



Appalachian Mountain Club Delaware Valley Chapter Annual Report for 2011

Overview

I am pleased to report that the AMC DV Chapter had another vibrant year thanks to the many Chapter volunteers, supporters and members.

As a result of the efforts of our activity leaders, the Chapter continued to provide a wide variety of outdoor activities to our members. This year saw an increase in activities on the schedule due in part to the DV Chapter leader's enthusiasm regarding our entrance presence into social media. Many trips saw increases in participation with many new first-time faces appearing on our activities.

Through the dedication of our Chapter trails and conservation volunteers the Chapter continues to provide exceptional trail maintenance to sections of the AT, Valley Forge and Nockamixon State Park. The Chapter is thankful for all the service of our trail tenders and we are always seeking more helping hands.

With my exit from Chapter Chair this year I want to especially thank the Chapter Executive Committee team and other supporting committees for all their support and talent. Thanks for being part of the team and best wishes to the new Executive Committee.

— Craig Smith, Chapter Chair

Bicycling

The 2011 bike season continued to be popular with rails to trails rides being the most popular. All in all, 16 trips have occurred so far this year with over a hundred and twenty eight participants. This is an increase in total participants from last year that was just over one hundred. Terry Berntsen ran an extended Memorial Day weekend trip to the Allegheny Passage.



2012 Executive Committee Nominees

Chair	Allen Male
Vice-Chair	Jeff Lippincott
Secretary	Allison Hudson
Treasurer	Rhoda Eisman
Membership	Joan Aichele
Backpacking	Peter Fox
Bicycling	George Gorman
Communications	Rich Wells
Conservation	Al Schwartz
Hiking	Rick Hudson
Leadership	Lennie Steinmetz
Paddling	Eric Pavlak
Social	Linda Watsula
Trails	Phil Mulligan
Young Members	Morgan Masterson

A note of thanks is extended to our leaders for making these trips available, and those leaders include Rhoda Eisman, Terry Berntsen, Ron Phelps, Jeff Lippincott, Tammy Brandon, Sue Caskey, Ron Phelps, Brian Wasson, Sue Bickford-Martin, Barb Blythe, and George Gorman. Several new bike leaders were added this year as biking can become an alternate outdoor activity or a way to perhaps stay cooler on those warmer summer days.

— Bill Stienmetz, Bicycling Chair

Backpacking

Completed a local section backpacking workshop and had one beginning backpack this year. Both were well received. Kathy Anderson had a wealth of knowledge regarding previous beginner backpacking

workshops, including an extremely detailed 50+ page document for participants. Kathy has volunteered to help organize and



host another beginning backpacking workshop again in 2012. Recommend having backpacking course earlier in the year (late winter, early spring) and post early to get into AMC Outdoors earlier. Would recommend having two leaders for beginning backpack as broad range of fitness levels were experienced. Conducted several backpacking fitness hikes during the spring

and early summer. These created opportunities for participants to test their fitness level prior to the beginner backpack and go through pack adjustments and pack weights prior to making a back-country commitment. Two people completed co-leads as backpacking leaders this year, and at least two others from leadership class expressed interest. While this section is moderately active in backpacking, at least half of the trips were conducted outside of the AMCDV chapter area. Backpackers as a group are not really cohesive, and usually function as independent leaders on backpacks.

This group could really use some backpack specific social events and networking opportunities. Networking could create opportunities of shuttle coops, key-swapping trips, and general exchange of practical trip information. An archive of local chapter backpacking trips (non-expiring) would be extremely useful especially for newer backpacking leaders. More local beginning backpacks would also help generate a greater body of local backpacking enthusiasts. Meetup has been extremely useful for organizing groups prior to the backpack. Many of the participants in Backpacking Meetup events have traded comments on subsequent hikes.

