estimate that there are between 20% and 30% more groups that are not registered. By registering, we can connect with groups before they get on the Trail. This allows us to encourage use of Leave No Trace™ principles, avoid having more than one group at a site on a given night, and recommending groups avoid campsites that are too small. Groups are met in the field by Mass Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Ridgerunners, AMC Ridgerunners (in southern Mass and CT), and AT Committee managed Overnight Site Caretakers. Ridgerunners and Caretakers meet less than 50% of registered groups.

The Committee received an LL Bean Grants to Clubs to update the map/information boards posted on 11 AT trailhead kiosks. Printing of the board will be funded by a grant from REI. Installation is planned for the spring of 2020.

Because of delays in getting the necessary NPS permits, the work funded from the Chapter by the Grinspoon Foundation for invasive mitigation of Japanese Knotweed on the Trail near the Housatonic River did not take place this season. Work is anticipated to begin next summer.

The Committee expects another full summer of work and will focus efforts on improving and expanding tent sites at three overnight sites, installing stepstones in chronically wet areas, remove trees identified as potentially hazardous at overnight sites, and limiting motorized access to some open fields--in addition to routine maintenance, privy upkeep and mowing open areas.

Cosmo Catalano
AT Committee Chair
November, 2019

Bicycling Committee

The Bicycling Committee organized nine group rides during the six-month period May through October 2019, compared to five group rides completed during the same period in 2018. This represents healthy growth in trip execution.

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- Two new Bicycling trip leaders were approved this year, raising the total bench of active trip leaders to six. One approved leader was sidelined early in the season due to an injury.
- Trip participation levels increased notably. Group sizes ranged from 6 to 12, with an average of 9. We attracted several new members and had about a dozen regular attendees. The committee's email list reaches over 60 individuals.
- Bicycling is particularly proud of the fact that three of its rides took place in the Berkshires proper, and were well attended. We were unsure whether we could attract riders to travel from the Pioneer Valley out to the Berkshires for a day trip and were pleasantly surprised by the enthusiastic response.
- The committee was led by Brant Cheikes and Janine Papesh, with active support from the other four trip leaders. Brant and/or Janine led, co-led or participated in all nine rides this year.
- Next year we hope to be able to run a comparable number of trips (approximately two per month) and increase the riding opportunities for participants who are more comfortable with shorter rides with less hill-climbing. We also hope to develop a strategy for engaging members who are just getting into cycling.

Brant Cheikes & Janine Papesh
Bicycling Committee Co-Chairs

Communications and Berkshire Exchange

At the beginning of 2019, Sarah Armour was serving as the chapter's Communications Committee chair, supported by Brant Cheikes as chapter webmaster. She resigned in February because she accepted a job in Boston and was relocating out of our area. At that time, Brant Cheikes took over as acting Communications Committee chair. Throughout 2019 Brant managed the chapter's website (amcberkshire.org). This included administering chapter email systems and discussion lists, and keeping the web server regularly updated with security patches.

One of the main functions of the Communications Committee is to produce monthly e-mail blasts which are sent to all chapter members with known e-mail addresses. There are approximately 1800 such members. E-mail blasts provide brief news updates and highlight upcoming trips and events of broad chapter interest. Seven e-mail blasts were prepared and distributed in 2019.

The chapter's website is hosted by Dreamhost (<https://www.dreamhost.com/>), a low-cost internet service provider. Dreamhost also handles the registration of the chapter's domain name ([amcberkshire](http://amcberkshire.org), on .org, .com, and .net). The website itself is implemented using Drupal (<https://www.drupal.org/>) version 7. The website was created over four years ago by a volunteer who is no longer

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active with the chapter. It is relatively straightforward to maintain and update; however, version 7 of Drupal will reach the end of its supported life in mid-2021. This gives the chapter plenty of time to develop a transition plan. There have been discussions of the Club providing a common web server system for all volunteer chapters, but this hasn't occurred yet. For the foreseeable future the chapter will continue to maintain its website in Drupal 7.

Lacking a dedicated volunteer to handle website management duties, Brant trained a few committee volunteers to handle website content updates limited to their particular committees. So far this has been done for AT, Conservation, 20s/30s, and Training/Education. "Many hands make light work" - spreading the work in this way appears to be effective. No one person has to spend lots of time making website updates for all.

