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Randolph Mountain Club Newsletter

“... sharing the collective knowledge of its members ...”



SUMMER 2018 VOLUNTEER WORK TRIPS

by Chris Campbell, volunteer trips co-chair

2017 was a remarkably successful year for volunteer work on RMC trails. Our volunteers contributed 1,148 hours of work, including 194 hours on the Israel Ridge Path (which saved the club \$4,500.00 in its matching contribution to that grant-funded project). Volunteer brushing and blazing improved the quality and safety on many miles of other trails; and showing up at short notice in November cleared blowdowns on twenty-three RMC trails caused by the late-October storm.

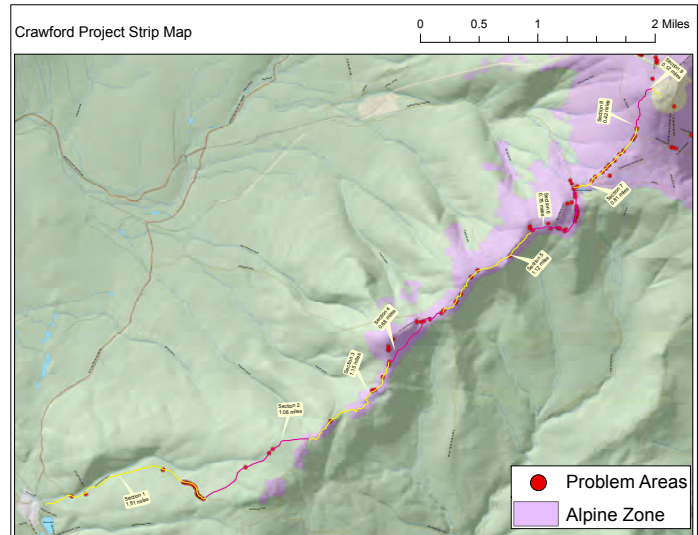
In 2018, the state grant supporting our trail crew’s work on the Short Line requires a 20% match, and we hope to cover much of this through volunteer work. Please consider joining us, whether it is to help maintain our 100+ miles of trails in the northern Presidential and Crescent Ranges, enjoy a wonderful trail system, or meet others who love to hike in northern NH.

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2017 volunteers Rudy Bourget and Chris Pollari, brushing on the Israel Ridge Path. Chris Campbell photo.

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CRAWFORD PATH BICENTENNIAL in 2019

by Bob Drescher, Trails co-chair

If you’re hiking the Crawford Path this summer, the trail will have a very different look to it. In preparation for next year’s celebration of the 200th anniversary of its construction, trail crews from many organizations will be hard at work, repairing and restoring this historic route.

The Crawford Path was built in 1819, making it the oldest continuously maintained and used footpath in the United States. Starting in Crawford Notch and running 8.5 miles along the western flank of the Presidential Range, this heavily used trail climbs near two 4,000-footers, two 5,000-footers and ends at 6,288 feet on the summit of Mt. Washington, New Hampshire’s tallest peak. With over five miles above treeline, including a 5.4 mile section of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail (AT), this traverse provides amazing views, and travels through alpine zones hosting a number of rare plants.

The approach to performing the work on the Crawford Path represents a new way to utilize the resources available—a collective impact model, where multiple trail crews and

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Map of the Crawford Path, running from Crawford Notch to the summit of Mt. Washington. Courtesy USFS.

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The mission of the Randolph Mountain Club is to promote the enjoyment of the Randolph area through hiking, trail development and maintenance, upkeep of camps and shelters, and the sharing of the collective knowledge of its members.

The Randolph Mountain Club is a diverse organization, committed to equal opportunity in employment and program delivery. The RMC prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, military status, veteran status, income level, political affiliation and familial status.

From the President ...



Summer is finally here! In April it still looked like winter in Randolph, but we did have a short spring in May, with fine skiing at Tucks. In no time the leaves came out, the mountains greened up, and here we are now at the 109th summer season of the RMC.

Our trail crew will be mostly close to home this summer, rebuilding portions of the Short Line. Once again our work is funded by a State of NH grant, and we are able to use volunteer labor as part of our match. Last year we had a phenomenal turnout for our volunteer work trips. Having volunteers blaze and brush lets the trail crew concentrate on the heavy construction, and we are able to get a lot more done.

For one week in July, the crew will be working on the Crawford Path, south of Mt. Washington. The project has been funded by REI and the Forest Service and involves many NH trail clubs, under the organizational leadership of the White Mountain Trail Collective.

Up at the camps, this is the year we will finish replacing the windows at Crag Camp, seal up some leaks, and repair the roof. We've spaced these repairs out over several years, starting in September 2015, with financial support from the RMC's Mt. Madison Fund. The Fund balance has grown steadily over three years of bequests and memorial donations, and we're pleased to be able to make use of it to invest in the building assets that are so central to our members' lifetimes in the mountains.

The RMC board of directors has spent part of this spring developing a new partnership with the Randolph Foundation, in support of a land protection project that will benefit the entire community. The Foundation is leading a campaign to raise the money to purchase a sixteen-acre parcel of land adjacent to the Community Forest Trailhead on Randolph Hill. For more information see the article I co-wrote with Foundation President Sarah Eusden Gallop, accompanied a map of the land; I hope you will consider a contribution.

As always, your directors and I work hard to continue the best of the RMC; as we find every year, some new opportunity or challenge helps us also look for ways that we should change. Sometimes change arrives whether we are ready for it or not. Those of you who know me already know that my Dad passed away this spring, so this will be my first summer in Randolph without him. I'll miss his advice and his presence at the RMC hikes and events that were always part of his life, but I'll also remember him there. It helps me to be able to carry on the work of the club that has meant so much to my family; I know my Dad would want to see the RMC continue to share the love of hiking and also preserve the forest. For this and many other reasons I have been glad to serve as your president this past year, and I thank you for the support you have always provided. Looking forward to seeing you soon in Randolph -

Jamie Maddock

Above, Jamie in late April, in west Randolph, with Cascade and Castle Ravines behind him. R. Meiklejohn photo.