— Peter Fox, Backpacking Chair

Communications

The Communications Committee is the newest Chapter Committee and it will achieve full Executive Committee membership in 2012. The Committee was formed four years ago when it was decided to remove the Newsletter editor, the Webmaster and the Publicity positions from the Executive Committee and assign them to a subcommittee that reported to the Executive Committee. That structure worked well by allowing technically inclined members to concentrate on specific assignments without the need to be involved with Executive Committee activities or to attend the bi-monthly meetings.

In the intervening four years much has changed in Chapter communications prompting the Executive Committee to take another look at the structure. The result was a decision to add Communications to the groups represented directly on the Executive Committee. The drivers for the decision include an increase in importance of the On-Line Trip Listing System, a revamping of the way the Chapter e-mail lists are used, the conversion of Footnotes from paper to electronic distribution, the addition of a Chapter Meetup website and a desire for better coordination between the AMC Joy Street - Chapter communications interface and the Executive Committee.

Major 2011 milestones include a major upgrade to the On-Line Trip Listing system, significant growth in the Chapter Meetup site, completion of the transition of Footnotes distribution, the addition of a credit card option for signing up for Chapter activities such as the Annual Dinner and the Activities Social. The Footnotes delivery conversion and Meetup were difficult decisions for the Chapter but were necessary because of economics and influences from the external environment.

The Communications Committee currently is responsible for the Chapter website, the Meetup site, the e-mail lists and managing the Chapter involvement in the On-line Trip Listing System. The Committee publishes Footnotes and the weekly activity listings. Communications involves a dedicated and

talented team. Chapter members who assist in various Communications tasks include Joan Aichele (e-mail list membership subscriptions) Jim Catozzi, Bill Steinmetz and Dan Schwartz, On-Line trip Listing system; Kevin Perry, Chapter Website; and Eric Pavlak, Footnotes Editor and Publisher. Rich Pace and Donna Morgan administer the Meetup website and the Activity Chairs make the On-Line trip listing system work by soliciting, reviewing and approving all activity submissions.

The Communications Committee is always on the lookout for more volunteers. Currently we're seeking a newsletter editor and on-line writer. We are also looking for people with Java programming experience. If you wish to volunteer or have a question please contact webmaster@amcdv.org or contact anyone on the Executive Committee.

— Rich Wells, Communications Chair

Conservation

These were the major accomplishments:

1. Led several hikes with a conservation theme for our local chapter.
2. Posted events with topics of relevance to members. Topics include issues regarding the Marcellus shale natural gas drilling, mountaintop removal coal mining activities and the proposed power line additions.
3. Volunteered at various events in the community related to sustainability and conservation.

— Al Schwartz, Conservation Chair

Hiking

The Delaware Valley Chapter again had a very busy, diverse and successful hiking and winter sports year. The weather at various points in the year was a little restraining but, as usual, our leaders found ways around the snow drifts, thunderstorms, floods, and extremely hot/dry mid afternoon days.



Our chapter continues to host many weekly hikes for the enjoyment of all ability level of hikers. We want to thank the leaders who host the weekly Monday and Tuesday evening hikes in the Wissahickon, the Thursday evening rambles at the Valley Forge and Lower Providence trails, the extremely popular holiday hikes on January 1, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and so on.

We continue to offer midweek day hikers opportunities to get out in the fresh air on Wednesdays and now we have started



to have some interest in Monday daytime hiking. For these hikes we have added 6+ new hiking trail destinations to the old standby list. Weekends continue to be the mainstay of the club and we have seen a solid schedule of hikes throughout the year and on many weekends we were fortunate to have hikes scheduled in four to five different geographical destinations, thus allowing persons from our entire area to participate without driving too far to join in. Highlights continue to be beach walks, rock scrambles, AT section hikes, off trail bushwhacking, slow paced birder walks and urban hikes in Philadelphia and New York City. For the more strenuous hiking without a doubt the most popular hikes are in the Delaware Water Gap, the Pinnacle and Pulpit trails, the Pocono area state parks, and anywhere along the AT. A huge number of leaders are also finding that new hikes in the New Jersey Highland region are increasingly popular.

