

The Newsletter

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Drift Creek Bridge 37-21-14
in its original location over the Upper Drift Creek in
Lincoln County, Oregon.

Covered Bridge enthusiast Karen Bittinger rests on a rock while Bob Ardellitz snapped a picture of the bridge and a massive tree that had fallen beside it. This photo was taken in 1990. The bridge was saved and moved to private property in 1997.

The President's Message

Dear Fellow Members, Greetings!

As I have often remarked before, the older one gets, the quicker time seems to pass. A case in point: though it is already late May as I draft the present message, it seems only yesterday that I crafted a similar one on the same subject; namely, the need for those of us whose memberships are about to expire to renew them when they come due at the end of June. The old adage to the effect that there is strength in numbers most definitely applies to historical preservation projects. The more of us there are, the more likely it is that the views of the National Society on a particular covered bridge repair and reconstruction project will be taken seriously, perhaps even acted upon! As you all know, the National society is presently engaged in reconstructing the boxed pony truss bridge that once carried a branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad over Moose Brook in Gorham, New Hampshire. This is a joint project as between the National Society, the National Park Service, and Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. With a little bit of luck, and I have to say, as the result of a great deal of hard work by several members of the Executive Board, including your President, our group may soon have the opportunity to restore a rather significant New Hampshire Covered Bridge. If we should be lucky enough to obtain this job, we have every intention of making our work on the structure exemplary in every way. Far too many Covered Bridges these days are effectively denatured during the course of their "restoration", an error which the Society has always deplored, and which the Society has no intention of repeating. The bottom line here, however, is that without the generous support of you, our members, nothing like the project we are currently engaged in, or the one we hope to take on, would be possible. We need each and every one of you, so, I beg those of you whose membership in the Society is about to expire, to renew it, to re-inlist, as it were. Please send your renewal cheques to Jennifer Caswell, 535 Second New Hampshire Turnpike, Hillsboro, New Hampshire 03244.

Preservation Award: On Thursday, May 19th 2011, Timothy Andrews, of Barns and Bridges of New England, received a rather prestigious award from the Maryland Historical Trust. This award was in appreciation of Tim's superb work in Cecil County, Maryland, where he and his crew of skilled timber framers restored the Gilpin's Falls Covered Bridge. Those of you who were present at the Society's Annual Meeting last October, and thus heard Tim's presentation as to what needed to be done so as to keep this span from falling into the waters of North Creek, will undoubtedly have no trouble understanding why Tim was singled out to receive this award. With regular maintenance, that is to say, keeping the roof of the bridge from leaking, the sideboarding of the structure intact for similar reasons, and, no less important, keeping the interior of the span clean, especially those cracks and crevices where dirt, and consequently moisture, can accumulate, the Gilpin's Falls Covered Bridge should endure in all it's re-established splendor and glory for generations to come. Bravo Tim! All Covered Bridge aficionados are much indebted to you for your excellent work on this structure.

David C. Fischetti, P.E. - - Colonel Wilbar M. Hoxie, P.E.:

As announced in the previous, in other words, the spring, President's Message, the National Society, indeed the whole historical preservationist community, lost two of it's most dedicated and effective members recently, David C. Fischetti, P.E., on March 21st, and Colonel Wilbar M. Hoxie, P.E., on April 4th. At the time I hadn't received copies of their obituaries, so I wasn't able to include them in that Message. As the achievements of both men were considerable, these are being published here as a well deserved tribute to two great friends of the Society whose like we may wait quite some time to see again.

David Carmichael Fischetti passed away at home on March 21, 2011. He was born July 9, 1946 in Brooklyn, NY, in a car on the corner of Albany Ave. and Glenwood Rd. He attended Public Schools 198 and 119 and Hudde Junior High, and he took art courses at Pratt Institute. Dave took The Structural Course at Brooklyn Technical High School and graduated in 1964. He discovered Clemson University because it followed Clarkson Institute of Technology in The College Handbook. He graduated from Clemson in 1969 with a BS in Civil Engineering. He remained an enthusiastic fan of Clemson until his death.

