

Newsletter

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National Society Meetings

Sunday, September 28th, 2008 at 1:00 pm

In the Contoocook Covered Railroad Bridge in the Village of Contoocook, New Hampshire. Program to be announced. Come one, come all and be surprised. Those of you who like pizza (and who doesn't), arrive early at noon and have some at the adjoining pizzeria.

Sunday, October 19th, 2008 at 12:00 noon

N.S.P.C.B. Annual Meeting at the French King Restaurant on Route 2 in scenic Millers Falls, MA. (more information on page 12)

Newsletter Deadline

The next newsletter is scheduled to be mailed in late December or early January, 2008. It is a very busy time of year, therefore, anyone wishing to submit photos, articles, etc., should send them by **December 15, 2008**. In order to save us from a lot of re-typing, please send your articles by e-mail or on a computer disc, if at all possible. If this isn't possible, then the regular mail will do just fine, as it always has. We always look forward to hearing from you!

If your submissions are extracted from a published newspaper or magazine, or an internet web site, include the source of the information so that we can give proper credit. THANK YOU!

Editor's Notes

Many sincere thanks go out to **Lynn Martin Graton** and **Joseph D. Conwill** for volunteering much of their personal time to write the last three newsletters, since the retirement of Carmela Sciandra and K.C. Klingensmith, who did a terrific job for the past 6 years!

Some of you may already know me as the editor of "*The Bridge-Covered Quarterly*" which features covered bridge postcards. By some strange twist of fate, I have ended up with this prestigious job and will do my best to continue the tradition of quality **NSPCB Newsletters**. I encourage all of you to actively submit any news to me for inclusion in the future issues for all to enjoy. It could be a newspaper clipping, magazine article, or something you have witnessed on your travels.

It is my intention to include everything that is sent to me for the newsletter, however, I will have to decide what is appropriate. Modern shelter or stringer bridges will be of the lowest priority and will be mentioned only if there is a space to fill. Due to the large number of news clips, I will make most of them brief and to the point.

We wish everyone a **Happy Thanksgiving**, a very **Merry Christmas** and a prosperous New Year and we also encourage you to trade covered bridge Christmas cards with each other.

Calendar of Dedications, Festivals, Dinners & Events

September 27th Indiana County, PA Covered Bridge Festival 10am-7pm

at the Blue Spruce Park, Indiana, PA

September 27-28th Pioneer's Safari

A two day safari event in Parke County, Indiana organized by Mr. George Conn, 9 Crumley Ave, Malvern, PA 19355
Phone: (610) 716-2169. E-Mail: GeorgeConn1@verizon.net

This was previously called the Richard Donovan Safari.

September 28 1:00 pm Mill Branch Covered Bridge (35-84-17) Dedication in Ohio

by the Fairgrounds at the intersection of OH St Rts 339 and 550 (Washington County)

October 4-November 30 Smithsonian Covered Bridge Exhibit

at the River Life Interpretive Center, Skamokawa, WA

October 3-5 Columbia-Montour Covered Bridge Festival

at the Knoebels Grove Park, Elysburg, PA

October 5 Theodore Burr Society Meeting 2:00 p.m.

at the Alamo Restaurant in the Knoebels Grove Amusement Park, near Elysburg, PA

October 10-19th Parke County, Indiana Covered Bridge Festival

Rockville, IN

October 11-12th Ashtabula County, Ohio Covered Bridge Festival

At the fairgrounds, Jefferson, OH

October 11-12 NY State Covered Bridge Society Safari

Ashtabula County, OH

October 11 Vermont Covered Bridge Society Meeting 11am-2pm

at the Rockingham Public Library in Bellows Falls. Speaker: Mr. David Wright, Pres. NSPCB

October 18th Bucks County, PA Covered Bridge Festival

in Tinicum Park, 963 River Rd, Route 32, Erwinna, PA

October 19th at 12:00 noon NSPCB Annual Dinner

at the French King Restaurant on Route 2 in Millers Falls, MA.

