

## The People who Built the Cabin

[This is the list of people (164 of them) who labored to build the TATC Putman cabin, starting from the time construction began in Jan. of 1979 until the Cabin Dedication on May 7th, 1982— 41 months of time, altogether. At the Dedication this list was placed inside a time capsule, along with some personal items belonging to Douglas Putman and a poem written by his sister; together, they were sealed into the wall, behind the cornerstone. The original list of names was handwritten and often hard to read— it is possible that a few names may be misspelled. It is also possible, through imperfect record keeping, that a few names were inadvertently missed. After the Dedication Ceremony and ribbon cutting, privately, the Putman family scattered Douglas's ashes in the woods above the cabin]

### List of Workers:

Jacque Jenkins  
Margaret Crate  
Harold Crate  
Otey Shelton  
Bill Newsom  
Reese Lukei  
Melinda Lukei  
Gene Krah  
Maura Krah  
Susan Devich  
Robert Devich  
Jonathon Devich  
Peggy Pringle  
Dan Le Beau  
John Folsom  
Steve Crate  
Linda Crate  
Jeff Crate  
Ann Crate  
Herb Coleman  
Bert Coleman  
Diane Bagle  
Mary Ann Barbini  
Mona Bailey  
Chuck Jessie  
John Wilbon  
Ann Wilbon  
Barbara Kledzik  
Bill Slaughter  
Mary Marsh  
Mason Newsome  
Ray Levesque  
Hugh Levesque

Yvonne Carrigan  
Greg Wombus  
Curtis Eley  
Mal Higgins  
Susan Gail Arey  
Betty Coleman  
Gladys Blair  
Mike Gump  
Duncan Hickmott  
Jack Spencer  
Marian Hayhurst  
Bob Hayhurst  
Steve Gardner  
Linda Knowles  
Lee Hulten  
Howard Cartwright  
Allen Thompson  
Phil Gordon  
Cecelia Yesbowski  
Danny Strong  
Pat Strong  
Bob Kellam  
Michael Thro  
Beedee MacMillan  
John Fowler  
Margaret Martinez  
Sheila Bish  
Jim Barrett  
Dave Butterwich  
Richard Kavanaugh  
Bob Hermann  
Bob Hermann Jr.  
Stan Pearson  
Beverly Wilson  
Ben Gallaway  
April McCarthy  
Al Miller  
Tony Parker  
Bill Elliot  
Bob Elliot  
Linda Marie  
Bea Rogers  
Bill Rogers  
Yani Palminsans  
Nellie Prichett  
Joe Kupec  
Fred Miller  
Tom Frink  
Jim Cruse  
Alice Cruse

Dottie Cruse  
Jenny Newcomb  
Bob Adkisson  
Pat Clanahan  
Tom Luck  
Dennis Hael  
Sue Gray al-Salem  
Anthony Perry  
Gary Christensen  
Karl Price  
Melva Price  
Phil Trayer  
Marilyn Horvath  
Hugo Horvath  
Ken King  
Larry Nofzinger  
David Roberson  
Walter Maner  
Linda Campbell  
Pat Gordon  
Dave Senft  
Debbie Putman  
Charles Williams  
Enis Layhman  
Tom Juckach  
Taft Martin  
Andy Hawkins  
David Wike  
Mike Tagge  
Kay Barclay  
Chuck Engle  
Nitche Head  
Charlie Gillie  
Alice Gillie  
Steve Myers  
John Fisher  
Nedia Middleton  
Dena Crenshaw  
Bea Cole  
Elizabeth Beach  
Bill Nelson  
Martha Cole  
Mary Love  
Francis Massey  
Dale James  
Larry Sites  
Susan Sites  
Bill Corbus  
Frances Koha  
Fred Darling

Chris Greenley  
Ed Greenley  
Julie Vragel  
Bill Van Morris  
Alexandra Geiger  
Mark Geiger  
Clay Perry  
Joe Gerard  
George Schweander  
Tony Hidiko  
Danny Burgess  
Stan Novak  
Ken Stiles  
Joe Williams  
Winnie Sausa  
Patricia Mallow  
Marlene Curling  
Fred Bull  
Buck Miller  
Jill Wylie  
Larry Twiford  
Susan Twiford  
Dick \_\_\_\_\_ (Twiford's son-in-law)  
Mohamed Zahaire  
Patricia Trayer  
Phil Shelton  
Bud Franklin  
Jeanette Franklin  
Nancy Barger  
Charles Coolestan

