

Grampa's Browns Corner *Daily Blab* 4-19-20

Good Evening Campers. You know who you are. This may be a little boring to some, but I'm going to see it through.

First, some "housekeeping". Nephew David Sulock, or Cousin Davy to the Incredible Sisters, has been very helpful. He has taught me how to transmit my documents (I prepare them in MS Word) by first converting to PDF, then converting PDF to PNG. Then upload to ZIP files which are unzipped to a desktop folder from which I access them through IMGUR to create a link. (Yup, Too Much Information). Davy has also refreshed me on creation of gmail group for simple transmittal.

NOTE !

Cousin Sally C. and Aunt Binky both prefer to get PDF attachments. If you prefer that, I'll add you to the PDF email group.

If you go back to earlier issues you'll find a revelation of why I started this so I will not repeat that here. But I want to state my intent with respect to

PRIVACY.

I will try not to publish the subscriber list. If I do, I would ask that you please not do a "reply all" which creates annoying traffic for the rest. If you have something you want me to broadcast, by all means send me an email and I'll post it.

A dear old friend, actually older than me believe it or not, affectionately known as Pastor Tim, felt compelled to highlight my typo in the last edition:

I'm honored to be on your list, Sandy. Also, I'll be trying to move up the ladder from one of your **fiends** to find myself as one of your **friends**. Isn't it funny how the English language can produce two opposing words and separate them by the addition/subtraction of one letter (auto-correct technology doesn't help). I miss you and Carol and the rest of your Ivy League family!

With tons of affection, Tim

I love you, Tim.

BCBA News Release

The Browns Corner Bridge Authority is happy to report the successful installation of Bridge #4, Theodore Bridge. Located at **Point B**, the bridge will permit straight-line access along the **A-C Line** to The Lookout Tower.

Theodore Randall, aka Big Ted, has been appointed Superintendent in Charge of

Specification and Design for The Lookout Tower. He will be responsible for determination of improvements including color scheme.

The following feature article (photography by Dr. Toughlove) will explain the process of construction.



Installing Flashing

Asphaltic flashing with aluminum facing is applied to top flange to prevent corrosion from contact with pressure treated wood. The flashing is a sticky tape product intended for sealing the perimeter of windows in new construction.



Painting Steel

The galvanized cold-formed channels were painted to help preserve the steel but also to look sharp.



Predrilling Webs

Beam webs were marked and predrilled for field attachment of bracing.



Installing Nailers

PT 2x4 "nailers" were bolted to top flanges with $\frac{1}{2}$ " galvanized carriage bolts.



Loading the Tractor



And Off We Go



Into The Woods

In previous issues you saw how I cleared a path along the property line **A-C**, surveyed, and drove steel pipe markers. That was all in preparation for this exciting episode.



Down the Trail

Our intrepid photographer Dr. Toughlove followed as the tractor chugged down the rugged pat in 4x4 low gear.



When We Got to The Black Lagoon We Stopped not really.

We Drove Right In

Grampa climbed across the tractor to unload the girders from the far side.



Clawing Out

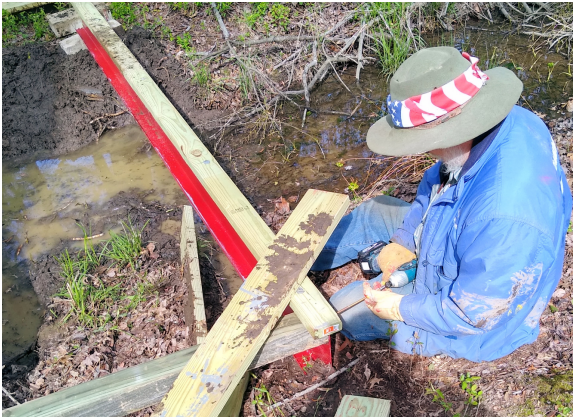
With the front wheels in the stream and the back wheels on a steep muddy slope, Grampa had to “claw “ out using the loader as a pusher.



Grampa Displays a Timberlock Screw



Grampa Drives the Timberlock
through the predrilled web hole and into
the end of the PT 4x4 cross strut.



Grampa Drives a Timberlock
screw into the other end of the strut.



Place a few deck planks

And Voila ! Theodore Bridge.
Actually needs a few more screws and of
course abutment ramps.



**Tomorrow's Project – The
Lookout Tower**