October 25 Ohio Quilt Barn & Covered Bridge Festival in Brown County

10am to 4 pm Headquarters at the New Hope Covered Bridge 35-08-05

November 2 Theodore Burr Society Meeting 2:00 pm

At the Manheim township building. Program: Switzerland-Covered Bridges, Castles, Cities, Small towns and the Alps by Ben & June Evans.

November 9 NY State Covered Bridge Society Dinner & Meeting 11:30 a.m.

at the Crystal House, 89 Fisherville Rd., Elmira, NY. Dinner is \$16.00 per person. Call Chuck & Nancy Knapp for reservations or information at 607-767-6573. e-mail ceneknapp@aol.com

November 16 Ohio Historic Bridge Assoc. Annual Meeting 1:30 p.m.

at the Hillaird Public Library, 4772 Cemetery Rd., Hilliard, Ohio. The speaker will be Mr. Doug Kramer

December 6 Theodore Burr Society Annual Christmas Dinner 12:00 noon

At the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant located about 5 miles NE of Lancaster. Details in the Fall issue of the TBCBSPA Newsletter.

December 20, 2008-February 15, 2009 Smithsonian Covered Bridge Exhibit

at the Altoona Heritage Discovery Center, Altoona, PA

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members, Greetings!

Alas, it is once more the time of the year when the days get shorter, and the nights cooler. Soon, up here in Westminster where I live, the leaves shall begin to turn, and then there will no longer be any doubt about it: fall will have arrived, shortly after to be followed by winter. The end of another covered bridge visiting season is within sight, in other words. My hope, therefore, for all of you, is that this year, summer was a joy and a delight, and that you were able to spend as much time as you wanted during it, traveling about and seeing as many of our remaining covered spans as you chose.

THE ANNUAL MEETING:

The end of the summer means that the day of the Annual Meeting is fast approaching. As usual, it will be held at the French King Restaurant in Millers Falls, Massachusetts. Details as to the menu and the prices of the various entrees are to be found elsewhere in the present newsletter, as well as directions to the restaurant where we are to meet.

The program this year is to be presented by Richard Roy. Some long-time members may remember that a decade or so ago, Dick put together two superb two projector slide programs, one featuring American Covered Bridges and the other, Canadian Covered Spans. Dick wants to show each of these programs once again, and then he plans to disassemble them. Neither program has been put on recently, so that those of you who are relatively new members will have never had the chance to view either of them. Those of us who have been around a bit longer, however, may well have seen one or the other, but both are worth having a look at more than once.

The coming Annual Meeting will therefore be a special occasion for at least two reasons: first of all, it will be an opportunity to get together to have a good meal with friends, and second, it will be a chance, the last one as it appears, to watch Dick's superb Covered Bridge slide show on American Covered Bridges. Please come one, please come all!!

THE EASTMAN-THOMAS FUND FOR COVERED BRIDGE PRESERVATION:

As most of you already know, many years ago, the National Society established an Eastman Fund, now the Eastman-Thomas Fund, for covered bridge preservation. This past summer, we received two rather important donations to it. One of these was in memory of Glenda Wilson, formerly of Omaha, Nebraska, from her family and friends, and the other from the estate of Ray Hotka, formerly of The Dalles, Oregon.

It is deeply moving, it seems to me, when an individual is drawing up his last will and testament, or at least making his final wishes known as to what friends and family may do in his memory, that this individual should think of us and the wonderful spans we all cherish so much. Both Glenda Wilson and Ray Hotka had enough faith in our society to leave, or cause to come to us, a substantial sum of money. We are of course extremely grateful for these wonderful gifts, and are also acutely aware of our responsibility to use them wisely. Once again, our deepest sympathies to the friends and families of Glenda Wilson and Ray Hotka.

Yours sincerely,

David W. Wright, President, The National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, Incorporated.



Covered Spans of Yesteryear

by Bill Caswell



Today's article about bridges of the past will take us to the Mississippi River. The large text on the portal advertising the bridge's builders in this 1940 photo from the Illinois Division of Highways captured my attention the first time I saw it. Some of you may remember this bridge on the Illinois approach to the Mississippi River crossing between Keokuk, Iowa and Hamilton, Illinois. As I researched this structure, an interesting story evolved. Most of the following information was found in an article announcing the removal of tolls on the Mississippi River bridge that can be found on page 17 of the Council Bluffs Nonpareil of January 16, 1949. Some additional facts were found in *The Covered Bridges of Illinois* by Thelma Eaton.