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Dave's first job, in 1969, was with Koppers Co. of Pittsburgh, PA where he designed laminated timber structures. He was transferred to their Morrisville facility a year later. In 1973 he began working with Lassiter Hopkins Engineers of Raleigh because he wanted to learn more. In 1975 he opened his own office now known as DCF Engineering, Inc. Dave built a career of solving structural engineering problems using graphic analysis backed up by calculations. He always said, "If you can draw it, you can analyze it." His desire to solve problems, along with his love of art and history shaped his body of work to include structures ranging from contemporary timber structures to fragile historic structures. He was a registered Professional Engineer in nineteen states, and answered the call from far and wide to help with sometimes desperate structural issues. Perhaps he is best known as the Engineer of Record in the Relocation of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, a project that spanned twenty years from concept to completion; this project received the 2000 A.S.C.E. Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award.

However, he also had a deep love affair with timber bridges, especially covered ones. He worked on many covered bridges, including the Cornish Windsor Covered Bridge, which spans the Connecticut River between Cornish, NH and Windsor, VT, for which he won several awards including a 1991 ASCE Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award of Merit; The Covered Pedestrian Bridge in Old Salem, NC, where he earned a Federal Highway Administration 2002 Biennial Award of Merit for Excellence in Highway Design; the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge in Claremont, NC and most recently finished in 2008, the Will Henry Stevens Covered Bridge in Highlands, NC. He also worked on the Tohickon Aqueduct in Point Pleasant, PA, for which he won the 2002 National Timber Bridge Award – First Place for Rehabilitation of an Existing Bridge.

Dave's other love was historic preservation. In 1988 he was honored with the Robert E. Stipe Award for professional achievement in historic preservation by the Historic Preservation Foundation of North Carolina. His many preservation projects included, the Poinsett Hotel, Greenville, SC, for which he received 2005 South Carolina Historic Preservation Award - Honor Award; Eagle Block, Newport, NH, New Hampshire Preservation Alliance 2005 Preservation Achievement Award for outstanding preservation and rehabilitation, and perhaps most notable the Restoration of Market Hall, Charleston, SC for which he won numerous awards including the Restoration and Renovation 2004 Palladio Award, the 2003 South Carolina Historic Preservation Honor Award – The Palmetto Trust for Historic Preservation SC Department of Archives & History Governors Office, 2003 National Preservation Honor Award National Trust for Historic Preservation, 2002 Samuel Gaillard Stoney Conservation Craftmanship Award by the Historic Charleston Foundation, 2002 Carolopolis Award presented by The Preservation Society of Charleston.

Dave had many opportunities to serve the ecclesiastical community and worked on approximately 175 churches over the years; including St. Helena's Episcopal Church in Beaufort, SC, which received a 2001 South Carolina Historic Preservation Honor Award.

Along with the prestigious awards and recognition, Dave also wrote many scholarly papers for publication, gave wonderful lectures, and belonged to many organizations through the years, including the Association for Preservation Technology (APT), the Timber Framers Guild, many covered bridge societies, including The Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, The New York State Covered Bridge Society, Historic Bridge Foundation, and the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges.

He was made a Professional Fellow by the Historic Resources Imaging Laboratory, School of Architecture at Texas A&M University and received the Orthogonal Medal, at The Faculty of Graphic Communications at North Carolina State University in 2000 for notable international contributions as a civil engineer, leadership in the realm of structural design and historic preservation, and continuing support of engineering and technical graphics.

He was just concluding work on Shelburne Farms for which he presented a Paper at ICOMOS in Florence, Italy in November 2007, a collaborative effort with Doug Porter, University of Vermont and Ron Anthony, Anthony & Associates, Inc. and a Preservation Workshop, co-sponsored by Shelburne Farms, the Timber Framers Guild, and the Preservation Trades Network in June 2010.

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Dave eventually wrote a book, *Structural Investigation of Historic Buildings: A Case Study Guide to Preservation Technology for Buildings, Bridges, Towers, and Mills*, Published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2009, to express his philosophy and share his insights and experiences with the public in the amazing adventure of structural engineering.

Dave leaves behind his beloved wife of 42 years, Joyce, sons John and his wife Denise of Raleigh, NC and Matt and his wife Trisha Fischetti of Alpharetta, GA and grandson, Chris Fischetti, and granddaughter, Jackie Fischetti both of Raleigh and brother, Mike L. Fischetti and wife Sheila of Matthews, NC.

He is predeceased by his parents, Constantine and Rose Fischetti, and his daughter Stephanie Anne Fischetti.

Dave was thoughtful, funny and wise. He will be greatly missed.

