Summer 2014 saw the opening of the new trailhead on Randolph Hill, at a ceremony on August 2, and—somewhat less officially—the opening of two new RMC trails that connect to it. While other changes are yet to come, this summer’s openings are a major milestone, achieved after years of planning between the Town of Randolph, the Randolph Community Forest, and the Randolph Mountain Club, and with the significant efforts of individuals in the Randolph community. RMC members should understand how these accomplishments in land protection and public access have benefited the club’s trail network, and are invited to come up to the Hill to see how it has all come together.

This article is meant to give members an overview of all the recent changes and an overview of the Forest’s purpose, and it includes the first map of the trailhead area (see page 7), showing the new road, trailhead parking, trails and public land boundaries as they will appear in future maps and guidebooks to be published by the RMC and AMC.

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From the President …

I’ve come to Randolph every year of my life so far, but most of the time I live in the city, in Brookline, Massachusetts. My “streetcar” neighborhood was laid out, and many of the houses were built, in the 1890’s, when logging was at its peak in northern New Hampshire, converting the forests into building materials. One house nearby was lived in, at that time, by Frederick Law Olmsted, well known as a designer of parks, campuses and suburbs, and a key figure in the establishment of the national park system. Olmsted and his sons had their offices in the house for many decades, and today it’s a National Historic Site and a scholarly archive.

Like other RMC members, I try to get outside wherever I am, and in the city that often means I’m in an Olmsted park, such as the great ones in Boston, New York or Montreal. These parks were created through much engineering and artifice, but the experiences they have always offered are real: to roam freely outdoors, and to separate from a busy modern life. I know that feeling, because I also get it when I’m on a trail in the White Mountains; and it makes me notice that a lot of my outdoor world, which suits my modern life so well, is not modern at all. Olmsted’s parks, the National Forests, the RMC trails and shelters -- all date from over a century ago. And I don’t mind keeping in touch with the past, especially in Randolph, but if these outdoor places serve us well today, I think it’s more because they were thoughtfully conceived at their creation, and well cared for since.

Today, the care of an organization like the RMC requires a lot of energy, collegiality and just plain work, by the club’s directors and other committed volunteers. At the 2014 Annual Meeting we said our thanks to John Scarinza, Michele Cormier and Sarah Gallop as they ended their terms on the board, and they are a powerhouse group. Just the highlights: John and Michele were each President; Sarah presided over Social Events and board nominations. John continues in an active role on camps and the logistics of club projects; Michele hasn’t skipped a beat as she carries on managing merchandise and membership.

Let me know if you’d like to get more involved, or if you have thoughts or questions for the club. We aim to take good care of the RMC, and that takes new ideas as well as an awareness of our history. My e-mail address: president@randolphmountainclub.org.

Randy

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.

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New RMC Directors

By Sarah Gallop, Nominating Comm. chair

At the 2014 Annual Meeting on August 9, members elected three new directors to three-year terms on the board; brief biographies are below. Members also re-elected directors Chris Campbell and Ryan Smith to second three-year terms, and elected Randy Meiklejohn as President. See Randy’s notes, on the opposite page, thanking outgoing directors Michele Cormier and Sarah Gallop, and outgoing President John Scarinza.

Hailing from Portland, ME, **Benzo Harris** is a media producer, reporter, and photographer. With a history and politics degree from the University of Glasgow, he has worked for a variety of news outlets where he engaged in writing, reporting, editing, managing social media, and photography. Benzo currently works in Portland as the New Media Producer for HIMSS — a global, cause-based, not-for-profit organization focused on better health through information technology. He served on the RMC trail crew from 2008 to 2011, and is the son of 1952 trail crew member Chris Harris. He also worked for the AMC on the Roving Conservation Crew in 2011. In August he hiked the Pacific Northwest Trail, and will be in Antarctica when this newsletter appears.