Among some of the new activities this year were a number of hikes that encompassed geocaching, letterboxing and hike and swim combos. We also had a leader wander through the streets of Philadelphia with his group looking for Dim Sum eateries. So there continues to be new and exciting ways to get outdoors, socialize, and exercise.

In the winter we are lucky to have tremendous leaders that scheduled and lead hikes for snowshoeing and trail hiking. Cross-country skiing trips and some downhill sign ups were scheduled over last winter.

Finally, we would remiss if we did not acknowledge the day hiking adventures that our leaders set up for us in areas that are not in the Delaware Valley region. Among some of the popular destinations were the Catskills, White Mountains, AT exploits in Virginia, Chincoteague Island and Maine. Hats go off to all those people who plan and execute these trips.

— Rick Hudson, *Hiking Chair*

Leadership

The goals of the Leadership Committee are to conduct ongoing leadership and safety training, encourage the recruitment and mentoring of new leaders, manage the safety and liability aspect of AMC activities, and administer chapter leadership policies.

During 2011, the committee's activities included establishing a Meetup Advisory Group to develop guidelines and procedures for those DV leaders interested in listing their trips on the chapter's new Meetup site. Meetup has proved a most effective tool for connecting new people with AMC, and a number of DV

leaders have been very pleased with the results of cross-listing their trips on this site.

The DV Chapter's annual Outdoor Leader Training course took place on the weekend of April 8-10, 2011, with a larger than usual group gathered for the event. Twenty-seven future leaders took part in the weekend, including six Haitians who are active in a group called Pathfinders, which brings young people from Philadelphia into the outdoors to experience nature and team adventures. The members of the OLT Class of 2011 were: Victoria Bastidas, Myriam Bazar, Gregory Canfield, Jimmy Charles, Wesley Charles, Geri Chmiel, Cindy Crosser, Mehul Dave, Paul Dice, Barry Donovan, Peggy Dufresne, Carl Ganong, Ember Jandebour, Ron Kanarr, Kristyn Lederer, Joseph Malek, Gale Maleskey, Donald Maskal, Morgan Masterson, Mark Mazer, Christine Murray, Emily O'Hagan, Bijal Shah, Rameau Thomas, Guerline Thomas, Sandy Unger and Brian Wasson.

Many thanks to the DV leaders who served as trainers and organizers for this year's course: Jeff Alpert, Jim Catozzi, Peter Fox, Rick Hudson, Pete Jarrett, Mark Kern, Christina Krosche, Jeff Lippincott, Donna Morgan, Phil Mulligan, Craig Smith, Bill Steinmetz, and Lennie Steinmetz.



The Leadership Committee sponsored a Leaders Social on Saturday, May 21st at Weisel Hostel near Quakertown. There were two hikes, a bike trip and a trail work trip during the day, followed by a 5 PM happy hour and 6 PM barbecue dinner. More than 30 leaders were in attendance at this event. A second Leaders Gathering was scheduled to take place on November 12th just before the chapter's Annual Dinner, to provide leaders a chance to offer input on several new policies in the process of being developed by the Executive Committee.

Finally, the Leadership Committee will be providing recognition at the chapter's Annual Dinner for several DV leaders who have retired from active service this year. Those leaders being recognized for their many years of outstanding leadership are: Bob Lindquist, Billy Neuman, Tom Olsen, Phil Ritchie, and Jane Shepard.

— Lennie Steinmetz, *Leadership Chair*

Lehigh Valley Group

The Lehigh Valley Group (LVG) has now completed its nineteenth 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 a wide range of topics such as *Marcellus Shale and You – Why Should You Care?*, *Hiking in Iceland*, *Winter Climbing in the Catskills* and *Greenway Hikes of New Jersey*. Lehigh Valley Group Chair Phill Hunsberger has already booked a number of interesting programs for the coming year as well.

The LVG monthly meetings include a short discussion on upcoming outdoor activities, a speaker, and a social time with refreshments. Meeting attendance ranges from 30 to 50 people, including longtime AMC members as well as potential members who have read about the meeting in local newspapers.