The Hancock Bridge Company of Hamilton, Illinois, was formed in 1865 with the intent of constructing a bridge across the Mississippi River between Keokuk, Iowa and Hamilton, Illinois. The next year, the Keokuk and Hamilton Mississippi Bridge Company was incorporated. The two companies merged and built an 11 span, 2192 foot long iron toll bridge. The structure was used for both railroad and vehicular traffic with the railroad occupying the center of the bridge and street car tracks were both sides. Wagons shared the bridge with the trains and street cars. Walkways were built outside the trusses for pedestrians. The bridge was opened to traffic on June 13, 1871.

A mere 10 years later, on November 8, 1881, the steamer *War Eagle*, on a regular run, was caught in a strong current and crashed into the bridge wrecking a 160-foot span. While the new iron span was being made, a wooden Howe truss was built to temporarily fill the gap. The wooden span was probably uncovered during its two years of service. Once the new iron span was ready, the wooden truss was removed and rebuilt on the Illinois side over a slough of the Mississippi on a winding road approaching the main bridge. It is believed that the bridge was covered at the time it was rebuilt in this location.

In 1955, a new approach to the river crossing was built and the old road became an entrance to Montebello Beach. The bridge was eventually closed to vehicular traffic. On July 2, 1969, it was burned by a fire that is believed to have been arson.

For information about other former covered bridges, visit our website at www.lostbridges.org. If you have information or pictures of the former bridges in your area, please share that with us. There is still a vast amount of territory to cover and any assistance will be greatly appreciated. Email is usually the most effective way to contact me - bill@lostbridges.org.

Old Covered Bridge News

Bells Ford Bridge 14-36-03

Jackson County's Bell's Ford covered bridge will be rebuilt in the Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park, located near Indianapolis, over Fall Creek, according to an article in the *Chicago Tribune* (8-21-08). The one of a kind 325 ft. two span **Post** truss collapsed in two separate events, in 1999, and in 2006, and was in danger of total extinction until it was decided to move it to the park. It has also been reported that Jackson County already had grants in place to restore the historic structure in its' original location. When the move is completed, the bridge will be on a greenway trail which connects a city park to a state park. The cost of this project is in the area of \$2 million.

Thanks to **Jim Crouse** of Ft. Wayne, Indiana for forwarding this information to us.

Moscow Bridge 14-70-07 Lost

On June 3, 2008, the tragic loss of this Kennedy covered bridge stunned the residents of the small village of Moscow, Indiana. It is reported that a tornado struck the bridge which then collapsed into the Big Flatrock River. Emmet L. Kennedy originally built this great structure in 1886.

Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels has taken an interest in the rebuilding of the bridge and is promoting it by organizing various groups to raise money and find donated materials. Since state funds have been cut so deeply, this is the only way to get the bridge rebuilt. Cost estimates are in the area of \$400,000.00. We will keep you informed of the fundraising events in the future newsletters.

This was your editor's favorite covered bridge. I loved the quiet village setting and the fact that it was 335 ft long constructed with 2 Burr trusses. (The Burr trusses had empty center panels). In fact, this was the only remaining 2 span covered bridge built by the famous Kennedy family. It was the 7th longest covered bridge in the USA. (4th longest still open to traffic). Even though it was repaired in 2002, it was mostly unmodified during its lifetime.

Thanks to **Roger Grover** of Rockville, IN for sending an article from the *Tribune-Star* about this tragedy.

Gilbertville/ Ware/ Hardwick Bridge 21-08-04 21-14-01

Bid for the repairs of this 1886 Town truss will go out in February 2009, according to an August 18th article in *The Republican*. The 139 ft long span was closed about 6 years ago due to structural deficiencies. The cost of the entire project is expected to be around \$3.3 million. Once renovated, the bridge will have traffic signals and a fire alarm system. A local seven member bridge committee will oversee the work as it progresses.