Originally from Loudon, NH, **Jenn Scarinza** (Jenn Barton, until last September) has always loved spending time in the woods. She is a graduate of Sterling College and the University of NH, and has a real passion for agriculture and the environment. Jenn came to the North Country eleven years ago for a teaching job and continues to work as the instructor in Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation at White Mountains Regional High School in Whitefield. For three summers, she served as a crew leader for the YCC trail crew in Pondicherry. Jenn loves living in Randolph and feels very fortunate to have been so warmly welcomed into the community. Her favorite activities include paddling, gardening, photography, and making maple syrup with her husband, John.

**Nate Shedd** grew up in Connecticut and returned there after college to work as an Interpretive Naturalist for the state Department of Environmental Protection, before his interest and appreciation of the natural world brought him to the White Mountains. After Nate and his wife relocated to Gorham, he went on to work with the Appalachian Mountain Club, the White Mountain School and also as a rock and ice climbing guide. Currently he’s a stay-at-home dad who cares for his young daughter while pursuing an education and career as a school psychologist. Nate is an avid hiker and trail runner who particularly enjoys the challenge of one-day range traverses. Additionally he spends time as a volunteer Alpine Steward for the USFS, and relishes the opportunity to share his enthusiasm for the ecology of the White Mountains.

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**Welcome New RMC Members!**

*Names and locations of new members since May 2014.*

**Gary Whitten**, Phoenix AZ  
**Amy Aloe**, Harpswell ME  
**Marcel Charpentier**, Mohegan RI  
**Tony Kantarowski**, Boston MA  
**Rene Reeves**, Ashburnham MA  
**Bruce Daube**, Cambridge MA  
**Dave & Gay Ruble**, Randolph NH  
**Martha Geilens**, Bronx NY  
**Scott Mackay**, Marietta GA  
**Charlie Ekdahl**, Northampton MA  
**Geoff Nichols**, Greenfield MA  
**Kevin Bennett & Michael Nagle**, Jaffrey NH  
**Ronald Belida**, Stow MA  
**Ray Chaput**, Twin Mtn. NH  
**Russell Bixler**, New York NY  
**Andy Wyatt**, Pownal ME  
**Devon Lippman**, Cumberland RI  
**John Kaplan**, Atlanta GA  
**Kimberly Dolmatch**, Palo Alto CA  
**William Eastham**, Milwaukee WI  
**Alan Davis & Susan Swope**, Guildhall VT  
**Ray Bligh**, Westwood MA  
**Keith McInnes**, Auburndale MA  
**Rebecca More**, Providence RI  
**Neil O’ Brien**, Amherst MA  
**Cynthia Hiatt & Tom Arrison**, Providence RI  
**Melanie Winther**, Franklin NH  
**Chip Sheridan**, Manchester NH  
**Douglas Copeley**, Webster NH  
**Pamela Altomare**, Lancaster NH  
**Timothy Borchardt**, Bethel ME  
**Mark Glines**, Harvest AL  
**Mary Ann Zavec & Bruce Jacobs**, Randolph Ctr. VT  
**John Patrick**, Denmark ME  
**Jim Robinson**, Cranston RI  
**Lauren Murray**, Northport ME  
**Matthew Hicks**, Concord NH  
**Elizabeth Seabury**, Concord MA  
**Deanna Silva**, Dover NH  
**Jean Chambers & Stephen Harris**, Quincy MA

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A Canada jay followed Bill Arnold down the trail after the October airlift (p. 4), just to get this handout. Barbara Arnold photo.
Camps Report  
_By Pete Antos-Ketcham, Camps chair_

As this newsletter issue goes to print, we have just recently accomplished our airlift to Gray Knob and Crag Camp, after several attempts in October when the weather did not cooperate. We sent up building materials and tools for replacement of windows and a door at Crag Camp; John Tremblay and John Scarinza are coordinating the work. This season’s load of Bio-bricks, first used in the Gray Knob stove in winter 2013-14, was also flown in, and we flew out some bulky trash remaining from earlier construction projects at both camps. Many thanks to those who patiently waited with us for good weather so we could get the airlift done before winter; see photos on this page.