Sadly, the co-founder of the Lehigh Valley Group, Malcolm White, died in September of this year. Mac was an ardent hiker and conservationist who was instrumental in the passage of the AT Act in Pennsylvania, the construction of the chapter's Leroy Smith Shelter, and in persuading the PA Turnpike Commission to build a tunnel at Lehigh Gap rather than going over Blue Mountain and the AT. Mac was a past DV Chapter Chair (1978-79) who in more recent years may be remembered for his *Meandering with Mac* column in Footnotes, and for the many excellent programs that he scheduled for Lehigh Valley Group meetings. He will be greatly missed by his many friends throughout AMC.

— Lennie Steinmetz

Membership

As 2011 comes to a close I find myself looking back over the past four years I have served as the DV Chapter Membership Chair. I find I am still learning new things about AMC as well as continuing to meet wonderful people who love being actively involved with the outdoors.

This year I continued to host the popular monthly New Member hikes in various parks throughout our chapter area. These hikes were well attended by new AMC members, as well as potential AMC members and long time AMC members. This was a nice mix as the long time members helped out by interacting with the new and potential members making them feel welcome and helping to answer questions they may have had about AMC.

We are beginning to see some of the Chapter Meetup people joining AMC. Many of them were unaware of AMC before participating on our Meetup activities. To all of our Meetup leaders who have been promoting AMC and the benefits of an AMC membership, "thank you."

Lennie Steinmetz and I hosted a New Member Weekend Get-away in June at our AMC facility Mohican Outdoor Center. This was an opportunity for new members to not only learn about Mohican but also about AMC and all it has to offer. As always it was a fun weekend for all of the participants. Lennie, thank you for your help.

Midori Wakabayashi and I represented AMC at various functions this past year. We participated at National Trails Days, National Public Lands Days and the recent LL Bean Grand Opening at the King of Prussia Mall. Midori, our very active Publicity Chair, made several contacts with the managers of

local outdoor stores. Thank you Midori for all of your efforts this past year in promoting AMC.

Despite the continued concern over the economy our membership numbers continue to remain strong, which shows a strong commitment to AMC. Thank you all!

— Joan Aichele, Membership Chair



Paddling

Trips: A wet spring, a moderate early summer and record rains in August and September made for a banner whitewater year. Frequent high river levels did, however, result in many flatwater trips being either postponed or canceled. We will again run about 70 trips this season.

Because of frequent high water, we were able to increase the number and variety of whitewater creeks run, and our trips included streams we have not paddled in years.

Participation in whitewater was the highest it has been in many years, and continues to grow. We have added two new whitewater leaders this year, both of whom have come up from the start through our program.

Flatwater trips remain popular, and are often filled to capacity. We have been running (since last year) numerous flatwater trips using Meetup to successfully fill trips to capacity, and used it to boost training course registration.

Youth Movement: We had four 11 to 14-year-olds make several whitewater trips each this summer, plus had several older teens paddling whitewater with us. Paddlers in their 20s are common on our whitewater trips. Younger children are common on Pine Barrens and other flatwater trips.

Our whitewater trip participants ranged in age from 11 to 77, and their ages are well distributed throughout that range.

Training: We safely and successfully completed all training sessions scheduled for the year, including the basic and river canoeing, solo open canoe, and swiftwater safety and rescue.

Access: On March 11, two participants on a club trip on the West Branch of the Brandywine were stopped in Hibernia Park (a Chester County park) and issued citations by park rangers. Both American Whitewater and the AMC have been assisting in this as yet unresolved issue. Through the assistance of the AMC, the county has drop the charges, but access to this infrequent class 3-4 whitewater gem is still unresolved.



Donation: The Canoe Committee wishes to thank and acknowledge the generous donation of a solo canoe and other equipment by the family of late paddling leader Fred Bauerle. We thank them for their generosity.

