

# ***TRAILWRITES***

## MAKING TRAILS RIGHT

Winter is finally over, a new year is upon us, and there's so much work to do. We have a busy schedule planned, so pick a few dates and join us.

The Board continues to meet monthly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, in Concord, NH, and any member is welcome to join us at our meetings.

Our **annual meeting** this year will be April 14 at Fox Forest. We will be meeting at 9:00 to clean and repair tools, and then walk to a culvert fixing project planned for July. We will return for ice cream at 1:00 to the main building for our meeting. After the business part of the meeting, we will partake in a wonderful **potluck dinner**. The more that come, the better it will be! So mark your calendars now for April 14. By the way, our annual dues are due, if you wish to continue receiving our newsletter.

In our last newsletter, we posted **HELP WANTED**, and received a response from Jeremy Clark who helped set us up on FACEBOOK. We still have openings for (you don't have to do trail work)

**Newsletter editor, or printer.**

**Project Leaders**

**Someone or two to haul the trailer – TOP**

**PRIORITY – shows pride in our work**

**Photographers for outings**

**Publicity**

**Hikers and hike leaders**

Newsletters are sent by email, and can be found archived on our website: [www.trailwrights.org](http://www.trailwrights.org). If you do not have email or cannot receive the newsletter electronically, please let me know and I will send you a copy through the US postal service. We are trying to keep our email list updated so you won't miss a single issue of our newsletter.

Peggy Graham, Secretary



**Hal & Peggy  
Graham**

(Charter members)  
on Mt. Elbert, CO

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### **RAY'S RAMBLINGS**

At our first Trailwrights meeting this year in February, we laid out an ambitious schedule for the spring to July workshops.

At press time the events at the **Annual meeting** include inventory, repair and painting of the tools. Also to do a survey of the culvert repair work necessary and the inspection of previous hardening done on a Fox Forest trail.

Because technology is constantly changing, we are planning to improve our delivery of trail education and training materials. The board voted to have a sub-committee look into putting together our old slides into a power point program covering each trail building skill.

The next process we want to incorporate into the training is to develop and use a movie format, covering the same maintenance tasks, showing hands-on techniques to provide another way to learn these skills.

We requested a report on both ideas for the Annual Meeting.

As we head into an unknown area for a lot of us, it would be greatly welcomed by the board if any of our members had creative ideas to share or that may be willing to offer some time to help us put together this training material.

If you have any questions on ways to help or about our upcoming workshops being offered, contact me or the other board members listed in this newsletter.

I hope to see you at our annual meeting.

Thank you,

**Raynold S. Jackson**

President

Ed. Note: Ray has been our president since 1997, among many of his other outdoor commitments.



**Jack and June Liberman**

Charter members since 1987. Jack just celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday and they plan one more hike before hanging up their boots.

**Spring & Summer 2012 schedule**

**April 2** – Chain saw refresher, Forest Service HQ in Campton

**April 13** – AMC awards night

**April 13** – Milford Trails Symposium

**Sunday April 14** – Annual meeting

**April 27** – Artist’s Bluff, Franconia Notch

**May 4** – Annual MA Trails Conference, Devens,

**May 11** – Chocorua Mountain Club

**May 18** – Rollins Trail, Mt. Kearsarge. Contact Hal Graham (see directory)

**May 20** – Board meeting

**May 24 - 27** – and **June 1 & 2**

Chatham Trails Work weekend – Reservations required, free room and board for work. Contact Sandy Finn at [sandycta@comcast.net](mailto:sandycta@comcast.net).

**June 2 & 9** – Adopter skills day, Forest Service, Saco District.

**June 17** – Board meeting

**Sat. June 22** – Mt. Pemigewasset, Franconia Notch. Contact Hal Graham 286-3506 or email [halpeg76@metrocast.net](mailto:halpeg76@metrocast.net)

**July 12 -16** – Monadnock Trails Week. Contact Ray Jackson (see directory)

**Sat. July 20** – NH Trails Day. Fox Forest?



**Dan Blanchette, Hiking Schedule**

**Sat. April 20** – Mt. Pierce (4310’) Easy to moderate hike up the Crawford Path, enjoy this 4000 footer before the bugs (approx. 6 mi. R.T.)

**Sat. May 18** – Mt. Monroe/Mt. Eisenhower (5372’/4760’). We will hike up the Ammonoosuc trail to Lakes of the Clouds Hut, then head south over Mt. Monroe and to Mt. Eisenhower, hiking out on the Edmonds Path. (approx. 8 mi.)

**Sat. June 8** – Middle Carter (4610’) Join us on the Carter range, we will hike the Imp Trail to the No. Carter Trail, to the Carter Moriah Tr.(approx. 10 mi. RT)

**Sat. July 27** – Mt. Moosilauke (4802’)

This could be an opportunity to include South Peak, Blue, or Jim. This will be determined with participants’ abilities in mind, with a strong group we could do all four! (approx. 9.6 mi. loop). For more information, contact Dan Blanchette at 226-0762 or [knapsac@aol.com](mailto:knapsac@aol.com)

**TRAILWRIGHTS’ STORE**

	Member	Non-Member
Blue or gray tee shirts	\$ 8.00	\$10.00
Blue or gray sweatshirt	\$12.00	\$15.00
Hooded sweatshirts	\$15.00	\$17.00
Bumper sticker	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
Logo decal	\$ 1.00	\$ 2.00
Logo patches	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
Pins	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00

Items available at outings. Please call or email Peggy for sending through the mail.

**Don’t forget!**  
**Dues are still \$5.00 due at annual meeting.**

**Trailwrights Directory**

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Paul Chartier at Fox Forest showing his Trailwright’s tee shirt



NH Trails Day 2012, Mt. Kinsman trail



**Ralph Potter**,  
Trailwrights treasurer  
since 1999.

working in the  
rain!

**welcome new members**  
Brenda & Dan Vail, Hollis ME  
Damian & Laurie Canuto, Littleton, NH

**NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS:**

- President – Ray Jackson
- Vice President – Bob Spoerl
- Secretary – Peggy Graham
- Treasurer – Ralph Potter
- Tool/Trailmaster – Dave Dick
- Hiking – Dan Blanchette
- Webmaster – Rick Blanchette
- Director – open



**Bob Spoerl** at a  
beginning hiking  
workshop in 1990!



**Darrell Hamilton**  
Darrell has been a long time  
Trailwright and likes his rocks  
BIG.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK! TRAILWRIGHTS  
IS ENTERING THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY AND  
WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL TO THE  
YOUNGER SET. WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO  
HELP US? MANY THANKS GO TO JEREMY  
CLARK FOR GETTING US STARTED.



**David Dick**  
**Trailmaster & toolmaster**  
Recoiling grip hoist cable at  
Artist's Bluff