Summer Social Events

By Jenn Scarinza and Franklin Stone Wenk

Wednesday, July 4th: Please come kick off the season at Mark and Katie Kelley's wonderful barn at 98 Randolph Hill Road at the annual **RMC Fourth of July Tea**. Join us from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for punch, iced tea and delicious baked goods. Catch up on the latest RMC news, meet this year's trail crew and caretakers, check out our merchandise, sign up to lead a hike and connect with friends, old and new. Please help us bring together all the RMC's generations at this event, and contact Jenn or Franklin (phone numbers below) if you or a friend or family member would like assistance with stairs, a ride up to the barn, or a nearby accessible parking space.

Thursday, August 2nd: The **RMC Gourmet Hike** returns to the Pine Mountain ledges. Meet at Randolph East at 10:00 AM; we will carpool to the trailhead and ascend via the Ledge Trail. Thanks to the Horton Center, a shorter ascent will be available for those who wish it. Bring your favorite transportable summer food item to share for the picnic blanket potluck!

Tues, Weds, or Thurs, August 7th, 8th, 9th - TBD: Don't miss out on the popular summer **RMC Gourmet Dinner at Libby's Bistro** in Gorham, 6:00 PM. Many thanks to owner/chef Liz Jackson for continuing to welcome the RMC. Great dining and our funky raffle to support the club! Space is limited - to reserve your spot, contact the Social Events Chairs (below).

Friday, August 17th, from 7:30 to 9:30 PM (**in most years this event has been on Saturday, but it's Friday this year**) we will hold a **Square Dance** in the Beringers' barn at Sugar Plum Farm, 232 Randolph Hill Road. Calling provided by Dudley Laufman. All dances taught, beginners encouraged! Many thanks to Marie Beringer for her ongoing sponsorship; your additional donations are gratefully accepted, to cover the cost of this super fun event.

Saturday, August 18th: The 106th **Annual RMC Picnic and Charades**, noon to 2:00 PM at the Mossy Glen Amphitheater off of Durand Road. Bring a picnic lunch and your very own cup; punch provided. Rides up to Mossy Glen are available. In the event of rain, the festivities will be moved to the Randolph Town Municipal Bldg., Pinkham "B" Road.

Watch the **Randolph Weekly** all summer for more details about each of these events. Would you like to help out by volunteering to welcome people or serve punch at the Tea, lead your section of the Charades, or donate a Gourmet Dinner raffle item or sponsor a crew member for the dinner at Libby's? Please contact Social Events Co-Chairs: Jennifer Scarinza, jbarton@ttlc.net; (603) 631-0870 or Franklin Stone Wenk, franklin@stonewenk.com; (917) 597-1848. See you this summer!



Above left, dancers at the Cabin Fever Reliever in March; right, singers at the picnic in 2017. Right, Liz Jackson, with a table set for the May 2018 fundraising dinner at Libby's Bistro in Gorham. Below left, Brian Behr and trail crew colleagues lay down a Mountain syllable at last year's charades. Jenn Scarinza photos.



The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Randolph Mountain Club will be held at the Randolph Town Hall on Saturday, August 11th at 7:00 PM.

Following a business meeting for officer and committee reports, and for election of new directors and a president, there will be a presentation by a guest speaker (Allison Bell, about whom you may read more on page 9).

Light refreshments will be served and the public is welcome to attend.

RMC Annual Meeting

By Randy Meiklejohn,
club secretary



Trails Report & Meet the Trail Crew

By Bob Drescher & Benzo Harris, Trails co-chairs



Justin Taylor
Field Supervisor
Framingham, Massachusetts
4th year

As we moved along with crew hiring for this summer 2018, a new Field Supervisor was not in the plan – that is until veteran Brian Behr, last year’s supervisor, injured his knee and realized that he wouldn’t be able to return at full capacity. Casting out the net in hopes of finding a late replacement, a kind of trail magic occurred when Justin Taylor, our crew leader and multi-season caretaker, postponed his planned AT hike to step up and take the job. Along with Justin’s act of kindness and loyalty to the RMC trails, Brian will be able to join in, helping with Orientation, axe hanging and training for the crew and volunteers.

Justin will be joined by returning crew member Vince Reichheld and new crew leader Jaynae Hartridge, who will be coming in from the west coast, bringing extensive trail

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Justin on the Randolph Path after the Oct. 2017 windstorms. Carl Herz photo.



Austen Bernier
Albany, New Hampshire
1st year



Jaynae Hartridge
Crew Leader
Victorville, California
1st year



Brodie Holmes
Jefferson, New Hampshire
1st year



Isaac Kirk-Davidoff
New Haven, Connecticut
1st year



Sam Marshall
Manchester, New Hampshire
1st year



Nicole Ponte
Dartmouth, Massachusetts
1st year



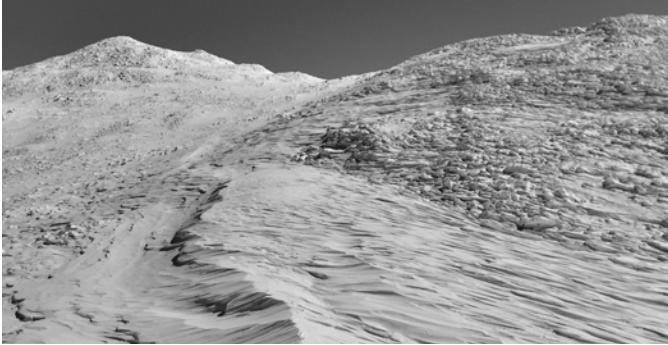
Vince Reichheld
Wolfeboro, New Hampshire
2nd year



Matthew Schilke
Eatontown, New Jersey
1st year

Camps Report

By Pete Antos-Ketcham



I've heard this past winter described as a "doughnut" winter. We had snow and extreme cold early on and then it moderated a bit in the middle (the hole in the doughnut) followed by more cold, snow, and a very slow onset of spring. Our winter caretakers Merike Youngs and Justin Taylor and were with us through early April when Merike departed for warmer climes and Justin elected to stay on for spring. This spring, Justin learned he would be our 2018 Field Supervisor, overseeing our summer employees on the trail crew and at the camps.