Chester A. Waterous Bridge 21-09-01

Pepperell town engineer, Robert E. Lee is trying to save pieces of this 45 year old covered bridge, which has been dismantled to make room for a new covered bridge. Mr. Lee attempted to make a park next to the new bridge but those plans have fallen through. Now, he will save much of the old bridge timbers as possible and use them for a sale or other fund-raisers. The Pepperell Business Assoc. will keep the bridge timbers dry in storage. The Waterous Bridge was a 108 ft. Pratt variation built in 1963. (Info from *Nashoba Publishing* 7-26-08).

The new covered bridge project is reported to cost an astounding \$7.97 million. S&R Construction of Lowell was the winning bidder for the work. Funding comes from a \$3.5 billion bond bill signed by Gov. Deval Patrick in April. David Pease, a local resident, has the following web site designed to keep track of the project. www.pepperellinfo.net/coveredbridge

Langley Bridge 22-75-01

Bids for renovation of Michigan's Langley Bridge were expected to be in by August 1st according to St. Joseph County Engineer, Bruce Jones. It is a 282 ft long Howe truss built in 1887. It's the longest covered span in Michigan and ranks 18th on the North American continent. (From the *Sturgis Journal* 7-25-08)

Union Bridge 25-69-02

An article in the "*Mexico Ledger*" dated 7-29-2008 reports about the Union Bridge and it's survival of the flooding in the midwest. Some of the siding was removed to allow the passage of flood water on the Elk Fork of the Salt River. The bridge survived with some minor damage and much debris inside to be cleaned up. Thanks to **James Hull** of La Grange, N.C. for this information

Whittier Bridge 29-02-08

On July 2nd, covered bridge enthusiasts and local residents witnessed the moving of the Whittier bridge from the abutments which have supported it for the past 138 years, onto dry land, where it will be renovated. Stan Graton of 3G Construction was in charge of the move. The 146 ft long Paddleford truss had deteriorated to the extent that it had been closed to all traffic, even pedestrians. Earlier this year, the floorboards were removed by Tim Andrews in order to reduce the dead weight of the structure. The entire project will take about two years to complete, and will cost about one million dollars funded by several grants and local fundraising events. (Thanks to **June & Dick Roy** for this information from the *N.H. Union Leader*)

Old Bridge News continued

Beaverkill/ Conklin Bridge 32-53-02

A news release from the *NY State Office of Parks and Recreation* announces the listing of the Beaverkill covered bridge to both the **State and National Historic Registers**. It was originally built in 1865 by Scottish immigrant John Davidson using the Town truss. It is 98 ft. long and spans the Beaverkill Creek in Sullivan County.

Will Henry Stevens/ Bagley Covered Bridge 33-56-02 (formerly 29-07-06)

Much news has been sent to us about this bridge which was moved from Merrimack Co. NH to Highlands, NC. We greatly appreciate the news articles and photos of it, but since David Wright told this story in the last newsletter, we will not expand on it in this issue. More news about may be included in the Winter issue of the newsletter.

Helmic Mill/ Island Run Bridge 35-58-35

On Sunday Sept. 7th, Karen Bittinger and I drove down to see this newly renovated bridge in Morgan county. It was just recently re-opened to traffic after extensive repairs and the addition of pin-connected arches to support the floor. These arches are the same design as those used in the Netcher Rd. bridge in Ashtabula Co. Ohio. We found it to be absolutely beautiful and one of the nicest rebuilding projects we have ever seen. Whereas it had rusty metal siding on it before the restoration, it now has bright red siding and a dark green metal roof. The best thing is that it is open to traffic and can carry a much heavier load than before. We highly recommend that you put this one on your list to see if you are in the southern Ohio area. Helmic Mill Bridge was built in 1867 and is a 74 ft Multiple King Post truss spanning the Island Run. *(Thanks to Larry Toki for telling us about this project)*

Geeting Bridge 35-68-13

Ohio's Geeting Bridge, located in Preble County on the west side of the state, has been renovated with extensive repairs. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the bridge on July 25th. It was last repaired in 1973. According to county engineer Steve Simmons, federal funding covered 95 percent of the total cost. The Geeting Bridge is a 100 ft long Childs truss built in 1894 by Everett Sherman. It spans Price's Creek. *(from an article in The Register-Herald 7-23-2008)*

Gilkey Bridge 37-22-04

After extensive damage caused by a truck back in September of 2007, the Gilkey covered bridge has finally been repaired and is open to traffic, again. This Linn County bridge is a 120 ft Howe Truss that was built in 1939. It spans the Thomas Creek. Cost of the repairs are reported to be around \$141,000.00. The work was done by Oregon Woods, Inc. of Eugene, OR.

