

## Some “Oldies” when I first started working with Ski Areas at Mass D P S.

The very first Phone call I had was from Danny O'Connor's Dad re Wire Rope. He filled me in on Wire Rope being a Working piece of Machinery. I started looking for lifts in Mass. When I totaled them up I had located more than were in Vermont Not as big but more. One C.L. in a small Country Club in a small Town was installed w/o any brakes, Another C.L. was installed on the side of a cliff with no skiable terrain and finally ended up as a bargain buy for a Mass Area. Another Area up near Worcester called Moose Hill used Trucks and not lifts to get skiers up the hill. The Engineers at the G.E. Plant in Lynn ,which made Jet Engines, designed a rope tow out of a Ships Windlass and installed it at a local Small Area- they stated it was the second Rope Tow ever installed anywhere. One School was using 8 and 9 year old youngsters operating their lift. One Guy had an 800 ft Rope tow in his yard w/only 5 people in his family and admitted the entire neighborhood used the lift—I told him He had to license it—He was so mad he called it the ***'Private Property Keep Out Ski Area'*** and it was licensed as such for years. First Hearing before the Tram Board I was involved with was for a “Locking Gas Cap for a Model T Ford Engine” - Old Charlie Hartwell had 4 of them- and no one made that type of a cap so Charlie was granted a variance. In those days, the Commissioner also insisted that I wear a suit , shirt & tie when visiting Ski Areas as I represented DPS (no wonder I got snow in my loafers)

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