Looking ahead to the summer, we will be welcoming two new caretakers to the RMC staff. Though new to RMC, both are veteran field staffers with the AMC and other trail organizations. At Crag Camp we will have Tom Callahan, and over at Gray Knob we will have Anna Ready-Campbell. To learn more about our summer caretakers please see their bios and pictures on this page. We are excited to have the care of the camps and our guests in the very capable hands of Anna and Tom. Looking ahead to fall, we will be welcoming back Rowan Kamman. Rowan, as you may remember, was a member of our Trail Crew in '16 and started as Gray Knob caretaker in '17 but had to leave early owing to an injury. We are glad to have Rowan return to the Whites. We are still

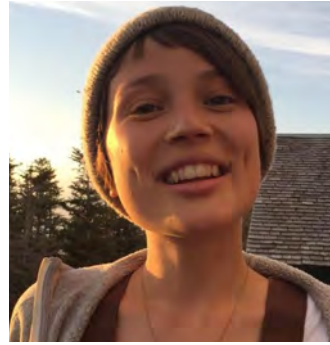
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Top, the summit of Mt. Adams, looking southeast from Abigail Adams, March 2018. Above, inside Gray Knob on a sunny winter day. Carl Herz photos.

Meet the Summer 2018 Camp Caretakers

.. in their own words ...



Anna Ready-Campbell
Gray Knob caretaker



Tom Callahan
Crag Camp caretaker

Anna writes: I like to wake up in the mountains. Even better if a book of poetry and tea are handy. I spent four summers working as hut crew for the AMC between 2010-2016. In the last few years, I've prepared to become a nurse-midwife and worked as a medical assistant in Burlington, VT. Now, I'm eager to leave the city for the Whites, where I'll be able to live passions other than taking care of other humans, including moving all day long, composting toilets, and sunsets.

Tom writes: I grew up in Connecticut, and first moved to New Hampshire to study Environmental Earth Science at Dartmouth College. This will be my first summer working for the RMC, but I have a long relationship with the White Mountains. After graduating from college I spent five seasons working on the AMC Hut Crew, and then three years as the AMC Huts Field Supervisor. I'm excited be returning to the Whites after spending the past three years working as the Executive Director of the Alaska Huts Association, a small nonprofit working to start a backcountry hut system in Alaska.

One of my favorite things about mountains is the way that they foster a sense of community, and I looking forward to becoming part of the RMC family. When I'm not at Crag Camp you can find me trail running with my retired sled dog, Bliss, getting in some climbing at my favorite New Hampshire crags or whitewater kayaking when it's raining. I'm also looking forward to making a dent in my reading list and sharing the sunset with lots of great guests at Crag Camp this summer.

At the Museum of the White Mountains

Editor's pick

May 16 – Sept. 12, 2018
Gallery exhibition,
speaker presentations, hikes,
artist talks, demonstrations.
Museum is on the campus of
Plymouth State University,
Plymouth NH. More info at:
[www.plymouth.edu/museum
-of-the-white-mountains](http://www.plymouth.edu/museum-of-the-white-mountains)



Mt. Crescent Land Protection Campaign

By Sarah Eusden Gallop and Jamie Maddock

The April edition of the *Mountain View* [see “*Randolph Foundation*” box on next page – ed.] featured a new use of the Mt. Crescent area — glade skiing. Over the winter of 2017-18, a network of lightly-marked routes drew outdoors enthusiasts to experience the mountain in a different way amidst this year’s plentiful snow. The skiers parked at the Randolph Community Forest Trailhead, hiked up, and skied down through the trees... rather gleefully by the looks of the photographs!

This activity adds to the abundant ways in which we already enjoy the Mt. Crescent area — hiking, snowshoeing, biking, observing nature, snowmobiling, bird-watching, or looking for that elusive moose who seems to always leave his or her mark on the trail across the summit.

Our community’s ability to use and appreciate the Mt. Crescent area is rooted in our deeply-held values of land protection through local collaboration. The most recent example was in 2012, when the Randolph Foundation worked with the Community Forest Commission and the Town of Randolph to purchase the land for the Randolph Community Forest Trailhead.

An opportunity to protect more of the Mt. Crescent area is now before us.

The Randolph Foundation is launching the Mt. Crescent Land Protection Campaign to ensure our community’s access to, and enjoyment of, the area for the future. The campaign involves a Boothman family property that abuts the Community Forest and has long hosted Randolph Mountain Club trails. Recognizing the value of protecting the Mt. Crescent area, the RMC is supporting the Campaign and the goal of adding this key parcel to the Community Forest, where the Club is the “designated activity manager.” The Foundation and the Club have each worked for decades to protect and preserve Randolph, and now — as the town approaches its bicentennial in 2024 — they join hands to work together towards the success of this community initiative.

