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A Study in Contrasts

The [Winter/Spring 2016] issue of *Appalachia* might be called a study in contrasts. The lead article concerns Kate Matrosova, the journal concludes with Steven Jarvis's "In Memoriam" about Bill Putnam, and on pages 110–111 there is the Accidents report "Prepared for Extremes."

Without going into the discussion on Kate Matrosova and her decisions, it is interesting to contrast Sandy Stott's portrayal of her with Bill Putnam. Both had a strong motivation to climb, but Putnam had what we would call respect. (Love?) That being said, the report on pages 110–111 is certainly right on the mark.

As a sequel on the rescuers is planned, and I look forward to it, an interesting question should be raised as how they made the decision to undertake the rescue, as I have heard from several climbers that there is an implication in the article they could have just stayed home.

—Jack Reilly, Dobbs Ferry, New York



TO OUR READERS of the Appalachian Mountain Club's *White Mountain Guide*: The Appalachian Mountain Club recently revised the acknowledgements in the *White Mountain Guide*, edited by Steven D. Smith and Mike Dickerman, to recognize the contributions of both Gene Daniell and Jon Burroughs. Here is an excerpt:

The current editors of the *White Mountain Guide* feel connected to a long and cherished tradition handed down to us by a century's worth of editors and committee members. There are far too many names to list here—for a comprehensive history of the guidebook, see *White Mountain Guide: A Centennial Retrospective*, published by AMC Books—but two individuals helped to bring the Guide into the modern era. Gene Daniell edited this guide from its 23rd through 28th editions (a period spanning a quarter-century), and under his stewardship improvements in voice and the addition of key elevation data and a list

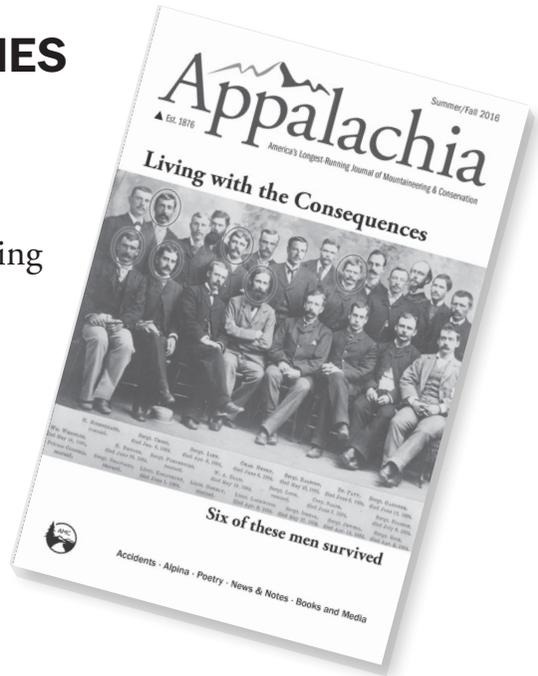
of easy to moderate hikes were made. For ten years he worked closely with Jon Burroughs, associate editor of the 25th edition and co-editor of the 26th edition. Jon used a surveyor's wheel and over the period measured every maintained trail in New Hampshire, covering more than 2,000 miles, and he took extensive notes in the field, contributing many corrections and the trail segment mileage that appeared in the book. We are honored to continue the fine work of both.

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