[As stated above, this list of workers ran from the beginning of construction to the cabin's dedication in May of 1982-- the first 41 months of work. **However, MUCH work was needed beyond this date to bring the cabin to completion**, beginning with (that summer and fall of 1982) tar-papering and shingling the roof, then adding security shutters and doors. Once the roof was finished and the cabin could be locked up and secured when not in use, then work on the interior could proceed—plastering the walls, sealing up the eaves, putting in a floor, installing a cook stove and a permanent ladder to the loft, building bunks, cabinets, and a table, etc. No separate, formal list was made of those who accomplished all of this subsequent work, though names and monthly work trip reports **were** kept in 2 record books— the so called 'Golden Books' (named that because they both happened to be that color).

In the months and years following the Cabin Dedication, many of the same people (listed above), of course, stuck with the project, but, beginning with the very next work trip (a month after the Dedication) many new club members seamlessly joined the ongoing effort to complete the construction of the Douglas Putman Cabin]

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[The names listed below (there are 99 of them) were taken from the 'Golden Books' (books # 1 and # 2), where work done on cabin trips was recorded, along with those who participated. These 99 people are **new** club members, people who joined those listed above in seeing the cabin through to completion, starting in June, 1982 and running until May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1989, when the

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of construction was recognized and celebrated— 84 months of additional work (by which time the cabin was considered finished, though little additions and innumerable finishing touches continued for another few years). Some of these folks, like some on the list above, may have only come on one or two cabin work trips during that 7 year span of time (indeed, a few of those people listed were never even members of the club, but were friends of club members-- Howard and Patsy Hull, for example, were friends of club members Bob and Evelyn Adkisson; living in nearby Harrisonburg, they drove over for a couple of work trips and pitched right in to help), but they all contributed something to the effort. They, along with many stalwarts from the list above, finished the roof work and most of the needed interior work, installed windows, screens and doors, did loads of earth moving and landscape work, built stone walls, started the outdoor cooking structure, and labored to accomplish literally hundreds of jobs all around the cabin and the club's property. These names are listed in rough chronological order, starting in the early summer of 1982. Again, with apologies, there may be a few inadvertent omissions as well as a few misspelled names.]

### **Helping to Finish the Cabin:**

**Charlie Carlston  
John Leslie  
Scott Jenkins  
Herman Balster  
Carroll Lee  
Vivian Dean  
Mike Squire  
Pat Callahan  
Kathy Callahan  
Stan Pearson  
John Pogue  
Nancy Boggas  
Jennifer Luck  
Jeffrey Luck  
Lou D'auria  
Evelyn Smith  
Kyra Lowther  
Andrew Bulloch  
Richard Deans  
Gloria Deans  
Ethel Nozolino  
Barbara Rucker  
Kathy Vretos  
Dave Rogers  
Kathy Kocher  
Luis Seuc  
Juanita Reames  
Mary Jo Kennedy  
Caddy Meekins  
Nancy Pratt  
Lisa Cary**

Robert Deegan  
Bob Fedak  
Hugh Niering  
Adele Andrews  
Gid Honsinger  
Gudrun Hile  
Rick Hancock  
Jackie Jackson  
Sandy Horvath  
Susan Howsare  
Etta Burch  
Jerry Burch  
Ginger Jarvis  
Rodney Jessie  
Michelle Rucker  
Lillian Benson  
Lee Kernell  
Judy Kernell  
Jeanette Gatze  
Pete Gatze  
Rick Gordon  
Mark Connolly  
Bob Sharp  
Mike Rasnick  
Brian Branscombe  
Sharon Burch  
Ken Burch  
Diane Price  
Terry Backus  
Gary Lowry  
John Bright  
Sandra Bright  
Cheryl Bright  
Teela Clifford  
Jim Robertson  
Art Caudill  
Gae Caudill  
Beth Ewing  
Ann McClanahan  
Susan Hackney  
Pat Mangus  
Larry Blett  
Tom Robinson  
Mario Mazzarella  
Terri Villaneuva  
Howard Hull  
Patsy Hull  
Mike Brewer  
Dave Brewer  
Dot Brewer