Some background information: In 2017, Sara Parker Ouellette indicated a desire for her 16-acre parcel at the foot of Mt. Crescent (shown in lighter green on the map on the opposite page) to become part of the Randolph Community Forest. Sara is a great-granddaughter of John H. Boothman (1868-1952), a founder of the RMC and proprietor of the Mt. Crescent House hotel (1883-1971). The parcel is traversed by the Mt. Crescent Trail, the Cook Path (two of the oldest RMC trails), the Boothman Spring Cutoff, and the Community Forest Road (Jimtown Logging Road). Another Boothman family parcel abuts its south side. To the west is the Community Forest Trailhead, which the Town of Randolph created on a ten-acre parcel previously owned by Sara’s late mother, Becky Boothman.

Because of unique timing constraints related to the proposed transaction, the Randolph Foundation has stepped in financially to purchase the property and hold it temporarily,



while funds are raised. At the conclusion of the Campaign, the Foundation plans to convey the land to the Community Forest, in cooperation with the Town of Randolph. The cost of the parcel is \$52,500.00.

Over the summer, we hope you will consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the Mt. Crescent Land Protection Campaign.

[05/28 update to the progress reported in the Mountain View:] We are thrilled to report that several early donors have already pledged over \$28,000.00. We hope that these early commitments will catalyze our community fundraising effort. Our goal is to raise the funds by the Randolph Foundation’s August 17th annual meeting, after which we can continue a dialogue with the Town about conveying the property to the Community Forest. We hope to have a Campaign celebration at the Randolph Ramble event — a popular trail-running event through the Mt. Crescent area.

If the Foundation finds itself in the enviable position of receiving funds beyond what is needed for this particular 16-acre parcel, it will retain those gifts in a separately designated Mt. Crescent Land Protection Campaign account in the event that opportunities to protect abutting land parcels present themselves.

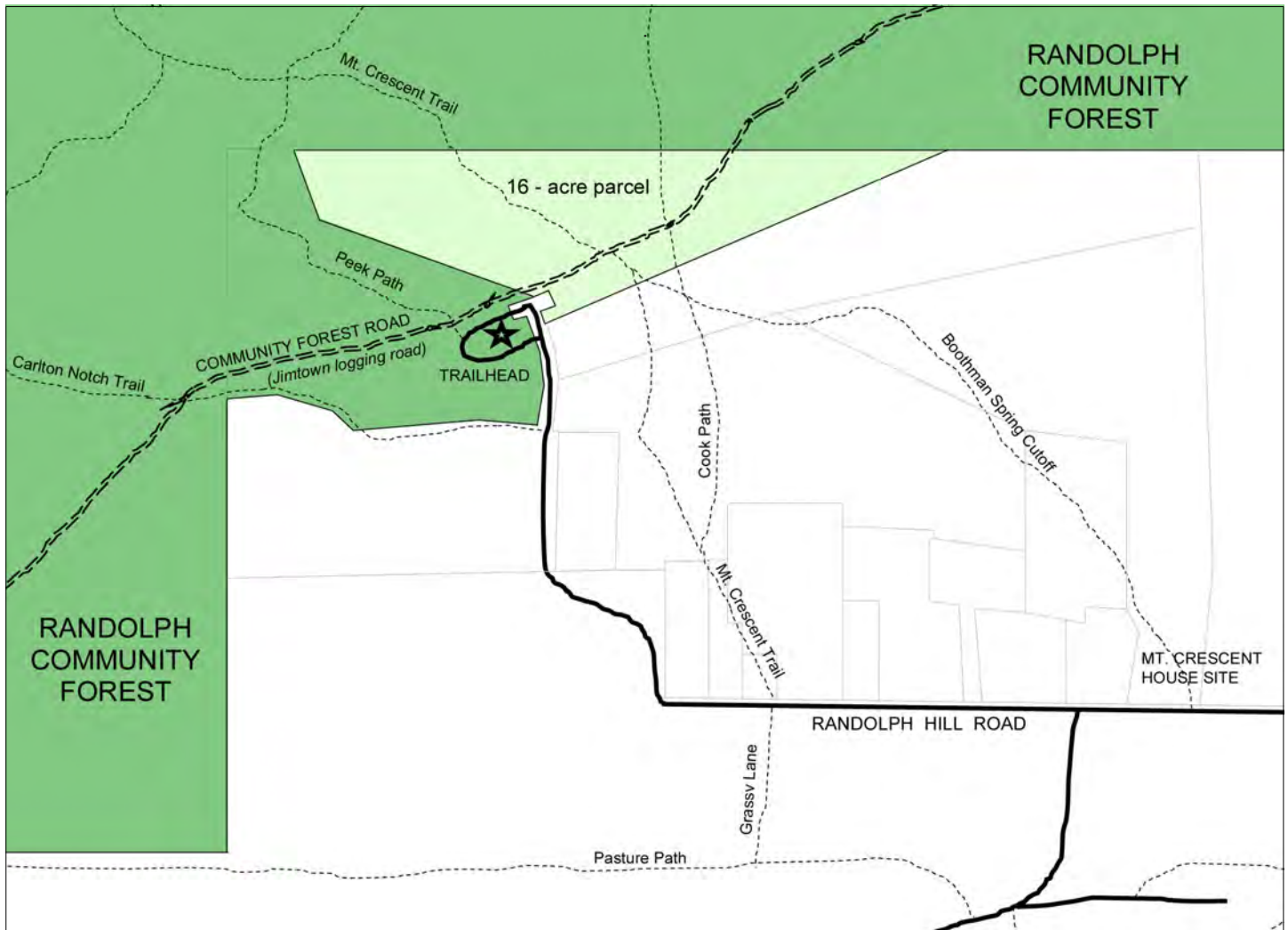
You’ll be hearing more from us about this important initiative in the coming months, but in the meantime, feel free to speak with any member of the Mt. Crescent Land Protection Campaign Committee: Sarah Eusden Gallop, Sally Boothman Glines, Jamie Maddock, Randy Meiklejohn, Ben Phinney, and John Scarinza.

