

Cabin Material List

[This list of materials, their weight and quantity, is taken from Cabin Committee Chairman Bill Newsom's notes, part of the speech he gave at the cabin's 10th Anniversary Celebration. The text and commentary before and after the list was added by Bob Adkisson]

On May 13th, 1989, a 10 year Anniversary luncheon was held at the cabin, one that celebrated, with food, speeches, and even some music, the start of construction of the cabin a decade earlier. Reese Lukei made a home movie of the event (the historian has a copy). About 65 club members were in attendance.

As part of his speech, Cabin Chairman Bill Newsom read off the results of his research into how much material had gotten hauled to the cabin site up to that point—some of it by hand, most of it by hand cart. Here are the numbers:

Portland Cement	94 lb/bag	348 bags	32,712 lbs
Mortar Mix	80 lb/bag	100 bags	8,000 lbs
Cement Blocks	32 lbs each	500 blocks	16,000 lbs
Stone (crushed) For Foundation			17,000 lbs
Sand, for mortar mix			+ 30,000 lbs

Total: 103,712 lbs or 51.9 tons

Roof Boards, for roof & loft floor-- 2 x 8 16 ft long @ 3 lbs / ft 148 boards = 7,104 lbs

Soon after the 10th Anniversary Celebration the work (and the workload) slacked off appreciably, as did the amount and weight of the material that needed to be hauled in. Harold Crate did need mortar mix for the extended construction (never really finished) of the outdoor cooking area, and several years later mortar and much wood were needed for both the new outhouse and the picnic shelter projects. The very heavy new cook stove was driven (in 1995) to within a few feet of the cabin and manhandled into place from there. Over the years we have worn out several hand carts and not a few backs. Many of the cabin workers arms are measurably longer than when construction began!