Ritner Creek Bridge 37-27-01

On May 3rd, 2008, the Ritner Creek Bridge, a 75 ft. Howe Truss, was dedicated with a ceremony after extensive repairs. Government grants were secured for the financing of the project.

In 1976, the bridge was moved off the highway and put on new abutments. One nice thing to make note of is the restoration of the original rounded portals which had been cut into a rectangular shape by county workers when it was serving public traffic.

Shoemaker Bridge 38-19-06

Repairs on this short Columbia County covered bridge have been completed by the state. Responsibility for its future maintenance will be taken over by the Columbia County Covered Bridge Assoc. **Shoemaker** is a 54 ft. Queen truss built in 1881. *(Thanks to Ben Evans and Bob Keuther of the Theodore Burr CB Society of PA)*

Rock Bridge 38-54-02

One of the two remaining covered bridges in Schuylkill County, PA, **Rock Bridge** on Newswanger Rd. in Washington Twp., is in need of major repairs and county officials will spend \$334,000.00 to get it back into reliable and safe condition. Repairs will be done by the Larson Design Group of Williamsport, PA. (Information obtained from the *Republican Herald* 8-28-2008).

Hartland Bridge 55-02-07

The world's longest covered bridge has been under some repair work recently and got a new floor covering consisting of Unitex Polymer Overlay Epoxy. The old asphalt floor coating was removed and this much lighter material was applied over the wooden flooring. The manufacturer, Unitex Chemicals, claims it's new material will last several decades and provides better skid resistance to most surfaces. Deck repairs were slated for June and the bridge was closed for 4 weeks. *(Info received 9-10-2008 from Unitex)*

Saint Onésime (Du Collège) 61-32-02

Mr. Gérald Arbour sent information about the restoration of this 82 ft long 1919 Town truss in Kamouraska County, Québec. It had been bypassed and abandoned for a long time, but now has been properly renovated in an authentic manner. Gérald spoke at the event (requiring a 500 mile round trip) and is pleased with the work done on the bridge. From the photos he sent, it looks like a new bridge!

New Covered Bridge News, Members, etc.

Glenda Wilson

A donation of \$1000.00 has been made to the **NSPCB Preservation Fund** in memory of **Glenda Wilson**, a member since 1985. She crossed over the bridge to the other side on December 28, 2007. The generous donation was made by her family and friends. This thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by the Society.

Québec Covered Bridge Web Site

Gérald Arbour has sent us a link to an excellent new web site which shows all of the covered bridges in Québec. It contains separate sections for **authentic** bridges, **non-authentic** bridges, and also bridges which are being removed such as Pont Gareau. Several photos are provided for each bridge with specifications and also a map for directions. **World Guide** numbers are listed on the individual bridge pages. Your editor wishes this web site was available when he was on trips to Québec a few years ago!

Type this into your web browser- http://web.mac.com/pascal721/Ponts_couverts/Accueil.html

Indiana State Fairgrounds Bridge

On Wednesday, August 6th, the new covered bridge at the Indiana State Fairgrounds was dedicated in an opening ceremony for the 2008 Fair. The new bridge was built under the direction of **Mr. Dan Collom**, who also built the new replica covered bridge at Bridgeton. The Fairgrounds bridge is 90 feet long by 21 feet wide and uses the double Burr arch truss system. **Mr. James Crouse** of Fort Wayne, tells us that it is sitting on top of the existing concrete bridge, thereby negating its "authentic" status. Some of you may want to visit this bridge and see it for yourself if you are in the area.

Another new Covered Bridge in Ashtabula County?