The chapter also maintains a presence on Facebook and MeetUp. Use of these platforms varies widely across the chapter; some volunteers are more willing than others to post updates and trip notices on multiple platforms. The Activities Database (ActDB) continues to be used as the primary platform for posting of trips, events, and volunteer opportunities.

The chapter did not have any volunteers in 2019 to edit or create content for a periodic newsletter. As a result, no issues of the Berkshire Exchange newsletter were produced.

Brant Cheikes, Acting Communications Chair

Conservation

The three major conservation issues addressed last year were (1) reauthorization and appropriations for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF); (2) use of fields and forests for solar power installations; and (3) logging on state owned lands. A proposed turnpike interchange in southern Berkshires was another issue followed.

LWCF

The LWCF is the principal source of funding from the Federal government for land preservation and access improvement for federal, state and local efforts. It was permanently authorized in the spring but funding has not yet been appropriated. The Berkshire Chapter Chair and others wrote to Massachusetts legislators, as well as Senator Susan Collins of Maine, in support of legislation permanently appropriating \$900 million per year for the fund. We hope to learn the outcome in 2020.

Solar Installations in Forests

The Massachusetts SMART (Solar MAssachusetts Renewable Target) program is intended to promote solar power by assuring higher than competitive

payments to solar power generators. Unfortunately, this policy has inadvertently resulted in large amounts of forests and fields being proposed to, and approved by, the Department of Energy Resources (DoER) for conversion to utility-scale solar installations. During 2019 the DoER held a 400 MW review even though more than 900 MW of installations were approved. The review determined that too many projects were being located in forests and fields, and identified other flaws in the program. At the same time, DoER also proposed to increase the target size of the program from 1600 MW to 2400 MW. The DoER held several public information and comment sessions during working hours, which may have limited participation. Many conservation groups expressed concern that the remedies proposed would be insufficient. The Berkshire Chapter Conservation representative attended the DoER information meeting in Fitchburg and drew the following conclusions:

- The DoER does not appear to have done enough research and analysis to determine what the optimum locations, types, etc. for solar power would be.
- DoER does not appear to be doing enough research, surveying, monitoring, to determine how to shape the subsidies to achieve the desired distribution of types, locations, etc.
- The solar power community is not cohesive. Developers of large-scale, stand-alone projects often take positions which are distinct from, and often at odds with, those working on smaller scale projects located at user sites
- Although DoER stated that the SMART program is just one element the state is using to achieve its environmental goals and it must be integrated with other related state programs, there is little evidence that input from other agencies has been solicited which could result in program alterations.

AMC staff member Kristen Sykes submitted comments to DoER on behalf of the club, and the Chapter's Conservation representative also signed on her submittal on behalf of the chapter. The DoER schedule is to issue regulations for public comment in late fall, and roll out any revisions to the program by late winter. We await updated regulations from the DoER.

Although increased electricity generation from solar renewable systems can and should be part of society's response to climate change, we continue to be concerned by developments which negatively impact the environment and reduce opportunities for outdoor recreation by converting forests and farmlands into utility-scale solar systems.

DCR Logging

Logging on state-owned land permitted by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) threatens our state-owned forests. A bill to halt such logging except where justified for safety or control of invasive species was proposed in the House {H897}. Also, House and Senate bills were proposed to establish reserves for old growth forests, estimated to encompass just 1500 acres {H.736, Sponsored by Representative Natalie Blais (Sunderland); S.485 Sponsored by Senator Adam Hinds (Pittsfield); see https://www.massaudubon.org/content/download/14486/220325/file/MA-Old-Growth-bill-factsheet_2020.pdf}.

The Chapter's Conservation representative has been gathering information about logging projects in the state and recommends that the activity be halted. AMC's Conservation team has not yet taken a position on these bills.

I-90 Interchange

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) study on a Turnpike interchange between Lee and Westfield has abandoned the Algeria Road (Otis) alternative and is now considering only the rest stop and the Turnpike service area, both located in Blandford. Most residents oppose any new interchange. The rewards seem questionable and the costs are high. The Chapter's Conservation Representative sent private comments about the project to State Senator Hinds, recommending that the project be opposed. The project appears likely to contribute to increased development in rural and scenic areas, which has some economic value but would also promote more highway travel. Although the project is probably not a significant threat to Berkshire Chapter priority lands, the Chapter will continue to monitor the situation.