Thank you for considering this request within your giving plans.

It’s an honor for us to be serving the Randolph community in our current roles and to spearhead this effort together. This campaign can provide us with the ability to expand the Community Forest, protect our historic and well-used hill trails as well as the Randolph Community Forest Trailhead, and maintain critically important public access to all-season forest recreation on Randolph Hill.

For more information, look for the Mt. Crescent Land Protection Campaign table at the RMC’s Fourth of July Tea, and see the box on the opposite page for more information.

Sarah Eusden Gallop is President of the Randolph Foundation; Jamie Maddock is President of the Randolph Mountain Club. Photo above (on the sixteen acres, May 2018) by Sue Maddock.



Above, map diagram of the Mt. Crescent area, Randolph Hill and the Randolph Community Forest Trailhead. The Community Forest is shown shaded dark green, and the sixteen-acre parcel proposed to be added to the Forest is shown in lighter green. RMC trails are shown dashed. Based on the RMC's trail map, 2016; cartography by Jonathan Hall. Land parcels based on Town of Randolph tax maps. Below: the wildlife opening near the Community Forest trailhead in 2014. Map and photo by R. Meiklejohn.

Editor's note: **The Randolph Foundation**

RMC members who live outside Randolph might want to know: what is the Randolph Foundation?

The Randolph Foundation is a non-profit community organization created in 1960, and sustained today, by the residents and friends of Randolph, New Hampshire. The Foundation supports the needs of Randolph and its neighboring towns in a variety of areas including conservation, communication, education, recreation, town history, leadership, health and welfare, and other issues as determined by the Board of Directors and the Randolph community. Foundation membership is open to all.

The Foundation's community publications include the Mountain View (quarterly) the Blizzard (weekly in winter) and the Weekly (Fridays in July and August).

Publications and info at: www.randolphfoundationnh.org.



To contribute,

or to request additional information, you are invited to contact any of the Campaign committee leaders:

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 Randy Meiklejohn, rmeiklejohn@verizon.net, (617) 543-9515
 Ben Phinney, phinneyben@me.com, (617) 699-7515.

Or send to: Randolph Foundation, PO Box 283 Gorham NH 03581

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experience from work in Alaska, Utah and many other locations. We also welcome first-year crew members Austen Bernier, Isaac Kirk-Davidoff, Brodie Holmes, Sam Marshall, Nicole Ponte and Matthew Schilke.

A very busy and productive season is in store, starting right after Memorial Day weekend with Orientation, which will include Axe Day with the USFS, along with trail work skills, tool and safety training provided by former Field Supervisors Ben Lieberon and Brian Behr, as well as former crew member, Benzo Harris. Additional training in Basic Rigging and Alpine Rigging will be offered to several of our crew by Jed Talbot's "Off the Beaten Path Trailworks", with funding provided by the White Mountain Trail Collective. After patrolling the trail system and starting replacement of bog bridges on Pasture Path, the crew will begin our major summer project: trail repairs on the Short Line. The erosion control and trail hardening on this trail is being funded by a grant from the NH Recreational Trails Program, along with RMC resources, which include matching funds and many volunteer work hours. Improvements to the Rollo Falls Trail will be made through a joint project with the Randolph Community Forest Commission, with most work being completed by 'Forest Day' on August 4. A new trail work experience is in store when the crew joins with many other trail-maintaining organizations for a week of above tree-line trail repairs on the Crawford Path. This project is being managed by the White Mountain Trail Collective, with major funding provided by REI and the USFS, to celebrate 200 years of continual use of this historic path. Our crew will be working along with the WMNF Pemi Crew between Mt. Eisenhower and Mt. Monroe during the week of July 23-26, providing a great chance to support the crew (bring treats!) and see the benefits of collective action for trail work.

We are very appreciative of the continued support from our partners, including the Randolph Community Forest, The US Forest Service/WMNF and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, as well as the State of New Hampshire's Bureau of Trails, as we endeavor to care for our historic trail system. Each year the backlog of work indicates that more resources are needed to sustain this effort: additional funding for our work which includes trail repairs and viewshed clearing, and volunteering to help maintain the trails. Your ongoing support, in whatever for you can provide it, will help keep the RMC's legendary trail network among the very best.

We hope to see everyone enjoying the trails this season, and that you will let us know of any conditions that may need looking into.

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looking for our second fall caretaker and applications are beginning to come in. We are even starting to think about winter – even though it just ended!

On the project front this summer, over at **Crag Camp** we will continue to work on finishing weather sealing and window replacement, as well as replacement of the doors. There are eight remaining windows at Crag that will be replaced. In recent years we have seen evidence of water infiltration around the doors. We are also now seeing water infiltration in the Caretaker Room, so we will open up the wall there to determine the source and try to repair it. At **Gray Knob** this summer, we will expand—and thus complete—the composting toilet work platform behind the outhouse. This work of this project was begun a few years ago. Owing to a very steep slope behind Gray Knob's outhouse, a deck system is needed to accommodate all of the composting infrastructure as well as provide enough room for a few field staff to work safely on level ground when processing a batch of compost.

At the **Perch** we will begin a yearlong research project to determine how often the site is over capacity. Over the past several seasons, field staff have observed several user-created (bootleg) camp sites being created beyond the existing tent platforms. Boreal forest areas around the shelter are very slow to recover from the removal of vegetation and erosion caused by camp site creation. The results of this research should help us determine whether or not additional designated camping sites (pads or platforms) need to be considered. We will work closely with both the Forest Service and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC) as we move forward. The **Log Cabin** will receive a thorough application of linseed oil this year both inside and out to help preserve the structure.

