



## Subsig Trip News 2024-3Q Summer

**PURPOSE OF SUB SIG, INC.:** To encourage and to help all, especially young people and those of limited means to a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside, to develop their self-reliance and independence, and to promote their physical health and education by spending more time in the open air through participation in skiing, snowshoeing hiking, canoeing, camping, bicycling, mountaineering and allied activities. It shall do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives.

### MESSAGE FROM THE TRIPS DIRECTOR

Subsig Cabin life continues to flourish. Each trip is a unique experience, but they all have something in common: volunteers providing a safe and welcoming basecamp where anyone can access the region and enjoy outdoor activities, especially those with limited means.

A great Cabin in a splendid location with convenient access to the WMNF at ridiculously low cost is hard to beat. But it does require dedicated volunteers willing to put in the work. Thankfully, newer members are volunteering to lead trips, take part in work weekends, and champion the purpose of Sub Sig.

One concern of a Trips Director is too many weekends without a trip scheduled (white space on the calendar). This year the number of trips has already surpassed the number of trips in any of the last 20 years. Several of them had no one register. Also, no member has requested to use the Cabin on a weekend that did not have a trip scheduled. As membership continues to grow, that will change. In the meantime, Trip Leaders have done an amazing job. Thank you! You are the backbone of Subsig. Because of you and all members, the club continues to remain healthy and run at historic norms.

This is a good time to recognize our members who may not be able to participate in Cabin trips but continue to renew their membership. One person wrote "I've been a SubSig member for quite a few years, probably around 25, but in that time have participated in just a single weekend...Nevertheless, I maintain my membership because I believe in what the club is and does." Your support of the Subsig makes volunteering with Subsig even more meaningful and worthwhile. Thank you!

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### ACCOLADES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

#### **Steve and Marilyn Hayes**

Steve and Marilyn have earned the love and respect of every member who believes in the purpose of Sub Sig. Without them, the Sub Sig legacy might have ended when the Dickerson Cabin burned down July 6, 1999.

Before the final embers were extinguished, they were contacting the membership to start rebuilding. Legend has it that they obtained a broken down trailer from a neighbor in MA. Under cover of darkness, they towed it to property. The trailer was the basecamp for rebuilding the cabin. By New Year's eve of 2000, they mustered hard working and dedicated volunteers to provide us with a wonderful Cabin. The results of this monumental effort are a cornerstone of Sub Sig. In the following years, they guided Sub Sig through both good times and challenging periods, constantly preserving its purpose and perpetuating its legacy.

Steve and Marilyn are among the Sub Sig hall of famers.

#### **Brandon Brown and Julie Moran**

Even while working and raising a family, Brandon and Julie volunteer to keep the Cabin shipshape and help keep Sub Sig affordable. Their kindness towards others bends even the strong will of the you know who's (self-included) 😊. In several short months, they have revitalized the Cabin and got many of us to try some minor improvements. Some are well received. Some are just "experiments". Nonetheless, they consider all. Be careful though! If folks like your idea, be ready to volunteer and do it.

#### **Wendy Fearing and Jean Curley**

Wendy and Wendy are both volunteers who have made significant contributions to Subsig over the years. Behind the scenes, they keep Subsig financially upright. Managing this with a loosely structured group of independent and self-reliant individuals is no easy feat. Yet they find ways. Out in front, they have volunteered to lead many wonderful Cabin trips that generate warm memories. Their thoughtfulness and care for participants sets a benchmark for trip leadership. They have introduced and welcomed many members to Subsig. In hard times and good, they have helped preserve the purpose and legacy of Subsig.

### UPCOMING TRIPS

Upcoming trips are announced in "Sub Sig Trip Announcements" emails and posted on the trip listings page of [www.subsig.org](http://www.subsig.org). If you want to head up to the Cabin on a weekend that does not have a trip leader appointed, please contact the Trips Director.



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### NEWS FROM THE SUMMER SEASON TRIPS

Many people take photos. Some make it to the editor, but most are on personal devices and social media accounts. The process of collecting photos, culling through them, and editing them into the trip news has been time consuming, selective, and ad hoc. Preserving them as part of Subsig History is yet another challenge.