**Patty Sabaka  
Linda Signorelli  
Ignatius 'Sig' Signorelli  
Tim Marshall  
Reb Stewart  
Lynn Berkley  
Raymond Linder  
Charles Linder  
Jennifer March  
Margaret Matthews  
Steve Bottdorf  
Debbie Rudis  
Roger Hungerford  
Rick McCulloch  
Dianne Close  
Gary Grew  
Dick Barger  
Sherry-Lynn Staff**

### **Rounding Out The Recognition:**

In an accompanying piece, immediately preceding this (concerning the two photo albums assembled and donated to the club by cabin stalwart and former club historian Margaret Crate), special mention is made, and recognition given, to several club members whose dedication and time spent leading, or helping with, the cabin construction project went far beyond the normal call of duty (recognized for their special and long term contributions were 7 club members: Otey Shelton, Harold and Margaret Crate, Jacque Jenkins, Bill Newsom, Lee Hulten, and Bob Adkisson). These members were singled out mostly for their early work on the project—from the start of construction to about the late 1980's.

Many years have passed and much work has been done since this time. In the mid- and late 1980's, though the cabin was being actively used (rented out to members), there were many details of construction to be finished up, some of it major work—like adding the front porch, laying the patio stones, wiring and mortaring in the eaves, constructing the outdoor cooking area. By the mid-1990's, with the work all but done, it was generally agreed that a few things hadn't worked out so well and needed to be replaced— like the cook stove and the original floor. After some debate (some of it a bit heated) this was accomplished. By the late 1990's it was more a case of time marching on: the roof needed to be re-shingled and, not long after that, a new outhouse needed to be built.

While some of the 7 people singled out above were still very much active in all or some of this work, a new set of dedicated volunteers had also emerged and blended into the overall effort.

Of the hundreds of club members who've worked so hard on the cabin **since** the 10th Anniversary (from May of 1989 until now, July, 2013— 24 years), there are several worthy of the same special recognition that Margaret Crate gave to the 7 mentioned above.

The club members listed below joined in, or led, dozens upon dozens of work trips to the cabin over the course of many years; they drove countless miles, gave freely of their time and energy, and accomplished much; they helped to finish the project, they added to it, they introduced the cabin to new members, they maintained it over the years, they cut, stacked, and moved firewood, they picked up after storms and whacked weeds, they improved trails, dug

dirt, gathered stones, and planted things, they painted and repaired and created. They have earned a special place in the history of the cabin. In chronological order, they are:

Malcolm Higgins: Mal got involved with the cabin project at the very beginning—as a member of the Cabin Committee, in 1979. Also, from about the time he first joined the club (in 1976) Mal has always been there to lend his legal expertise to TATC; this included researching the cabin deed when we bought the land, all the legal work involved drawing up the contract with Mrs. Putman (including placing 5 restrictive covenants on use of the land—like ‘no farm animals, no cutting timber to sell’), and advice about right-of-way and access issues with the Forest and Park Service, etc. It also includes his annual work, for many years now, monitoring the cabin’s insurance policy and dealing with the companies that have provided it—no small matter. Besides all the thankless and solitary indoor work, Mal has, for over 34 years now (the entire length of the cabin’s history), participated in many cabin work trips, been involved in almost every facet of the construction project and the ongoing maintenance efforts.

Evelyn Smith (Adkisson): first coming to the cabin in April, 1983, she hardly missed a work trip for the next dozen or so years. She helped with whatever work needed to be done, especially landscaping, hosting new members, fixing meals, and chores inside the cabin. Not only loving the work and the camaraderie of the project, she enjoyed the cabin itself, the time spent in a peaceful, natural setting. She and her family (3 generations) continue to use and enjoy the cabin.

Jerry Burch: beginning in Nov. of 1984, Jerry soon became one of the more dedicated cabin workers, attending nearly every work trip for the next 12 plus years. With a quiet and often humorous demeanor, he was a ready and knowledgeable worker, taking on all sorts of jobs, from plastering to building things to trail work around the cabin. A steady presence, he was easy to work with and fun to be around. Sometimes after dinner he’d unexpectedly come into the cabin wearing an ‘Alf’ mask—at least we think it was Jerry.