On August 14th, Jim Pearson, Geneva City Manager, released the news that a new covered bridge will be built in his Ohio town. It will replace an old deteriorating concrete span on West Liberty Street. The new bridge will be only 18 feet long and will cost \$400,000.00. It was designed by Smolen Engineering and will be mostly constructed by the Ashtabula County Joint Vocational School carpentry students. This would be Ashtabula County's 18th covered bridge. *(from an article in the Star-Beacon 8-14-2008)*

Smolen-Gulf Bridge (formerly Bridge #17) Dedication

On August 26th, an official dedication ceremony was held for the opening of the longest wooden truss covered bridge in the USA. There were various reports of between 750 and 1500 people in attendance on this sunny August afternoon, one of them was Ohio Senator George Voinovich who spoke during the ceremony.

The bridge was hence re-named the "**Smolen-Gulf Bridge**". John Smolen, former Ashtabula County engineer, had started this project in 1995, then his predecessor, Tim Martin, P.E. designed it and oversaw its 2 year construction.

The new bridge is located on Ashtabula CR25, also known as State Rd. It is 613 feet long and sits 90 feet above the average water level. The cost of the bridge, piers, abutments, etc. is \$8 million, \$5 million of that coming from federal funds.

Previously, a 100 ft. Town truss covered bridge spanned this same spot from 1867 to 1948, then was replaced with a steel truss which was built in 1948. Does anyone have a photo of that steel truss?

Wimer Bridge OR-15-05 #2

The official grand opening of this Jackson County, Oregon bridge was held on July 6th. The covered bridge is entirely new, replacing the original span which suddenly collapsed 5 years ago. The local community raised money for the project through various fund raising events to supplement the other government grants.

The original bridge was an 85 ft. Queen truss built in 1927, and the new structure is very similar in size, except that it is a modern design Multiple King Post truss. According to our records, this is the only MKP truss covered bridge in Oregon. There are 3 other old Queen Post trusses remaining in the state.

New Covered Bridge News, Members, etc.

West Paden Bridge 38-19-12 #2

The new abutments for a replica of the famous “Twin Bridge”, which was destroyed in a June 28, 2006 flood, have been completed, and the new Burr truss arches were erected on Sept. 11th at 9:00 a.m. The **West Paden** bridge was a 103 ft. Burr truss originally built in 1850. The photos sent to me by e-mail are very impressive and show great attention to detail in the new construction. (*Thanks to Pat Cook and George Conn*)

White Bridge 38-30-30 #2

According an article in the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, dated Sept. 14th, this Greene County bridge was recently rebuilt using only 20 to 30 percent of the original materials. Steel beams now support the floor.

Delta Replica Bridge 15-54-??

A new replica covered bridge has been built in downtown Delta, Iowa, next to the water tower. A dedication ceremony was to be held on Sunday September 7th. Mike Gatton, a former resident, built the bridge at a cost of about \$5000.00. The replica is supposed to represent the former Delta covered bridge 15-54-01 which was burned on Sept. 3, 2003. (*Information from the Ottumwa Courier, Sept. 3, 2008*)

New Covered Bridge Stamp

It was brought to our attention that there is a new covered bridge stamp being issued by both Switzerland and Germany, with the same design, but using their own respective currency rates. It features the 673 ft long Rheinbrücke Bridge (S-01-02/ WG-01-13) in the Aargau Canton of Switzerland and the Baden-Wurtemberg State in the former West Germany. The stamp was expected to be available to the public on September 4th, 2008. (*Thanks to G. Robert Salvi & Gérald Arbour*)



World Guide to Covered Bridges by Bill Caswell

You may have heard that the Society is preparing for publication of a new *World Guide to Covered Bridges*. This will be a long overdue update to the 1989 Guide.

There will be a few changes to the format from previous editions. Probably the most noticeable change is that the directions have been removed from a restrictive column and placed under the other statistical information. The directions have also been modified to remove most abbreviations making them easier to read. American bridges on the National Register of Historic Places are now noted by an “(NR)” at the end of the directions. Where known, GPS coordinates have been added to the US and Canadian entries.