Trying something new, hence the delay getting tripe news published. Trip photos are not included in the news. They are shared on Google Photos. Even if you don't use the Google Photos app, you can access the albums from a computer, Android device, or Apple device. Let's see how this works and what lessons can be learned.

While saying this is probably not necessary, please **Do not use the photos for commercial purposes or in any way harm someone. In other words, don't use them to make money or intentionally embarrass or harass anyone.**

If you would like to share trip photos with other club members, please consider adding them to the albums below. Your choice. More trip albums can be added as time allows.

- Subsig Trip 2024-05-03 Cabin Mnx Work Weekend Trip Photos:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/zQzj6yX6Swx8rivZ8>
- Subsig Trip 2024-05-17 Trail Mnx Work Weekend Trip Photos:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/taMBCYf43nVknTHNA>
- Other links are listed with each trip below.

#### **May 31 – Jun 02, 2024: Wildflower Weekend**

Trip Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/taMBCYf43nVknTHNA>

Nancy Neyhard, Tari Mills, Sharon Casper, Ewa Babinska, Angela Lim, Christie Kelton. Jack Vergados joined Saturday.

Beautiful, cool dry cloudless weather under blue skies. Hummingbirds all over the Cabin feeder.

On Saturday, Sharon worked hard on the Cabin's wildflower garden while everyone else headed to the Cog Rail hiker parking lot to head up the Ammonusuc Ravine Trail towards the Alpine Gardens on Mt. Washington. Some went as far as the waterfalls, some to the Lake of the Clouds Hut. Jack went to the summit of Mt. Washington and caught up with everyone on the descent. Painted Trillium and Diapensia were in bloom. The Mountain Cranberries, Aves, and Azzelias were not showing off yet.

Everyone made it to the dinner table with healthy appetites and had a scrumptious meat, potato and vegetable dinner.



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On Sunday, the ladies explored the Cabin neighborhood. Mia, the happy-go-lucky mix dog from the Notchland Inn joined them.

Angela wrote a heartfelt thank you for in the log for her experience at the Cabin. That was special Angela, thank you!

#### **Jun 7-8, 2024: Your Mountain is waiting.**

No requests to stay at the Cabin. Your mountain is still waiting. Thank you, Bob Asch, for volunteering to make the Cabin available to anyone!

#### **Jun 14 – 15, 2024: Overnight Cabin Trip**

Keith Watling and Amy Kvistad spent Friday night at the Cabin before their AMC hike to Carter Dome and Mt. Height on Saturday. #42/48 for Amy. The Cabin is in good shape and the new boot racks are a welcome addition!

#### **Jun 21 – 23, 2024 Cabin Trip (Summer Solstice Weekend)**

Trip Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/iwx7xfjh72q62P7X7>

Wendy Fearing, Eric Espinosa, Nancy Neyhard, Dave Rozene, Sharon Casper, Dave Roy, Bob Asch, Kathy Falls.

Saturday morning was hot until changing into warm showers, but not pouring rain. Sunday morning was hard rain. Summits were soaked in and wet both days. Everyone opted to stay at lower elevations and trek woods, brooks, and waterfalls.

Friday Nancy and Dave Roy arrived to open up the Cabin. They headed to Sawyer River Road to stretch their legs and check out the wash out that closed the road. The road collapsed and left nearly straight 100 ft drop to the river.

Saturday, Kathy and Bob also headed up Sawyer River Rd and went past the Signal Ridge Trailhead into a swarm of blood thirsty mosquitos. Sharon did her best to tend the garden despite the wet weather. Cutting the grass will have to wait. Lots of flowers in the garden and on the trails! Purple and pink columbine, Butter Orange and yellow hawkweed, plus a large promethea silk moth. Purple Lupine was flourishing near Randolph.

Dave Rozene and Nancy did the “Nancy Neyhard rainy day options” from Randolph. They went up and down Bumpus brook and Snyder brook from the bike path. The brooks were getting on the raging side of the brook crossing spectrum. (Dry brook is the other end of the spectrum). The bike path provided convenient crossings without the risk of a hard fall on wet, mossy rocks. They zig zagged their way over Cold Brook memorial Bridge. Nancy snorted some Hemlock and went galloping down the trail like a dancer in Hair singing “this is the Land of Aquarius” ...maybe she didn't.