To help us complete these important projects, I am pleased to report we were successful in obtaining funding assistance from the ATC through their Grants to Clubs program (with support from L.L. Bean) to help defray the cost of the composting work platform behind Gray Knob. Thank you L.L. Bean and ATC for your continued support of RMC's Camps Program.

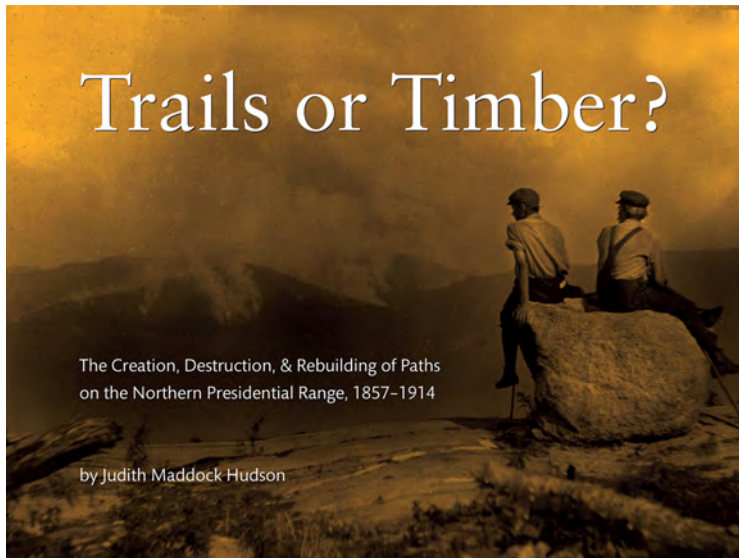
The RMC Camps Committee wants to thank the club's Board of Directors and the membership for their continued support of this program, and we encourage our members to visit to the camps this coming season.

Mt. Jefferson from the Quay, 2017. Carl Herz photo.



New RMC book in 2018

By Judy Hudson

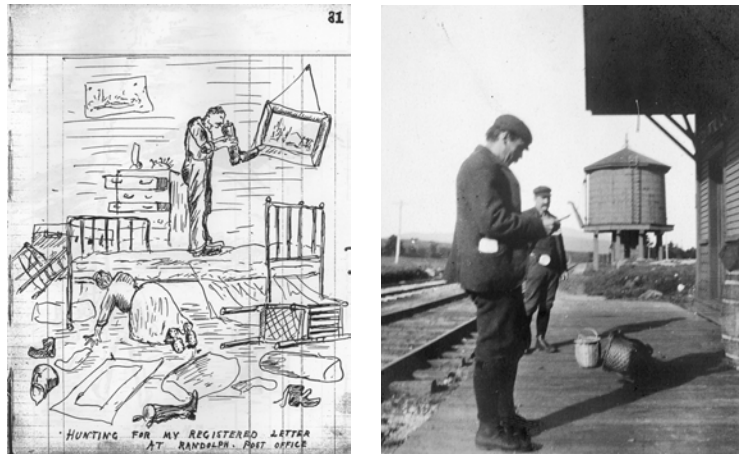


My forthcoming book, *Trails or Timber?* is a collection of about 80 images, mostly set in Randolph valley. All but a few of the photos or sketches have never been published. The volume, which covers the period from 1851-1914, began as a slide-lecture that I presented at Randolph's Town Hall during the 2011 centennial celebration of the Weeks Act.

Allison Bell (also this year's guest speaker at the RMC Annual Meeting) is designing a slim volume that will be 12" wide by 9" high and running to around 50 pages. The book will be printed by Puritan Press of Hollis, NH with the supervision of Stinehour Editions of South Lunenburg, VT.

Edith Tucker has been instrumental in helping me convert the lecture into a printed format, and the Board of the RMC has agreed to serve as publisher and distributor.

I hope the book will be in print in time for this year's RMC annual meeting on August 11th.



Book cover, top left: George Flagg (r) and his son Granville, looking from Pine Mountain across to fires on Mt. Moriah, 1911; photo by Charles Flagg.

Flagg Archive, courtesy of Eric Sandin.

Sketch by George Flagg, far left: "Hunting for my registered letter at the Post Office," 1907. Randolph postmaster Frank Wood and probably his wife Florence searching high and low. George Flagg carried on his philately business during his summers in Randolph.

Flagg Archive, courtesy of Eric Sandin.

Photo (detail) near left: Looking west from Bowman Station, 1902, with the huge water tank in the background. Vyron Lowe in the foreground.

Lowe Archive, courtesy of Alan Lowe.

Annual Meeting speaker profile

By Judy Hudson and Randy Meiklejohn

At the 2018 Annual Meeting we will have a presentation by Allison Bell, titled "The 1902 Hike that Helped Save the White Mountains." Allison is a naturalist, photographer, writer and book designer based in Massachusetts, and the co-author (with Nancy Slack) of the *AMC Field Guide to the New England Alpine Summits*. Along with Christopher Kuntze she designed the latest (2016) edition of *Randolph Paths*, and her article about a study of invasive dandelions on Mt. Washington appeared in the June 2015 issue of the RMC newsletter.

The Annual Meeting presentation is drawn from her as-yet-unpublished new book, which features letters written about a trek three women (and one's nephew) took to the Perch and beyond in 1902, guided by Vyron D. Lowe of Randolph. It covers the 1911 passage of the Weeks Act establishing the National Forest system, and includes many illustrations.



Right, Allison Bell crouching by the krummholz along the Chandler Brook Trail on Mt. Washington; below, a few of her publications on nature and the mountains. Courtesy photos.

