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Samuel F. Pryor, III **1928–2014**

Sam Pryor, an avid outdoorsman who as an Appalachian Mountain Club advisor and board president from 1994 to 1996 played a major role in the modernization of the club's management and governance, died October 17, 2014. He was 86 and lived in Bedford, New York.



Pryor, a lawyer, also was closely involved in the successful re-permitting effort for the AMC's high-country huts in the White Mountains in 1999. As a commissioner of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission (PIPC), Pryor rallied support and funding for the protection of Sterling Forest. He later served as PIPC chairman and as a director of the Land Trust Alliance, Scenic Hudson, Audubon New York, and the National Forest Foundation, among many other organizations. In his decades of service to AMC, Pryor joined conservation staff on visits to Capitol Hill, co-chaired the Board of Advisors, co-founded the President's Society, and was a member of the Campaign for the Maine Woods committee. He received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the AMC, among many honors. Most recently, Pryor assisted in the AMC's efforts to open an outdoor program center in Harriman State Park.

Pryor was survived by his wife of 60 years, Sally Reese Pryor, four sons, a daughter, and nine grandchildren. A memorial service took place in Bedford November 1, 2014.

Andy Falender, former executive director and president of AMC, paid this tribute: "Sam was responsible for a real quantum leap for the AMC. He got us face to face with key members of the House and Senate (especially Republicans), made our first \$25 million capital campaign more than successful, succeeded in making our Mid-Atlantic region a conservation priority, further strengthened the bridge with our chapters, played a critical role in rebuilding Galehead [Hut] and re-permitting the huts, led the effort to a new governance system (including hiring me!), and overall helped AMC achieve greater influence in conservation. From a personal perspective, I could not have asked for a more wonderful partner."

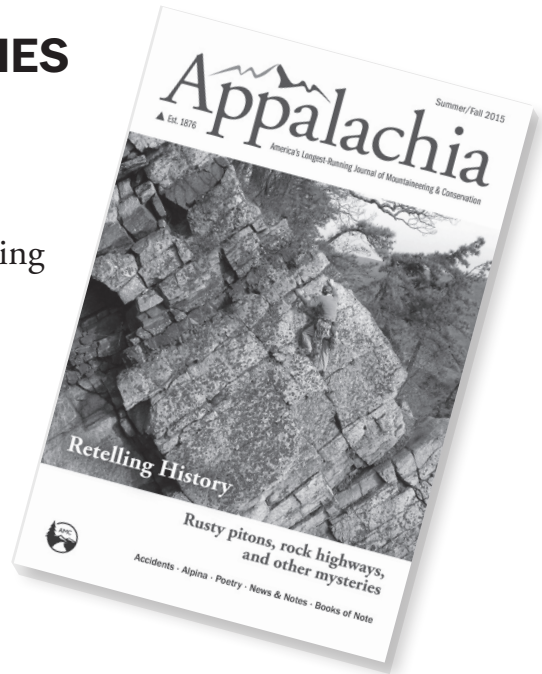
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