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This is an easy and interesting hike with many bail-out options when the skies are laden with rain. It also leads to some great trails for hiking up to Madison hut RMC huts and summits. At the end of the hike, they headed to Lake D for lunch and a swim.

On the way back to the Cabin, they stopped at the AMC Highlands Center to view the Bradford Washburn Photographs on display. Henry Bradford Washburn was an American explorer, mountaineer, photographer, and cartographer. He established the Boston Museum of Science. Well-worth visiting if you have the chance.

Dave Roy, Wendy, and Eric started at the Wiley house, crossed the new bridge, and took the Wiley Trail to the Saco River trail. Lots of wash outs on the way. The Wiley hose offers an interesting information and photos about Crawford Notch.

### **Jun 28 – 30, 2024: Think outside. No box required.**

Trip Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/TanVyWemEECjhHFS9>

Julie, Brandon Krishna, Geoff Philbrick, Cherry Lee, Susanna W., Dave Rozene, Kathy Dingman, King Yee, Marvin Savain, Renee Charp.

The forecast was rain. Started out really nice, then transitioned to rain Saturday late afternoon.

On Friday, Kathy hiked up Mt. Washington. Krishna and Renee hiked Mt. Jefferson before heading to the Cabin.

On Saturday, King joined an AMC hike on Mt. Carrigan. Everyone else met up with the “Jerry fam and friends” for a group hike up Mt Chocorua. The forecast was for heavy rain in the afternoon. We made it up the Piper trail and back down Liberty. As we hike up, a heavy overcast developed and created an eerie effect. We immersed into the fluctuating cloud layer above tree line. Strong cool winds swirled the layer around us and throughout the valleys. Occasionally, it whisked away for a few moments to provided incredible summit and valley views! The skies poured on us by the end of the hike, but the rain was warm, and we all made it down without incidents.

Keith Watling arrived at the Cabin in time for Julie’s delicious pasta primavera. He headed out the next day for an AMC hike.

### **Jul 2 – 8, 2024: July 4<sup>th</sup> Cabin Trip**

Trip Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/VaRr97jrF4RpXZdu7>

Dave Rozene, Steve and Marilyn Hayes, Dave Roy, Ewa Basinska, Nancy Neyhard, Sharon Casper Eric Espinosa and Ellen Curtain, Bob Asch, Krishna Ganne, Abhijith Murali, Renee Charp, Brian Witkov. Amy (a day guest). An eclectic group of folks including recent members to those with 30+ years with Sub Sig.

Perfect summertime weather. Cooled off for comfortable sleeping at night.



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Dave Rozene opened the Cabin Tuesday night. Steve and Marily closed-up on Monday. Co-leading the trip made it twice as fun and much more convenient for everyone's schedules.

Everyone was around for the BBQ on Thursday, but activities during the trip were as diverse as the club:

- Hiking
  - North and South Baldface Mountains.
  - Mt. Washington.
  - Nancy Pond Tr. to Norcross Pond.
  - Sawyer River Rd. to the washout and beyond.
  - Dome Rock loop up Kelton Tr and down Inlook Tr (w/ bear sighting)
  - And more.
- Swimming
  - Lake Durand (multiple times)
  - Saco River (multiple times).
  - Sawyer River (multiple times).
- Other Activities
  - RMC Tea Party
  - Bretton Woods Skyway Gondola
- Chillaxing
  - Reading
  - Oral history of Subsig (School house, Geoff Lull, George Holmes, Arno Heyn, MIT, School bus...too much to remember without writing it down or recording)

July 6th was a particularly important date in Subsig history.... the cabin burned to the ground 25 years ago. Subsig at once started a monumental effort to rebuild it. Steve and Marilyn were leaders making that happen. We enjoy, appreciate, and celebrate the legacy. Thank you for making this trip especially meaningful!