Treasurer's Report*By Kathleen Kelley*

	Administration	Development	Camps	Stearns	Trails Grants	Trails	Total	2018 Budget
Revenue								
YTD 04/30:	\$17,352	12,792	11,248	0	0	0	41,392	\$150,290
Expense								
YTD 04/30:	\$7,546	2,519	10,414	2,075	0	0	22,554	\$153,533
Net	9,796	10,273	834	(2,075)	0	0	18,838	

We are performing better than the budget for the first part of 2018. The camp overnight fee increase for non-members went into effect April 1, so that camp operating costs are covered. This fee change has not impacted April nonmember overnight stays. The trail payroll expense will blossom starting June 1, much like the alpine flora, because the trail crew will begin their work. We anticipate using restricted funds for the repair work on camps (Mt. Madison Fund) and Stearns (Employee Housing Reserve Fund), which is why the operating budget does not appear balanced. Every quarter we receive restricted donations, which are not reflected in the operating budget and are spent only in compliance with the donor specification and board approval (YTD total received \$2,000.00). As of 04/30/2018 we have received 27.5% of the revenue we have budgeted for this year, and incurred 14.7% of the expenses.

Volunteer work trips, continued from page 1

Sun Mon Tue **Wednesday** Thu Fri **Saturday**

**VOLUNTEER WORK TRIPS
CALENDAR, 2018**

Trips are scheduled during June, July and August; there will be no trips on two Saturdays in August when other events are scheduled. Miles indicated are for length of trail work area, not travel to it. Work is brushing and blazing, except waterbar repair and sidehill erosion repair on Short Line, and bog bridge installation on Pasture Path and Maple Walk. Hill trails blazing will cover the Beeline, Carlton Notch Trail, Pasture Path, and Sargent Path. For Appalachia meet-up, you may park at the trailhead lot, or at the Ravine House site on Durand Road.

Interested volunteers are welcome to contact the organizers for more information, or with any questions.

Before July 1: Chris Campbell,
Campbell@maine.edu, (207) 356-1123;
after July 1: Wendy Walsh,
wendy.walsh@unh.edu,
(603) 401-7899.

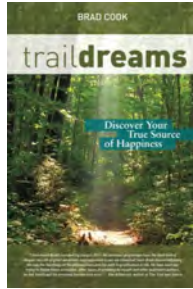
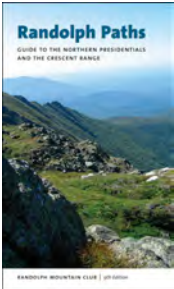
*The trip on August 15 is in the alpine zone along the RMC-maintained section of the Appalachian Trail, on the Gulfside between Edmands Col and Madison Spring Hut. This is our most distant work site and the work will be physically demanding; we recommend you contact the RMC trails chair directly with any questions about volunteering on this day, at trailschair@randolphmountainclub.org.

			June 20 Diagonal, 1.3 mi (meet: Ravine House site)			June 23 Pasture Path, bog bridges (Community Forest Trailhead)
			June 27 Pasture Path, bog bridges (Community Forest Trailhead)			June 30 Maple Walk, bog br., 0.2 mi (Bradleys', Cold Brook Rd.)
			July 4 Hill trails blazing (1), 2.8 mi (Community Forest Trailhead)			July 7 Short Line (1), waterbars (Appalachia kiosk)
			July 11 Short Line (2), erosion repair (Appalachia kiosk)			July 14 Short Line (3) or TBD (Appalachia kiosk)
			July 18 Crescent Ridge Tr. (1), 1 mi (Community Forest Trailhead)			July 21 Crescent Ridge Tr. (2), 1 mi (Community Forest Trailhead)
			July 25 Crescent Ridge Tr. (3), 1 mi (Community Forest Trailhead)			July 28 Castle Ravine Tr. (1), 1 mi (Bowman)
			August 1 Castle Ravine Tr. (2), 1 mi (Bowman)			August 4 [No trip - Randolph Community Forest Day]
			August 8 Scar Tr. + Bruins, 1.2 mi (Appalachia kiosk)			August 11 Hill trails blazing (2), 2.8 mi (TBD)
			August 15* Gulfside (Edmands/Madison) (Appalachia kiosk)			August 18 [No trip - RMC Annual Picnic]
			August 22 Link (Caps to Castles), 1.6 mi (Jefferson Notch Rd.)			August 29 Link (Castles to Ravine), .9 mi (Jefferson Notch Rd.)
			August 29 Rain day (Trip and meeting location TBD)			

RMC Website and Merchandise

Jeff Smith / Michele Cormier

Head to the RMC website year-round for **new memberships** or **membership renewal**, **merchandise**, **events**, **volunteer work trips**, **regular hikes**, and more. A few featured items:



Clockwise from top left: 2016 *Randolph Paths*; Brad Cook's *Trail Dreams*; Judy Hudson's *Peaks & Paths*; cozy fleece hat and "green logo" t-shirt.



Go to **STUFF WE SELL** for merchandise; look for events and trips under **ABOUT THE RMC**.

To join, renew or donate, use **Quick Links** at center of page.

Our website: www.randolphmountainclub.org.

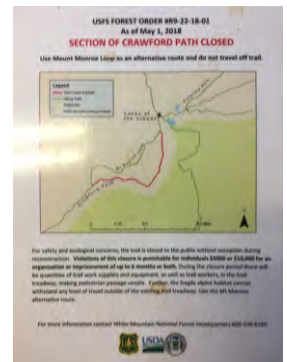
For **membership** or **merchandise** you may pay with **Paypal**.

