



Trail Crew Alumni Association Update

Updates for alumni and current crew.

January 2016

Reminiscing

In the summer of 1968
Mud Fight! Who started it?

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This month's newsletter is
brought to you by **Jim
Ludwig...**

Served
on
Trail
Crew
in
1967
and
1968.



He is a TCA Board member
and now lives in Vermont.

Reminiscing...

We three crew were cutting blow-downs in the Northern Presies below tree line. I slipped and lacerated the back of my neck with my razor sharp double bit axe. This was before sheaths. Blood quickly covered my white t-shirt, shorts, and legs. I proceeded to make my way to Rte 2 and tried to hitchhike to the hospital in Berlin. No one would pick up this gruesome looking person. Fortunately I left my axe with my comrades. I finally got stitched up and returned to chopping blow-downs.

In the summer of 1968...

Four of the crew took 2 weeks to build a substantial bridge (an 18' span) over a tributary of the Pemigewasset River at Stillwater Junction, deep in that wilderness. We built 6' X 6' cribbing on each side filled with hundreds of pounds of rock. With chainsaw and large nails, we built firmly out of adjoining hemlock. It was a 30 year bridge at the minimum.

In May of the following year, I ventured solo into the Pemi. I found the bridge site and the



Stillwater Junction

cribbing and rocks were where we left them. Downstream about a 100 yards was the bridge itself. The spring flood had carried it away.
The best laid plans of mice and men often go astray.

Summer of 1967 at Mispah Hut

L to R - Richard 'Miles' Standish, Craig Whiton, Karl Thorndike and Jim Ludwig



Annual Reunion - Mark your Calendar!

Saturday, November 12th

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

Visit the Web site soon for complete information.



TCA Web site - amctca.org!

Website additions and modifications are being made. Be sure to visit the site in about two weeks to see the interesting new information.

