

Bob-isms: the Art of Ruining the English Language

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[Bob-isms].....noun 1. Can be a person, place, or thing. 2. Naming a situation, place or thing at a time on a trail that best fits the action. 3. Pure chaos or a disregard for the English language. 4. Stressful talk from disorientated trail person

BAR: Big Ass Rock, syn. 'Mayan Rock'. If you can lift it and carry the stone somewhere ~ then it ain't a BAR. BAR's need rock bars to move, budge, pluck out the ground and even two rock bars and them Austin's to help. Goodness, BAR's are widow makers, game changers, back breakers, if not handled properly.

Be, be the rock: Caddyshack take off – 'Danny, be, be the ball'... X spet with us – dem CATS, when things are not going as well as expected, slow down, look it over, be the rock. Meditate, focus on the rock; challenge the rock to a duel. What? It will come to you, if you bring it.

Be close in: Working on stone projects usually on ur knees, dat hurts too, bending over pushing – shoving, breaking rocks and stones into place. Could be stone steps, walls, armoring, whatever – but u be close in dare and be careful.

Boot scrap: The hoe edge of a McLeod, or edge of a shovel to scrap dem nasty boots when they are all covered in mud. Field operation to remove mud and cause less damage to trail. Heck if dem

boots are dat messed, the trail is no good to be on...

Bubbalishes: Not a red neck expression but part of fabulicious and means well, actually delicious. The work is bubbalishes – dang good. You did good. You can be proud of dat!

Bucket it: Not a nasty statement. Just like a beer cloth operation, you need to git dirt, rocks, duff off dat trail and put it in dah bucket. Den haul it away to wherever they told you to put it. WOW dat a lot of words to explain what a bucket does!

Bury it: Set the stone or log. Set it – by gosh! But not six feet under, man. Be real! Dig a small pit, cup, hole and den bury it to trail standards.

CAT Scratch Fever: Borrowed from dat rock n roller – Ted Nugent song, but used by me for the fever to whack trail, bang exploders, go shopping, act Neanderthal, be the rock, dirt it, chink it, root-root-root with a fabulicious, hub-a-bub-a attitude. Did u git all dat?

Chink it: After setting stone in the back for steps, walls, sometimes large rip-rap, it is best to put some weight on the stone you are about to chink, then take ur Thor hammer and whack dem exploders. Chink crushes down and stabilizes the work. Later the rains wash in dare and help harden up the dirt and that stuff. Good-to-go

Chips ahoy: Not seen often, but when someone has got their hands on a Pulaski and is swinging away cutting wood, or roots, stumps, less often – dropping a tree, da wood chips do fly. All others in the crew need to be 2 axe handles away and even more from the person swinging an axe. Also, the crew leader needs to grant permission for this person to be performing this action of swinging overhead. We generally do not use this trail tool for this operation. We are not Paul Bunyan.

Cone it: Soccer mom cones, orange in color, placed on the side of the trail up and down, to warn users to slow down and be aware dat dare is work ahead. Some user groups have a hard time remembering what orange cones mean. I am not sure how day survive driving dem cars around town.

Cutters: First line of volunteer attack – work on clearing the trail corridor – by height and width requirements set down by the agency. Dis work is necessary to make way for the whackers. Pull

away brush, tree limbs, cut trees, usually downhill and stacked in piles or tucked away out of sight. Remember the cuttings can be used later for a trail closure. Agency will direct.

Dirt it: Means – ‘throw some earth in dare.’ Shove, push, spew dirt to cover chink or mound up for rolling dips, or just fill in dat hole. Geter dun and stop fiddling around -put some dirt in dare!

Dispersers: Fourth line of volunteer attack – git rid of dat pile by broadcasting or drag it with dat cloth, or bucket brigade. Collect it and git rid of it by the daily standards of the agency in charge. Usually the piles are removed by dragging dem downhill and dumped behind a natural feature and later smoothed out for re-naturalization.

Drag it: Pull dat trail cloth with the beer satch-er-ated in it, with all dem cuttings, trail dirt, rocks, duff, to dare, or over here. Wherever it needs to go – drag it, why lift it? Go with it!

Duffers: [see: Re-duff] After all trail has been cut, sized, and finished, dare is one more step if the downslope is a real mess of thrown dirt and crapp. This is the only time that duffers pull some of the duff back up on the slopes to the critical edge. Most duh time we tell folks to git the duff off the trail, now we are asking you to bring it back up...Strange HuH? It makes the

helps regenerate the hillside faster, slows erosion a bit, and covers all that dare trail cuttings.

Exploders: Stones/rocks of various sizes (not to exceed the hammer strikes) and of various compositions. Best is sandstone and mixtures of rocks that are somewhat brittle. Dez bad boys are just asking to be whacked. By golly, they explode into a million pieces with blow of my Thor Hammer. Oh yah – they are used as chink – cause day explode nicely. Big rocks make small rocks – wind hit with dat hammer. Smash um up – git the picture. See how dis is tied together? [Safety note: always wear eye protection working around volunteers smashing exploders – especially Bob]

Fabulicous: Fantastic! Good work here and dare. Keep it up! What else can I say? It is so good that eyes could eat it. [English alert: no such word]

Field Advice Time: Huddle- hike! No actually like pulling together with many heads (opinions) than just one. Sometimes a good way to getter dun. Other times, only adds on to extra ways to do it and a lot of talk. When called out – best git the most accurate consensus from dem field crew leaders/advisers.

