

TRAIL WRITES

Official newsletter of Trailwrights
Making Trails Right for 25 Years

Summer/Fall 2012

MARK SATURDAY, JULY 21 ON YOUR CALENDARS for NH Trails Day, 2012.

Trailwrights celebrates this popular trail work day along with other trail maintaining organizations all over the state on the third Saturday of July. This year we will be working with the U.S. Forest Service and the adopter, Bruce Richards on his trail in the White Mountains – the Mt. Kinsman Trail. This will be a training day for anyone interested in learning about solving certain problems on a trail, such as muddy seaps, running water, puddles, and other nuisances to a comfortable hiking experience. No experience is necessary and tools will be provided. Dinner will be supplied at the end of the work day. See the calendar inside for details.

THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER if you have not paid your dues that are due in April of every year. We need your support, only \$5 per year. You received this newsletter by email as well as mail, but will be email only in the future. If you did NOT receive this newsletter in a format you can read, please let me know and I will send it by mail. Newsletters are archived on our website: www.trailwrights.org.

Editor

THE 25TH ANNUAL MEETING OF TRAILWRIGHTS was different from our usual as it was very special for us. Instead of our potluck and slide show (and ice cream), we dined at the Weathervane in Concord, and two lovely members of the U.S. Forest Service, Cristin Bailey and Jennie Burnett, talked to us about volunteering for them. Since that time, two of our members (that I know of), Hal Graham and Bruce Richards took classes from the USFS on cross cut and ax work, so they are certified to use these tools in the Forest. Other maintainers are encouraged to attend these sessions which are offered once a year.

We also started the day off with a short hike to Winant Hill in Concord, enjoyed by all who attended.

THE BOARD continues to meet monthly, the 3rd Monday, in Concord, NH, and any member is welcome to join us at our meetings.

Peggy Graham, Secretary



Walking on the Winant Trail



LEGACY
CN-TRAILWRIGHT
12 X 24

Trailwrights has purchased a 12 x 24" Legacy Stone that is at the Old Man viewing in Franconia Notch. Look for it when you go there. If you think it is a worthwhile project, we would appreciate any donation towards its purchase.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR TRAIL? Trailwrights' purpose is to help others learn to maintain their hiking trails. All you need to do is download the form from our website, then send in the mail to PO Box 1223, Concord, NH 03301.

RAY'S RAMBLINGS



Ray at Dan Doan Trailhead

Summer and Fall 2012 schedule

July 13-17 – Mt. Monadnock Trails week

July 21 – NH Trails Day, Mt. Kinsman Trail

Kinsman Notch. We will be concentrating on installing water bars and hardening perennially muddy areas, as well as rock work, on the lower half of the trail. This is a hands-on workshop for Level 2 maintenance, the level beyond that required of USFS trail adopters. Tools provided; bring lunch, water, gloves etc., and a desire to help. Meet at 8:30 at the trailhead parking lot off Rt. 116, in Easton, NH. The parking area is just below the Easton/Franconia town line diagonally across from the tennis courts. Contact Bruce at (603) 703-6566 before 9:00 PM or brucedottie125@gmail.com for more information." This project is being done in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service.

Sat. August 18 – Mt. Pemigewasset Trail in Franconia Notch. Continuing our efforts to reduce the erosion on this popular trail. Contact Hal Graham at 286-3506 or email halpeg76@metrocast.net.

Sat. Sept. 15 – Dan Doan Trail. We will continue to improve the water problems on this trail that has been adopted by the family of our former member, Dan Doan. Contact Hal Graham at 286-3506 or email halpeg76@metrocast.net.

Sept. 28, 29, 30 – Chatham Trails Assn., Evans Notch

Look for news on our website to add workshops in Paradise Park, Fox Forest, and Chocorua Mountain Club.

72 SUMMITS CLUB. What is that? The purpose of this unique hiking club is to provide an opportunity and a challenge to the serious hiker in a mountain environment; to develop his or her skills in areas of navigation on and off trails; to spread the impact of hikers over a larger area and less often visited peaks; to discover each peak as a unique entity; and to give the hiker a well-rounded experience in mountain weather and topography. To provide an awareness of stewardship for the trails we enjoy. The requirements are to hike to and from the 72 peaks on the official list, and complete 72 hours of documented trail work.



Darrell Hamilton in the rain June 2



Steps on Artist's Bluff



New Director working on his trail

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.

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Welcome new members Dave & Kaye Stinson, Newmarket, Bernie Calder of Exeter, Scott Wood of South Berwick, ME, and David Herships of Northhampton, MA.



Annual meeting – Were you there?

ODE TO DONNA

She was part of the backbone of Trailwrights. She lived her principles and stuck to what she thought was right. She lived a life of hope and never wavered from doing the right thing. Donna will live on in our hearts until we meet again on that perfect trail in heaven.

Good bye, Donna Diciaccio 6/28/12