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The year 2009 was one that the world stepped back to try to get its "house" in order. It has and is a "new experience" for many. Credit and investment markets had run on speculation and are now finding themselves without enough equity to stay afloat. Government spending will take generations to recapture; and any job is of value. The world is yet smaller; and there will be another 2 billion people (30% more) to feed and care for..... in just 40 short years.

In 2009, Real Log Homes with their sister company, Timberpeg Post and Beam, did some reorganizing and combined the administrations and production under one roof in West

Lebanon, New Hampshire. A new model will be constructed utilizing both the timber frame and log materials.

Glenn and Julie Baughman started their custom 2,700 sq. ft. Real Log Home last fall, not far



from Geneseo, NY. Glenn's family has a tree farm that keeps him and the rest of the family very busy especially during the major holidays. A site was picked out and a pond dug.



The 9ft. Superior Wall walkout foundation was set in just 3

hours. By the next weekend, the subfloor deck was completed and ready for the Real Log Home delivery. Glenn brought in some family and friends to help start laying logs



and he really had command of the process in just a couple of short hours. What a difference a week makes as all the logs were in place ready for the installation of the log rafter system over the great

room. Glenn had purchased some local 12"-14" diameter log posts for a "beefed-up" look on the porch and supporting the loft. Each log had to be hand-peeled and fitted. Everything was under roof to start the year and urethane foam insulation was sprayed to the interior wing roofs and "broken-back dormer" roof. This is the first "broken-back dormer" I

have done and the detail took a bit of on-site engineering to accomplish the desired space without obtrusive timbers.

Utilities, and

interiors were added during the spring and the geo-thermo heating grid was added to the nearby pond during the summer. Family and friends were able to assemble a set of custom log timber stairs and help complete all the finishing for the move-in just before school started. Julie is a teacher so it was important to be somewhat settled. This is a "Five Star Energy" efficient home, that everyone can be proud of, ready for the family to



enjoy year-around.

John and Carol Wanagal lived in the Seattle, Washington area for several years spending time with part of their family; but they desired to move back east to the Freeville area where some of the



remaining children had settled. Back in the early 70's John had built a conventional saltbox home that he still owned.



. The lot was subdivided for their custom 1450 sq. ft. Real Log Home. We exchanged e-mails regularly till the design

worked and then got a local contractor involved for the building. The open great room, laundry, and two bedrooms are on the first floor. The second floor has a loft overlooking the great room and a master bedroom suite.

Again, urethane foam was sprayed in the roof before finished pine was added to the interior.

Log railings were added to the decks and porches. The neighbor's dog was a "regular" on site keeping watch as each step was completed.

Tom and Lori Hasek own a lot adjacent to the Ontario Brookwoods Country Club Golf Course. Together, we explored the plan they had been considering. As we scrutinized the site, sun, views of the holes and clubhouse, and size - it became



clear we should consider starting with a blank sheet. The design started coming together after visiting another Real Log Home in Sodus Point. The 9 ft.

Superior Wall was set in just a few hours and the deck added. Tom, through his environmental work at the Seneca Meadows Land Fill, helped cultivate a relationship with the University of Buffalo to compare insulating advantage of the backfilling with tire chips vs. gravel. Thermocouples and settling plates were added at different elevations for monitoring.



The Real Log Home pre-cut package for their 2,700 sq. ft. home and additional log three-car garage was delivered in mid June. Every home has it's own character and personality and this one is true to fashion.

The main floor is focused on the golf course

that it shares with views around every corner. The kitchen is open, as is the "sun-breakfast room" that faces south. Natural light flows from the skylights directly above the kitchen where the loft is pulled back. The great room opens to the cathedral log ceilings, fireplace, and almost full length bow window that looks down on the clubhouse. It also is a great

place for the resident canine and feline to "hang-out". The master bedroom suite includes a "climate room" and lots of closet room. There are two stair entries to the basement - one from the garage. The second set of stairs are stacked



below those leading to the loft overlooking the great room. From the loft, the skylights become "sky-windows" looking onto the golf course. The second floor has an additional two bedrooms and bath and a custom den that opens to the loft, cathedral ceilings, and east facing gable glass. Tom and Lori are very excited to be moving into their "Dream Real Log Home".



John and Ho Stephan of Lyons found it necessary to add a first floor master bedroom suite onto their log home which was built in 1977. The design encompassed a custom tiled walk-in 5X6 ft. shower. Finishing

is just about complete and move in will be soon.

Our 1,100 sq. ft. full-season log home rental, www.abeautifulplace.us, overlooking Keuka Lake, has had another full calendar of bookings with several ready to enjoy 2010. Father and I still enjoy keeping the grounds mowed and trimmed. It is a great place to share with family and the public. This year a wedding took place there and also the staging before and after my niece's wedding at Garrett Chapel. It made for the perfect setting.

Jean and I decided to spray foam our 1972 Real Log Home model's roof so currently, we have the entire (almost) upstairs moved into one room. Continuing to live in the "project" is a challenge as everything has to be covered to protect from over-spray -----yet this too shall pass.

As we look forward to 2010, thank you for being a part of our family and helping us add another Growth Ring to our "Tree of Life". We wish you a Blessed New Year.

Sharon,
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