Our caretakers have continued to manage the camps well during the transitions between seasons in 2014. Hannah Marshall and Adam Fryska were at Gray Knob and Crag Camp, respectively, this summer; Justin Taylor then took over for Hannah after her departure in July. In the fall, Mike Joe Jones and Kevin Ross alternated weeks covering both camps, from a base at Gray Knob. Mike Joe returns for another stint in the winter, joined by Adam. They have all worked well together and got good support from our field supervisor Cheryl Byrne, in her first season. Looking ahead, we expect Cheryl to be back in the spring before the trail crew season begins, covering the camps together with JP Kro l.

Viewshed clearing on RMC trails  
_By George Brown, Trails chair_

As reported in the June issue of this newsletter, the Trails Committee has begun to work with the Forest Service on a proposal to restore historic viewsheds along RMC trails in the White Mountain National Forest. At Kelton Crag, Dome Rock, White Cliff and King Cliff, the forest has gradually grown in, restricting or nearly eliminating the views that made these places enjoyable hiking destinations during much of the twentieth century. See the current conditions in photographs at the bottom of this page. As mentioned in the earlier article, the USFS must consider the impact of any tree removal on animal habitat, and they will also consider the scenic and historic value of the views that the RMC proposes to restore.

You can help support our Forest Service application.  We’re hoping that RMC members, especially those who have hiked to these viewpoints for many decades, will be able to share photographs taken at any of them, so that we can document our case for the importance and value of these disappearing views. The most useful photographs are those that are taken from one of these four viewpoints; can be dated to a specific year, or a decade, from the 1980’s or earlier; and show the view available and the height of trees at that time.

Digital scans of old photographs can be sent to me at the Trails e-mail address on the RMC website, which is: trailschair@randolphmountainclub.org. If you have slides or prints and need them digitized, please send a message to Trails and I will make arrangements with club archivist Al Hudson to assist you. Thanks!
Trails Report
by George Brown

The Trails Committee and crew had another successful and productive season in 2014. We have been fortunate to hire an excellent new Field Supervisor, Cheryl Byrne, to oversee this year's trail projects as well as the RMC camps. In early summer the crew completed last year's projects on the Cliffway and The Link, and then focused on the major job for this season, on Four Soldiers and Underhill Paths. Work included trail hardening, drainage and bog bridges. Funding for this work is under a grant from New Hampshire Recreational Trails Program (RTP), a competitive grant program that offers funding for quality public trail projects throughout New Hampshire.

In addition, the trail crew worked a few days at the new Community Forest Trailhead, opening up and blazing newly cut trails connecting to the Mt. Crescent Trail and the Cook Path. After the end of the summer season in August, a three-person fall trail crew was hired to complete the Four Soldiers/Underhill work, and to do the fall patrol of the trail network.

2014 Volunteer Work Trips
by Chris Campbell

Our primary goal this year was blazing Four Soldiers and Underhill Paths. The club had funding for trail work that was contingent upon matching funds, for which volunteer work on these two trails qualified at a rate slightly under $20/hour. Bob Drescher, who has been a stalwart volunteer trail worker over the years, and I co-led the effort this year.

On May 29, George Brown trained Bob and me in trail blazing, and on June 12, Bob and I scouted Four Soldiers and Underhill Paths. Work days began on July 19, and this year’s other volunteers included Barbara Cutter, Brian Roberts, Andy Wiley, Jeff Bean, Dorothy Corey, George Dunham, Renee Dunham, Sandy Harris, Beth Krusi, Steve Weber, Randy Meiklejohn, Margaret Campbell, and David and Allison Tomlinson.

This year we totaled 129 hours from 15 different volunteers, and blazed and brushed about two thirds of the Four Soldiers Path. We appreciate the efforts of all this year’s volunteers and hope we have as good a group in 2015.

Paint blaze colors:

*Why do trails in the White Mountain National Forest have paint blazes in different colors? It depends on the trail and its location.* Appalachian Trail is white; trails connecting directly to the AT are blue; all other trails are yellow; RMC trails outside the WMNF are orange. *In designated Wilderness areas, trails are not blazed.*
Community Forest Trailhead, continued from page 1

WHAT HAPPENED IN 2014?