Lt. Col. Wilbar Marden Hoxie died peacefully in his sleep at the Bear Hill Nursing Center in Stoneham, MA Sunday April 4. Born in Somerville, MA on Feb. 9, 1917 to Earle Marden Hoxie and Florence Wilbar Hoxie, he attended schools in Haverhill, MA where he was class Valedictorian. He continued his education at the University of New Hampshire (class of 1937), where he enrolled in the ROTC program, graduating before his age allowed him to be commissioned. After attaining his 21st birthday and receiving his 2nd Lt. commission in the Army Reserves he began a military career that spanned decades. He was a civil engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers and was in the Pacific during 1945 and received multiple commendations for his work. He retired in 1987.

Wilbar was married to Genevieve Raycroft Walker from 1938 until 1959 when they divorced; they had one child, Caroline Stagg, now of Chuluota, Florida. In 1963 Wilbar married Edith Irvine, who predeceased him in 2006 after 43 years of marriage. They lived in Reading, MA for most of that time. From 2008 he was a resident of Bear Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, where he received exemplary care.

A brother, Dr. Lloyd B. Hoxie, of Macomb, Michigan, also predeceased Wilbar. They are survived by Lloyd's widow, Luise Hoxie, and a cousin, Gerrie Bigelow.

Col. Hoxie was an avid and loquacious historian, remembered for his detailed presentations at meetings of the many canal associations and historical societies in which he held membership. He served on the Reading Historical Commission from 1993 through 2006. He joined the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges in 1960 and provided engineering services on several covered bridge restoration projects, serving on the Board of Directors for many years, and was made a Life Time Member.

Col. Hoxie was active with the Middlesex Canal Association, serving as its President from 1975 to 1977. He was responsible for having the Shawsheen Aqueduct recognized as a National Civil Engineering Landmark in 1967, and for inclusion of it and extant sections of the Middlesex Canal on the National Register of Historic places in 1972. He prepared "The Hoxie Map", a detailed, meticulous composite of the entire 27.3 mile length of the Middlesex Canal, which was used in the National Register application and remains the definitive record. The Middlesex Canal (1803-1853) operated for 50 years and played a major roll in the development of Boston. This outstanding Canal will be shown in a major exhibit at the West End Museum in Boston this June 1 to July 9. Plans are also in discussion for a major mural to be placed in the new Trinity Financial building at One Canal Place in the Bulfinch Triangle. Col. Hoxie's enormous commitment of time and skill to the Middlesex Canal Association laid the ground work for this.

David W. Wright

Meetings, Dinners, Dedications & Events

June 2011

- 26th @ noon** **National Society Meeting** at the Contoocook Railroad Bridge in Contoocook, NH.
Meet for lunch at the Pizza Shop next to the bridge at noon.
- 30th** **National Society Annual Dues**
Send your dues to Jenn Caswell, 535 Second NH Turnpike, Hillsboro, NH, 03244

July 2011

- 3rd at 12:00** **Theodore Burr Annual Picnic at the Poole Forge Bridge**
Attendees are to bring a dish for sharing and also their own eating utensils and drinks.
- 10th @ noon** **NYSCBS Annual Picnic at the Newfield Covered Bridge**
Participants should bring food and supplies for themselves
- 12th @ 1:30** **Dedication Ceremony for the Medora Bridge in Jackson County, Indiana**
- 16th @ 1:00** **Covered Bridge Society of Oregon Meeting & Picnic**
At the Ritner Creek Bridge in Polk County.
- 17th @ noon** **Ohio Historic Bridge Association Annual Picnic at the Salt Creek/Johnson Mill Bridge**
Bring a chair, a covered dish to share and your own eating utensils.
- 23rd & 24th** **Indiana CB Society Summer Trip** to Jackson & Lawrence Counties featuring the recently restored Medora Bridge. The society tour and dinner on the Medora Bridge details can be seen by going to web site <http://www.medoracoveredbridge.com/Events.html>
Note that prior reservations must be made for the catered dinner on the Medora Bridge @ \$15.00 per person. Email medorabridge@gmail.com or call 812.966.2491 to let them know if you are joining in on the tour. The cookout is at noon on Saturday the 23rd.