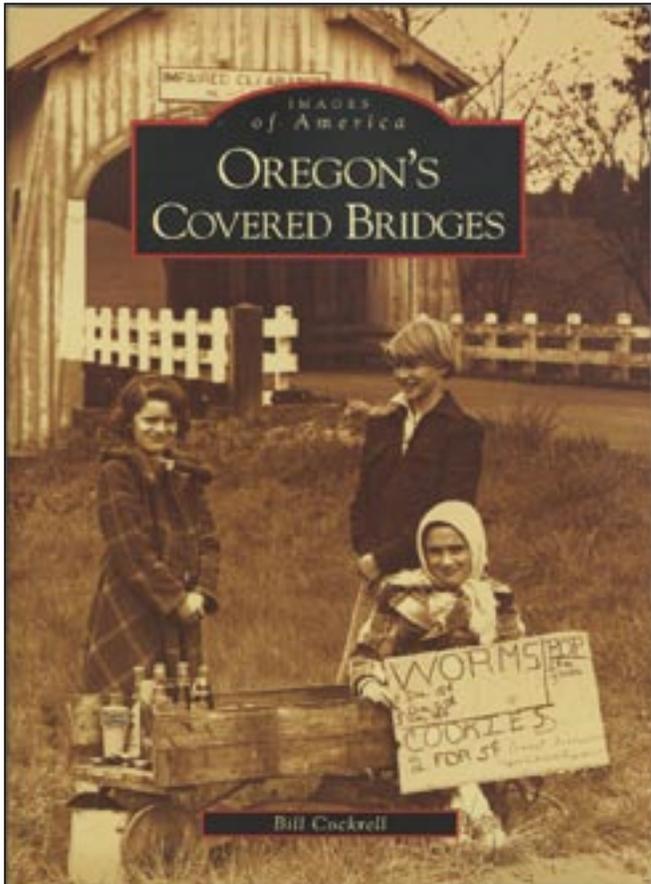
Formatting has been applied to American and Canadian bridges to indicate placement in one of three categories; traditional, quasi-traditional, and modern. This will aid readers who prefer to focus their attention on those types of structures. Traditional bridges are ones built in the 1800s and early 1900s plus some more recent ones built using the traditional designs and materials. Bridges classified as “Traditional” are indicated with bold type. Bridges using the traditional designs, yet not meeting all the criteria for a traditional bridge have been classified as “quasi-traditional”. These are shown in normal print. Covered roadway structures using non-traditional or modern designs are indicated by italic print. Examples of these would be the new bridges in Union County Ohio or the Smith Millennium Bridge in Plymouth, NH.

Foreign entries have been updated to account for changes to country names.

Finally, when flipping through the pages, you will notice that the name of the state or province has been added to the upper right and left hand corners to make it easier to find each location while flipping through the pages.

As I write this, the new World Guide is being proofread and prepared for the printer. More details will be coming in the next newsletter.

Did you know that the book “*Bridges of Madison County*” by Robert James Waller, PhD., is the best selling hardcover novel of ALL TIME (outselling “*Gone With the Wind*”)? Over 50 million copies have been sold.



Oregon's Covered Bridges

By Bill Cockrell

This book features more than 220 photographs of the state's covered bridges which once spanned its streams.

\$19.99 plus \$2.25 shipping.

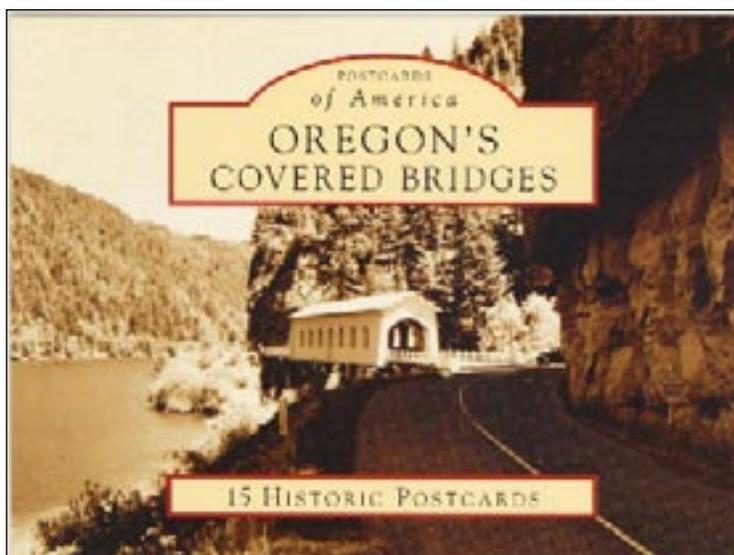
To order, send to:

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If you want it personalized, please specify the name desired.