Fill Collins: Got to put some dirt in dare and quick. Usually said when we git exicted about dirting it by filling it in.

Finisher: Fifth line of volunteer attack on the trail. After all dem other groups are finished and out of ur way, then it is dem finishers dat work look better and fix all dah little or big things dat gives the downslope a chance to make the trail right. Usually the tool of choice is a McLeod, but I have seen a complete set of tools used. It depends on your crew and what day do. Finishers are very important part of the trail construction process. Finishers also mark the trail at finished product and move the marker up behind the others. CATS makes quality trail and repairs with generally no bumps/lumps holes, moles, no wah-wah, proper angle and width, good constructed back slope and down slope...Heck use your foot (with the boot on) to finish backslope, fill in holes and lots more. It is great tool.

Furwrap it: Snap dat brewery cloth, tarp, blanket, whatever to git dat dirt and junk off of it, Furwrap dat cloth in the air to make it clean for using again or rolling/folding up. Remember: dare ain't no beer left in dem brewery blankets no more, so no squeezing dem for run back.

Gatherers: Third line of volunteer attack – working right dare with dem whackers, pulling into piles all dare cuttings into the middle of the trail that is starting to manifest itself. Make dat pile ready for dem dispersers.

Getter dun: Borrowed from famous comedian, Larry -The Cable Guy. Has the same meaning for him and me. Git going – good-to-go, work hard, finish what ur doing. I am aging here. Make it good – quality as wee’s like it.

Go Neanderthal: Oh yeah, when something needs some brute strength to do – you go Neanderthal. Now, eyes don’t mean chasing women, eyes mean work. Throwing or handling it like a cave man. Sound effects add to the distraction with the exception of a snapping lower vertebra. Be careful dude or dudette.

Good-to-go: syn. ‘Getter dun’. Green light, run with it, move forward; permission granted Sailor to go ashore – what?

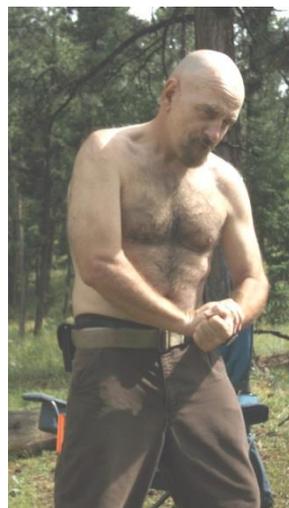
Hike-a-do: Sort of like a skeedattle, but for a purpose. Go over dare and take a hike-a-do. Meaning: go off and find it or if me be upset (rarely), den go off dat away. Or you could do a hike-a-do to the outdoor bathroom, or go looking for something.

Hub-a-bub-a: Flintstones – cartoon for us old farts, Fred said that a lot, so I reckon it is good for me too. I use dis a motivator call – pushing the getter dun button. Usually barked out when I am feeling good and things are a clicking along and at the end of the project. Getter dun cuz we all’s gitten thirsty for beer.

‘I love Scooby-do’: the cartoon Scooby do and it is said to honor my grandpa-in-law. He was confined to a wheelchair more or less and one afternoon he was in my big blue easy chair watching cartoons all day. He grabbed me by the arm and said, “BJ – do you like Scooby-do?” I said, “Yes gramps - I do”. I tried to walk away and he held on and asked, “Did ya see the one where Scooby was in the helicopter?” Aghh? “Yes gramps – sure.” Sad to say that in life, we come into the world in diapers and cartoons and exit the same way. We are only moments in time; sound bites of love and inspiration. I say it to honor my gramps.

Let’s go shopping: Hell, I don’t mean at the grocery store – I mean in the outdoors. Dis ain’t no mall. Go find us some good stones for the project here. Go git dem. And if it is smaller stones – take a bucket or blanket with ya’s. Might have to take a pick or rock bar too if you are after dem BAR’s.

Miller Time: I stopped with dat



beer a long time ago – but the TV commercial got me a saying what it means – time for beer. For us – it means getter dun, wrap it up, git along little doggies. I am tired and ready for a beer.

Old man knee pad: Garden style pad still new or wrapped up ridiculously with duck tape [I often wonder what duck it is]. This unsightly mess is thrown down on the stone or ground to separate old men or young one with good sense about dem. Works for the ladies too. You have to start now and be serious as a hairpin in an electric socket, dem knees need protecting from prolonged trail abuse – blame dat close in work.