June and July: Construction of the road loop and parking areas at the trailhead, by Kel-Log Inc. of Milan NH, under the supervision of the Randolph Community Forest Commission, on behalf of the Town of Randolph.

July: The RMC opened two new trails, cut in fall 2013 to connect existing trails to the new trailhead, and marked them with temporary signs. (See the map.)

August: Official opening of the trailhead.

October: RMC board voted to officially add the two new trails to the trail network; Randolph Forest Commission designated the trailhead as the “Randolph Community Forest Trailhead”.

PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE FOREST

Traditional outdoor recreation is one of the main purposes of the Community Forest, along with timber harvesting and natural habitat protection and improvement. For recreation, the concern of assuring public access arose early in the formation of the RCF, and while road access and parking were already present at a few points around the edges of the Forest, in 2002 there was no such point within the populated areas of the town. As many readers know (and as has been periodically reported in this newsletter, starting in 2008),

The Randolph Community Forest (RCF) is a ten thousand-acre tract of land in Randolph and Jefferson, owned and managed by the Town of Randolph through the Randolph Community Forest Commission. It is the largest municipally-owned forest in the United States. The land had long been owned by paper and timber companies, but it was offered for sale after the 1998 ice storm that devastated areas of New England and eastern Canada. Land acquisition funding was achieved through the support of the Forest Legacy program, a number of major grants and gifts from national and regional foundations, and many members of the Randolph community. The land subsequently passed to the Town of Randolph, with a Federal legacy easement held by the State of New Hampshire. The Forest Commission, composed of five Randolph residents, is responsible for management, guided by the conservation easement, the special act for the Town of Randolph passed by the State Legislature in 2001, the Randolph Town Forest Ordinance, and the current stewardship plan. Much more information, photographs and news updates can be found on the forest website: www.randolphforest.org.

Clockwise from left: Roadway construction in June; lower road loop and the wildlife opening; temporary trail signage, Cook Path; view towards the trailhead from Carlton Notch Trail; kiosk and stone bench at trails starting point. John Scarinza, Barbara Arnold, R. Meiklejohn photos.
the subdivision of land on Randolph Hill owned by members of the Boothman family led to an opportunity to address this concern. Acquisition of a ten-acre parcel in the subdivision could provide the missing public access, by connecting Randolph Hill Road to the Forest. Led by Planning Board chair (and recent RMC President) John Scarinza, the “Trailhead Project” went through several stages, to raise money, purchase the ten-acre parcel, and donate it to the Town, culminating in 2014 with the construction of the trailhead and the new connecting RMC trails. (The access road had been built after the land was subdivided, and the adjacent three-acre wildlife opening had been created in 2012.) With this milestone passed, the RMC and the town are now sharing information about this new point of public access with outdoor enthusiasts in Randolph, neighboring communities, and from afar.

COMING SOON:

The Interpretive Trail: The Forest Commission is currently at work on the layout of an interpretive loop trail, starting at the Community Forest Trailhead. The trail will lead to, and offer information about, different areas such as the wildlife opening, the twenty-six miles of logging roads on the Community Forest, and locations with unusual ecological or historical resources. Watch the Forest website for updates.

Trail Relocation: At its January 2015 meeting, the RMC board will consider a proposal to redirect the lowest portion of the Carlton Notch Trail so that it starts at the Community Forest Trailhead. Currently, the trail starts at the side of the trailhead access road.

Signage and Trail Names: With the changes made to the trail network, the RMC board will also review the naming or re-naming of the new and existing trails in the vicinity of the trailhead, at their January meeting. Currently, the two newly opened trails have no names. The board will consider whether one or both of them should receive new names, or whether any existing trail names (e.g. Mt. Crescent Trail or Cook Path) should be “moved” to the new trails. Members and the general public are welcome to send questions or comments to any current board member, or by e-mail to president Randy Meiklejohn, by January 3, 2015, at president@randolphmountainclub.org. Once the trail names are settled, the club will then make the new trail signs required and send the names to the AMC and other trail and recreation partners.