August 2011

- 6th @ 1:00** **Theodore Burr Society Meeting**
at the Fort Hunter Covered Bridge in Dauphin Co.
- 14th** **NY State Covered Bridge Society**
Meeting at the Buffalo area Canal Park
- 20th** **Covered Bridge Society of Oregon Meeting**
at the Crawfordsville Bridge during their Local Festival
- 27th** **Fleming County Covered Bridge Festival**
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Goddard/White Bridge on Highway 32, Flemingsburg, KY
- 28th @ noon** **National Society Annual Picnic**
At the Westminster Fire Station on Grout Ave., Westminster, VT.

Meetings, Dinners, Dedications & Events**September 2011**

- 11th @ 2:00 pm Theodore Burr Society**
Meeting at the Manheim Twp. Building. Program will be a documentary film presented by Ben & June Evans called "Covered Bridges of New England".
- 11th @ 11:00 NY State Covered Bridge Society**
Annual Meeting and Auction at the Hamden Town Hall
- 18th @ 1:00 Covered Bridge Society of Oregon Meeting**
at the Methodist Church on the corner of 17th and Nebraska St. in Salem
- 17-18 Washington & Greene County Pennsylvania CB Festival**
- 18th Ohio Historic Bridge Association Fall Tour**
- 24-25 Indiana CB Society Fall Tour in Rush County**
- 25th @ 1:00 National Society Meeting (Information From Bill Caswell)**
Meeting at the Canton Historical Museum, 11 Front St.,
Collinsville, CT. <http://www.cantonmuseum.org/>. Presentation by Bill
Caswell using material from his new book Connecticut and Rhode Island
Covered Bridges.

October 2011

- 7-9 Columbia-Montour Counties CB Festival**
- 7-9 Oregon CB Festival in Cottage Grove, OR**
- 8-9 Ashtabula County, Ohio CB Festival**
- 8-9 Madison County, Iowa CB Festival**
- 9 Theodore Burr CB Society Meeting**
- 9 NY State CB Society Meeting at Booneville**
- 8-9-10 Oregon CB Festival in Cottage Grove**
- 14-23 Parke County CB Festival**
- 23 at noon National Society Annual Meeting and Dinner** at the French King Restaurant

Meetings, Dinners, Dedications & Events

November 2011

- 6 at 2:00** **Theodore Burr Society Meeting** at the Manheim Township Building
- 13 at 11:30** **NY State CB Society Christmas Dinner & Meeting** at the Crystal House in Elmira, NY
- 19 at 1:00** **Covered Bridge Society of Oregon Meeting** at the Methodist Church in Salem, OR
- 20 at 1:30** **Ohio Historic Bridge Association Annual Meeting**
at the Norwich Twp. Safety Services Building, 5181 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, OH

December 2011

- 10 at 2:00** **Theodore Burr Society Christmas Dinner** (Location to be announced)

Editor's Note

The schedule of events is as accurate as we can manage to keep it, dependent upon the information that we receive from the other Covered Bridge Societies. If you have a Covered Bridge event that you would like to have on our schedule, please email it to me at bjmckee@gmail.com

Welcome to Our New Members!

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Web Sites

- www.lostbridges.org** A very informative and useful web site listing all known historic/authentic covered bridges. It is a wonderful research tool. Maintained by Bill Caswell.
- www.dalejtravis.com** An extensive site listing all existing covered bridges, including replicas, and round barns, and some other misc. items.
- www.bridgehunter.com** A huge database of Historic Bridges of all types, Iron, Stone, Covered, etc. This may be the most well designed web site on the internet.
- www.coveredbridges.com** A wonderful new web site which shows all existing authentic covered bridges on Google Maps. It is very well organized and easy to use.

News of Old Authentic Covered Bridges

Indiana

Wallace Bridge 14-23-01

On April 19th, Froedge's Wrecking Service of Crawfordsville, Indiana worked hard and carefully to straighten out this 1871 Howe Truss covered bridge after a severe storm blew it off its abutments, but not quite into the river. They used two huge wreckers to move the bridge back into place, then it was stabilized with several supports inside. (From the *Journal Review Online* May 5, 2011) Thanks to Jim Crouse and Jim Smedley!