One foot rule: Honestly, this is Mary Burger's of Friends of the Peak, trail rule and she invented it. Now I just keep reminding folks to do it. You are finishing up trail with a McLeod and the bench is getting smoothed, raked, filled in pot holes, leveled or angled and pounded. The backslope and downslope are dun. One last thing- do the one foot rule. Pull one foot on the downhill side pass the critical edge and one foot uphill pass the inside edge, with the tines of the McLeod, and pull duff into the middle of the trail. This is dun gently, not like a Neanderthal. Git rid of the piles. This procedure freshens up the new trail or old trail, pulls away any slop from all the activity, and presents the trail like it has been there for some time. It is part of being a Finisher. Try it – go with it.

Pull up a piece of ground or earth: Sometimes – pull up some shade [if you can find it in part of the country]. Find ur self a place to park

it, the old caboose, preferably on the ground in the shade somewhere.

Re-duff: See duffers. Sort of a contradiction to what CATS does in the first place. We git dat dang duff off the ground so we can see the mineral soil for whacking. It is thrown downhill most of dat time or pulled away on dat beer cloth or buckets. Why in the world, would we re-duff? Cause the downhill looks a mess. Re-duffing brings some organic materials back up hill to cover the torn up downhill or uphill. It not only covers up the workings or trail tailings, but aids in controlling erosion. Also, encourages re-growth of plants, grasses in area that you just messed. Covers up what looks like a beaver in heat.

Root-root-root: In line with Neanderthal workings except this is a call after someone or bunch of workers finally pull out duh root from the trail. Working on root systems from a stump or freshly cut tree can be timely and extensive use of energy. If they have to go; den working to git dem stumps out is a notably and worthy exercise of toil. When the root is up and out, the principal extractor should hold it above their head and yell, “root-root-root” and then pitch it downhill (provided no other folks are down dare in da way). Safety is paramount. The others generally chime chanting the same – root-root-root. You will per flex all da other trail crews and workers – thinking you are reenacting a scene from ‘Planet of the Apes’.

Red devil, hand digger: Home Depot digging tool – day git da credit for dis one. Looks like shrunken pick mattock. Dem handles used to be red and now they are brown? What the heck? Doesn't matter. It's a devil of a tool when working close in. It s little tool handy.

picks, scoops, cuts, packs dirt all around stone projects. Good to have

Run with it: Best be a good way to do it – so 'run with it'. Sometimes it seems dare may be needed permission more or less to do it. Dats OK. Otherwise, getter back to whacking trail and stop the fussen.

See-the-vision: Somewhat Caddyshack, more like – see the vision of how the trail is going to look after CATS starting whacking on it. Takes a long time to develop this seventh or is it eighth sense, something of a Cinderella story, a groundskeeper going famous. What? See the vision is sharing or trying to git some numbskulls to finger dare thoughts and be like a computer game overlay and see it. Makes sense to me and Carl Spackler **

Swack it: Female version for whack it. Really? I could use this term in a hurry for just about anything. So look out!

Sweat equity: Working at your pace; causing sweat to flow. A term not to be used lightly as it is meant to bestow honor on those that give

their all to something. You definitely are part the team now. Note: you don't er sweat by standing dare leaning on ur shovel,.

Thor Hammer: Oh yeah, 10lb. or less, double or single jack,* wooden or fiberglass handle - hammer or pounder for whacking dem rocks or exploders, You git a good work out with dis bad boy. Good for pushing dirt up under dem BARs in addition to smashing dem senseless. Sho dem who is dat boss!

Trouble with the big 'T': Oh boy, something is bad or hard to do, or someone is coming down the trail dat is m-port-tent.

Use da foot: Really? It is the best tool out dare. Actually it is your boots. Sweeping back-forth on the trail can quickly cover holes and rid the lumps/bumps. Kicking back the back slope is rather interesting to see dun with a boot. You can smooth out the inside edge to the trail, dress the critical edge, tamp down dirt in holes...Give dis chore to someone who likes to dance.

Wah-wah: Describes the trail system just built by usually a large trail group dat was not managed properly during da construction period. The agency specifically tells the builders how wide they want the trail. Too many crew leaders don't pay no mind to how wide the trail should look at end of the day. Thus the wah-wah when you walk back to camp and hike through several

different sections of new trail. Some areas will be right, while others will have 12", 18", 9", or 30" – when the trail was slated for 24". No constancy or oversight or enforcement of the crew leaders to ensure their folks cut in proper trail. Bring a tape measure – by gosh if you don't know width.

Whackers: Second line of volunteer attack of the trail. Pick mattocks in hand – day cut in dat back edge of dah trail, den cross cut the bench, they make a big mess generally and need dem gatherers to assist and keep whackers focused on their cuttings.

Whack it: Get on it – start cutting in the trail with cutting tools. Usually most folks use a pick mattock. Could mean whacking stones or whacking brush or corridor clearing. Depends on what I am pointing at.

Whack-a-do: "It's just a whack-a-do." A possibility, or a foregone thought or a weird expression of nothingness used in a nice way.

Yab-a-dab-ba-do: Ok- it is another Flintstone cartoon phrase. I guess this Fred guy has permeated my brain cells cause eyes like to yell out things like dis. This howl has energy in it and eyes likes to use dis to liven up dem trail volunteers to have fun and lighten up some. Crunch time – we push a bit, but not to the point to cause unsafe actions.



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