How important is the Community Forest to the RMC? Take out your *Randolph Valley and the Northern Peaks* map, and look at how many miles of our trails lie within the boundaries of the RCF, from the Vyron D. Lowe Trail to the Ice Gulch Path. The RMC doesn’t own the land under any of its hundred miles of trails, but in the Community Forest we are hosted by a landowner whose commitment to traditional recreation bodes well for the long-term future of our trails there. It’s why we are recognized as a “designated activity manager”, with specific obligations to the Forest for our trail maintenance and other operations.

Permanent public protection of the new areas around the Trailhead helps ensure the future of our trail network and justifies our ongoing investment in trail construction, maintenance and new signs, maps and guidebooks. At the same time, the club remains committed to the maintenance of the historic trails in this area, which connect Mt. Crescent and the Ice Gulch to Randolph Hill Road, the Pasture Path and trails to Durand Road. Together, the old and new trails expand the local walking routes that keep members of the Randolph community connected to the forest and mountains that surround us.
Reflections of a Trail Crew Member, 1962-63
By Chris Campbell

“Let’s try the bar on the other side” said Jon Frueh, as we struggled to move a large red spruce trunk lying across the upper part of the Israel Ridge Path. There were just the two of us on the RMC trail crew in 1962 and 1963, we carried only hand tools, and we often moved large logs off trails by leveraging with a portion of the trunk of a small tree.

Jon and I knew much about RMC trails from hiking in our childhood. We had also learned about clearing the trails from my older brother, Ash, who had been on the RMC trail crew in the summers of 1960 and 1961. What we needed was what to pay attention to on particular trails, and what trails or portions of trails to work on each day.

My family’s two dogs, Jena and Roger, were our constant trail companions. Both dogs were mongrels on the brink of death as puppies before we rescued them. Roger, for example, had been “won” in a poker game involving Mt. Crescent House employees. The morning after the poker game, his new owner decided that he could not keep the puppy and was preparing to shoot him when we intervened. For these dogs, who spent their winters in what was for them “boring urban eastern Massachusetts”, summer on the RMC trails was heaven. Their days were filled with running, many times farther than we could walk, and ended in peaceful exhaustion.

The RMC trail system was about the same total length (100 miles) in 1962 and 1963 as it is now, but our work on the trail crew was very different from that of today’s crews. We swept over the trails, taking out minor obstructions with a sickle and larger ones with a 30-inch bow saw. Foot traffic, and therefore trail erosion, was much less then, and we did not engage in the major trail upgrades required of today’s crews. We worked six or seven weeks on the trails, starting in mid-June.

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A special part of those summers was using Crag Camp as a base for work on high-elevation RMC trails. In 1962, my brother Ash was Crag caretaker, followed in 1963 by Bill Arnold and Peter Bowers. Here we worked with the song of brother Ash was Crag caretaker, followed in 1963 by Bill Arnold and Peter Bowers. Here we worked with the song of black-throated sparrow in our ears and spectacular views of ravines and peaks all around us. Those days were halcyon.

Hard work built large appetites. We carried our lunches in old saltine tins, which held roughly one third of a cubic foot. We might have shared one tin, but it is more likely that we each had our own. We did not carry water bottles but drank from the brooks and streams RMC trails cross. Brooks are the breeding sites of black flies, as anyone who has tarried near a brook in June knows. We defended ourselves against black flies, with “Woodsman’s” fly dope, head-netting worn over a broad-brimmed hat, and moving quickly. We wanted water with lunch and so often had lunch near a brook. Eating required removal of head-netting and gloves. We had developed a tolerance to black-fly bites over the years of summering in Randolph and were not bothered excessively during most lunches. During one lunch at Peboamauk Fall, however, the black flies were ferocious. When we noticed that the back of our hands were almost covered by flies, we put on our gloves, put our sandwiches inside the head-netting, and ate some of the lunch near an ice cave in the Ice Gulch.

