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Advocating for the Clean Power Plan in D.C.

Early September included a Climate Fly-In with our partners from National Wildlife Federation, Union of Concerned Scientists, League of Conservation Voters, Mom's Clean Air Force, and Environment America. The Climate Fly-In provided for eight advocates to go to Washington, DC and appeal to our congressional delegates to support the Clean Power Plan, the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to reduce carbon from power plants nationwide.

Attendees included Katie Robert from the NH Public Health Association; Maureen Mann, who represents Mom's Clean Air Force and is also a Derry Energy Committee member; Peter Egelston, President of Smuttynose Brewery; Mary Westfall, the Senior Minister of the Community Church of Durham United Church of Christ; Meghan Hoye of LighTech, Inc in Merrimack; Tim Moore of Tim Moore Outdoors Fishing and Hunting Guide; Rob Werner of League of Conservation Voters; and NH Sierra Club Chapter Director Catherine Corkery.



L to R: M. Reno, K. Robert, M. Westfall, P. Egelston, Congresswoman Kuster, R. Werner, C. Corkery, T. Moore and M. Hoye

We delivered the message that we have to address climate by supporting the Clean Power Plan in Washington as a diverse group concerned about public health, the future for our children, business growth, job creation, and the moral obligation. Senior Senator Jeanne Shaheen and Peter Egelston participated in a morning roundtable alongside senators Sheldon Whitehouse (RI), Ed Markey (MA) and Angus King (ME). Senator Shaheen later met with the entire group. The group also met with Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster (NH 2nd district) and Senator Ayotte briefly, and then later with her staff. We reassured them that the Plan accommodates the existing carbon reduction programs in New Hampshire and that there is bipartisan support in the Granite State. We were unable to secure a meeting with the office of Representative Frank Guinta (NH 1st district).

The diverse group demonstrated the bipartisan support for the Clean Power Plan and the need to address climate changing emissions now. Katie Robert provided statistics about Granite Staters affected by asthma and other chronic illnesses that will worsen if the Clean Power Plan does not move forward. Fisherman Tim Moore spoke about the virtual disappearance of smelt in the Great Bay and ice, for that matter, for ice fishing. Meghan Hoye talked about the demand to upgrade buildings and the workforce needed to meet the demand. Peter Egelston simply explained that his company saves money by prioritizing their values. Maureen Mann shared her daughter's concern to help her asthma suffering classmates. And Minister Westfall spoke wisely of the importance and the strategy of the Clean Power Plan to address all of these overlapping issues.

NHSC is so grateful to have hosted these leaders from New Hampshire to speak our truth to the decision makers in Washington, DC. The Chapter is working hard to amplify our voices in Washington and throughout the state to move forward on climate solutions.

NH Needs Your Voice Tonight: Public Hearing on proposed new gas pipeline through NH

Tuesday, September 29 - 6pm at [Franklin Pierce University in Rindge](#)

This is an official, formal Public Scoping Hearing on the Northeast Energy Direct with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge.

This is your chance to voice your concerns about this new pipeline proposed to carry fracked fossil fuel gas specifically from Pennsylvania to the East Coast for export and some local use. This will be a new pipeline -- the proposal is to create a new right-of-way path that does not currently exist, encompassing more than 15 communities from Winchester, NH to Brookline north, to Milford, Amherst, Merrimack, Litchfield, Londonderry, Windham and Salem.

Please attend to learn more and/or to speak about your concerns - for the record. **It is very important for FERC to hear your concerns**, so they will be addressed in their future analysis of the proposed project.

Fourth annual Drive Electric Week A Success

New Hampshire Sierra Club was excited to participate in the fourth annual National Drive Electric Week, an event that originated as Plug-In Day. (See photo, right). Local electric and hybrid car owners, as well as dealerships, showed off the latest in electric and hybrid vehicle models, and shared their experiences with passers-by.

For more information about National Drive Electric Week, go to driveelectricweek.org.