Robert Cherdack
Conservation Committee Chair

Family Programs Committee

Margo Chapsky ran family programs for 3 years but in May she needed to step down for personal reasons. Currently there is no Chapter chair for Family Programs. The only family program leaders in Berkshire are Heather Wyman, Birchy Green and Dee Dice.

In early May, a family hike to Lithia Springs in South Hadley was led by both Dee Dice and Burchie Green with 11 participants. This included a short hike to the pond, with some of the families walking around the pond. Plenty of snacks and play time was had and ice cream at Barstow's on the way home.

In June, Burchie Green, hiking leader and family programs leader and Dee Dice, hiking, paddling and family programs leader led a family friendly camping

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trip at Tully Lake in Royalston, MA which was attended by 15 people, 8 adults and 7 children with two leaders. For 5 of the participants, it was their first time on the river. Introductory kayak lessons, as well as safety lessons were provided by both the Worcester chapter paddling leader Dave Cole and Dee Dice, Berkshire paddling leader. Dave Cole also led a nice hike to a hidden waterfall during the day long kayak trip and that night Burcher entertained the group by the campfire with her guitar and beautiful voice.

In January Heather Wyman ran her annual family rock wall and pizza party which was well attended.

Mountaineering Committee

During 2019 the Mountaineering Committee held 4 committee meetings. In addition the committee organized activities as follows:

- 5 training sessions
- 2 outdoor women's climbing days
- 15 indoor climbing days
- 22 outdoor climbing days
- 1 work party at Chapel Brook reservation
- 1 outdoor ice climbing day
- New Year's hike up Mount Monadnock.

We added two new trip leaders to our committee during 2019.

Marvin Davenport and Chris Neil
Mountaineering Committee Co-Chairs

Outings Committee

It has been a very busy year as Outings Chair! We have had 80 chapter hiking trips, of which 52 were Tuesday hikes. This year the chapter sponsored no backpacking trips through hiking. We have been co-leading many hikes with Connecticut and Worcester Leaders, and providing hikes through our Family and 20's and 30's Programs making it difficult to know exactly how many hikes we have had! Currently we have 52 individuals listed as Hike Leaders through the Berkshire Chapter and a subset of 20 Leaders in the Tuesday Hiking Group.

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Congratulations to our new hike leaders: John O'Shea, Jack Spear and Eric Silvia. Currently Mary Ann Siron is very close to becoming a leader, lacking only one co-lead. Several others have shown an interest in becoming leaders and we hope to see them follow through. I hope we will be honoring these individuals as new Leaders at our next annual meeting.

I would be remiss not to mention the loss of Hike Leader Karen Daniels to cancer this fall. She was a long-time hike leader with the Tuesday group leading at least four hikes every year. She mentored untold numbers of hikers. She was involved in programs at Noble View and often lead hikes and winter activities there. She was a regular attendee at the Bash. The natural world was her home. Every bird, or flower or bush or fern she could readily identify. Her gardens were beautiful. She was a kind and gracious individual. Karen lead her last hike on January 1 at the Annual Tuesday Hikers New Years' Celebration. Her last Tuesday hike was in June. Several of her hiking friends have planned a memorial tree planting at Forest Park either this fall or next spring.

Hike leaders honored at our Annual Bash were Al Shane for 2019 and Diane Jones for 2018.

Al has spent a lifetime with the AMC having joined in the 1970's. Al completed the AT at age 66. As a matter of fact, he met his future wife Marion on the AT. Together they enjoyed a full outdoor life and were active in the Berkshire AMC chapter. They served on the Ex Comm in various roles. They were active whitewater leaders from the early 1980's to the early 2000's. While Al was always up for leading an AMC hike, he became a "real" hike leader when he joined the Tuesday Hiking group. Al has been a hike leader for the Tuesday hikers for almost 20 years. He says he didn't go on the first hike in 1999, but he was regular hiker within a couple of years. At 81 Al is our oldest hike leader who still leads on a regular basis. Generally, four hikes a year! The DAR is his go-to hike location. While Al doesn't do whitewater anymore, and when he is not hiking, he bikes with a local group once or twice a week. We want to thank you for all the years and hours you have devoted to the AMC and hiking.

