

TRAILWRITES

MAKING TRAILS RIGHT

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Ray's Ramblings

April 2015

Greeting to longtime and new members, Nearing 75 years and 26 of those playing on the trails, I figured to step aside as President of Trailwrights to offer someone else the opportunity to lead this great organization. In the meantime, we all have a lot of work to do helping others maintain our hiking trails.

Our schedule has us working on the TW's adopted trail-Artists Bluff, Franconia Notch, NH. Here is our highly visible and well traveled trail that needs a lot of care.

Other traditional friends will see us as well. The SPNHF locations including Mt. Monadnock State Park Trails Week in July, Chatham Trails in North Chatham, NH and probably to MT Tom State Park and NEC Trails in Western, MA.

Some new adventures are also on the calendar. We will be working on a Trails Project with NH DRED Staff on Earth Day, to share our common maintenance practices on a trail system near Concord, NH.

Also ahead, there has been a request for us to evaluate trails in need of repair near New found Lake, after the snow leaves the soil. – (☺)

Our Annual Meeting and Pot Luck dinner is scheduled for April 11, Saturday at Fox Forest. NH Forest and Lands has been continually gracious to allow us the use of the building each year. In return we will look in on working on their 30 miles of trails to help do some trail work as done this last year. The tools should be repaired and sharpened as always. After the Meeting and Elections, the members will discuss our goals for the Trailwrights Organization.

The highlight for the program will be to show the new film produced by Moore-Huntley Production; "The People's Forest", the American story of the deforested White Mountains to it's early stewardship by the SPNHF and the implementation of the Weeks Act to save these special lands.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Sincerely,

Raynold Jackson

Trailwrights-President

Spring/Summer 2015

Saturday, April 11 - Save the date for Annual Meeting! We will be cleaning and repairing tools (and the trailer) in the morning, then bring your own lunch, and the meeting will begin at 1:00 at Fox Forest headquarters, in Hillsboro, NH. Potluck to follow!

It's time for the Board to transition. 18 years is long enough, says President Ray Jackson. So we are looking for a new president. Wouldn't that be a fun position for you? Get more involved! We have monthly meetings in Concord, NH, and an experienced Board that will help you. Every year we have an opening for a director, and project managers (again, experienced Trailwrights are willing and able to help). We also still need someone to pull the trailer to our outings. No tools means no work.

Wednesday, April 22 is Earth Day, and the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED), with whom we work, would like volunteers to work with staff on a local trail that day. Contact Patrick Hummel at DRED for more information.

Saturday, May 16 - Artist's Bluff, Franconia Notch. This is Trailwrights' only adopted trail, and it needs to be cleaned twice a year, as all adopted trails should be. A contact person will be chosen at the annual meeting.

Fri. May 23 - Sun. May 25 - Chatham Trails work weekend. Reservations required, free room and board for work. The CTA embraces Trailwrights' volunteers. This is a coordinated effort, so please contact Sandy Finn at sandycta@comcast.net.

June 7 is National Trails Day - look it up to find a group to help on this busy national day.

July 17-21 Monadnock Trails week - Contact Ray Jackson or the Society for the Protection of NH Forests for more information.

July 19 - NH Trails Day. Can be observed at Monadnock, or any other active trails group. (Listings found on our website).

Annual meeting 2014:



Trailwrights End of Year Trail Work Report:

Overall statistics for six Trailwright's projects includes 34 different volunteers for 376.5 hr. Great work! Bruce Richards put in on his adopted Mt. Kinsman Trail 172 hours alone and another 83.5 hrs, some included in TW and other groups for a whopping 256.5 hours!
Other work done by Trailwrights and by TW volunteers, approximately 137 hours.
Other Trailwrights have also contributed to other organizations showing a dedication to trail maintenance to which I say a job well done.
Submitted by Hal Graham
(For a complete report, please check the website).

Annual meeting Elections:

President - open

Vice President - Bob Spoerl

Treasurer - Ralph Potter

Secretary - Peggy Graham

Hiking - Dan Blanchette

Tool master - Dave Dick

Trail master - Dave Dick

Director - open

Publicity - open

Newsletter editor - open

Treasurer's Annual Report

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Income

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| Dues | \$280.00 |
| Donations | 485.00 |
| Interest | 0.47 |
| Shirts | 26.00 |
| Cups | 20.00 |
| Decal | 1.00 |
| | \$812.47 |

Expenses

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| Newsletter | 40.65 |
| Annual Meeting | 27.29 |
| Pizza meetings | 204.23 |
| Pizza trail work | 219.16 |
| Postage | 28.81 |
| Email post box | 20.00 |
| Network fee | 62.50 |
| Fill Conway job | 125.06 |
| Taxes | 75.00 |
| | \$802.70 |

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TRAILWRIGHTS' STORE

| | Member | Non-Members |
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| 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 |
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| Logo decal | \$ 1.00 | \$ 2.00 |
| Logo patches | \$ 4.00 | \$ 5.00 |
| Pins | \$ 5.00 | \$ 5.00 |

**Don't forget to stop at
The Old Man viewing
and find our 12x24 paver**

And stop by the Museum of the White Mountains at PSU in Plymouth to see our display

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

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Welcome New Member Dave Berry!



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