



Trail Crew Alumni Association Update

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March 2016 (a little late...again)

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AMC House Whitefield,
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Trail Crew Adventures...

The dirt driveway in Whitefield between Spring Street and Hutton Lodge had some mud puddles in it each time after it rained. When we drove a vehicle along the driveway, water and dirt got splashed out of the depressions, creating deeper holes. That old driveway was not as rough as the Success Pond Road was in those days, but it was approaching that condition.

Remedy: Get some gravel and fill in the holes.
Question: Where do we get gravel?

One Thursday afternoon, after we finished our work in the Pinkham Notch area, we decided to take the Dolly Copp Road (Pinkham B Road) to get to Rte. 2 and on to Whitefield. About a mile in on the Dolly Copp Road from Rte. 16, there was (and still is) a gravel pit. Fortunately, we were driving the 1951 green Willys pick-up truck---plenty of room in the back for gravel, plus our packboards, etc.

So into the pit we drove. Using a shovel or two, we took turns shoveling in the gravel. We figured that a pile covering the bed of the truck to about a foot and a half high would be enough for the driveway, and it might give us a little extra for future repairs.

The old Willys balked a little, going up the hill to the height-of-land, but it ran with ease down the other side. We turned left onto Rte. 2 and headed west.

Next was the left onto the Valley Road in the Israel River Valley, then onward to Rte. 116 and Whitefield. That road had more curves and hills than it does

now. About a mile east of Whitefield, one tire decided that it had had enough of carrying this extra tonnage all around the White Mountains, so it went flat.

We pulled off to the edge of the road, parked, and decided that trying to change the tire on that hill was not prudent.

I believe that one of us stayed with the truck and the other guys walked to Hutton Lodge. They returned with another vehicle, and we transferred our

packboards and gear into it. We left the truck there for the night. The next morning, Ken Jordan (the owner of the Gulf Service station in Whitefield) went

out with a heavy jack and changed the tire. Finally, we drove the Willys to Hutton Lodge, unloaded the gravel, and smoothed out the driveway.

Thus ended another adventure of the A.M.C.Trail Crew!!!

--Ben English
Trail Crew 1956-58

Annual Reunion - Mark your Calendar!

Saturday, November 12th

**Attend to hear about planning for
the 100th Anniversary of Trail Crew (2019)!**

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