

Alpine Club of Canada. Following are highlights of the A.C.C.'s 1989 achievements. In the facilities area, 1989 marked the completion of the Wapta Icefields project, whose centerpiece was the July construction of the new Bow Hut. This project represented an \$85,000 financial commitment and the volunteer labor of more than 400 persons over five years. In October the Balfour Hut was replaced by Parks Canada with an entirely new structure.

In the activities area, the Summer Camps Committee produced yet another capacity General Mountaineering Camp and seems to have successfully reversed the financial difficulties experienced by GMCs a few years ago.

As part of many on-going services, the club launched a new Sport Climbing Committee, which initiated or sanctioned three events. These included the Second Canadian National Championships, hosted by the Edmonton Section on its new wall in December. Both the Ottawa and Winnipeg Sections also held their own sport climbing competitions.

The A.C.C. awarded the first grants from the Alpine Club Endowment Fund, with amounts totaling nearly \$10,000 disbursed to seven individuals or Sections, including \$5,000 to the Smoke Bluffs project. The Canadian Centre for Mountaineering has launched a major corporate fund-raising drive with the donation of \$100,000 to the project by Canadian Pacific Ltd. The Education Committee hosted the 1989 Mountain Leadership Conference, which was chaired by Michael Mortimer and drew over 300 participants in November.

The budget process was more difficult than usual as the club struggles to deal with rising costs in many areas, particularly publications. After serious and significant budget cuts, the Board was able to restrict a proposed membership fee increase of 30% to just 11%. This was the first increase since 1987 and raises the individual membership fee to \$45. Most of the additional revenue will go to offset increased publication costs for the *Canadian Alpine Journal*, but there will also be reductions in the appearance and form of the club's national newsletter.

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Appalachian Mountain Club. In 1989 the Appalachian Mountain Club continued to maintain over 1,000 miles of hiking trails in the northeastern U.S., dozens of back-country campsites and shelters, and various public workshops in hiking leadership and group safety. The club has eight huts strategically spaced a day's hike apart along the ridges of the White Mountains. The center for its mountain activities is Pinkham Notch Camp at the foot of Mount Washington. The Appalachian Mountain Club, founded in 1876, is the oldest club of its kind in the U.S. Membership is close to 37,000. The principal administrative office is at 5 Joy St., Boston, MA, which also houses one of the oldest mountaineering libraries in the country. Twelve chapters of the club are spread from Maine to Washington, D.C.

The highlight for the A.M.C. hut system in 1989 was the addition of three new structures at Camp Dodge in New Hampshire. The bunkhouses were

erected with the assistance of a local Army Reserve Unit. They will house volunteers involved in trail and conservation work in the White Mountains. Greenleaf Hut was renovated to increase capacity in order to serve the growing population of hikers along the Appalachian Trail and in the White Mountain National Forest of New Hampshire.

At the chapter level volunteers organized thousands of activities throughout the year, including rock climbing and mountaineering, day hiking and instruction in ice climbing and other technical sports. Other trips included flat and whitewater canoeing, sea kayaking, cross-country and downhill skiing, and even board sailing. Programs of instruction and conservation were also offered through the chapter committees.

The Education Department continued its program in instruction and conservation. The Mountain Leadership School, a week-long course offered each summer to train leaders in outdoor survival skills, is 31 years old this year. The Boston-based A.M.C. Youth Opportunities Program, offering wilderness and outdoor survival and camping skills to leaders of youth from urban areas, is continuing to reach out to surrounding communities.

The Excursions Committee conducted a variety of local outings and extended excursions, both domestic and foreign. Members participated in over 40 excursions throughout the year from birding in Trinidad and hiking in Patagonia to hut-to-hut skiing in Norway.

Each year the Trails Program participates in maintaining and establishing trail systems to accommodate the increasing number of people who want to enjoy natural areas, and simultaneously to regulate the impact on fragile environments. In 1989 A.M.C. Trails Service trips went to many areas, among them Alaska's Kenai National Park and Virgin Islands National Park. Over the summer a group of Soviet citizens joined A.M.C. volunteers in a conservation and trail management exchange. The International Committee is arranging more service project exchange trips with foreign groups with similar interests for next year.

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Arizona Mountaineering Club. In 1989 the club fielded 72 outings including 53 climbing trips with climbs averaging a 5.7 rating. Seven of the outings were to adjacent states. Successful ascents were made of Pik Lenin in the Soviet Pamirs, Prusik Peak in Washington, the East Face of Mount Whitney, and the Red Rocks in Nevada by various routes.

Training and safety courses taught by our members are open to the public. We teach basic rock climbing, advanced leading, advanced rope and rescue techniques, orienteering, and a rescue team which helps the Phoenix Fire Department with rescues.

For further information about our activities, contact the Arizona Mountaineering Club, Box 1695, Phoenix, AZ 85001.

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