Diane Jones was schedule to be honored last year as our 2018 Most Valuable Hiker, but was unable to accept the honor. Although Diane is a new leader, her path to leadership has been remarkable in its tenacity and exuberance! In May of 2017 Diane completed her leadership training. Soon after Diane was able to co-lead two trips and was ready to take the next step of putting it all together for her final lead and leader status. Unfortunately, she started a new job and life got crazy. But she kept up her hiking by starting a meet-up group. She was also in touch with another Tuesday hiker that was interested in mindfulness hiking and the two of them have been working on setting the hikes up for the spring hiking season. But she still needed that last hike to be

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a leader. Her work settled down and she was able to plan her workdays, so her hike was planned, approved and scheduled. Then it had to be cancelled because of rain. So once again it was planned, approved and scheduled and it had to be cancelled because of heat! Finally, on October 23, 2018 she completed her last co-lead and became a leader. Because the hike had to be pre-hiked before each hike attempt, she hiked the same section of the NET four times! Congratulations to Diane for her ability to set and then achieve her goal.

The Tuesday Hikers leadership roles have continued throughout the last year with Mary Moriarty, David Whitney and Lewis Popper as Hike Posters and Leader Coordinators Deborah Shea, Peggy McLennan and Kathy Martin. Jeanne Jones decided that a change was necessary, so we welcome George Leary as our newest hike Leader Coordinator.

In another capacity, I have assisted in several Leader Trainings continuing in my role as a T3 trainer and look forward to our own Berkshire Training scheduled for April 2020. I have worked to update leader requirements for Berkshire leaders

I hope we can increase our hike offerings and develop new hiking series. I would also like to have more training offerings such as first aid and hiking skills.

Kathryn Martin
Outings Committee Chair

Paddling Committee

- The Paddling Committee organized eight whitewater trips and three flatwater trips.
 - We offered whitewater trips across different skill levels (class I, II, II+, III. and III+) and in different locations (CT, MA, NH, NY, and VT) depending on water release schedules and water conditions.
 - Two flatwater trips were conservation oriented, involving pulling water chestnut plants.
 - We plan to have a trip next year that involves Leave No Trace training.
 - We hope to find a flatwater chair and offer more of those trips.
- Three new Paddling trip leaders were approved, including both flatwater and whitewater.
- We continue to serve on AMC's Inter-Chapter Paddling Committee, which represents paddling interests at the club level and supports paddling interests such as flow studies, paddling access, etc.
- We hope to officially have a flatwater chair in place for next year.

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- We were asked to help provide instruction and safety for Housatonic Valley Association twice and AMCNH's Intro to Paddling course.
- Two of our whitewater leaders participated in a total of four whitewater safety and rescue clinics. Both got to work together to rescue a kayaker in distress on the Deerfield River!
- One of our leaders participated in AMC's Train the Trainer workshop and represented paddling in the Chapter's Leader Training program. We want to continue to push for more material relevant to paddlers in the Leader Training curriculum
- We tried to organize two paddling events to further the Club and Chapters DEI initiative. Neither came together but we will continue our efforts.
- We had a good run this past year and will get our new people together and make plans for an even better one next year.

Charlie Murray
Paddling Committee Chair

Trails Committee

This is my final report as the "official" NET correspondent. To summarize, this year for the NET has been unique, We celebrated our 10th Anniversary as a National Scenic Trail with a second Hike 50 challenge and celebration at the Richardson-Zlogar Cabin with AMC President John Judge. Although we had very few public work party days, Ray Girard, our new NET Co-Chair has been exuberant in recruiting and training trail adopters, both new and old. We are also saying a farewell to a few of our seasoned adopters who will be passing on the reins to greener hands.

There is also exciting news this year. The New England Trail Stewardship Council met and voted to revise the Blueprint for Management, the original official agreement between all agencies and private landowners. The vote was to create certain stipulations where land may be obtained in the best interest of the trail, if the communities involved and notified did not object. It is my understanding that no objections came in, and progress could happen in 2020.

Another great piece was having the return of the paid summer teen crew through Career Point in Holyoke (now renamed I believe). They worked on several southern Ma. sections of the NET this summer, and a \$10,000 grant from LL Bean should help sponsor more projects in 2020.

Happy Trails!

Heather Wyman
Past NET Co-Chair

Training and Education

This year the Training and Education committee was very active. In 2019 we sent four chapter members (3 committee members) to the Train-the-Trainer (T3) Outdoor Leadership Institute. 2 of our members serving as trainers One of our committee members attended a Leave No Trace training and can now teach 1 day workshops. Lastly, one of the committee members been certified as a Mental Health First Aid instructor and offered a course this fall. As the year wound down, Marvin Davenport stepped down from his position on the committee. The committee thanks him for all of his hard work over the past three years. Eric Silva has agreed to join the committee in his stead.

