

Pete joined what would become the Pisgah Friday trail maintenance crew in 1996 and remained active in maintaining area hiking trails until recently when he was no longer able. He was working with the crew when it built the hiking trails at Jump-Off rock in Laurel Park. He joined the Carolina Mountain Club in 2002.

Pete's focus for his trail maintenance years was on the tools. He was our own true "Tool Man". He maintained and serviced the tools for the Pisgah crew, bought new ones when they were needed and developed a Club-wide inventory in support of the other CMC crews. He made sure that enough tools were available each Friday, that they worked (most of the time) and that the saws were always sharp (as sharp as the barbs he would frequently pass out to other crew members). When working on the trail, he was rarely without his signature yellow "measuring tape" suspenders. In 2006, he became the co-leader of the Pisgah Friday crew.

In 2011, Pete assumed the role of "Councilor for Trail Maintenance" for the CMC. That meant that he had oversight responsibility for all the CMC trail maintenance crews. Having a background in computing technology, Pete began to collect and organize the information needed to manage the responsibility. He guided modifications to the CMC website needed to support the collection of trail maintenance data and volunteer documentation. When the Blue Ridge Parkway initiated the need to "certify" weed trimmer operators, he stepped up, became certified as a certifier and helped test over

70 CMC maintainers to operate the equipment. He also saw the need to develop a stronger relationship with the Pisgah Ranger District management and caused the move to a comprehensive five year agreement to replace the previously annual agreements.

After his term as Councilor expired, Pete stayed active. Not only did he extensively coach his successor, but he began submitting grant requests in order to buy newer maintenance equipment and to supply the expanded number of CMC crews. In addition, he saw the future importance of a relationship between the CMC and the management of the Chimney Rock/Hickory Nut Gorge parks and caused several CMC crews to begin to provide trail support there.

Since coming to this area, Pete contributed his time, but more importantly, he contributed his spirited dedication to the maintenance of hiking trails in Western North Carolina - one of this area's signature features. He will be sorely missed.