Medora Bridge 14-36-04

As of June 19th, the bridge restoration was completed except for some landscaping. Please visit the web site at <http://www.medoracoveredbridge.com/> for a great collection of photos and history of this huge project. It is a triple span Burr Arch Truss which measures 462 feet long, if the boxed ends are included. It was built in 1875 and closed to traffic in 1975. It will remain closed, except for pedestrians. *Thanks to Jim Crouse for keeping us informed about it!*

Bridgeton Bridge 14-61-04 #2

On May 26th, the town of Bridgeton was struck with a wind storm which damaged the famous covered bridge and the adjacent old mill. 20 ft sections of siding were missing from the north end of the bridge and some of the old mill's roof was torn off. The bridge was built in 2006 after the original bridge was destroyed by fire. (From the *TribStar.com* May 27th, 2011)

Ohio

Buckeye Furnace Bridge 35-40-11

This 59' Smith Truss was built in 1871 over the Little Raccoon Creek. It was recently removed from its original location near the Buckeye Furnace in Jackson County by the Dinky Movers, Inc. from Zanesville, OH. The new location is unknown at this time. (From the *Jackson County Times Journal*, June 15th, 2011)

Pennsylvania

Dr. Knisley Bridge 38-05-16

The Knisley Bridge in Pleasantville has received much needed repairs. On June 15th, owners of the private covered bridge met with county leaders for a ribbon cutting. The bridge is located directly off of route 56, and was originally part of Route 56 in the late 1800s.

A group of local volunteers put in many hours to restore the bridge, in hopes that it would bring more tourists to the area. Volunteers were part of the program Leadership Bedford County, which is a 10-month program for Bedford County professionals that is designed to foster the principals of servant leadership. Although the bridge is closed to motor vehicles, it sees a great deal of foot traffic, which is why it was chosen as this year's class project.

Loux Bridge 38-09-11

On May 21st or 22nd, this historic bridge was hit by a truck and damaged and closed to all traffic until repairs could be made. Engineers estimated it would be closed for a month. The 1874 Town Truss bridge is 80 feet long, with a 14 foot wide roadway. The bridge is posted for 15 tons and restricted to vehicles no higher than 11 feet tall. The driver of the vehicle was caught and charged with the accident. (From *PhillyBurbs.com*)

News of Old Authentic Covered Bridges (Continued)

Pennsylvania (continued)

Little Gap Bridge 38-13-02

Recently it was struck by a truck that was too tall and several roof truss timbers were seriously damaged. This 92' Burr Arch was built in 1860. It is located in Lower Towamensing Township and crosses the Buckwha Creek. The driver of the vehicle kept going after he caused the damage. It will probably be closed for several weeks until repairs can be made. Joseph Chiariello, 42, of Albrightsville was later found and identified as the driver of the vehicle which damaged the bridge. Charges are pending at this time. The Little Gap Bridge has a steel floor and has a reduced weight limit of 5 tons, suitable only for light vehicles. (Thanks to Barbara McCauley of Jim Thorpe, PA) From *The Times News* June 10, 2011 and WNEP-TV

Lairdsville/Moreland Bridge 38-41-03

Thanks to Carl McDaniel, we have some good photos of the Lairdsville Bridge in its dismantled state, along with the new lumber which will be used in the repair process. These photos can be seen on his Flickr web site by going to: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/macswitch/> (Scroll down to the bottom of the page) It appears to some observers that too much of the bridge is being replaced to retain its "original" status. At least one of the abutments will also be replaced. The Lairdsville Bridge is on a dead end road, but still carries public traffic over the Little Muncy Creek with its 78' Burr Arch Truss. It was built in 1888. It is one of three covered bridges remaining in Lycoming County.

Red/Millmont Bridge 38-60-01 #2

This 158' Burr Arch Bridge was originally built in 1855. It was recently rebuilt so extensively that its truss members were mostly replaced with new lumber. Some of the old timbers were reused in the structure, however the arches are new as well as about half of the other truss members.. The bridge is very attractive and is now open to traffic again. Bob Sheldon sent us some very nice photos of it. (*Thanks to Bill Caswell*)

Replica "Bridge" on the Panhandle Trail in Washington County

It was reported by a newspaper that there was a new covered bridge on the Panhandle Trail that was built to represent the old Wilson Mill Covered Bridge. The new "bridge" is in fact not a bridge at all, but a box built directly on the trail. It has no floor and does not cross or span anything. If you are interested in this type of thing, it may be worth a visit. We don't have any directions at this time.