#### **Jul 12 – 14, 2024: Hike and Summer Concert at Highlands**

Trip Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/toSYyWrVLyKeJBa47>

Denise Boucher, Lisa Garrone, Dave Rozene

Great weekend and good weather. Enchanting evening skies.

On Saturday, Denise and Lisa hiked up to the Mitzpah hut. On the descent they cooled off in the waterfalls. Dave hiked Ice Gulch and went swimming at Lake D. We rendezvous'ed at the AMC Highlands Center for a picnic dinner and concert. The atmosphere was beautiful...moon light, mountain peaks, and music. Denise and Lisa could be heard laughing the whole weekend while Dave was grumbling and cursing the Ice Gulch Path. The route takes you through beautiful and



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remote wilderness, but it's hazardous. Ice gulch is best suited for special forces training, not recreational weekend hikers. Once he got into that picnic dinner, all was better.

### **Jul 19 – 21, 2024 Cabin Trip**

No requests to stay at the Cabin. Thank you, Dave Roy for volunteering to make the Cabin available to anyone!

### **Jul 26 – 28, 2024 Cabin Trip (Chasing angels or fleeing demons, go to the mountains.)**

Trip Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/v6aiaX7huT3yLBsWA>

Dave Roy, Jack Vergados, Dave Rozene

Beautiful weather and cool at night.

We explored the lower RMC trail system up and down the Bumpus, Snyder, and Cold Brooks under a forest canopy. As the day grew hot, we went over to Lake D to swim under sunny skies against the backdrop of Madison-King Ravine-Adams.



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### NOMINATIONS

#### **Officers.**

Currently, no one has shared interest in announcing candidacy for any officer position. The presumption is that Julie Moran may take on the Treasurer role and the other current officers may serve another term.

#### **Directors.**

Currently, no one has shared interest in announcing candidacy for any existing Board Position. The presumption is that most current Directors may serve another term.

#### **“At Large Board Director”.**

The Trips Director respectfully asks that members consider “At Large Board Director (s)”.

The current bylaws effectively lock Subsig into seven specific director roles without amending the bylaws.

The bylaws do state that a majority of members present and voting at any annual meeting may change the duties or designations of, or eliminate the positions of any of the Directors. However, the changes would require revising the bylaws with a 2/3rd supermajority approval. One provision negates the other.

Please see the proposed amendment to the Subsig bylaws below. If the original intentions of the bylaws were to avoid creating a rigid governing body, the proposed amendment can carry out that.





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### PROPOSED AMMENDEMENT TO THE SUBSIG BYLAWS.

The proposed amendment provides an equal role on the Board of Directors for volunteers that take responsibility and willingly perform tasks aligned with the purpose and current needs of SubSig, for example:

- Communicate SubSig News and announcements on a regular basis.
- Acknowledge and honor volunteers past and present.
- Record and preserve Sub Sig history.
- Take on tasks as Sub Sig evolves or urgent matters become plain.

At-large Board members will further the purpose of Sub Sig and complete the tasks thoroughly on time. The at-large board members are just as important as nonprofit board positions as all board members.

The complete bylaws are available on [www.sugsig.org](http://www.sugsig.org). Edits to original text are highlighted in red below.

### IV Officers and Directors

A. The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of the **President, Treasurer, Secretary and Auditor**. The Officers and the Trips Director, Membership Director, Cabin Director, Trails Director, Webmaster, ~~and~~ Database Manager, ~~and three (3) At-large Board Members shall~~ **may** constitute the Board of Directors. With the approval of a majority of members present and voting at any annual meeting the Directors may change the duties or designations of, or eliminate the positions of any of the Directors, except those of the four Officers, but in no case shall the number of members of the Board of Directors be less than seven. These Officers and members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting from and by the membership in good standing and shall hold office until their successors have been elected. An Officer may hold only one office at a time. The President and Treasurer shall not be eligible for more than four consecutive terms.

**11. At-large board members shall perform duties as necessary for the current needs of the Corporation, prepare necessary organizational policies, communicate with members, train for other roles, have equal responsibility for the board's actions and decisions, attend all board meetings, and engage in board meetings actively.**