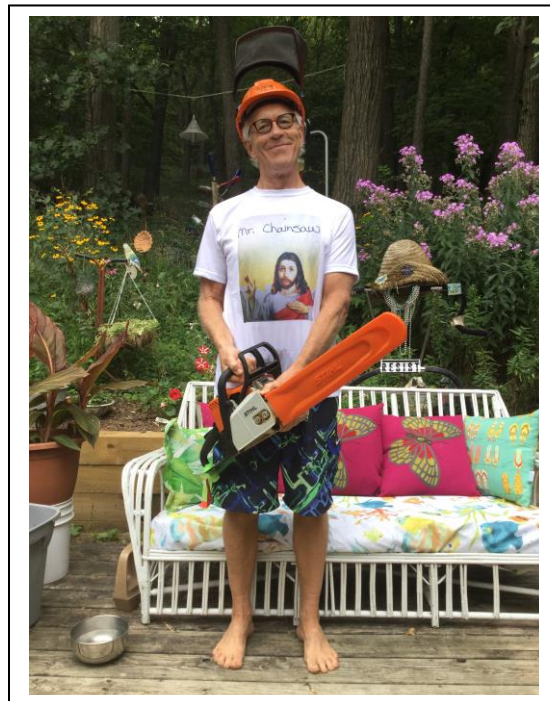




**"In the Mud" Award, Lodi Valley Chapter  
2018 Nomination: John Singer**

**The "In the Mud" award is given to IATA member volunteers who display dedication to the mission and goals of the IATA and a willingness to roll up their sleeves on behalf of the Ice Age Trail. An In the Mud recipient:**

- \* Consistently shows up at workdays and dives into the dirty work
  - \* Makes significant efforts to establish the Ice Age Trail
- \* Epitomizes the bedrock volunteer spirit responsible for building Trail



John Singer is probably the most unassuming volunteer I have met on the Ice Age Trail. His quiet demeanor and self-deprecating sense of humor always make trail improvement days enjoyable.

John also has a strong commitment to the work of building and enhancing the Lodi segments of the Ice Age Trail. It is very unusual for John to miss one of our Saturday morning events.

While he does miss one occasionally, I can expect an email from him apologizing for not being there with some flimsy excuse, like surgery or major flooding.

While he will only admit to knowing almost nothing about how to build trail, he is definitely one of the "go-to" people in our chapter when work needs to be done.

While he claims to hardly work, he is one of the hardest working volunteers in our chapter.

**Nominated by: Bill Welch at the request of the Lodi Valley Chapter**