Bartram Covered Bridge: Spanning History

A new book with the above title was recently published and one of its authors is well known in the covered bridge community. George Conn of Malvern, PA is a co-author of the book which won an award from the Delco Heritage Commission. The hardcover book was written in 2010 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the building of the Bartram Bridge 38-15-17 & 38-23-02. It spans the Crum Creek, connecting Chester County and Delaware County. (*From the Marple Newtown County Press June 1, 2011*)

South Carolina

Campbell's Bridge 40-23-02

The Campbell's Bridge area has opened as a park. It is a 41' 1909 Howe Truss. *From (The Greenville News)*

A Visit to North-Central Pennsylvania by Bill Caswell

This quarter, we are starting a new section of the newsletter where we would like you to share stories about your covered bridge trips. We look forward to receiving your stories and pictures to share with the group. I will start it off with our recent adventure in central Pennsylvania.

Jenn and I along with our daughter Rebecca and William, a Chinese exchange student living with us, helped move Jenn's sister to western Pennsylvania during Memorial Day weekend. On the way home we decided to treat ourselves to a few bridges near I-80 in central Pennsylvania. We drive by them at least a couple times every year, but never have the time to stop.

It was a nice day for a drive, sunny and around 80. The first stop was at the Logan Mills Bridge (PA/38-18-01), a Queenpost structure built in 1874. Posted inside the bridge was an advertisement for the New York Covered Bridge Society left there by Bob and Trish Kane. A number of other well-known bridgers have added their names including Jersey Joe, Tom Walczack, newsletter editor, Brian McKee, and some others that I can't seem to remember right now. I added our visit to the list. The bridge stands in a very peaceful area and a week of rain had the rivers at the top of their banks. The only traffic during our visit were two bicycles, a motorcycle and one car. There is a mill building near one side of the bridge. The route to Millmont was a nice drive that passed through a number of Amish communities.

The Millmont Bridge (PA/38-60-01) had been closed for a few years. It was rebuilt in 2010 and is now open to traffic again. The 158' Burr truss bridge looks like the arches are completely new as are about half of the kingpost truss members. "Headache Bars" have been installed close to the portals with a posted 6'-9" clearance. While walking off to get a side shot, we disrupted a large olive drab colored snake.

We continued past Millmont through more farmland for a short jaunt to the Hayes Bridge (PA/38-60-02). Posted at 6'-6", Hayes Bridge has steel headache bars very close to the portals and a bypass road on its east side for oversize vehicles. There is a curve in the road just north of the bridge that makes for a good photo opportunity with the hills and farm silos in the background.

Continuing eastward, our next stop was at the Hassenplug Bridge (PA/38-60-03), Pennsylvania's oldest covered bridge built in 1825. In 1959, it was extensively rebuilt to the point that it no longer has a functioning truss system. It is effectively a steel bridge with an open steel mesh deck built within the shell of the original wooden structure. Because of all the rain they have had and the abundant vegetation along the river, side views are challenging. After a few steps in ankle deep muck, it was obvious that continuing on probably wasn't going to provide any decent views anyway. Apparently, I will have to wait until a dry fall or winter day for that picture.

The next stop was supposed to be the Hubler Bridge (PA/38-60-



Logan Mills Bridge



Millmont Bridge



Hayes Bridge



Interior of the Hassenplug Bridge

05). The World Guide says to walk along the private drive on the north side of Buffalo Creek. Unfortunately, when we showed up, the property had a high fence along the road with "No Trespassing" signs. The driveway was behind a locked gate. The bridge is too far back to catch any glimpses of it from the road.

We needed backtrack a few miles along I-80 to get to the Factory or Horsham Bridge (PA/38-60-04), or so we thought. That's what we get for relying on the GPS and not confirming the location with the printed directions. Ideally, they should match, however, the coordinates in the World Guide are incorrect. They should be N41 04.42, W076 54.19. I have updated the database so they will be correct next time. Upon arriving at the proper location, we found the bridge in a suburban neighborhood. The truss spanning White Deer Creek contains Multiple King & Queenpost components built in the 1880s.

Heading east again, our next stop was the Rishel Bridge (PA/38-49-05#2). That was a challenge to photograph. The bridge is well hidden among the trees. If it wasn't for the steel clearance bar labeled 6'-3", you wouldn't notice the bridge until you were driving on it. Once you get inside, the bridge treats you to a serenade of loud groaning and creaking sounds. Between the dense vegetation and posted properties, there wasn't any access to decent side views.