Upcoming Events

TONIGHT - Tuesday, September 29 - Biketoberfest!
Red River Theatres, [11 S. Main St., Concord](#) - 7pm
The Central NH Bicycling Coalition presents an eclectic collection of short bicycling films, news about the local cycling scene, & a special visit from the League of American Bicyclists VP!

Free refreshments and raffles!
\$10 donation to CNHBC appreciated

Sunday, October 4 - Hike the Proposed Jim Jeffords State Forest in Vermont

Explore these attractive woods that we hope will become Vermont's latest State Forest. Hike an old town road and maybe off-trail. 3-4 miles, some hills, moderate. Click [here](#) for more info.

Sunday, November 8 - Boston Comedy Festival with Wendy Liebman!
[Portsmouth Sheraton Hotel](#) - 7pm



Seen on America's Got Talent. She has been a regular on the Late Show with David Letterman, and has appeared on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, Tonight Show with Jay Leno and Johnny Carson, Jimmy Kimmel Live and The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson. Wendy has done two TV specials, one for HBO and one for Comedy Central. Opening act: Boston Comedy Festival Favorite Steve Scarfo

[Buy your tickets](#) NOW! 10 percent of net proceeds go to the New Hampshire Sierra Club. Don't forget to [let us know](#) you're coming!

Visit our [Events Page](#) to find out more and RSVP for these events!

Photo Contest: Show us your best wild places

The New Hampshire Chapter is looking for excellent photographs of your Sierra Club life - the scenery, the wildlife, the energy initiatives, the experiences. The Chapter is looking to build a library of your photos (fully credited to you, of course!) to be used in future campaigns and fundraising efforts.

We know you've collected some beautiful shots over the seasons, showing our NH wilderness and your interaction with it. We'd like a chance to share your vision and artistry with our readership, and we've come up with a contest to make it interesting.



This picture is by Sierra Club member Mary M. Jolles, of Colebrook, NH. Used with her permission.

While photo categories are suggested as a guideline, only one overall prize will be awarded, plus a People's Choice award. Submissions restricted to NH residents only.

The bare bones:

- Submit your very best photos and the Entry Form to us by email at nhsc603photocontest@gmail.com.
- Download the [Entry Form \(Word file\)](#)
- Submissions will be accepted until midnight, October 16, 2015.
- For all the details, read the entire [Contest Rules](#).

Winning:

- One Grand Prize Winner will be chosen by a panel of judges.
- Additionally, Honorable Mentions will be awarded by the Panel. The number of honorable mentions depends upon the number of quality photos submitted.
- Honorable Mention photos will be posted on the [NHSC Facebook page](#) from October 17-November 13, 2015.
- A People's Choice winner will be chosen based on the number of Facebook "Likes" received by the closing date, November 13.
- Results will be published on this webpage, on Facebook, and in the November issue of this e-newsletter.

Please contact Amanda Gourgue at nhsc603@gmail.com with any questions regarding this special contest.

We are looking forward to seeing your best photos of the New Hampshire experience!!!

Tell us how you'd like to volunteer!

Our club is made up of awesome volunteers - without you, we couldn't get everything done. We are always looking for people to help in a variety of ways. Simple examples include writing thank you notes, helping with mailings, talking with local retail stores about selling Sierra Club calendars and merchandise, and so much more! We need your help.

Let us know what you would like to do for our New Hampshire Chapter. Complete our [online volunteer survey](#) or contact Amanda Gourgue at nhsc603@gmail.com. You may also call our office: (603) 224-8222.

2016 Calendars now available

Arguably the most beautiful wall and engagement calendars on the market every year, filled with exceptional photographs showcasing the incredible beauty of our wild lands. Everyone needs one for themselves, and for all those wilderness lovers on their birthday and holiday gift lists. You will be proud to display and to give these calendars!

Engagement calendars are \$14.95/ea., and large format wall calendars are \$13.95/ea.



ORDER NOW! The calendars will be available for pick up at the NHSC office later in the season, in plenty of time for the holidays. Email nhsc603@gmail.com or call (603) 224-8222 to order.

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