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50th ANNIVERSARY ITEMS

We are happy to be able to offer a few items in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges.

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. Available for \$15 including shipping.

Ornament — Also has the Society emblem. It's a 3" round glass maroon ornament with the emblem in gold. Available for \$7 including shipping.

Pens — Pens have "I love Covered Bridges – N.S.P.C.B." written on them. Cost \$1.25 each including 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!

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS TO N.S.P.C.B., INC. and mail to:

**N.S.P.C.B Inc.
Pauline Prideaux
4856 Spencer Oaks Blvd
Pace, FL 32571**

The following items are still available through the Society

Please order any of the items below from Mrs. June Roy, 73 Ash Street, Manchester, NH 03104-4906 or E-mail <dickroycb1@verizon.net>

Covered Bridge Polo Shirts

A **white Polo Shirt** with a blue NSPCB logo, send \$15.00 plus \$3.95 for shipping and handling. Specify, Medium or Extra Large. Shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton. This is a fund raiser for the preservation fund. Buy several as gifts for your family and friends.

Society Arm Patch with N.S.P.C.B. logo 3" arm patch available for \$1.75 + 55 cents P&H.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COVERED BRIDGES

On a Single Compact Computer Disc

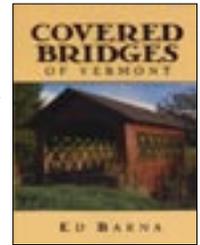
World Guide—Romantic Shelters—Index to Topics—Bibliography of all known covered bridge books—Chinese Bridges—and much more for only \$5. Send a check made out to Joseph Cohen.

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

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

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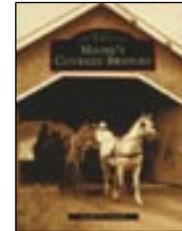
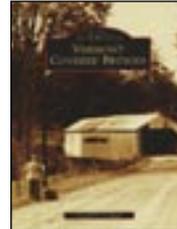
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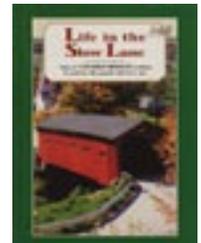


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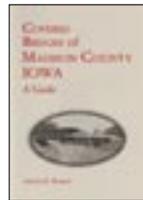
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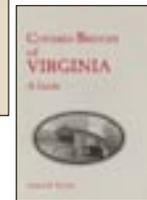
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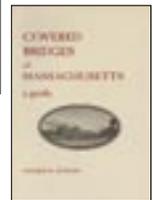
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All the books above should be ordered from Mrs. June Roy, 73 Ash St. #2, Manchester, NH 03104-4906
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There is another excellent book on Vermont covered bridges called **“Spanning Time: Vermont Covered Bridges”**, by Joseph Nelson, who is the President of the Vermont Covered Bridge Society. It is a superb hardbound book containing wonderful color photos, maps and information about each Vermont covered bridge. The book is 7.5 x 9.25 in. and has 271 pages. ISBN 1-881535-25-8 For ordering information contact the author at 2 Sugar Hill Road, Underhill, VT 05489 or on the Web www.vermontbridges.com (This book isn’t available from the society store).

NSPCB ANNUAL DINNER
Sunday, October 19th, 2008 at 12:00 noon

This is the **Annual Meeting** and is being held on October 19th at the **French King Restaurant** on Route 2 in Millers Falls, MA. See dinner reservations and application below.

The **French King Restaurant** is located at the east end of the French King Bridge. This well known landmark carries Massachusetts Route 2 over the Connecticut River near Millers Falls, at a very picturesque spot. Dinner will be served at 12:00 noon and the meeting will follow at 1:00 pm.

Program: A dual slide show of American Covered Bridges by Mr. Richard E. Roy.

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