

Growth Rings 2002-2003

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As the economy tried to decide what to do in 2002 and a winter El Nino cranked up to add much needed ground moisture, we added another growth ring to the "tree of life". After 31 years, our Real Log Home business is still changing and is still a joy. Each project has its own challenges yet there are always opportunities and choices to be made to help to find solutions. Several homes were delivered in 2001 which were completed during the spring of 2002.



Gary and Lori Mullen had the perfect spot on a private lake in Pennellville. An old family cottage was retired and a pre-cut 10" Swedish Cope custom 1800



Dan and Kelly White of Moravia finished off their Real Log Home over the spring and had another open house to share their 1800 sq. ft. of living space. Kelly placed 12" decorative metal ants on the log collar ties that run across the cathedral great

room. They became quite a conversational piece and allowed a good introduction on why our logs are treated with "Timbor" to protect against insect damage. The home sits on a walkout nine foot Superior Wall Foundation that will be finished off, in time, for a giant recreation room and additional bedroom. Dan, Kelly, and family did most of the work and the results were beautiful. As with the others, we always enjoy seeing people's special skills and creativity bloom.



When it was time to retire, the family farm and the old hunting ground south of Cayuta, NY, became the ideal spot to build a "dream

sq. ft. log home was delivered from our Montana Real Log Home plant. The Superior Wall Foundation was installed with a walkout to the lake. Gary and Lori did most of the work (with help of family and friends), then contracted the dry wall and metal roof. Wide southern yellow pine floors were laid in the great room and granite countertops were installed in the kitchen. By summer, the lake season had started and Gary and Lori were ready to enjoy the fruits of their planning and efforts.



home" for Larry and Lynne Ennis, who moved up from outside the city (NYC). They had been preparing and planning for some time. Larry had the pond stocked and the hunting/weekend retreat including out house ready for their Real Log Home. The wooded site was just



John Seneca and Annie had one of the Mennonite crews put up the shell of their Contour V-7 Real Log Home in Troop, NY. John and Annie finished off their 1300 sq. ft. ranch home and by early spring were ready to move in.

Jim Steele of Cato had a very similar custom 4 bedroom ranch with loft which he built himself (again, with the help of family and friends). Their Real Log Home was set on a Superior Wall with several windows which almost doubled their living space. Moving, with four children, from a mobile home to a Real Log Home was a new-found freedom for all the family to enjoy.



beyond the pond so the wrap-around porch could catch all of the action of the setting. Mark Mitchell did the contracting of the 1500 sq. ft. home on a Superior Wall. In-floor radiant heat was installed and a garage added, including Larry's workshop. Mark built the log railings for the porch and loft and added a custom built set of timber stairs.





Just behind the airport in Skaneateles, Tom Evans and friends built a 1900 sq. ft. Real Log Home on a walkout basement which he will be finish off. Mark did the log railings and Tom and a carpenter

friend took a large log and fashioned a rustic set of open stairs.



Just before moving in, Tom held an open house that was well attended.

In Auburn, Mary Dries and her sons assembled their custom Real Log Home that will have a garage attached. A contractor was called to finish off the roof. Mary has a big party every year; I mean a really "big party" every year and the site for the log home overlooks the site as well as some of the best deer

hunting ground in the county. Mary has strategically located a skylight in the loft to best keep track of all the deer action.

In June, Bob and Marilyn Carter contracted their custom ranch Real Log Home to be built on a Superior Wall overlooking



the hills of southwest Dansville. Bob, now retired, built his shop nearby and is going to finish the home off at his leisure. Marilyn has several projects that will end up in the new sewing room.

Norm and Kathy Gerber of Kersey, PA, added a new master bedroom suite cathedral wing on their Real Log Home Plymouth A that was originally built in 1984. The backyard allowed the incorporation of a two car garage in the addition basement. The family has



rallied around the project.

A Real Log custom gambrel addition was contracted by Ken Rafferty for Pete and Stephanie Komarck of Walworth, NY. The new cathedral family room will help Stephanie hone her billiard skills.



The open stairway leads to the study loft. Their side yard also lent itself for a two car garage to be located in the addition's basement.

Scott and Donna Redick have a family plot on Ontario Lake near Sandy Creek. They built a custom Real Log Home 26'X38' with two bedrooms down and an open loft overlooking the great room. Scott was looking for a project till retirement and he picked a good one.

After three years on planning, Erin



Jacobs and Cindy Stubbe took a late fall delivery of their custom Real Log Home overlooking Lake Ontario from North Huron Rd. in

Wolcott. The home was built on a 9' Superior Wall. Cindy, Erin, Dad, and Stash made up most of the work force and had the logs up within a week. The log sided pole barn garage was added



with attic trusses for storage.



Gary and Tammy Lyzwa also took a late fall delivery in Springwater, NY. The contracted ranch Real Log Home will have Grandmom's apartment on one side and a center cathedral great room and a master bedroom suite in the opposite wing. The Superior

Walled basement will be finished off to include two additional bedrooms and a family room.

Dan and Marjorie Cooter took delivery of their 1500 sq. ft. Real Log three bedroom ranch home after Thanksgiving. The nine foot Superior Wall will house the two car garage. Dan and Marjorie are planning on doing most of the work themselves.

In the early Spring of 2003, we will be taking deliveries of custom Real Log Homes on a hilltop of Tully, NY, on a large secluded lot in Palmyra, NY, and in East Bethany, NY.

After 30 years, our model home had turned dark, so this summer we corn (cob) blasted the outside and also sanded the inside of the office. It gave us a new home and we will be continuing the sanding of the interior in 2003.



Jean and I have been blessed in 2002. The family has added another grandson, Aidan Edward, so now we have five little ones who bring us great happiness. We wish you joy and peace in 2003.

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