Onward to Sam Wagner Bridge (PA/38-47-01 & PA/38-49-11) and consolation for the lack of a side view at Rishel. As we approached the bridge, there was a beautiful view with the potential for a nice reflection on a less windy day when the river is running a little slower. The Burr Arch bridge was built by George W. Keefer for \$939.00 in 1881. An unusual feature here is that the county line runs lengthwise through the bridge instead of crossing it mid-stream.

Our last stop on this tour was Old Keefer's Mill Bridge (PA/38-47-03). Another one hidden amongst the trees. The portals have an interesting square top that I have seen on many old Pennsylvania bridge pictures. A plaque inside states that it was built in September 1853 and restored in July 1983. Rebecca took the opportunity to walk up the arch and sit on top while we took pictures.

That was all we had time for on this trip. Next weekend, safari in West Virginia.

We look forward to hearing about your travels.



Factory or Horsham Bridge



Rishel Bridge



Sam Wagner Bridge



Old Keefer's Mill Bridge



Old Keefer's Mill Bridge

Updates to the World Guide from Bill Caswell

Page 130, update status, no longer closed

38-60-01 Hartley Penns Creek Millmont or Red 1 158' Burr Arch

3.0 miles east of PA235 and Glen Iron on Penn's Creek Rd. (CR3004) and just right on Covered Bridge Rd. Built 1855, rebuilt 2010.

Page 130, update directions & coordinates

38-60-04 White Deer White Deer Creek Factory or Horsham 1 68' 1880's
Multiple King & Queen

1.6 miles west of US15 on White Deer Pike (CR1010) (White Deer Exit), then 0.2 miles left on Grey Hill Road. North-northwest of West Milton. Supported by steel beams. N41° 04.42' W076° 54.18'

50th ANNIVERSARY ITEMS

We still have a few nice items regarding the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the **National Society**

Tote Bag — Has the *National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges* emblem in dark blue on front pocket measuring 12 1/2" by 15 1/2" with a top snap and 20" handle straps. Cost: \$15 (includes shipping)

Ornament — It's a 3" round glass maroon ornament with the Society emblem in gold. Cost: \$7.00 (includes shipping)

Pens — Pens have "I love Covered Bridges – N.S.P.C.B." written on them. Cost \$1.25 each (includes shipping)

SPECIAL OFFER!!

You may want to have them all. One of each... tote, ornament and pen will be available for only \$20 including shipping! They are great gifts for family, friends and other bridgers enthusiasts!

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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COVERED BRIDGES On a Single Compact Computer Disc

For several years now we have published an ad offering a copy of the World Guide on a computer disc from member Joe Cohen. Until recently it was \$5. At the request of NSPCB Board of Directors the price changed to \$15 with \$10 going to the Society. Joe has kept the price low as a service to the Society.

The disc contains many more files than just the World Guide. The World Guide is included that is an exact copy of the book. However, since that copy cannot be changed a World Guide file in Word format is included so each copy can be updated. That file is updated as more information is received.

It includes several files of changes to the various editions of the World Guide.

It includes a file of Romantic Shelters, i.e. unauthentic bridges. Many changes were made in the latest World Guide that redefined an authentic covered bridge. Those bridges that were reclassified can be found in the Romantic Shelters file.

The disc contains an index to all copies of Covered Bridge Topics. This includes a table of contents for each issue, a list of subjects, a list of authors and photographers, poetry and obituaries. This is kept up to date.

There is a bibliography of known books that pertain to covered bridges.

Also included are large sketches of common truss types.

There are a few more miscellaneous files.

Send a check made out to Joseph Cohen.