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volunteer groups share skills and knowledge, resulting in greater productivity and better-trained crews. Currently the following clubs and trail maintainers have signed on for this effort, along with the USFS: Appalachian Mountain Club, Randolph Mountain Club, Dartmouth Outing Club, Wonalancet Out Door Club, Student Conservation Association, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, and Off the Beaten Path Trailworks. The project is planned for both the 2018 and the 2019 seasons, with advance work having already begun. Crews will be performing cairn and scree wall improvements, constructing additional rock steps and drainage features, and walling off user-created trails, all starting in June and continuing through mid-September for this year.

The RMC Crew will be working with the WMNF Pemi Crew between Mt. Eisenhower and Mt. Monroe during the week of July 23-26, camping out below treeline and reaching the work sites via the Edmands Path. Rigging training (Basic/Alpine) for several crew members will also be provided by Off the Beaten Path Trailworks, as part of our participation in this collaborative effort. We plan to showcase the White Mountain rock work that our crews perform and improve our skills, as we join with other trail maintainers in trying this new approach to trail work.

[Note to hikers: As this newsletter was in production in May, the RMC learned that the Forest Service has temporarily closed a section of the Crawford Path on Mt. Monroe, and will require all hikers to follow the Mt. Monroe Loop instead. – Ed.]



Welcome new members!

Joined Nov. 2017 – April 2018

Erika Aaron & Mark Fliegelman, Philadelphia PA

Samuel Banas, Belchertown MA

Wesley Barry, Kingston NH

Alex Bates, Amesbury MA

Charles Besaw, Piney Creek NC

Deirdre Bolduc, Berlin HNK

Vincent Brault, Sherborn MA

Bradley Calabro, Dover NH

Guy Camire, Goffstown NH

Jared Cape, Whitefield NH

Gale Carey, Durham NH

Kenneth Chester, Lancaster NH

Jim Chute, Merrimac MA

Kelly Cramer, Watertown MA

Jessica Deane, Morganville NJ

Randal Dixon, Weare NH

Carl Doe, Plymouth NH

Alec Duling, Fairfax VT

Garry Dunster, Upton MA

Michael Friedman, Lexington MA

Mark Genest, Providence RI

Joseph Gilbery, Manchester NH

Josiah Gummeson, Belchertown MA

Mary Alfonsi Hart, Guilford CT

Debra Hodgkins, Centerville MA

James Huebner, West Hartford CT

Stephen Hurd, Tampa FL

Brian Kelly, Reading MA

Helga LaCroix, Ware MA

Jennifer Layne-Eastman, Chatham NH

Karen MacKnight, Newtown CT

Beth Malachowsky, Lewiston ME

Craig Marshall, East Freetown MA

Timothy Mather, Marlborough CT

Mark McKeen, Quincy MA

Glenn Meister, Wellesley MA

Ilse Mercier, Auburn ME

Berryman Minah, North Attleboro MA

Kathlyn Moran, North Woodstock NH

Tracy Morgan, Rochester NH

Kevin Mulligan, Clark NJ

Lauren Murray, Belfast ME

Paul Nakroshis, Peaks Island ME

Tim Pratt, Mountain View CA

Roshan Rao, Acton MA

Tracy & Leane Rexford, Berlin NH

Wanda Rice, Windham NH

Serena Ryan, North Woodstock NH

Tom Schram, Durham NH

Corey Sheehan, Hillsborough NH

Lynn Sheridan, Lisbon NH

Christopher Sherman, Duxbury MA

Brett Sorenson, Belmont MA

Kenneth Stewart &

Mary Lou Caffrey, Keene NH

Thomas Stone, Cambridge MA

Beth Sullivan, North Billerica MA

Charles Tracey, Westwood MA

Carsten Turner, Milford NH

Erin Tuveson, North Woodstock NH

Douglas Verney, Center Conway NH

Brian Wagner, Lafayette IN

Serena Walsh, North Woodstock NH

Peter Weatherly, Charlottesville VA

Andrew Welsh, Campton NH

John Wike, Portsmouth NH

Michael Woessner, Westford MA

Jonathan Zoller, Strafford NH

Lead an RMC trip in 2018!

By Barbara Cutter and Brian Roberts

Hey Hikers! Summer is almost here so it's time to start planning the RMC summer trips. All are invited to lead a hike (or perhaps a canoe trip, bike ride, bird watching or artistic expedition). If you can hike, you can lead a hike! Trips are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays between July 4th and the end of August, and we are looking for a mix of shorter/easy hikes and longer/more challenging trips. We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible – especially for the July 5, 10 and 12 dates so we can get them listed in the Weekly. Also, if the traditional Tuesday/Thursday dates don't work for you, feel free to suggest something different. To sign up, or for more information, please contact either of the trips co-chairs: Barbara Cutter, (319) 290-4404, cutter.barbara@gmail.com or Brian Roberts, (319) 290-4406.

Thanks in advance for volunteering!

The story behind the picture (by Barbara) on this page:

We were scheduled to lead a trip up Middle and North Sugarloaf on July 13 last summer. It had rained hard all night and it was still pouring when we woke up in the morning. Who would want to go on our trip in *this* weather? But around 8:00 am, despite the continuing downpour, we began to get calls from disappointed hikers. They all began the conversation saying something like “I assume the trip is



cancelled for today?” But you could hear a tiny hint of hope in their voices - they were double-checking – perhaps, maybe, we were still planning to go ahead with the trip, somehow?

We're still going, we told them - after all, the forecast claimed it would clear by 9:30, and if not, what's a little rain? When we arrived at Bowman we were heartened to find six intrepid hikers and one dog ready to go. By the time we got to the trailhead, the rain had stopped. It was cool and overcast and this popular, usually crowded trail was nearly empty. We had the summit to ourselves for a long time, ate a leisurely lunch and admired the vista that was made mysterious by shifting clouds. The day confirmed what we all already knew: it is always better to go hiking.