— *Eric Pavlak, Canoeing Chair*

Shelter

The volunteers in the shelter caretaking program, which was in use since the 1970s, keep the Leroy Smith Shelter on the AT near Wind Gap, PA 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 compliance with Pennsylvania Game Commission’s regulation requiring that all users (hunters, hikers, etc.) wears fluorescent orange-colored materials, our winter watchers are provided with orange caps at the chapter’s expense. The game lands parking lot and the Katellen trail (used by most shelter watchers) are on state game lands.

We recruited Charles Ogle as our new shelter maintenance person to replace Joe Bell, who retired as of October 27, 2009. Charles worked with Joe on several maintenance projects. Joe Bell checks in occasionally.

Three new shelter watchers joined us in 2010. Shelter plans include expanding the DVAMC web site shelter page to include a photo, a bit of history and an invitation to new shelter watchers.

The shelter volunteers check trails and composting privy conditions, and the adjacent campsite, and report their findings on a post-paid printed postcard to the shelter chair. Trash (cans, bottles, foodstuffs, soiled undergarments, torn shoes) has tripled as carry-out items in Summer 2010.

Shelter watch hours: An average of 5 hours x 46 volunteer trips = 230 + chair (40 hours) = 270 hours; maintenance hours = 124.5 — *Patricia Ann Sacks, Shelter Chair*

Social

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

Annual Activities Social The first social event of the year is the Annual Activities Social, held in the Spring. This year’s Social was held on March 26 at the Perkasio Fire House in Perkasio, PA. Again this year, activities were scheduled prior to the social - hikes were led by Joan Aichele, George Gorman and Pete Jarrett on local trails near Nockamixon State Park. All pre-social activities were attended by many members and enjoyed by all.

The addition of outdoor activities prior to the Activities Social is in its third year and the feedback from members around a more robust event has been very positive. Based on that feedback, the Social Committee expects to offer these options and perhaps others to our members at future Activities Socials.

We continued the tradition of showing an entertaining slideshow of the year’s activities while awards and recognition were given for total miles hiked during the year along, Paddling, Bicycling and Trail Maintenance leadership. The presentation was a team effort, coordinated by Rich Wells in partnership with Rick Hudson, Bill Steinmetz and Phil Mulligan. Congratulations to all the hikers, paddlers, bicyclists and trail maintenance crew, and thanks to everyone for sharing their best stories among the attendees!

As the hungry hikers returned from their activities they were joined by other members and treated to pre-dinner snacks and beverages, followed by a great selection of hot food for dinner. As we have done in previous years, we continued to charge a nominal fee for snacks and dinner. This approach was well received in 2009 & 2010 and so the tradition continued in 2011. No one went home hungry and all leftovers were transported to a local soup kitchen coordinated by DV member Linda Watsula – what a great opportunity to help communities in need – a



great end to great day! Special thanks to the Social Committee Members for their support on delivering this great event for the chapter.

Annual Chapter Picnic The next social event of the year is the Annual Picnic, typically held in early summer. This year the event was held at a new location, the Tohickon Valley County Park in Bucks County, PA. This park is a great venue, offering a regionally central location, a covered pavilion and picnic area with a large grill. The park even has camping and paddling available, along with an on-site pool for guest. This location provided a great opportunity to plan for an outdoor weekend that includes the picnic festivities. The chapter provided hamburgers,

veggie burgers, hot dogs and drinks, and guests were asked to bring a side dish salad or dessert to share with fellow members.

Prior to firing up the barbecue grill, a well-attended hike on a nearby trail was led by Joan Aichele and Jeff Lippincott led a road bike ride. Other chapter members volunteered to set up the barbecue and arrange for other activities at the park like horseshoes, quoits and of course our annual chapter volleyball game. The weather was picture perfect bringing in warm and hungry hikers and other chapter members for the barbecue. The volleyball games were a continued tradition from the past picnics and where mud was not an issue, members had a great time managing through the afternoon heat and people had a great time. Be sure to join us next year, and be part of the fun!