Ice Gulch Path was one of our favorites because Jon’s grandfather, Charles C. Torrey, was involved in its creation. This path was near our summer homes, and we often hiked it. We liked to climb over the boulders and cool off near the ice near their base. It was difficult for the dogs to get through the boulders, but they always managed to find a route. Another favorite of mine was the Great Gully Trail, with its rapid rise out of King Ravine and dramatic views. Many years later I learned that my father went on the RMC hike on the day the trail was officially opened, some time in the early 1930s, along with the builder of the trail, H. M. Dadourian, professor of mathematics at Trinity College.

Jon and I were both drawn to certain spots on RMC trails that had a family history. Jon’s grandfather Torrey was one of the builders of Spur Cabin, situated off the Spur Trail on the west side of Spur Brook. Jon’s mother had been to the cabin when she was a child and recalled it clearly (see pp. 24-25 of Judy Hudson’s Peaks and Paths. A Century of the Randolph Mountain Club). It was burned in 1929-1930. Jon and I once looked for its remnants, and I think we found a spoon.

Israel Ridge Path was my favorite because it passed over a wonderful part of the northern White Mts., and it was the setting of some my family history. My father’s father took my father’s mother on a hike on the Israel Ridge Path before they were married. On bedrock along Cascade Brook, he built two fires. He moved one fire to the side and cooked one side of a steak on the heated rock, then moved it to the other fire for the other side of the steak. When Jon and I could not move the big red spruce off the Israel Ridge Path and decided that we would have to return with the six-foot-long, two-man saw, I was happy to hike up this trail another time.

Chris Campbell is a current RMC director. Jon Frueh died in 1985, and this article is dedicated to him.
Social Events  
by Barbara Phinney & Jenn Scarinza

2014 again brought members and friends of the RMC together at our social events, in old and new ways. See you in 2015 – and save the date for our spring dinner at Libby’s on April 11!

The 2014 Fourth of July Tea moved to a new location! Mark and Katie Kelley graciously offered their barn as the venue, welcoming about 160 guests.

We had two Libby’s Bistro RMC fundraisers again this year, in spring and summer, raising a record $2,000.00 for the club. Thanks as always to owner/chef Liz Jackson for her generous support of the RMC.

The Gourmet Hike took place on August 7 at the Pine Mountain Ledges, with 28 attending. Thanks to the ongoing cooperation of the Horton Center, a group of cars and hikers was able to drive directly to the Center allowing access to a shorter route to the ledges. Just as the group decided to depart after lunch, a storm moved in bringing thunder, lightning, pouring rain, and hail.

The Annual Picnic and Charades were held on August 16, at Mossy Glen. It was a partly sunny and mild day. Approximately 160 attended. Words: Mountain – ‘crepuscular’; Midlands – ‘panopticon’; Hill – ‘anthropomorphous’; Valley – ‘tracheotomy’. Bill Minifie led the group in singing to close out the event.

The Square Dance at the Beringers’ barn was held on August 16 with over 100 in attendance. Once again, the music and calling was provided by National Heritage Fellows, Dudley & Jacqueline Laufman, with Paul Cormier and other local musicians joining in.

RMC 100 Finisher  
... latest in a series ...

Randolph resident, RMC member and former caretaker (1986-87) Steven Weber is the latest to complete the RMC 100 challenge. He writes:

I reset my mileage when the RMC 100 challenge was announced at the July 4th Tea in 2010. That required me to re-hike many familiar trails, and finally hike those which I had not hiked in a very long time or for some reason I had not yet hiked at all. Between then and the winter of 2012, I had hiked all but about three miles of the challenge. I was only missing the Church Path, the Groveway and the upper end of the Link. In September 2013, I finally got a friend to shuttle me up to Jefferson Notch so I could hike down the Link. Once that was done, the Church Path quickly followed and I finished the challenge at Mossy Glen via the Glenside. I thought it fitting to end at Mossy Glen as it is so “Randolph”.

For information about the RMC 100 challenge and to see photos of other finishers, click on the ‘Our Trails’ sign at the website homepage.
Sign Auction, continued from page 1

collected them, supervised the club’s trail work between the 1940s and the 1970s.