In a joint Training with the Worcester Chapter committee and other T3 trainers a Chapter Leadership Training was held in Charlton in February. The training was well attended. We sent six of our own chapter members. Two who have become trip leaders. Overall this year 15 new trip leaders have joined our committees. We have identified a local SOLO Wilderness First Aid/First Responder provider within the chapter boundary.

On March 17. 2019 the new Leadership and Requirement Guidelines went into effect. The committee has worked with Jon Hanauer to establish systems in helping the chapter align with new policies, specifically in the area of listing trip leaders on the database and posting activities.

Bill Fogel
Training and Education Chair

20s/30s Committee

The 20s/30s Committee is the new name for what was formally known as Young Members. They also have a new Chair Eric Silvia.

Activity leaders include:

Dewberry	Nicole
Molnar	Alexandra
Molnar	Zenya
Neil	Christopher
Silva	Eric
Spear	Jack
Terjek	Alison

During 2019 the 20s/30s Committee accomplished the following:

- Increased trip leaders by 66% 2018-2019
- Increased trip listings 30% 2018-2019

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- Participated in 2nd annual inter-chapter 20s/30s weekend at Harriman Outdoors Center

Eric Silva
20s/30s Committee Chair

Treasurer's Report

AMC Berkshire Chapter Treasurer Report January 2020			\$43,831.00
Beginning Bank Balance as of December 1:			\$21,159.70
Income/December:			
401	Mineral tree	Income allocation	\$3,090.75
	Bill Fogel	deposit	\$160.00
Total Income: December			\$3,250.75
Expenses/December:			
621	Kathryn Martin	Leaders gift cards	\$480.00
622	Kathryn Martin	Leadership Training fee	\$45.00
623	AMC	T-shirts	\$50.00
609	Bill Fogel	Meeting exp/food-October	\$56.60
624	Bill Fogel	training manuals	\$568.50
624	Bill Fogel	Rock climbing course	\$1,400.00
619	Jan Nettler	postage/25-year pins	\$62.22
619	Brant Cheikes	New Ex-com name tags	\$206.50
619	AMC/PinkhamNotch	25-year pins (Jan)	\$360.00
630	Charles Murray	Safety gear for paddling leaders	\$309.65
604	Brant Cheikes	Food for planning meeting	\$189.06
614	Brant Cheikes	Bash reimbursement	\$40.00
614	Martin Mahoney	Bash reimbursement	\$20.00
611	AT Committee	Bear canisters	\$900.00
614	Tricia Hanrahan	Bash reimbursements	\$200.00
622	Nicole Dewberry	WFA training	\$130.00
624	Adam Jasionkowski	Food for T/E meeting	\$27.50
Total Expenses: December			\$5,045.03
Bank Balance as of December 31:			\$19,365.42
Outstanding Income:			

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	Total Outstanding Income		\$0.00
Outstanding expenses:			
614	Jan Nettler	Bash reimbursement	\$20.00
604	Bill Fogel	Food for planning meeting	\$80.48
	Total Outstanding Expenses		\$100.48
Account Balance as of January 1:			\$19,264.94

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Financial/Budget Update - January 1, 2020			2019 Final 1/1/2020			
	<u>Income:</u>		<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2019</u>		<u>Received</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Expected</u>
401	Member Dues Alloc		\$10,200.00		\$9,244.50	\$955.50
403	Endowment Income		\$4,300.00		\$4,502.14	(\$202.14)
404	Berkshire Bash Tickets		\$1,500.00		\$1,906.58	(\$406.58)
406	Donations		\$0.00		\$400.00	(\$400.00)
407	Appalachian Trail Committee		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
408	Training & Education		\$600.00		\$65.00	\$535.00
*409	Family Programs		\$1,500.00		\$415.00	\$1,085.00
412	Young Members Committee				\$510.00	(\$510.00)
410	Special Project Funding/Grants					\$0.00
411	Budget shortage from bank account		\$6,055.00		\$6,055.00	\$0.00
		Totals:	\$24,155.00		\$23,098.22	\$1,056.78
	<u>Expenses:</u>		<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2019</u>	<u>Fees/Reimb</u>	<u>Expended</u>	<u>Balance</u>
601	Executive-Donations		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
602	Executive-Annual Meeting/Summit		\$1,200.00		\$765.54	\$434.46
603	Executive-XCMiniretreat		\$400.00		\$0.00	\$400.00
604	Executive-Chapter Planning Meeting		\$400.00		\$494.54	(\$94.54)
605	Executive-Fall Gathering		\$600.00		\$0.00	\$600.00
606	Executive-Volunteer Recognition		\$500.00		\$1,468.69	(\$968.69)
607	Executive-Office Supplies		\$200.00		\$131.91	\$68.09
609	Executive-Meeting Expense		\$950.00		\$1,335.21	(\$385.21)
611	Appalachian Trail Committee		\$1,200.00		\$2,100.00	(\$900.00)
613	Executive-Berkshire Exchange				\$0.00	\$0.00
614	Executive-Berkshire Bash		\$5,000.00		\$5,096.17	(\$96.17)
615	Executive-Berkshire Potlucks		\$300.00		\$95.76	\$204.24
616	Conservation Committee		\$500.00		\$0.00	\$500.00
617	Family Programs		\$2,000.00		\$498.77	\$1,501.23
618	Executive-Insurance		\$500.00		\$449.00	\$51.00