Annual Dinner The final big social event is the Annual Dinner held in Autumn. The Annual Dinner combines a social event, a business meeting and a special guest speaker or activity. It is a great opportunity to network with new and existing chapter members, enjoy a nice dinner together, to learn a little bit about some of the business aspects of operating the chapter and wrap up with a great story or activities about fun and adventure in the outdoors. This is an excellent event for new members to attend – the networking tends to open up discussion around experiences over the past year, great stories and suggestions for participation in the year ahead. The Social Committee is always open to new suggestions for different locations and new speakers – contact us at social@amcdv.org — *Stephanie Wall, Social Chair*

Trails

The Delaware Valley Chapter continues to work on trails in three significant areas of our jurisdiction.

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

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

Also, we are continuing to maintain the trails on Mt. Misery at Valley Forge National Park. For National Public Lands Day



in September we had a crew of 17 park visitors who repaired the damage from two hurricanes. This year we are continuing to keep the trails in their current state of good repair.

We are continuing to keep the trails at Nockamixon State Park in good repair. Pete Jarrett leads the work there. We incorporated a brush-clearing job in our Leaders' meeting in Spring, 2010. In addition AMC-DV members are volunteering at other parks in the area, under the leadership of other clubs.

At the Spring Activities Social, we honored our dedicated trail workers with T-shirts for their efforts.

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

— *Phil Mulligan, Trails Chair*

Young Members

The DV Chapter's Young Members group was able to offer various hiking and social activities ranging from Delaware Water Gap to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Phillip Yu was very proactive in organizing and leading most of the hikes and social activities including museum visits, speeches at various colleges, various festivals, walks/runs, and hikes with various levels of terrain.

The DV Chapter did have a change in the Young Members Chair, who quickly took charge in planning and recruiting. Currently, the Young Members group is reaching out to various Meet-up groups to gain more interest in those aged 20-40 years. The group is looking to expand in the area and gain more Young Member Leaders.

— *Morgan Masterson, Young Members Chair*

Treasurer's Report

Overall Financial Assessment

The Delaware Valley Chapter has improved its financial position over the past year despite a gradual, but continuing, decline in Membership. In spite of this decline, our bottom line shows over \$15,000 in additional net income over the previous year. This, for the most part, is due to an application of the DV Chapter Investment Account Earnings, though this should decrease greatly when we receive our next report from Boston; and also a substantial savings in utilizing the internet for publication of the Footnotes rather than printing and mailing. We also received additional income through grants from various organizations.

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 to 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 twelve months covered by this report, this dues allocation provided 90 percent of the chapter income, similar to previous years.

Chapter communication costs decreased almost 95 percent over last year, freeing additional funds for use program areas such as activity Leader development, recognition awards, Chapter social events, Membership contact, and equipment upgrades.

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, 2010, through September 30, 2011. Comparisons are provided with the preceding 12-month period.

Financial Data: Operational income and expenses for the period are shown below.

**Operational Income vs. Expense for the 12-month period from 10/1/2010 thru 9/30/2011
compared to prior 12-month period**

Income	<i>Current Period</i>	<i>Prior Period</i>
Allocation from AMC Dues	\$16944.50	\$17391.00
Membership Sales	1220.00	1050.00
Misc. Income	1322.84	0.00
Net Income from Activity Fees	29.73	978.00
Merchandise Sales	0.00	0.00
Interest from Bank Accounts	10.65	7.08
Total Income	\$19527.72	\$19426.08
Expense		
Communication	\$192.36	\$6522.93
Attendance at Club-wide AMC Meetings	2394.70	2264.11
Trails & Shelter Maintenance	1129.61	987.46
Recognition	1306.50	773.44
Chapter Social Events	392.64	1434.18
Committee Expenses	1184.05	939.74
Membership Activities	625.52	785.24
AMC Program Support	0.00	0.00
Canoeing Program	755.84	1474.85
Leadership & Outdoor Skills	1331.00	1331.00
Liability Insurance	0.00	464.00
Bank Fees	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$8147.59	\$16976.95
 Surplus (Deficit) – Income-Expenses	 \$11,380.13	 \$2449.13

The Chapter has cash assets to meet near term needs.