Etta Burch: if Jerry was there, working at the cabin, then so was Etta. A nearly tireless worker, Etta too put in over a decade of steady work on the cabin project, doing all sorts of jobs. She especially enjoyed taking care of the grounds around the cabin itself, landscaping and planting things; many of the ferns and flowers that renters enjoy around the cabin were transplanted by Etta (with help from Evelyn).

Ignatius Signorelli: starting in Oct. of 1987, another couple joined the club and immediately got involved with the cabin project in a big way: ‘Sig’ and Linda Signorelli. Along with the Crates, the Adkissons, and the Burches, the Signorelli’s became a steady 4<sup>th</sup> ‘power couple’ on cabin work trips [Over an 11 year span (from 1985 to 1996), encompassing 70 separate weekends, these 4 couples shared the work and fun repeatedly: on 7 trips all four couples were present; on 21 trips three of the four couples were there; on 30 trips at least two of the couples participated; on 11 trips, mostly at the end of this period, only one couple was there to host the work crew. The camaraderie of these trips was special in and of itself] Like most of the cabin workers, ‘Sig’ pitched in and did whatever needed doing. Alone, he went down the hill and rolled the concrete pipe back to the ‘upper spring’, setting it in place and putting it into service as a sort of refrigerator. He also took water samples from the two springs home to be tested for purity.

Linda Signorelli: starting alongside ‘Sig’ in Oct. of 1987, for the next 10 years Linda was there doing her part, and more, to help take care of the cabin. Linda hosted new members, helped



with food preparation for our Saturday community dinners, and was always up to her elbows in a myriad of chores in and around the cabin.

Bob Giffin: joining the club in the late 1980's, Bob (and family members) often rented and enjoyed the club cabin. While club president in the early 1990's, he saw the need to replace the cabin's original cook stove (it was small and, as a heat source, inefficient, had been bought at a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand store mainly because it cost next to nothing). Taking the lead role, he researched and shopped, got the club to vote for its acquisition, then bought and installed the new stove. Bob then got the ball rolling as concerned the problematic original cabin floor (ex-president Mike Brewer was asked to study the situation, provide recommendations). When it was decided to replace the floor entirely, Bob purchased and (with friends) installed the new tongue and groove one on an especially rainy November weekend. Bob took charge of the Cabin Committee for a few years in the early 2000's and, with his construction experience and love of the cabin, has continued over the years to lend his expertise and time helping maintain it, while also renting and enjoying it with his family.

Steve Babor: attending his first cabin work trip in May of 1994, Steve moved into a leadership role a year and a half later, becoming head of the Cabin Committee. A good administrator and organizer, a jack of all trades, Steve oversaw several major projects at the cabin, including the removal of the old floor, the re-shingling of the roof, the construction of a new outhouse, and the building of the picnic shelter (he was also on the work crew with Bob Giffin that put the new floor in place). He loved to work, and he was good at it. For 17 years (the same number of years Harold and Margaret Crate worked on the project; their eras overlapped by a year and a half) Steve was a mainstay at the cabin, a dynamo of getting things done. He hosted many a work trip and new member, often cooked community meals, and was an enthusiastic champion of the cabin.

Marilyn Horvath: almost in a category all her own, Marilyn's contributions are numerous and long term. She was an early member of the cabin committee, back in 1978. Over the many years of construction she was there, lending her fair share of time and effort to the cause, earning that all important 'sweat equity'. Always an enthusiastic supporter of the cabin, she was one of a handful of members who donated money as well—when windows for the cabin were needed, and the money reserves had run low, she was one of several people who stepped forward to 'buy' and 'dedicate' a window. Just as important, once rental use began, Marilyn led many hikes there, introducing the cabin, and the local trails, to numerous friends and new club members. Marilyn also shared the cabin with her family; over the course of 34 years, 3 generations have enjoyed the simple pleasures and treasures that can be found there. A great ambassador for the cabin, few club members have enjoyed it as much, or for as long, as she.