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619	Membership Committee		\$200.00		\$628.72	(\$428.72)
620	Executive-Internet		\$100.00		\$31.98	\$68.02
621	Outings Committee		\$750.00		\$740.47	\$9.53
622	Executive-Scholarship & Subsidies		\$2,000.00		\$1,422.06	\$577.94
623	NET Committee		\$600.00		\$794.37	(\$194.37)
624	Training & Education		\$2,200.00	\$160.00	\$2,153.51	\$206.49
625	Executive-Public Relations		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
627	Young Members Committee		\$500.00		\$1,093.68	(\$593.68)
628	Executive-Storage Fees		\$825.00		\$925.00	(\$100.00)
629	Executive-Meetup.com Fees		\$180.00		\$200.68	(\$20.68)
630	Paddling Committee		\$0.00		\$309.65	-
631	Executive-Outdoor Festival		\$2,000.00	\$329.00	\$329.00	\$2,000.00
632	Bicycling Committee		\$300.00		\$350.61	(\$50.61)
633	Mountaineering		\$750.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
	Special Project Funding/Grants					
		Totals:	\$24,155.00	\$489.00	\$21,415.32	\$3,228.68
	Overall Budget Surplus Deficit				\$1,682.90	
	*Reserves Transfer					
	\$40,218					

Past Chairs of the Berkshire Chapter

1929–30 Edward K Allen	1969–70 Norman E Aubrey
1931 Joseph F Partenheimer	1971–72 Forrest E House
1932 Edwin W Gantt	1973–74 Margaret Rose
1933 Donald E Temple	1975–76 William T Cushwa
1934 Howard M Buffinton	1977–78 Walter L Haynes
1935 Malcolm B Ross	1979–80 John D Shuttleworth
1936 Donald McClench	1981–82 Kathryn E Burnett
1936–37 John Dickson	1983–84 S Alberta Stutsman
1938 Horace E Allen	1985 John Pritchard
1939 William K Buxton	1986 Florence Mertz
1940 Eugene E Durst	1986–87 Edward N Lewis
1941 Maynard O Saunders	1988–89 Paul Evans
1942–43 Parke W Farrar	1990–91 Sue Lewis
1944–45 Warner B Sturtevant	1992 Jean Armitage
1946–47 Carl O Chauncy	1993 William Kopel
1948–49 Harold T Daugherty	1994–95 Thomas J Leary
1950 Heinz J Sherbow	1996–97 Christopher J Ryan
1951–52 Ellis H Pritchard	1998–99 Kathryn B Leary
1953–54 Byron Chauncy	2000–01 Thomas Senuta
1955–56 George W Alderman	2002–04 Gary L Forish
1957–58 John A Saunders	2005–06 Rob Robertson
1959–60 Sidney F Law	2007–08 Jon M Hanauer
1961–62 Phyllis M Sears	2008-10 Deborah Levine
1963–64 Edith M Libby	2010-12 Dave Sauriol
1965–66 Garrison Householder	2012-14 Sabine Prather
1967–68 Charles L Kirkpatrick	

2014-15 shared by 4 members of the Executive Committee: Roger Beer, Wayne Rodrigues, Grace Ferrante, Patrick Fletcher

2015 - 16 Jan Alicia Nettler
2016 - 17 Jan Alicia Nettler
2017 - 18 Martin Mahoney
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