Cash Assets on 9/30/2011 Compared to 9/30/2010

	<i>9/30/2011</i>	<i>9/30/2010</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Checking Account	2692.73	557.83	2134.90
Money Market Account (Savings)	26362.39	16972.16	9390.23
Undeposited Funds	210.00	99.00	111.00
Operating Cash Assets	29265.12	17628.99	11636.13
AMC Investment Account	24073.35	20870.31	3203.04

Checking and money market funds are in FDIC-insured bank accounts.

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 specified periods of each calendar quarter.

Cash assets are divided among the three categories as shown on the following page.

Category of Funds on 9/30/2011 Compared to 9/30/2010

	<i>9/30/2011</i>	<i>9/30/2010</i>
Operating Funds	29265.12	16826.27
Reserve Funds	24073.35	20870.31
Henry Wu Scholarship Funds	802.72	802.72
	54141.19	38499.30

Operating Funds are the funds and reserves for day-to-day operation 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. — *Rhoda S. Eisman, Treasurer*

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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:

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

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

(None for 2002)

Chapter Committee Recognitions. The Appalachian Mountain Club and the Delaware Valley Chapter gratefully acknowledge the volunteer hours and many contributions of all outgoing and continuing Chapter Executive Committee as well as the 2011 Nominating Committee members.

Past Chapter Chairs

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

Outgoing Executive Committee Members

Craig Smith, Chapter Chair
 Kathy Ciliberti, Secretary
 Bill Steinmetz, Bicycling Chair
 Stephanie Wall, Social Chair
 Phil Yu, Young Members Chair

Many thanks to the Members of the 2011 Nominating Committee: Joan Aichele (Chair), George Gorman and Pete Jarrett for completing this often difficult task.

Chapter Standing Committees. Many people provide service to the chapter in many capacities. The chapter would like to provide special thanks to the following people who have volunteered to provide service fulfilling roles on the Chapter Standing Committees in 2011 and 2012. These positions are appointed by the Chapter's Executive Committee.

	2011	2012
Canoe Committee		
Equipment Manager	Walt Underhill	Walt Underhill
Training Leader	John Chalikian	John Chalikian
Web Manager	Eric Pavlak	Eric Pavlak

Communications Committee

Database Admin.	Rich Wells	Rich Wells
Newsletter Editor	Eric Pavlak	Eric Pavlak
Publicity	Midori Wakabayashi	M. Wakabayashi
Web Administrator	Rich Wells	Rich Wells
Trip Approver Admin.	Rich Wells	Rich Wells
Hotline Coordinator	Tom Sherwood	Tom Sherwood

Hiking Committee

Winter Activities	Lennie Steinmetz	Lennie Steinmetz
Data Coordinator	John Rowan	John Rowan

Social Committee

Lehigh Valley Group	Phill Hunsberger	Phill Hunsberger
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Trails Committee

Leroy Smith Shelter	Patricia Ann Sacks	Patricia Ann Sacks
ATC Representatives	Dan Schwartz	Dan Schwartz
	Bill Steinmetz	Bill Steinmetz
KTA Representative	Jim Catozzi	Jim Catozzi
NY-NJ TC Rep.	Mike Manes	Mike Manes
PA Highland Trails Rep.	Susan Charkes	Susan Charkes

Ombudsman Jane Shepard Bill Steinmetz

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: Dr. Warren F. Hale joined AMC in 1961 and has faithfully continued his membership for the past 50 years.

Twenty-five years: The following members joined AMC in 1986 and have continued their membership for the past 25 years: Gail M. Ashley, David Beaumont, Jeff Bryer, David H. Byerly, Jr., Rick Curtis, Alison Eachus, Elizabeth Fox, Clyde W. Hall, Kurt Hoover, James M. Lucas, Donna M. McManus, Barbara Mills, James R. Miltenberger, Lewis J. Neidle, John Okolowicz, Eric Pavlak, Richard P. Thompson and John Vanasek.