From September to March: 210 Wellington F, West Palm Beach, FL 33417-2559

From April to August: 130 Westfield Drive, Holliston, MA 01746-1257

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We are getting too much news and information from the internet these days and not very much from our members. Maybe this is a sign of the times, but we really need to have more covered bridge news sent to us for the Newsletter. Please remember that we always appreciate any news that is sent in, even if we ultimately can't use it. *THANK YOU!*

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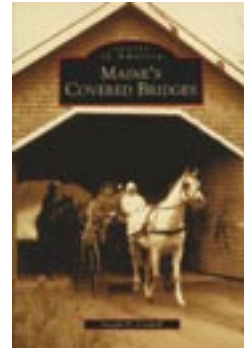
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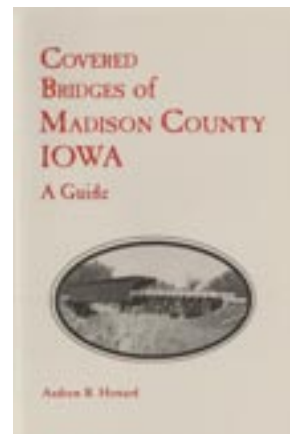
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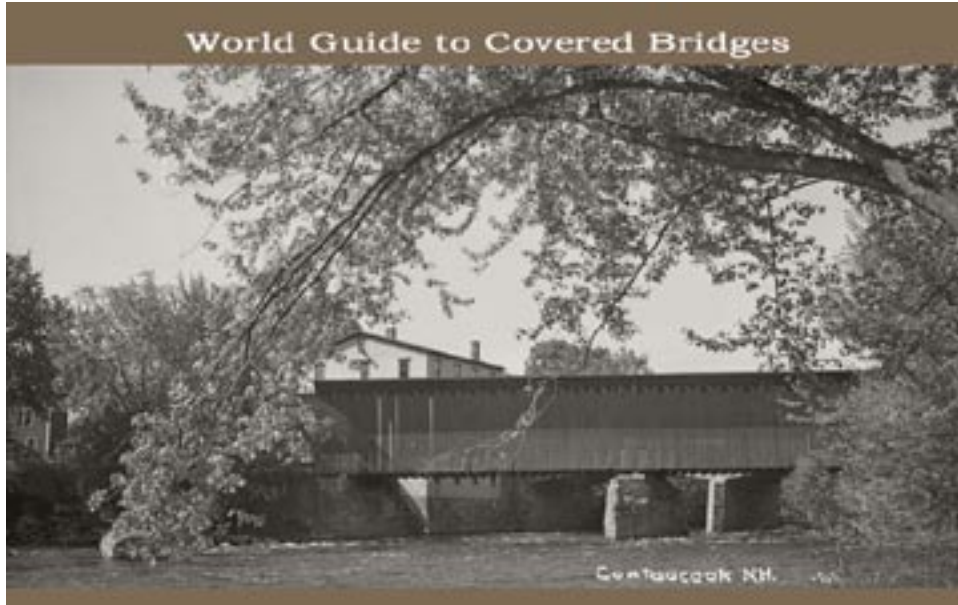
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Number	Township	Stream	Name	Spans	Length	Built	Type
Essex County							
21-05-13	Glocester	Sawyer Pond	Sawyer Pond	1	36'	1983	Town
1.1 miles east of jct US128 on MA123 (Essex Ave. (Exit 14) then 4.8 miles right to 138 Magnolia Ave. N42° 35.482' W072° 41.128'							
Franklin County							
21-06-01	Conway	South River	Burkeville or Conway	1	190'	1875	Flow
7.8 miles northwest of jct I-91 on MA116 (Exit 24) then jct left on Poland Rd. At Burkeville. Closed, rebuilt 1990. (N42° 38.473' W072° 42.844'							
21-06-082	Owensfield	Green River	Pumping Station	1	94'	1972	Flow
0.7 miles east of jct I-91 on MA2A (Exit 26) then 1.4 miles left on Conway St., 0.8 miles left (past municipal park), 0.1 miles right, 2.7 miles right on Pear Rd. and right on Eunice Williams Dr. Replaces covered bridge built in 1875. Closed to motor vehicles. N42° 38.782' W072° 37.221'							
21-06-093	Coleen	South River	Arthur Smith	1	88'	2006	Bar Arch
1.2 miles southwest of Coleen town green on MA112, then 0.1 miles right on Lyonsville Rd. Replaced a covered bridge built in 1870. N42° 40.198' W072° 43.849'							
21-06-048	Charlestown	Big Brook	Good	1	92'	1901	Long span
0.5 miles north of jct MA2 on WAAA. Rebuilt 2009. N42° 37.882' W072° 52.121'							
21-06-11	Adfield	Creamery Brook	Creamery	1	48'	1985	Modified Queen
1.3 miles east of jct MA117 on MA116, then 1.8 miles left on west side of Creamery Rd. Private. N42° 51.191' W072° 48.038'							

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