Earliest signs were not standardized, and no club identification was included. Most used a sans serif style, as seen here on the “King Ravine Path” (which can be dated after 1911, when a second hut was built at Madison Spring). A later development, probably from the 1920s, was a stencilled serif font, as seen on the “King Ravine Trail” sign (page 1). The Great Gully Trail and Watson Path signs somehow escaped that standard, although the stencil was used for many years when signage was supervised by Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth E. Jones. All five signs were painted before 1965, when the club adopted the “routed” standard still used today.

The online preview of the sign auction will have begun when members receive this newsletter in late November; at the homepage of the RMC website, click on “Stuff We Sell”, then “Online Auction” on the next screen. At the auction page you will find photographs of each sign, information about its former location and the trail it belongs to, and links to enter your bid.

We hope you’ll enjoy this unusual auction offering, and that you’ll join in and help the club raise funds for trails operations!

Treasurer’s Report – 3rd quarter, 2014
by Regina Ferreira

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| NET           | $7,744       | $(20,554)    | $(1,208)     |

For further information about the club’s finances, contact the Treasurer at samarjitshankar@yahoo.com.

Above: Three of the historic signs to be offered in the auction. Was the DOWN sign once posted at the top of the Ice Gulch, or in King’s on the Ice Caves Loop? Right, top: Trail signs, c. 1900, posted across from the Ravine House, where the Bee Line now crosses the Moose River. Below: Madison Spring Huts, after 1911. Photos: Jeff Smith; Peek Collection, RMC Archive; Guy Shorey photo, Mt. Washington Observatory Collection, RMC Archive; courtesy of the Observatory.
RMC Merchandise
By Barb Phinney and Michele Cormier

Shop early and often for RMC items for the winter season! As always we have new seasonal merchandise and perennial favorites, all available on the website. If you’re not lucky enough to score one of our historic signs in the online auction in December, you can still get cozy winter wear, mugs or posters for your favorite Randolph-loving person or for your own self. Or both!

*Top row center:* Look smart, be smart and stay warm in our popular fleece hat, with RMC embroidered patch. One size fits most. Four handsome colors, some of them new to RMC: black, green, red and blue. $20.  
*Left and right:* Window stickers ($1.50) and sew-on patches ($3.00) are the perfect stocking stuffers.

*Middle row:* Everyone loves our best-selling hot beverage mug with the RMC logo in dreamy colors. $10. And it’s not short-sleeve weather, but can you really resist the t-shirt to match the mug? Front and center on your chest is our high-quality reproduction of the watercolor RMC logo. $20.

*Bottom row:* Stay warm and dry in an RMC COOLMAX® long-sleeve crew neck shirt. $25. And adorn your home or cottage with an RMC poster; we offer this historic Leroy Woodard graphic ($15) as well as others.

Additional items, apparel size info and much more on the website!

Order merchandise on the website: [www.randolphmountainclub.org](http://www.randolphmountainclub.org); click on “Stuff We Sell”.

To order by mail, download the printable order form at the website.

For membership also you may use the website, or the form at the bottom of this page; complete it and send with your check in U.S. dollars to Randolph Mountain Club, PO Box 279, Gorham NH 03581

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Check below if you would like to:

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Volunteer Opportunity with the RMC Archives

By Al Hudson

Are you experienced with library or museum collections, and interested in assisting the RMC? As club Archivist, I would like to see that our unique collections continue to grow and are available to members in the years to come.

George Cross’ Burnbrae Glen Camp was advertised for its reasonable rates and “the pleasures of camp life without its drudgery.” Pictured are a Burnbrae bungalow (The Dovecote) and an adjacent sleeping tent. The cottage is now owned by Ted and Laura May. Guy Shorey postcard, Cross-May Collection, RMC Archive.

Contact Archivist
Al Hudson: abhudson@anthro.umass.edu to learn more and discuss.

Website Update: Thinking about a trip to Gray Knob this winter? Or just thinking about Gray Knob? You can visit the RMC website to see the weather conditions, both day-by-day and with historical data for the current month of the year; and you can also see the weather forecast for inside the cabin. Updates posted on Thursdays. Right: Gray Knob, May 2008. D. Mayer photo. www.randolphmountainclub.org/sheltersinfo/weatherconditions.html